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COUNCIL ECONOMIES AT PRESTON

THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

In September last a special investigation committee was appointed by the Preston council to make a thorough survey of each and every one of the council's spheres of activity with the object of securing the greatest possible amount of efficiency, coupled with the greatest possible amount of economy. The personnel of the committee was Crs. G. E. Robinson, J. W. Adams and W. T. Robeson, and after exhaustive consideration of all matters coming within the purview of their investigation, and after the report had been thoroughly considered by the committee of the council, the report was presented at the meeting of the council last Monday.

Amongst the recommendations were:—Award rates and salaries to be paid where applicable in all departments.

That rationing be discontinued, and that full time employment be provided for 30 men.

The position of assistant engineer to be abolished, and the present assistant engineer to be appointed as an assistant to the engineer.

Position of assistant health inspector to be abolished, and present occupant to be appointed to a new position as ranger, dog collector and parks attendant.

Position of full time valuer to be abolished, and that officer to be valuer and assistant rate collector.

Receiver's office to be closed during lunch hour between 12.30 and 1.30 daily, it having been found that the numbers of people desirous of paying between these times does not warrant keeping the office open and causing disorganisation in the staff.

Existing car and horse allowances to be continued: overseer to be given an allowance of £2/10/ per week.

Quarry to be closed and screenings to be purchased as required.

Control of parks and gardens to be dissociated from engineer's department and controlled by a separate department under the control of the curator.

That the council at its first meeting after June 10, 1932 consider the advisability or otherwise of the retention of a full time engineer.

Action to be taken immediately to bring about a conference with the Municipal Employees' Union re wages agreement for maintenance staff.

Maintenance gang of three to be formed for maintaining roads and paths &c.,

Private Streets.—Committee of the council to consider this question.

Yard Stores.—All ashes and sand to be measured, and steps to be taken to safeguard all tools.

Temporary Office Staff.—No additional clerical staff to be employed without the sanction of the council.

Officers' Attendance Book:—All officers expect executive heads to sign an attendance book at the office of the town clerk.

Staff Transfers.—Staff to be transferred from department to department as required to cope with rushes of work, so as to avoid overtime and to use the staff to the best possible advantage.

Salaries and Wages.—The report recommended that the indoor staffs be rearranged so that efficiency would be combined with economy. It was pointed out that at the present the total amounts paid to officers above the award rates was £881/8/2. If the Municipal Association was successful in its application to the Arbitration Court for an extension of the adjustment table the rates would further be reduced by approximately £10 per cent. per annum in the case of adult males subject to adjustments, and £5 per cent. in the case of females. This would have the effect of further reducing the salaries bill by £160 (general municipal salaries) and £50 (Electric Light Department).

It was recommended that alterations be made in the staffs of the various departments, some positions to be abolished, and some to be combined, with the result that the following savings will be effected —Town Clerks' department, £212/6/; Engineer's department, £307; Rate Collector's department, £408/8/8; Health department, £133/8/8; Valuer's department, £491/8/8; Hall department, £64/9/0; quarry, £184/3/8; parks, £32/8/0. Electric Light department £513/15/6. Total £2,347/8/2.

Under existing conditions £6,783 would be required for salaries in the general municipal departments, and under the recommendations the amount required will be £4,950 1/8; Electric Light department, £2,414/1/2 (present conditions) £1,900/5/8 (under the recommendations)

In the body of the report it is pointed out in regard to the quarry that the engineer's estimate for metal required for the year's work is 4,000 yards of metal and 2,000 yards of screenings. If it was decided to operate the quarry, it would mean that to produce the required screenings, 5,000 yards of metal (which was not needed) would have to be produced at a cost of approximately £1,000. Cost of producing screenings from the quarry was approximately 5/10 per yard on the job, whereas they could be purchased outside for 7/6 per yard. Under the circumstances it would be advisable to purchase screenings from outside as required. At agreement rates the cost of day labor (quarry) for 12 months would be £4,235, and at award rates £3,992, or £81 and £76 weekly respectively. In the event of the quarry being reopened it was recommended that award rates be paid.

Parks and Gardens.—Day labor in 1930-1931 cost approximately £1,900 at agreement rates. Payment at award rate for 1931-32 would cost approximately £900 thus effecting a saving of approximately £1,000 The cost at agreement rates for 1932 would be £1,445. It was recommended that award rates be paid.

Electric Light.—Day labor including over time for 1931 cost £3,800. If award rates were applied the amount required for 1931-32 would be approximately £2,500. It was recommended award rates be paid.

Engineer's Department.—It did not appear that loan monies would be available during the current year for private street construction and other works, so expenditure would be confined practically to day labor maintenance. In view of this it was recommended that at its first meeting after June 10 the council consider the advisability of retaining a full time engineer.

At present 48 "regular" hands were employed and the work available has been rationed amongst these men for some time. The system had created a lot of discontent as some men, such as gangers, leading hands and others, have been employed full time, whilst others have only had about half time. In considering this question the committee had taken into consideration all factors, including the amount of money available; whether rationing should be continued and if so to what extent, or alternatively whether only the required number of men should be employed at full time; efficiency; what savings could be effected, if any, on last year's expenditure. The total amount estimated for was £4,891, of which £4,400 was for wages, which was totally insufficient for even minimum requirements. The outside staff was at present working under an agreement fixing the basic wage at £4/6/10 (adjusted 1/11/31 at £4/1/4) and the cost of employing 48 regular hands at full time rates would be approximately £11,000. If the men were rationed on the same basis as at present the cost would be £7,000. If award rates were applied the cost (full time) would be £9,500 and if rationed as at present £6,400. It was recommended that £5,500 be placed on the estimates, which would give full time employment to 30 men; and that in order to secure the greatest possible efficiency, that rationing be discontinued. It was further recommended that an overseer be appointed so that there should not in future be any complaints in regard to maintenance and other works, which had taken up so much of the council's time of late.

By the adoption of these measures the cost of day labor would be reduced from £7,200 last year to £5,500 for this year.

COUNCIL ADOPTS REPORT

As chairman of the committee of the council, Cr. Newton presented the report to the council, and pro forma moved its adoption.

Cr. Robinson said the Special Investigation Committee had gone into matters very carefully. With decreasing revenues it was quite apparent that the council could not carry on in the future as it had done in the past. The savings to be effected should be of great service to the council.

Cr. Zwar supported the adoption of the report and congratulated the Investigation Committee on its work.

Cr. Norris also added congratulations to the committee on its efforts. The report was a bitter pill to swallow, but it seemed to be the only thing to do was to adopt it.

Cr. Adams said that though he had been a member of the committee, recommendations were made by it which he was reluctant to support. Times were abnormal, and steps had to be taken accordingly Distasteful though some of the recommendations might be, they had been promulgated for the benefit of the city as a whole, and it was only regrettable that some of the measures had not been put into force at an earlier date.

Cr. Robeson said that the committee had framed the report with two objects in view—efficiency and economy.

The Mayor (Cr. L. Jones) said there were certain items in the report with which he disagreed. All councillors disagreed with some items, but if the council waited until all came to an agreement on all items, they would probably wait forever. He regretted having to support the motion to adopt the report.

Selections for Moonee Valley (Saturday)

Hurdle Race (2.0)

Calfly 1
Skirmish 2
Bright Prince 3

Two-Year-Old (2.30)

Emenere 1
The Dawn Patrol 2
Fourth Battery 3

Welter Plate (3.0)

Beautify 1
Rosetta 2
St. Valour 3

Fund Handicap (3.35)

Galenist 1
Whitsome 2
Pendennis 3

High Weight Handicap First Division (4.10)

Claude Duval 1
Melosus 2
Loquacity 3

Second Division (4.45)

Donace 1
Redditch 2
Royal Blaze 3

Welter Purse (5.15)

Fulham 1
Sassaby 2
Pearl Fisher 3

Cr. Newton said he was totally opposed to the abolition of rationing.

The motion to adopt the report was carried. Councillors present were the Mayor, Crs. Newton, Adams, Robeson, Robinson Norris and Zwar.

Cr. Newton moved that the recommendations become operative as from January 4 next.

Cr. Robinson seconded—Carried.

The Town Clerk was instructed to take the necessary steps to have the recommendations put into operation.

A vote of thanks was passed by the council to the members of the Special Investigation Committee.

When a Yank "shoots off his mouth," it's less painful to the listener to shoot first.

He held her hand. She held his attention. They held an inquest.

We are sure our politicians would keep their election promises if they could just remember what they were.

The girl whose chief aversion is to pet is often our pet aversion.

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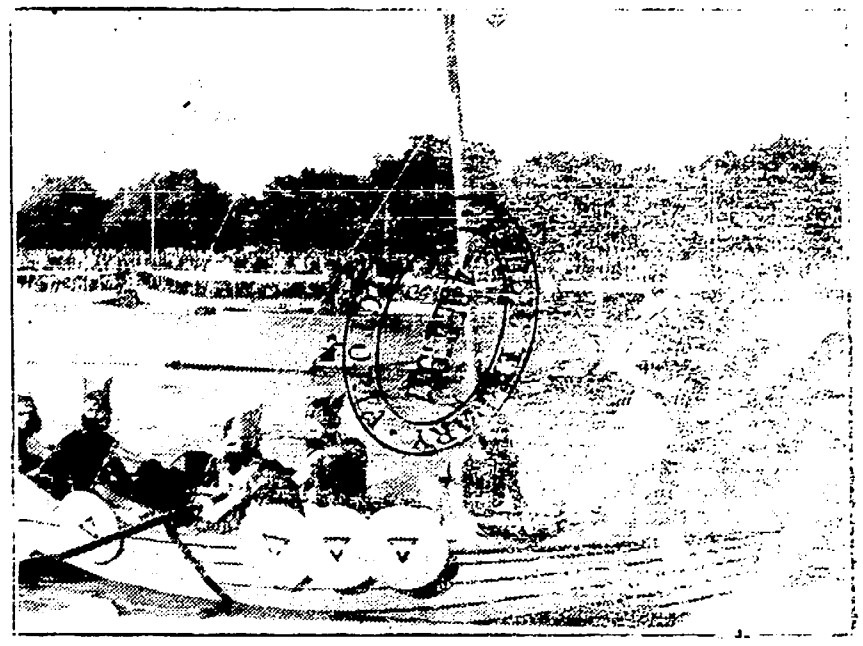

TWO PHASES OF HENLEY.—Nearly 400 oarsmen competed at Henley on Saturday. The photograph shows the finish of a four-oared race, and (in the foreground) a group of "Vikings" who did not take Henley so seriously.

Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

STATE POLITICS

CR. H. P. ZWAR A LIKELY CANDIDATE

Requested to Stand for Heidelberg Seat

There was a record attendance of something over 350 residents of the Heidelberg Electorate at the Old Preston Town Hall on Thursday, November 26, at an enthusiastic meeting convened by Cr. G. E. Robinson. Ex-Cr. Warr and Mr. W. B. Howe.

Cr. Robinson said that election time for the State House was not far off, and it was desired to have a candidate ready to contest the Heidelberg seat. Men of vision, action, and proved business ability were needed in the parliaments of to-day, rather than talkers, and Cr. Zwar possessed all these qualites in a marked degree. Cr. Zwar had received many requests to allow himself to be nominated, and it was the result of these many requests that the meeting had been convened. He was pleased and gratified at the very large attendance, which had exceeded his wildest expectations, and at the same time he could see that it was a splendid augury for success should Cr. Zwar accede to the widespread requests to nominate.

Ex-Cr. Warr moved that Cr. Zwar be requested to nominate for the Heidelberg seat, and subject to his securing the nomination, that all present pledge themselves to do everything in their power to secure his return.

This motion was seconded by Mr. W. B. Howe, and supported by Cr. Westfield (Heidelberg) and carried unanimously

Cr. Zwar, who was present, said that he was overwhelmed by the magnificent attendance, and at the honor conferred on him by the request of the meeting. He had not been taken unawares, having given the subject careful thought, and would consent to nominate (Applause). He felt the time had arrived for the return of a representative who was a resident of the electorate, and one who would always be available to his constituents. He was a resident of Preston, having lived there for some 21 years, and could honestly say that he knew the electorate well, and would be in a good position to gauge its requirements. In the last election in a poll of 22,000 votes he had suffered defeat by about 1,200 votes. Many of these electors were strangers to the district, and he did not know them. Since the last election he had become known to many of these, and judged that at an election many of these would vote for him. On the basis of the last election, if he could secure a further 700 votes, victory would be assured (Applause and cries of "It can be done").

In conclusion, Cr. Zwar said that he was interested in the advancement of the district, and its interests were his interests. If he secured the nomination he would use his utmost endeavours to win the seat, and with the support promised by those present, and by others of the various bodies and associations with which he was connected, he could see success ahead. (Applause).

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Mayor (Cr. Jones) who was present, and who was prevailed upon to take the chair.

CR. H. P. ZWAR FOR HEIDELBERG ELECTORATE

At a meeting on Tuesday evening, which was attended by about 100 delegates of Heidelberg branches of the Young Nationalists' Party and the A.W.N.L., Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., one of Preston's leading public men, was selected to contest Heidelberg seat at next State elections. A strong committee has been formed in the interests of Cr. Zwar, who will, it is believed, put up a big fight when the time comes.

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Constable Robbed at Preston

ON Sunday jewellery valued at £20 was stolen from the home of Constable W. Adams, Grandview grove, Preston. The thief or thieves gained entrance to the home by breaking a fanlight in the front door.

Another District J.P.

CR. A. E. Newton, a well-known and respected citizen of Preston, is among the list of newly-appointed justices of the peace.

Beware of Snakes

MR. R. Tyler, a resident of Kenworth street, Reservoir, dropped into the "Leader" office on Wednesday morning with the information that on the previous evening he discovered a couple of black snakes in a load of wood. One, 21 inches in length, was killed, and the second, about 2 feet long, succeeded in making its escape.

Theft From Factory

C. J. Langford has reported the theft of leather valued at [illegible] from his factory in Miller street, Preston. The thieves gained entrance by forcing open a door at the factory.

Preston Anglers' Club

SEVERAL members of this club made a weekend trip to Mornington, and put in a good time. Mr. F. [illegible] succeeded in catching 15 lbs. weight of fish, and other members of the party were also successful in hauls. During the trip two "[illegible]" received the necessary attention at the more experienced hands of seasoned fishermen.

On Annual Leave

CONSTABLES Hopkins and Higgins, members of Preston police force, are enjoying their annual leave extending over a fortnight.

Preston Baths

OWING to unpropitious weather there have of late been few patrons at the baths, with the exception of an occasional warm day or two. As a consequence the financial results have not been worth recording.

Christmas Treat for Children

PRESTON branch of R.S.S.I.L.A. is making arrangements for the usual Christmas tree and treat for about 400 boys and girls. The function will take place in the afternoon of December 19. A number of unemployed men are making toys which are to be presented to the children. These toys are being made from wooden boxes and cases. A few more are required and anyone having any to spare is asked to get in touch with Mr. Osborne, Preston town hall, or any member of the soldiers' committee.

West Preston State School

ON Saturday afternoon there will be a children's party in the grounds of West Preston State School. A programme of races and games has been arranged by the Mothers' Club, and a pleasant time is anticipated.

Mr. G. Osborne, M.A., has just concluded an exhaustive examination of the boys and girls at the school. Mr. Osborne, who is connected with the inspecting staff of the Education Department, has recently returned from a visit to America.

Sixth grade girls cannot be retained at West Preston school after the present year. They will pass on, some to Preston Girls' School, and others to University High School (if successful in passing entrance examination), Northcote, Brunswick, Collingwood Technical Schools and the Working Men's College.

Mr. J. F. Roe has passed a strenuous week or two in connection with the annual examination, also merit and qualifying examinations and the visit of Mr. Osborne.

Another Prospector

MR. Green, one of Preston's well-known newsagents, is spending a few days in the country on a prospecting excursion. The outlook is said to be hopeful from a mining point of view.

Municipal Cricket

LAST Saturday Preston municipal team and Caulfield played a friendly game. The latter made 114 runs, of which number Lord contributed 51. Madden (Preston) secured Lord's wicket after having a couple of chances dropped off him in the first over. Gilchrist took four wickets for 22 runs. Preston had two wickets down for 41. The match will be resumed next Saturday.

Diggers' Concert Party

PRESTON Diggers' Concert Party furnished an enjoyable programme at the Masonic Homes, Punt road, on Sunday afternoon, November 29.

Out of Hospital

THE friends of Mr. Tatchell, secretary of Preston Bowling Club, will be pleased to learn that he is now out of hospital and is making satisfactory progress from a recent illness, [illegible] from asthma and influenza.

Royal Life Saving Club

THIS club recently made application to Preston council for permission to use the baths for half an hour on Monday and Wednesday nights of each week for lifesaving practice. The application has been referred to the committee of the whole council.

Grass Fire in High Street

AT 1.15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, a grass fire occurred in High street, Preston, alongside Bradford hall. The local firemen were quickly in attendance and subdued the flames.

Mayor's Clothing Committee

A SPECIAL meeting of the Preston mayor's executive clothing committee will be held next Monday afternoon at 2.30 to finalise Cinderella ball. It is asked that all unsold tickets be returned to the secretary, Mrs. C. M. Jones, by Saturday next.

Regent Central Annual Picnic

THE annual picnic of the Regent Central Progress Association will be held on A.N.A. Day, January 26. A committee has been formed to arrange the details.

All Nations Fair

AN All Nations Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday next, December 4 and 5, at St. Mark's Church of England hall, Beatty street, Regent (off Gilbert road). There will be plenty of well stocked stalls and numerous attractions will provide amusement for young and old. The fair promises to be very successful, as a large body of ladies has been working assiduously for some months making preparations. No charge is made for admission.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

TO aid the funds of Preston St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary a bridge party was held on November 25 at the "Wentworth," where lights of pastel shades and beautiful floral decorations of grouped rhododendrons, azaleas, gladioli and carnations were a feature of the lounges. Thirty tables were reserved for bridge. Prizes for the lucky numbers were won by Mrs. J. Barry and Mr. J. Smart and were donated by Mrs. C. T. Crispe (ladies) and Miss Crowe (gents). Miss J. O'Donnell was successful in securing the pair of silk stockings donated by Mrs. R. Cahir. The president, secretaries and treasurers are to be congratulated on the social as well as the financial success of the entertainment.

Preston Boys' Band

THE Preston Boys' Band (Mr. Hy. Hellings, conductor) is busy preparing for the band contest at Williamstown on Boxing Day. This should be a great experience, for the boys are competing against some of the leading men's bands. The spirit of competition is to be commended in the boys and is a sure sign of progressiveness. At a meeting of parents presided over by the president, Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., it was decided to further improve the boys' appearance by equipping them with new trousers with stripes the same color as the tunics.

"Master and Man"

AS a means of augmenting a fund to enable the members of the Preston A.N.A. to render assistance to unemployed members who were unable to meet their lodge financial obligations, a three act comedy entitled "Master and Man" was presented at the town hall last Wednesday evening by the members of St. Andrew's (Clifton Hill) Dramatic Society. Unfortunately the rather oppressive weather conditions mitigated against the attendance, thereby depriving the laudable object of a greater measure of success than that which it was accorded. Nevertheless the patrons were appreciative of the comedy as presented by a versatile cast. At the conclusion of the first act the secretary of the branch (Mr. Douglass) tendered the thanks of the lodge to the members of the company who had volunteered their services in such a worthy direction, and also briefly explained the reasons for the organising of the entertainment, which was to provide doctor and medicine, and also sick pay to their less fortunate unemployed brethren.

Preston District Band

THE above band's queen carnival has been formed with six queens in the field. The competition will run over Easter. A splendid meeting was held on December 2 of queens and supporters, which was well attended. A large programme of performances was also arranged.

ALL FOR AUSTRALIA LEAGUE

PRESTON BRANCH

A largely-attended meeting of the above league was held in the Preston Town Hall on Monday evening, November 30, to protest against the league becoming swallowed up.

The president, Cr. Hemborrow, in opening the meeting said he had been elected president during his absence on a trip to Java, but had he been aware of the position now disclosed he would not have accepted it.

Mr. C. P. Chapman, the honorary secretary of the Preston branch, spoke at some length and put the position very clearly. He traced the All for Australia League back to its inception and showed what a splendid [illegible] it was intended to be. According to Mr. Turnbull, the president of the League, 230,000 members were enrolled in [illegible] weeks, and 430 branches were formed. This membership was regarded as large enough to sway any political opinion. At [illegible] during October, Mr. Turnbull definitely stated that the league was against preselection and opposed to party politics. What a change to-day. Our League that promised so much is about to [illegible] through being mis-directed [illegible] other political channels which are purely party. Then we were informed that the All for Australia League was [illegible] part of the United Australia Organisation, and that the debts of the All for Australia League had been arranged [illegible] another body, also that the [illegible] should be left in the hands of the United Australia [illegible]. This is just where the All for Australia League falls out of the [illegible]. Where they previously stood [illegible] they are now a party [illegible] and have actually become concerned [illegible] party politics, although it had been [illegible] that the All for Australia League [illegible] have nothing to do with party [illegible] responsible for this [illegible] the All for Australia League [illegible] to the contrary. The Preston branch of the All for Australia League was requested to send 14 delegates to a convention in the Preston Town Hall on December 1 to endorse a candidate. The convention was to be composed of representatives of the All for Australia League, National Federation, Young Nationalists Organisation, and the Australian Women's National League. The total number of delegates to be 100. The following was the number of delegates allotted to each organisation:—Australian Women's National League 50; National Federation 25; Young Nationalists Organisation 11; All for Australia League 14. This gave the Australian Women's National League equal voting power with the [illegible] but their representation was in line with the National Federation and the Young Nationalists Organisation. The National Federation, which is undoubtedly as dead as "Julius Caesar," in the Heidelberg Electorate was allotted 25 representatives. The Young Nationalists Organisation, which has only 20 members, had 11 representatives, whilst the All for Australia League, with its 2049 members, was only allotted 14. This, of course, was [illegible] and Mr. Turnbull agreed that it was totally unfair, and asked the branch to protest at once. He was then informed that a letter of protest had been forwarded to the League secretary, Mr. Martin, about 10 days previously, who also said that nothing could be done to alter it, and that Mr. Turnbull and Mr. K. Henderson had agreed to it. This certainly looks as though the All for Australia League had become part and parcel of the United Australia Organisation, and had forgotten all its original ideals, and had decided to support preselection and party politics. On the basis of the All for Australia League only having 14 delegates to 86 the following resolution was moved by Mr. Crittenden and seconded by Mr. T. Clinnick, that—"No good purpose can be served by the All for Australia League delegates attending the preselection meeting on December 1 in the Preston Town Hall." It was stated that the Reservoir branch of the National Federation had not held a meeting for four years, and was actually sending six delegates to the convention. And this is what the All for Australia League has condoned.

In view of the All for Australia League executive having failed in its duty to its members a further resolution was then moved by Mr. Crittenden and seconded by Mr. Mason:—"That owing to the All for Australia League becoming swallowed up by the Nationalist Organisation, thereby losing its identity, and departing from its original ideals, which were:—(a) That it was to be non-party and (b) opposed to pre-selection of candidates. We consider the executive of the All for Australia League to have failed in its duty to its members and that the Preston branch having lost confidence now calls upon the executive officers of the All for Australia League to resign their positions."

It was further agreed to stand firmly behind the candidature of Cr. Sam Dennis who is contesting the Federal Election for Batman, and to work for his return. Cr. Dennis is a member of the All for Australia League.

The following pupils of Miss Hattie Tait, Preston, were successful in recent pianoforte examinations.—London College of Music: Diploma of Licentiate; Winifred Powell, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M. (92 marks); Melbourne University Music examinations. Harmony and Theory, Grade III, George Lewis passed with credit. Winifred Powell; Grade IV, Dorothy Tait passed with honors. Practical examinations: Grade IV, Dorothy Tait; Grade V, Lorna Deacon passed with credit. Beryl Fry; Grade VI, Betty Ferguson passed with honors. Rhoda Norris passed with credit. Miriam Hawkins passed with credit.

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PRESTON CYCLING TRACK

The Preston Professional Cycling Club has now secured ground and made a track in Oakover road, Preston. The track is on the north side of the road, and is on the west side of the railway line, just through the gate. The surface is of dirt and the whole is laid out on the latest cycling dirt track principles. There are five laps to the mile, and the shape provides two bends and two straights. Being banked all round, the track should hold a fair turn of speed, more especially after the weather has been on the surface for a while and has helped to harden it. The outside edges of the track are still loose, and are not suitable for riding on yet.

On Saturday the first racing will be staged, starting at 3 p.m., and the public of Preston and Northcote are cordially invited. The ground is unfenced, and there is absolutely no charge. A good afternoon's sport is assured. A mile handicap, consisting of heats and final, and two scratch races (a first and a second class) of three miles each will be decided.

Although nothing is yet finalised, it is understood that there is every likelihood of the Preston Amateur Cycling Club also racing on the track next Saturday afternoon. This would mean a number of additional races, which would make for a still better programme.

From week to week the racing and programmes staged should improve, and the riders will find the track a great boon for training. Resembling closely many of the country tracks to which the boys go racing from now onwards up till about Easter, the Preston lads will derive great benefit by becoming accustomed to this class of racing, which is very different from hard track racing such as is encountered at the 'Drome.

The club accordingly invites the public, who should be well recompensed by a visit.

the Bundoora Hill. This and Coles' Hill make the course a severe one for this class of riding, and F. Gascoyne, one of the scratch men, in securing fastest time, in 12 minutes, broke the course record of 12 minutes 3 seconds. Jim Roadley, in winning the race in 12min 33sec put up a splendid performance, perhaps the best ride he has yet made, though on appearances he will improve a lot yet, being only young and a strong, level-headed rider. G. Ralston was 50 yards behind second, and T. Gray finished about the same distance back in third place. G. Porter, jeweller, of High street, Thornbury, who has become a member of the club, donated a handsome gold medal for the winner of the race the medal to be known as the "Porter" medal. He also is donating a large cup to the club to be competed for through the season on an aggregate point system.

L.V.W. PREMIERSHIP

Preston Doing Well

Followers of the Preston Cycling Club are highly elated at their team's successes in the L.V.W. Track Premiership at the Motordrome. Following up their victory in the road classic this year Preston are making a strong bid for the track honors and with two matches two wins to their credit they share top position with Richmond. In their first match against Collingwood and Footscray the Red and White's had an easy victory scoring 19 out of the possible 20 points. On November 21 they met Essendon and Geelong and although they won the major points, their victory was not such an easy one.

Next Saturday night they have a much tougher proposition in their next door neighbours, Coburg, who speak very confidently of stopping Preston's successful run. The third team, Brighton, are also a strong team and a most interesting match should result. The matches for this premiership take the form of two mile scratch races with points scored for the leader at each half lap and points for the final sprint. Hitherto the tactics adopted by Preston's captain have been to send Whiteoak and Walkley out to score half lap points and the remainder of the team doing their best to slow down the main field. Whether these same tactics will be successful on the third occasion is somewhat doubtful as the other captains are now alive to what has happened and will probably instruct their teams to break away if Preston endeavour to hold them back. This new premiership fostering as it does the club spirit, has done more for cycling than any move for many years with the result that the track season is booming as never before since the old Austral days and with another Austral in view this year we may expect to see the old scenes of enthusiasm re-enacted. As evidence of the keen interest at present on has only to look at the entries for the two lap dash this week, a record entry of 147 having been received and it is confidently expected that next week will see the 150 mark passed.

Eric Gibaud, of the Preston team, had a lucky escape from serious injury last Saturday night. Falling very heavily Gibaud struck his head on the concrete and was rendered unconscious in addition to which a pedal apparently struck him over the eye and he also received severe abrasions to several parts of his body. At first it was thought that his injuries must be very serious, but after attention by the medical officer (Dr. Norman Wilson), late of Preston, he was able to return to his home and on Tuesday night astounded the track manager (Mr. E. Akins) by informing him that he wanted to compete in the big motor-paced scratch race next Saturday night. On assuring "the boss" that he was now quite O.K. except for the absence of several portions of skin, Mr. Akins agreed to include Gibaud in the field heats which will be:—1, Bob Irish, C. Dungey, F. Thomas, L. J. Edgell; 2, Bod Arnott, Joe Farmley, Eric Gibaud, A. Udby; 3, E. J. Roche, O. Nicholson, J. Ballantyne, Roy Johnson. Gibaud and Frank Thomas are both Prestonites so that Preston will be well to the fore on Saturday night.

If time permits, the management intend to introduce the Preston team next Saturday night as the road premiers and there is bound to be a big attendance from the district to support their team.

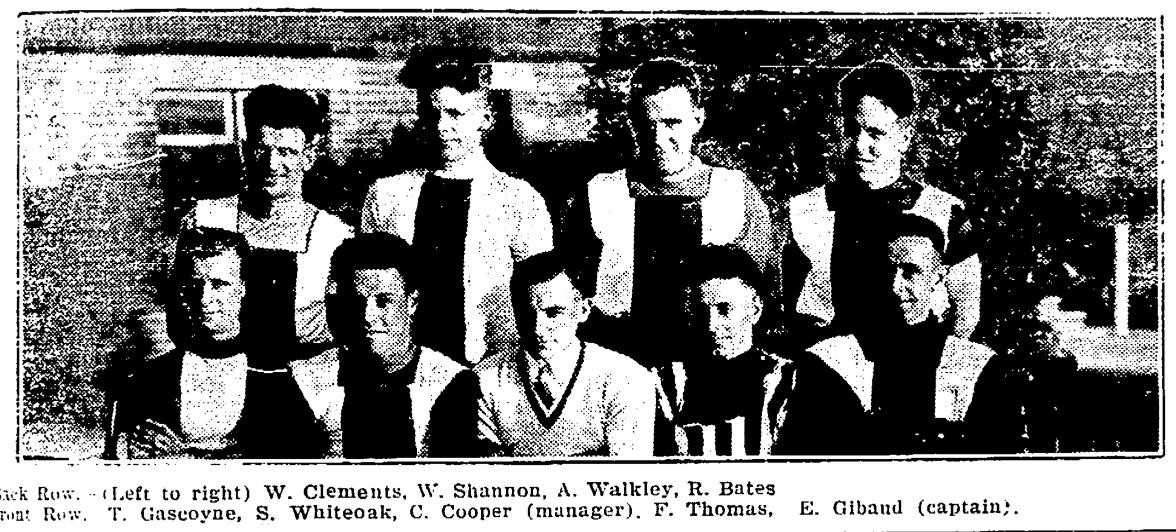
kept everybody at bay till 50 yards from the finish where the main bunch overtook him 20 yards from the line. It looked as though Gischus or Neumann would be the winner but coming through with a fine dash Dick Luttke won by half a wheel from Gischus and Neumann. Results.—D. Luttke (35 yards), 2min 7sec, 1; A. Gischus (scr), 2; H. Neumann (20yds), 3.

The club held a five mile handicap race on Epping road on Saturday. Good weather and splendid riding conditions were responsible for fast times. J. West, H. Henderson and S. Godfrey, off limit, (1min, 20sec) made good use of their handicap and were only overtaken by one bunch during the race. These riders fought out a good finish for first place which was won by W. Black with H. Henderson 2 and G. Jowett 3. P. Hatton, off 35sec, fell while turning with his bunch at the turn but continued. The 20sec bunch put up a good fight for time honors but were beaten by 3sec by Gischus, who, riding off scratch, was unassisted till he overtook the 10 sec bunch. Neumann won the sprint of the 20sec bunch. Results.—W. Black (1min 5sec), 1, (12min 57 sec); H. Henderson, (1min 20sec), 2; G. Jowett (1min 5sec), 3; A. Gischus (scr), fastest time unplaced 11min 46 sec; H. Neumann (20sec) second fastest time (11min 49sec).

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

The following nominations have been received:—President, H.S.W. Marshall, (unopposed); vice-presidents, G. Ransom, L. Rouse, E. Traynor, H. Trim, (two to be elected); hon. secretary, J. A. Fagan (unopposed); hon. treasurer, S. McColl, (unopposed); assistant secretary, A. Allie, H. Causby (one to be elected); board of management, W. Coulthard, M. Deeker, C. Easton, R. Edwards, J. Fraser, J. Groves, E. Harbour, F. Higgins, W. Hills, F. Humphries, T. Munro, G. Poulter, A. Salvado, E. Traynor (five to be elected).

PRESTON CYCLING CLUB PREMIERSHIP TEAM



Back Row.—(Left to right) W. Clements, W. Shannon, A. Walkley, R. Bates
Front Row. T. Gascoyne, S. Whiteoak, C. Cooper (manager), F. Thomas, E. Gibaud (captain).

An Appreciation

As described elsewhere in this issue, the Preston Professional Cycling Club has been fortunate in securing a local track on which to stage its racing. Mr. D. J. Grogan, contractor, of Beauchamp street, Preston, voluntarily gave his services and lent horses and ploughs and other gear for making the track, and the club appreciates greatly his generosity which has made possible this great advantage to the riders. Mr. Grogan's fine services will be better realised when it is understood that he was not previously connected with the club in any way.

The club is also indebted to Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P., manager of Hutton's, and to Messrs. Huttons Pty. Ltd., who have provided the ground. For years past a local track has been an ambition strived for, always to be defeated by lack of a suitable ground. The Northcote council lent its road grader, and the Preston council has assisted greatly in numerous ways. Several Preston unemployed carried out the work, their wages being defrayed by the club.

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS

The five mile club race was held last Saturday over a 2½ mile out and back course, starting from Pretty's Hotel, Plenty road. The course extended along the Plenty road to the turning point on

PRESTON AMATEUR CLUB

The club held a mile handicap at the Drome last Wednesday night. Alf Gischus (scr.) conceded starts up to 200 yards. The limit man put up a good ride and

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REGENT TALKIES

The features for Monday are "Son of India" and "Honeymoon Lane."

The plot of "Son of India" concerns the son of a wealthy Indian rajah who is precipitated into an amazing series of adventures which start out when a bandit gang murder his father. High spots include the burial of Ramon Novarro alive so that the bandits will not find him; his arrest in Bombay as a beggar for the theft of his own diamond; his rescue from a prison sentence by Conrad Nagel; an exciting polo game; Novarro's secret meeting with the American girl in his underground jawel vault; the tiger hunt; Novarro's fight with the bandit who killed his father and the stampede of the maddened elephants. Marjorie Rambeau and John Miljan also have roles.

In "Honeymoon Lane" Eddie Dowling is seen as an employee in a high-class summer resort gambling establishment. He falls in love with June Collyer, niece of Noah Beery, the proprietor. Beery tries to break up the romance by firing Dowling, but the enthustic youth goes to the hotel operated by Mary Carr— and becomes her manager. Beery is relentless. He still holds a grudge against Eddie. He tries to carry it to an unhappy ending, but good luck combined with the generosity of a visiting king and some cherry tarts puts the villain into the discard and Eddie into June's arms.

The mid-week change brings "The Vice Squad" and "Just a Gigolo."

In the role of the distinguished diplomat who falls into the power of an unscrupulous detective-sergeant in the "Vice Squad" Paul Lucas is forced to act as a "stool pigeon." Kay Francis does well as the girl Lukas is forced to desert; and Judith Wood is excellently cast as the woman Lukas unwittingly victimises and then is forced to save at the risk of his own life.

Haines romps his way through a role filled with comic trials and tribulations in "Just a Gigolo," with a romance that grips besides some dramatic highlights that disclose the debonair William as a fine dramatic actor. The star plays a nobleman in masquerade to find out what the girl his relatives want him to marry is really like. The trouble begins—and ends when he gets a slap in the face that makes him happy for life. Irene Purcell has the role of the irrepressible heroine.

"Daddy Long Legs"

On December 14 for the whole week "Daddy Long Legs" (adapted from Jean Webster's book of that name) will be screened. It is a fascinating story of the life of an orphan and good performances are given by Janet Gaynor (Judy), Warner Baxter (James Pendleton) and Una Merkel (Sally McBride). The accompanying attraction is "Always Goodbye" featuring Elissa Landi.

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MARSHALL.—Mrs. Robt. Marshall and Family, of 10 Hotham street, Preston, desire to THANK all kind friends for letters, cards, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Will all accept this as a personal expression of deepest gratitude.

DEATH

[illegible]NOTT.—On the 28th November, 1931, at the Eye and Ear Hospital (suddenly), Richard, beloved husband of Margaret, loving father of little Jimmie, and brother-in-law of Grace and Jim Lewis. Aged 26 years.

"He giveth his beloved sleep."

—17 Bartlett street, West Preston.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL

Published Every Friday Morning

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1931.

To Anonymous Correspondent.—Your letter is libellous. You have also omitted to sign it.

A series of euchre parties have been arranged at the supper room, Preston town hall on Tuesday evenings. Admission 1/; prizes. See advertisement.

A juvenile concert will be given in the Northcote Town Hall on December 9 by the "Sunbeam Singers," pupils of Miss Eileen Pascoe-Webbe. The concert will commence at 7.45. Details as to tickets are advertised elsewhere.

ABOUT PEOPLE

At the age of 71 years, the death occurred on November 27, of Mr. James Patrick Tighe, at his residence, Gladstone avenue, Croxton. His wife predeceased him and an adult family survives.

In the death of Mr. Robert Isherwood, late of Mildura, on November 26, Mrs. [illegible] of Northcote, has lost a brother.

The death occurred on November 26 at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. W. Pemberton, [illegible] street, Reservoir, of Mrs. Ann Button, relict of the late [illegible] Button, at the age of 84 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coleman, of South street, Preston, have bestowed the name of Brian on a new arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. James Liberton, of [illegible] street, West Preston, have had a visit from the stork who brought a daughter (Nancy Mary).

Two daughters survive Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Bell, wife of Mr. Henry C. Bell, of Arthur street, Fairfield, who died on November 27.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Wildsmith, of Hawker avenue, Preston, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son (Bruce Paterson).

Mr. and Mrs. C. Williams, and family, of Vauxhall road, Northcote, have returned after a seaside holiday at Mornington.

The engagement is announced of Patricia youngest daughter of the late P. F. Kelly and Mrs. Kelly, "Hilltop," 15 High street, Northcote, to Gordon Francis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ogden, "Glendolough," 11 Christmas street, Northcote.

On November 29 Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Dunn, of James street, Northcote, celebrated the silver anniversary of their wedding, which took place at the Methodist Church, Flemington, on November 29 1906.

The death occurred on December 1 of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Woolcock (late of Long Gully, Bendigo), aged 84 years, at her daughter's residence, Mrs. J. M. Bartlett, Spring street, Preston, mother of Richard T. Trenouth (Melbourne), Eliza [illegible] A. (deceased), Mary J. Bartlett, Ernest Harold Woolcock (Bendigo), stepmother of Mrs. Challen (Bendigo), [illegible] Woolcock (Bendigo), Albert J. Woolcock and Thomas Woolcock, both of Melbourne. Rev. T. [illegible] officiated at the funeral at Bendigo cemetery on December 2, which was largely attended. The pallbearers were—Messrs. [illegible] [illegible] T. H. Thomas, A. Lawson, [illegible] P. [illegible] R. Woolcock and J. H. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] carried out the funeral arrangements.

Miss Rita Pearson, well known in [illegible] circles, of 56 Ross street, Westgarth, is [illegible] after her recent illness. She will resume her duties shortly.

The [illegible] of Lucy [illegible] daughter of Mrs. Mary and the late [illegible] of Grace street, Northcote [illegible].

A gold medal, the highest honor conferred by the Trinity College of Music to diploma candidates at British overseas centres, has recently been won by Miss Bonnie Peck, of Brighton, formerly of Thornbury. The medal is awarded in Australia and New Zealand to the candidate obtaining the highest marks in the examination for the Pianoforte Diploma of Licentiate provided that at least 95 marks are obtained. Miss Peck, who is a student of Miss E. P. Rae, of Normanby Hall, Thornbury, has gained honors in four musical examinations including two diplomas during the past 12 months.

Mrs. Edgar R. Whitteker-Smith, of Miller street, Thornbury, has just returned from New South Wales, after spending a delightful holiday at "Merlwoode," estate, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Smith, of Howlong.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hawley, formerly of Northcote, are rejoicing on the birth of a son. Mr. W. Pierce, of Bridge street, has, by this event, become a grandfather.

The many friends of Mr. E. Palling, of Plow street, Thornbury, will be pleased to learn that he has made such good progress after his recent serious illness, as to be able to make a health trip to the Castlemaine district.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

BATMAN ELECTORATE

CR. S. DENNIS TO OPPOSE MR. BRENNAN

Cr. S. Dennis, of Northcote, has been endorsed by the United Australia Party to contest the Batman seat against Mr. Frank Brennan.

Cr. Dennis is well known throughout the district, having been a member of the Northcote City Council for something like 23 years. He has been twice Mayor, and has represented the council on the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works for some twelve years. He resides in Walker street, Northcote, and has lived in Northcote all his life.

Cr. Dennis opposed Mr. Brennan on the last occasion when there was a Federal election.

MR. BRENNAN'S CANDIDATURE

Mr. Frank Brennan, who is seeking reelection, was Federal Attorney-General in the Scullin Ministry, which has just been defeated.

OTHER CANDIDATES MENTIONED

Many names were mentioned as possible candidates before the United Australia Party selection was made. Amongst these were the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. W. Olver).

Mr. Franke Blake is also mentioned as a possible candidate for Batman, under the auspices of the Australian Democratic Party.

VOTING IS COMPULSORY

All persons whose names appear on the roll must exercise their votes or they render themselves liable to a fine of £2.

Nomination day was December 5. Polling will take place on Saturday, December 19 and the writs are returnable on January 30.

(Walter T. Mott, 309 High street, Northcote.)

CR. DENNIS' CANDIDATURE

UNITED AUSTRALIA PARTY CANDIDATE

In the present crisis Cr. Dennis is in the field at the request of a large number of the fellow citizens representative of all sections of the Batman Electorate who consider [illegible] the electors as the fitting representative of the United Australia Party.

Since Northcote had a place on the map the name of Dennis has been a household word. It has always been associated with [illegible] service. The late Cr. W. H. Dennis [illegible] of the candidate, was a pioneer of local Government. As a councillor, President and Mayor he served the ratepayers for over 30 years. Cr. Samuel Dennis, the son, has worthily carried on the traditions of the family.

Entering the Northcote Council some 23 years ago Cr. Sam Dennis who has on two occasions filled the position as Mayor of the city, has acquitted himself with such ability, fairness and zeal as to retain his seat ever since. He was the Mayor at the time of Northcote's proclamation as a city. As the elect of all parties he has for many years represented the city on the Metropolitan Board of Works. Holding the position of chairman of the sewerage committee he was largely instrumental in arranging the agreement with the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works in regard to the beautification of St. George's road by which a most unsightly thoroughfare has been converted into 20 acres of lawns and gardens making it one of Melbourne's most beautiful highways.

As a mark of appreciation and regard for his services to the City of Northcote council recommended the Railway Department when they were seeking a name for the proposed new station on the Heidelberg line that it should be named Dennis. Hence one of our busiest railway stations bears his name.

CR. S. DENNIS

Cr. Dennis is particularly interested in sport. He is chairman of the Northcote Ground Management Committee, past president, now vice-president of the Northcote Cricket Club; for many years a member of the local bowling clubs and also a very generous and enthusiastic supporter of Northcote Football Club. He is a member of the Northcote Central Relief Committee, which body has done an immense amount of work in the relief of the unemployed of this city. He and his family are one of the oldest families connected with the Northcote Methodist Church. Mrs. Dennis, who is a sister to the late Mrs. J. G. Membrey, is a tireless worker in the cause of charity, secretary of the Dorcas Society, the local branch of the Baby Health Centre, Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary, the Northcote Trained Nurses' Association, and is a member of the Ladies' Benevolent and Infant Welfare Board, and the founder and secretary of the Northcote Creche. She is also taking an active interest in the campaign.

The votes and active support of all thinking men and women are asked for Cr. Dennis. He is an ardent protectionist, stands for a [illegible] for stable government and [illegible] closest unity with all parts of the British Empire and the maintenance of its honored institutions.

(Authorised by Geo. Henderson, 22 High street, Northcote.)

MEETING OF FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

An enthusiastic meeting of friends and supporters to further the candidature of Cr. Sam Dennis was held at Preston Town Hall on Wednesday evening. Cr. H. P. Zwar occupied the chair and Mr. Stan Gray, divisional secretary and the chairman outlined the plan of campaign.

Mr. Chas Ware moved that those present form themselves into a committee to further the candidature of Cr. Dennis. In seconding the motion Mr. J. G. Membrey, in a vigorous speech, criticised the blunder ing and pusillanimous policy of the Scullin Government.

The Preston district was then allocated to canvassers who pledged themselves to fight and work to return the popular All for Australia candidate.

(Geo. H. Mott, 309 High street, Northcote.)

Preston Church of Christ

Splendid progress [illegible] at the Preston Church of Christ. Last week the K.S.P. Boys' Club by special request, repeated their concert, the proceeds being for the Christmas cheer fund. On Saturday night a most successful social was held by the Mothers' Club to aid the fund for the [illegible] Christmas Party. The church is planning to distribute about 80 Christmas hampers to the distressed. Last Sunday night there was a crowded congregation when the pastor, Mr. A. J. Fisher, preached upon "Facts we Must Face," at the conclusion of which three stood [illegible] to confess their faith in Christ.

PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

Before Mr. G. Brown, P.M., and Mr. O. A. Walker.

Ejectments

The State Savings Bank Commissioners obtained an ejectment order against Hannah Isabella Shepherd.

The State Savings Bank Commissioners also obtained an ejectment order against Harry Woods and Georgina Woods.

Unregistered Truck

Charles J. Drolz, Bell street, Preston, charged with having driven an unregistered car in Bell street, on November 11, was fined £5. Constable Ballard said that when spoken to Drolz said that he did not use the car much. Drolz added that the truck was not worth registering as it was only worth about £1. The renewal fee was £7 8/.

No Lights

Harold Johns, who rode a bicycle without a light in Newcastle street was fined £1.

Theft of Iron

Norman Alfred Stranch, 28 years, driver, Miller street, Preston, was charged that on December 2 he stole 24 sheets of iron valued at £1 16/, the property of Peter Sleith. There was a second charge of having stolen 12 sheets of iron, the property of the State Savings Bank Commissioners, valued at £1 16/.

Mr. B. T. Cahir appeared for Sleith.

Alfred Francis Deacon, estate agent, of High street, Preston, agent for the State Savings Bank, said: "On December 2 I found about a dozen sheets of iron had been removed from some fowl yards at the rear of a property in Edith street. Some of the iron had been removed but had been stacked close to the back fence.

Mr. Cahir: The house was untenanted?—Yes.

Samuel Peter Sleith, estate agent, Gilbert road, Preston, said: "Between November 26 and December 2 a number of sheets of iron were removed from the fowl sheds at Union street.

Edward H. Tomkins, Cramer street, Preston, said: About 1.30 p.m. on December 2 I saw a man removing iron from the roof of fowl pens at the rear of an empty house in Edith street. A handcart outside the place bore no name, and I reported the matter to the agent, Mr. Deacon.

The P.M.: Was there anything suspicious about the actions of the man?—No. He was making plenty of noise.

Sergeant H. A. Lang said: "At about 2.50 p.m. on December 2 I was in plain clothes in Murray road when I saw Stranch wheeling a hand truck with about 20 sheets of iron on it. Asked where he got it he said "Reservoir," and that it belonged to a man named Carroll. I said: "I'm the sergeant of police here. I want to know from what house you got it?" He said: "I pinched it. Give me a chance and I'll go and put it where I got it."

I had him placed under arrest.

Constable Rosewarne said: I interviewed Stranch who admitted taking the iron from both Edith and Union streets.

Stranch pleaded guilty to both charges and elected to be dealt with summarily.

A strong plea was made by Mr. Cahir, and Sergeant Lang said he felt that this had been an unfortunate slip on defendant's behalf.

The bench imposed a sentence of seven days' imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to be suspended on bonds of £10 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT

Theft of Stove

John David Munro, aged 35 years, laborer, Hodgson street, West Brunswick, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of having, at Preston, stolen a stove and copper and stand, the property of the War Service Homes Commission appeared at the Criminal Court for sentence. Mr. Justice McArthur said that he was at first inclined to take a lenient view of the offence which Munro had committed, but when he had come to look into the matter he had found that it was not only a case of stealing. Munro had fraudulently persuaded the agent to allow him to go to the house under the pretence that Munro wanted to rent it. Munro would be sentenced to imprisonment for six months.

"What will Melbourne look like in 50 years?" asks a newspaper—What does that matter, as long as we are here to see for ourselves?

You Must Learn to Look for Value on the Minimum Wage. . . .

MRS. KEEN SHOPPER TELLS SOME SECRETS

THE keenest of all shoppers is the housewife whose husband gets only the minimum wage—she's got to be. It is not a matter of choice. For every penny spent full value must be obtained. Her children are generally neat and natty, her home is tidy, her family healthy and well nourished. She has an ICE CHEST.

Those who have no ICE CHEST would probably envy her that, and probably say it was a luxury for a family in such circumstances. Mrs Keen Housewife, however, smiles at that. She knows differently. She realises that for the comparatively small outlay in an ICE CHEST, and the few pence per day it costs to keep the ice box FILLED, her family's health is protected. For a pittance spent in ICE pounds in doctors' bills are saved. She realises that food not kept under proper conditions deteriorates—it loses its flavour, and, worse still, the vitamines are destroyed, meaning that the full food and nourishing value is lost. In some cases it would even be unfit for human consumption. After a meal she just pops the left-overs into the ice chest, and there they are ready for to-morrow.

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PRESTON COUNCIL

DISCUSSION ON ESTIMATES

NO REDUCTION IN RATE

There were present at the meeting on Monday the Mayor (Cr. L. Jones, J.P.) and Crs. A. E. Newton, J. W. Adams, W. T. Robeson, G. E. Robinson, E. F. Norris, J. W. Hemburrow and H. P. Zwar.

None of the usual business was done, the only matters considered by the meeting being the estimates and the striking of the rates.

Estimates Discussed

Cr. Newton moved the adoption of the report of the estimates showing that £68,568 was available under receipts, and to raise this sum a rate of 2/6 in the £ was necessary on the valuation of £327,226 placed on assessable property.

In presenting this recommendation Cr. Newton asked if it was in order, as the council had framed its estimates on something which did not then exist—the report of the Special Investigation Committee, which had not been adopted by the council.

The Mayor said that the council did not know anything about the Special Investigation Committee. That was a matter being dealt with by the committee of the council.

Cr. Newton moved pro forma that the estimates be adopted. He said that the estimates were based on the report of the Special Investigation Committee, which did not exist; and also included in the estimated receipts was the sum of £5,000 from the Electric Light Department, which sum he was informed that department could not contribute. Had the committee devoted more attention to getting in overdue rates, it would be a different matter. If the adoption of the estimates was deferred pending the adoption of the Special Investigation Committee's report, it would be much more businesslike and the council would know what it was doing.

Cr. Norris seconded the motion.

Cr. Hemburrow said Cr. Newton had queried the advance of £5,000 from the Electric Light department. In that department the council had something like £100,000 invested. The yearly revenue was about £30,000. In the past the council had received sums ranging from £2,000 to £5,000 yearly from that department, and it did not seem to be outside ordinary business practice to expect a return of £5,000 from that department. Even though the manager of that department did not see where the £5,000 was to come from, the council should be able to say to him that he should manage his department in such a way as to make that money available. It might be that some portions of that department's activities might be starved for the time being, but it had to be considered that the council was passing through a very depressing time, with arrears of rates and unemployment. To ask the Electric Light department to pay 5 per cent. on its capital was a reasonable request.

Cr. Robeson said last year the Electric Light department budgeted on a turnover of £30,000 and that turnover was actually £28,000. Last year the council asked for £7,000 and was told there was no hope of paying that amount. Eventually £4,000 was paid, leaving the department with a debit of £2,000. With suggested savings of approximately £3,000 on the last year's estimates, the Electric Light Department should be able to provide the £5,000 asked for. In the past the council had received from its Electric Light department something like £35,000 in all over a period of years. It might be said that the profits from that undertaking were spent on other works such as extensions of mains &c., but he contended that these works should be done out of capital.

The Mayor said he agreed to some extent with Cr. Newton, but it must be remembered that these were only estimates. If the money was not available, expenditure would have to be cut accordingly. As Mayor he would see that the council abided closely to the estimates, and he would not allow the expenditure of money that was not provided for. In the past there had been plenty of money, and Government bodies and councils generally had become lax in expenditure. This caused the revenues to get behind, and through these facts some councils were in a serious position.

The electrical engineer had not said that his department could not provide the £5,000 asked for. He had simply given estimates of revenue and expenditure, which would show an estimated surplus for the year of £1,700. It was for the council to decide the policy of the Electric Light department, so as to produce the revenue required. The council could put on meter rents again—if it had the courage—and further reduce expenditure. It would have been far better if the council had given more attention in the past to the repurchase of debentures, instead of proposing to borrow more money.

Cr. Newton said that owing to the depression people would be using less electric light, and so the revenues would be smaller. It was all very well to say "prune expenditure," but some staff would have to be left to carry on the work of that department. Last year the Electric Light department had contributed £4,000 leaving it with an overdraft of £2,000, which showed that last year the electrical engineer had had a good idea of what his department could contribute.

The motion was carried, Cr. Newton voting against it.

RATES STRUCK

General Rate of 2/6

Cr. Robinson moved that a general rate of 2/6 in the £ be struck.

He said that after exhaustive discussion the council had found it impossible to make any reduction.

Cr. Adams seconded the motion which was carried.

Sanitary Rate

A sanitary rate of £2 per pan per year for a weekly service to all properties not connected with the sewerage scheme was agreed to. This is due and payable in four quarterly instalments.

Two of the greatest causes of disaster in life are "What's yours?" and "I will."

Quite a few girls don't make a practice of kissing. It comes quite natural to them.

A cynic, who, asked what he thought was the greatest war march ever composed, replied "Mendelssohn's Wedding March."

NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Before Mr. C. E. Tibb, P.M., Messrs. W. Hayes, B. E. Johnson, H. Evans, P. Carney and Mesdames Wood and Devery J.'sP.

Fraud Summons

Robertson and O'Donnell v F. W. Edgar, a summons under the Imprisonment of Fraudulent Debtors Act.

Frederick William Edgar, of Windsor, who appeared for examination admitted that in July last an order had been made against him for £10 and 15/6 costs in favor of Robertson and O'Donnell. The amount was unpaid, and he was agreeable to meet it at the rate of £1 per fortnight.

Order that the amount be paid together with £2/7/6 costs at the rate of £1 per fortnight, in default imprisonment for one month.

Ejectment Orders

Alexander Gray, as agent for the owner, obtained an ejectment order against Guy Fricker in respect to premises in Pender's street.

Mr. A. E. O'Connor, appearing for the complainant, said that the arrears went back to Jaunary last, and as the owner desired vacant possession, no rent had been demanded since August.

Harold Burgess, as agent for owner, and for whom Mr. A. E. O'Connor appeared, obtained an ejectment order against Hugh and Margaret Dwyer.

M. Roberts, as agent for the owner, obtained an ejectment order against J. D. Harvey.

W. Hodgkinson, as agent for the owners obtained ejectment orders against W. Hogg and Hearne.

No Licenses

William Ernest Mitchell, Clarke street, Northcote, was charged that on October 25 he rode a motor cycle without being licensed.

The evidence showed that when stopped by Constable McDonald, of Thornbury, Mitchell produced a license that had expired a fortnight before.

Mitchell produced a license that had been renewed, and was dated back to the expiry date shown on the old license.

The bench imposed a fine of 5/.

George Buckley, Nicholas street, East Brunswick, was fined £1 for having driven a motor car without being licensed on October 31.

The evidence showed that Buckley admitted being the driver of a truck that was found damaged in Gladstone street.

Buckley said he borrowed the truck from a friend at Preston and whilst going along Gladstone street the steering gear failed and the truck ran into a post. He had had a license some years ago.

Car Not Registered

Because things were "too tough" George Patroni, Hawsleigh street, East St. Kilda, failed to renew the registration of his motor car when it fell due in April last. He was stopped in High street, Northcote, on October 25, and at Northcote court on Tuesday was fined £8.

Maintenance Arrears

Ivy Hine, of Carlton, sued her husband, Harold Ernest Hine, of Separation street, Northcote, for £36 arrears of maintenance in respect to an order of 30/ weekly for herself and one child.

Hine said he had been out of work, and could not meet the order. He expected to get a job this week however. He also intimated he had given notice of appeal against the order, and expected the appeal to be heard by General Sessions next month.

An order was made that the arrears be paid at the rate of 5/ weekly, in default imprisonment.

A.W.A.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by the members and visitors, who attended the half-yearly meeting of the A.W.A. on November 23 in the Town Hall Lodge Room. Mrs. Fossett installed the new officers and entertained the meeting with an instructive address. She appealed to everyone present to patronise Australian films, as it was an industry which meant a lot to the future success of Australia and to the coming generation. A party of members are attending an "At Home" to Mrs. McNaughton on Wednesday, December 2.

Next meeting is on Monday evening, December 6 and an enjoyable evening is assured.

Telephones in color are the latest U.S. innovation. Yell-ow should be popular.

The man who said that a woman still pays must have been a bachelor.

When a man has a dog's life, there is generally a cat in the family.

THEFT OF PRAM

MARRIED WOMAN CONVICTED

Released on Bond

At the Northcote Police Court on Tuesday, Dorothy Lillian Thompson, married, Bastings street, Northcote, was charged that on July 13 she stole a pram, two pillows two blankets valued at 35/ the property of Eunice Myrtle Shacklock.

Mrs. Shacklock said about 8.30 p.m. on November 13 she left her pram outside a shop in High street. Five minutes later is had disappeared.

Saw Defendant with Pram

Three days later I saw Thompson wheeling the pram along High street, and summoning a constable I intercepted her in Mitchell street.

Constable Breavington said: "With Mrs. Shacklock I intercepted Thompson, who was wheeling a pram. I told defendant that Mr. Shacklock claimed the pram was hers and Thompson said: 'It is mine,' adding that her mother had given it to her. Later she admitted that it was not her pram, but said that whilst she and her mother were in High street, near Separation street, on the previous Friday night, the pram, running along the footpath had struck her mother in the back. The progress of the pram arrested, mother and daughter sought an owner, but without avail. They had taken the pram home.

Continuing Constable Breavington said that Thompson handed to him the pillow and blankets &c. that had had been in the pram when it disappeared.

Thompson said she had watched the papers seeking an owner.

Mrs. Rose Conway, mother of Thompson, gave evidence supporting her daughter's story.

The P.M. said a conviction would be recorded, and a sentence of a month's imprisonment imposed. The sentence would be suspended on a bond of £10 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

PRESTON MAIN DRAINAGE

BOARD TO PROCEED WITH WOOD STREET WORK

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday the Mayor (Cr. L. Jones) reported that the Board of Works had agreed to proceed with the main drain in Wood street, as far as Youngman street, and tenders would be called early in the new year. The cost would be about £8,000.

Crs. Robeson and Zwar congratulated Commissioner Jones on the success of his efforts.

This section of the main drainage scheme is designed to relieve flooding in Murray road during heavy rains. It will be remembered that on two occasions the sewers were flooded, and had the weather been warm the consequences to the health of the community might have been very serious.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

A GRADE

Camberwell, 352 (Press 46, Wenborn 45, Mrs. Constable 44, Mrs. Dobbyn 44, Harris 44, Dobbyn 44) defeated Northcote, 335 (Appleby 46, Hook 44, Askew 43).

St. Kilda, 351 (A. Bayley 47, Colvin 46, Durst 45, P. Bayley 45), defeated Preston 346 (Chynoweth 45, E. Featherstone 45, French 44).

CLUB SHOOTS

Northcote.—Club Competition—T. Apple by 46 (4), 50; Askew, 43 (6), 49; Parsons 39 (10), 49; Hook, 43 (4), 47; Tongue, 41 (4), 45; McQuinn, 37 (6), 43.

Preston.—Final Spoon.—E. Featherstone, 65, (8), 70; A. French, 61 (8), 69; F. Featherstone, 60 (6), 66; T. Griffiths, 62 (4), 66; H. Court, 57 (8), 65; Sullivan, 56 (9), 65; Chynoweth, 58 (8), 66. S. Chynoweth won the spoon.

EAST PRESTON MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

The club will spend the week-end at Queenstown, where Mr. Theize has offered the use of his house. Members desirous of going should communicate with the secretary. Members are looking forward to December 22, when the annual wind-up social will be held. Trophies won at recent sporting events will be presented. The social committee will meet next Monday to make final arrangements for this function. The next general meeting will be held on December 14. All motor cyclists are invited to attend club outings and meetings.

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Romance of a Violin

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The stifling sultriness of an August day in the East End had given way to a small degree before the slight, cooling breeze which the night had brought. Several hours since the sun had sunk behind the dark outlines of the tall buildings towards the west; and with it had gone the glaring heat that had sapped the strength of the women of the cheap, ramshackle dwellings and caused the babies in the stifling squalid rooms to gasp for air.

With the coming of night new life had come to the tenements. Gathered in the narrow courts the women gossipped volubly. In the streets the ragged, ill-kept children played and quarrelled with noisy unrestraint; while in the near-by public houses the men laughed or argued raucously over their beer.

Up in the topmost room of one of the rickety houses a man sat at a window. For a long time he had sat there motionless. He was not a part of the world that was living its life below him on the streets and courts. He was one apart from it all, as he sat alone with the night.

It was very dark in the little attic room save for the moonlight that shone through the dust on the panes of the curtainless, half-opened window. Even the moonlight seemed to grow paler and be swallowed up in the shadows and squalor of the little garret before it could penetrate far.

But about the dark, bent figure, silhouetted against the soft light at the window, it fell in full radiance. There it touched the grey hair which curled in long locks over the old man's shoulders, giving it an added silvery whiteness.

The old man's head was bowed, leaving his face in the shadow. His cheek was laid caressingly against a violin.

All the evening the old man had sat thus. From far below him the sounds of Whitechapel East rose to his ears unheeded. The shrill voices of the uncared-for children mingled with the chatter of the women and the occasional gruff voice of a man of the tenements. But the silent figure at the window heard it not.

Now and then the toot-toot of a distant motor bus broke hoarsely on the humid night air, increasing the medley of far-away sound, to which his ears were deaf.

Silently he sat with the violin clasped to his breast. He might have been asleep but for the slight tremor that occasionally shook his thin, shrunken shoulders, and the faint sound, half sob, which now and then escaped him.

For a long time he continued to sit thus, before at last he lifted his face to the moonlight. His countenance was pale and haggard. It was drawn, hopeless, marked by the ineffaceable stamp of poverty.

With its still remaining stamp of refinement and nobility of character, it was a countenance mutely eloquent in the tale it told of poverty-stricken pride as he gazed into the night.

Down at the entrance to the house a rusty sign swayed in the faint breeze that infrequently relieved for an instant the sultriness of the night. On the sign, in small gilt letters, might still be discerned the brief inscription:

Professor Cavali.
Teacher of Violin

That was all. No one ever looked at the sign. To the inhabitants of the squalid dwellings it represented nothing—nothing save the identity of the little man on the top floor. To the policeman on the beat it meant even less. And [illegible] ever saw it—to the knowledge of Professor Cavali.

Yet to him the sign represented a [illegible]—a means that now [illegible]. For many years it had stood between him and [illegible].

But it was in the days when fate had been kinder to him—the days before his fingers had lost much of the skill with which they once pressed the strings of his beloved Stradivarius; the days before age had encroached upon the firm strength with which his bow had swept sweet harmony from the instrument.

And now it was all over. One by one the pupils who had meant his living had left him. One by one, like the leaves that fall in the autumn, they had gone. Now he was left alone—alone with the old violin and his useless sign.

The moon shone brightly upon the polished sides of the instrument. Excellently preserved it was, for an instrument made two hundred years before. The scarlet arch of the neck, the graceful curve of the body were things of beauty to the eye of the old man. It was thirty years now since his father, on his death bed had placed the cherished violin in Professor Cavali's hands.

"It is a Stradivarius, my son!" the father had gasped. "It is a master work. Care for it as such—for it is yours."

And the Cavali, his father, had died. For thirty years the violin had been Professor Cavali's only companion. No one of [illegible] than his own had ever touched it. It had grown to possess a sacredness in his eyes.

It was a Stradivarius.

That fact alone made it a thing no profane hand should disgrace. The work of a master workman—a triumph of art! What indeed was he himself to possess it? Professor Cavali often had thought. And so he had cherished the old violin; had grown to love it; had made it the companion of his joys, the consolation of his sorrows—first, because it was his father's gift; and, second, because it was a Stradivarius.

The old man sighed as he lifted the bow and tenderly touched the violin's strings. The low reverberation of the instrument rising softly above the faint sounds of the street below brought a tender smile to his lips.

He played a brief selection of infinite sweetness. As the music rose a look of joy, of happiness illuminated his face. Then slowly, as the notes died away, his arm dropped to his side and his head sank wearily upon his breast.

A fight between the body and the spirit was being waged between him, his soul clinging with desperate longing to the one thing of beauty he had to love, his body crying for food. It was hunger—black, poverty-arisen hunger—that stared back at him from the garret's shadows as he lifted his eyes in a hopeless, unseeing gaze.

For a moment more the fight continued. Then at last he drew himself together painfully. The battle was over. Nature had won. He could not starve.

There was only one way, since he had decided. He lifted the violin and kissed it tenderly.

"Carissimo!" he whispered brokenly. "Stradivarius mio, forgive me! You are all I have. And one—must live—or starve!"

(To be Continued)

RESERVOIR NOTES

Mr. Pola, who broke a rib while playing cricket, is well again.

A meeting of the Reservoir branch of the National Federation was held on Monday night to elect six delegates to attend the conference to endorse candidates.

A meeting of the local branch of the A.W.N.L. was held on 25th inst. to elect 10 delegates and 10 proxies to attend the conference for endorsement of candidates. Six new members were proposed. Cr. Zwar will give a travel talk at the next meeting. Mrs. J. C. Thrower was in the chair.

A successful Australian tea, organised by the Ladies' Guild of St. George's Church, was held on 26th inst. in aid of debt extinction funds. Cr. Hemburrow opened the fete. Mrs. Hemburrow was presented with a charming posy. The financial results will not be known till the receipts from the postponed concert are added. Mrs. Withers (president) and Mrs. Upton (secretary) were instrumental in leading this able body of workers to achieve the success.

Mrs. Smith died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. McLeish, and was buried on Saturday last.

Mrs. Hambling, senr., of Thackeray road, passed away on Sunday morning at the age of 85.

The West Reservoir Progress Association held its usual meeting on Tuesday night. The Victorian Railways sent a reply re the Epping road crossing, promising to supply £100 if the Country Roads Board will provide the remaining £1300 necessary. The association is not satisfied with the answer, and is asking for a deputation to meet the Country Roads Board for that body to see the existent dangers.

Mr. Lari has been ordered complete rest and is confined to his bed.

An electric light has been promised by the council at the station, at the association's request.

Exception has been taken to the language used by cyclists using the Epping road on Saturday afternoons for racing purposes. The matter is to be brought under the notice of the responsible bodies.

The council's attention having been drawn to the garbage contract, a definite improvement is noted.

The skeleton of a girl has been found at Dover, completely embedded in chalk. Well, they will keep putting on the powder!

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RADIO COMBATS CRIME

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RADIO is being adopted on an increasingly large scale as a means of combating crime. More and more municipalities have decided to install a police radio system in view of the exceedingly favorable results hitherto obtained.

According to Philips Radio the largest police radio installation in the United States is probably the one used by the police of Michigan, which operates with a short-wave transmitter installed at Lansing. All police headquarters in the various districts and the police motor cars are equipped with receiving apparatus. It has been found, however, that radio communications are often intercepted by criminals who seem to possess thorough technical knowledge. In order to avoid this, a law has been passed in Michigan by which it is forbidden to install short-wave receivers in other than police motor cars. Other police stations consider the use of so-called "Scrambling" installations by which the spoken word is distorted beyond recognition so that the communications can only be deciphered with the aid of a very special receiver.

Great Help to the Police

At Indianapolis 2,000 arrests have been made from January to June 30, of this year as a direct result of the adoption of a radio system. The police at Indianapolis possess 43 radio motor cars.

Another very successful installation is the one at Detroit, and it is said that since it was put into service crime has diminished considerably. At Detroit 35 radio motor cars of two types are being used. The small "scout cars" are manned with two policemen, whilst the "patrol cars" have four men and are armed with small machine guns, light cannon, tear-gas bombs, &c. One district has been assigned to each of these cars.

Every 13 minutes and experimental transmission is given. If "anything happens" instructions are broadcast to the respective cars. The transmitter at Detroit has a power of 400 watts and is crystal-controlled. The maximum sphere of action is more than 200 K.M. The receiving sets in the motor cars have thee stages of high-frequency amplification with screen-grid valves, three electrode detector valves and two stages of L.F. amplification. The apparatus is permanently tuned to a wave-length of 97.4 M., and only the volume is regulatable. The filament current is supplied by the accumulator of the motor car and the anode voltage by storage batteries. The loudspeaker is mounted in a convenient place behind the driver and the whole apparatus is fitted up in such a manner that it is invisible from outside. The police at Detroit declare that the average time between the reporting of a crime and the broadcasting of the respective instructions does not exceed 13 seconds.

New System for Chicago

In Chicago, there are three 1-kilowatt transmitters with a frequency of 1712 K.C. which co-operate with the police radio system of neighbouring towns.

The Municipality of New York has voted an amount of $100,000 for the purchase of a police radio system. In this connection it is interesting to note that all previous experiments with police radio systems, in which use was made of the normal broadcasting stations, have failed, principally owing to the considerable loss of time in passing on a police report to a broadcasting station. In view of the unfavorable conditions of reception at New York as a result of the high steel buildings and consequent absorbtion of signals, it is proposed to install three or more syncronised transmitters which will transmit all police reports at the same time.

FOOTBALL

NORTHCOTE CLUB

Mr. R. L. Walsh, secretary to the Northcote Football Club, elsewhere announces the annual meeting will be held at Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday, December 16, at 8 p.m. The business consists of annual report and balance sheet, election of office-bearers, and general. Nominations must be lodged before 7 p.m. on December 9. Applications are also invited for coach, head trainer, and five trainers. Full details advertised elsewhere.

Clifton Calisthenic College

The annual concert and presentation of advanced calithenics and plastique art will be held in the Fitzroy Town Hall on December 5, at 7.45. A fine programme has been arranged. Inquiries for tickets may be made to Miss V. E. Hopton, "Vehesta" 80 Union street, Northcote.

At the recent Calisthenic Competitions in connection with South Street, Ballarat Clifton College gained seven first prizes, five second prize and six third prizes, securing the "Lotbach" cup for the champion senior team. The items rendered at Ballarat will be repeated at the annual concert in the Fitzroy Town Hall on December 5.

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GOODS STOLEN FROM CAR

SALESMAN'S £40 LOSS

DEALER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

How goods, which it is alleged by the police were stolen from a car in High street, Thornbury, were sold to a dealer at the Footscray Market within two hours after the alleged theft was revealed at Northcote court on Tuesday when James Russell, dealer, of Cossack avenue, Coburg, was committed for trial.

Russell was charged with having stolen 20 dozen ties, 30 dozen gentlemen's hose, 8 dozen ladies' hose and a suit case.

Alfred George Price, softgoods merchant and commission traveller, Favril street, Hampton, said: "On November 10 between 12.30 and 1.15 p.m. whilst my car was standing in High street, Thornbury, goods to the value of £40 were stolen. A quantity of the goods valued at about £15 was recovered by the police.

Elie Kersner, draper at Footscray Market, said: "At about 3 p.m. on November 10 Russell came to my place and offered me a line of sox, stockings and ties, asking £12. I offered £10 and finally purchased at that figure. Russell retained a certain portion of the goods, and he gave me to understand that they were traveller's samples. He gave me a receipt signed "F. W. Worner," and promised to send along a statement, which he did not do.

Detective Hogg: "On November 16 I interviewed Russell who was at the same time identified by Kersner. Russell admitted selling certain ties, sox, &c., to Kersner. I said to Russell "Why did you sign the receipt 'Worner' when your correct name is Russell and you trade as Warren?" He said: 'The receipt is signed Warren.' In answer to questions as to where he obtained the goods Russell said he had sold them on behalf of a man named Jones, whom he understood brought them from Sydney.

Russell pleaded not guilty and was committed for trial on December 7. Bail was fixed at £100.

INDECENT ASSAULT ALLEGED

"NO CASE FOR A JURY," SAYS P.M.

At the Northcote Court on Tuesday Archibald Charles McVilly, 26 Emmaline street, Northcote, was charged with having on November 22 unlawfully and indecently assaulted a girl under the age of 9 years.

The girl, an intelligent youngster, in a statement not made on oath, said:—After dinner on Sunday, November 22, my daddy told me to go and get some lollies for the kids. I got the lollies, and was on my way home when a man in a doorway spoke to me. He gave me a chain and a penny and asked me to go to a house and give the chain to a lady there, who he said was sick. I went to the house but there was no one about. Just as I was about to leave another man came along and opened the door. I went inside and he interfered with me. I screamed and he got on his bicycle and rode away. Neither of those men is in the court to-day.

Mr. R. T. Cahir (for McVilly): The police brought a man to you?

Witness: Yes.

Was he the man you saw at the house?—No.

The man the police brought to you is in the court to-day?—Yes.

Is he the man who asked you to go the message?—No.

Constable Miller, of the wireless patrol, said:—At about 9 p.m. on November 25 I went with other police to the corner of St. George's road and Bent street, Northcote, and after making some inquiries searched the district and interviewed McVilly at his home. In reply to questions McVilly admitted having met a little girl in St. George's road on November 22, and that he took her to a shed at the rear of an empty house in St. George's road, and that he interfered with her clothes. The girl cried out and he let her go.

Later McVilly pointed out an empty house in St. George's road, where he said he had taken the girl. Confronted with the girl McVilly said, "That is the girl," but the girl said, "I don't think he was the man who took me to the empty house. That man had black curly hair, and was darker than this man" (meaning McVilly).

Mr. Cahir: You were looking for a man with white shoes?

Witness: Yes.

Do you think McVilly is the man you are looking for?—I do not know. In his mental condition he might do anything.

Do you think he is mentally deficient?—If I had known that I would not have taken a statement from him.

Did he strike you as being intelligent?—He is not very bright.

Senior Constable Madin, of the wireless patrol, said that when confronted with McVilly the girl said "No."

After hearing further evidence the P.M. (Mr. E. C. Tibb) said that the bench did not think there was sufficient evidence to warrant sending McVilly before a jury, and he would be discharged. Mr. Tibb added that it was apparent that the young man needed attention and care.

Mr. Cahir said that unfortunately McVilly had an arrested mentality, but he was quite all right. He was not a pervert, and had had the best medical care and attention.

On the bench with the P.M. were Messrs. H. Evans, P. Carney and Mrs O. Devery, J.'sP.

THE REAL OBJECTIVE

Railway Control of Road Transport

Were it not for the tragic possibilities of railway interests winning their fight for control of road transportation, under the guise of co-ordination, much of their propaganda could be ignored, and the fact that eventually, both rail and road transport in Australia will be allotted their right place in the field or transportation, in accord with modern needs.

Co-ordination of land transport should be an effort to harmonise in the best interests of the people the most efficient of the services afforded by the respective rail and road systems, but unfortunately in Australia the word "co-ordination" has been adopted by many of those who voice railway interests, only as a cloak to hide their real intent.

No disavowal has been made of the following extract recently published in the "Sydney Morning Herald" from an official address prepared by the General President of the Australian Railway Union, Mr. L. A. Chapman, for the biennial meeting of the Australian Council of the A.R.U. last March. The statement was:—

"Let us emphasise that we want control of the roads and operation of all means that can function as public transport. This is part of our objective, of the workers' objective, of getting complete socialisation in its full meaning! All the nationalisation can mean is a more efficient machine ready to be seized by our class when the time comes."

That is the interpretation of "co-ordination" of transport in the minds of those who put railways first, even before the rights and welfare of the people and the needs of the nation. Their jobs and their privileges must come before all else, and judging by happenings they certainly do, and should matters progress in accord with the ambitions of the Australian Railway Union, then eventually the Commonwealth will march to the tune called by the Czars of Railwaydom.

The need for co-ordination—in its true sense—of rail and road transport, no one denies. The problem is one that is receiving attention by the leading nations of the world, but in no other country have the efforts to co-ordination the advantages and benefits of both systems of transport, been permitted to take the socialistic trend that has fallen like a blight on New South Wales.

In Great Britain, America, France and Italy—railway interests are all alive to the problems that the world-wide public acceptance of motor transportation has brought into being, and their leaders recognise the indubitable fact that automotive road transport is here to stay, and that only by commonsense application and use of the best and most efficient services of both arms of transportation, can the problem be solved. Annihilation of automotive transport can only be a palliative as far as railway revenue is concerned, for even if the people permitted such a thing for any lengthly period, which they certainly will not do, the reaction on the progress and development of the country and the welfare of the people would be such, that eventually the railways would be the losers, because the wheels of production would move slower, and there would be less for the railways to carry.

Co-ordination of rail and road activities on an economic basis is definitely needed, but the methods of such co-ordination should not be formulated in the sole interests of the railways. An independent committee of experts, free of political control, which would impartially endeavour to use the best of each arm of transport in the interests of the people and the nation, and not only for one small section of the community, is the right body to handle this matter of national import.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE, I.O.R.

The fortnightly meeting was held on November 26, the newly-elected C.R., Bro. J. Creighton, presiding over a large attendance. One new member was welcomed by Bro. Alf. Reed. Several matters concerning the junior tents created a good deal of discussion. The cricket club reported another win, it being undefeated to date. A motion of condolence was passed to Bro. A. Fillingham on the recent death of his mother. A vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers, on whose behalf Bro. E. Webb, P.C.R., replied. The social secretary reported on the arrangements for the Christmas social in the small town hall on December 12. Admission is by ticket only, which have been issued to all members, and a small charge will be made at the door for the tent benevolent fund.

After the meeting members and lady visitors took part in an enjoyable mixed bowls tournament, and after many close and interesting games the winners were Bro. H. Morris and Sis. Huggett, who defeated Bro. J. Rawady and Mrs. F. Mitchell in the final.

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TENNIS.

PRESTON ASSOCIATION

The first round of home and home matches was concluded on Saturday. Owing to the wet season several matches remain unfinished, and clubs should make every effort to finish uncompleted matches whenever possible.

Results of Saturday's matches:—

B Brade—Danella 65 d Cranross 52; Reservoir 2 64 d South Preston 32; Oakover 1 72 d East Preston 39; Hill 64 d Reservoir 1 37; Oakover 2 58 d All Saints 57; Numurray 64 d Danella Park 57; Regent Park 70 d Coaching College 27; Preston Association 2 32 lost to Eastern Suburbs 72.

Matches for next Saturday:—

A Grade.—Numurray 2 v Cranross, Rothsay v Cooma, Hill v Oakover, East Preston v Numurray 1, South Preston v Regent Park, Danella Park v Coaching College.

B Grade.—Numurray v All Saints, Cranross v Reservoir 2, Oakover 1 v Hill, Reservoir 1 v East Preston, Regent Park v South Preston, Coaching College v Danella Park, Danella v Oakover 2.

Positions of clubs at end of first round:—

A GRADE

	P	W	L	Pts
Cooma	7	7	0	14
Rothsay	9	7	2	14
East Preston	8	6	2	12
Numurray 1	7	5	2	10
Numurray 2	7	5	2	10
South Preston	10	6	4	12
Regent Park	7	4	3	8
Oakover	9	3	6	6
Danella Park	9	3	6	6
Cranross	10	3	7	6
Hill	10	2	8	4
Coaching College	8	0	8	0

B GRADE

	P	W	L	Pts
Reservoir 2	11	11	0	22
Hill	11	9	2	18
Oakover 1	9	8	1	16
Reservoir 1	8	7	1	14
East Preston	10	5	5	10
Regent Park	8	5	3	10
Oakover 2	9	4	5	8
Danella	9	4	5	8
All Saints	8	3	5	6
Cranross	9	4	5	8
Numurray	9	3	6	6
Danella Park	10	3	7	6
Coaching College	9	0	9	0
South Preston	11	0	11	0

OAKOVER CLUB

One of the most successful dances ever held by the Oakover Club was held in the Progress Hall, West Preston, on November 26. Everyone went home quite satisfied. Mr. Allan McDonald with his accordeon provided all the music (modern and old time) in first-class style, and the club is looking forward to giving the dancers of Preston further opportunities of dancing to this music. The supper arrangements were successfully carried out by Mr. O. Mill.

Church of England Association

A Grade.—Advent, Malvern, 60 games, d Holy Trinity, Thornbury 45.

B Grade.—Holy Trinity, Thornbury, 59, d Christ Church, Brunswick No. 1 team 58.

C Grade.—Holy Trinity, Thornbury, 65, d St. Mary's, Preston, 54.

Looking for grandma's glasses isn't what it used to be when we were kids, folks. Nowadays she leaves them right where she empties them!

BOWLING

THORNBURY RINKS ALL "UP"

Thornbury were at home to Hawthorn on Saturday, and marked the visit by winning easily all rinks being "up." The closest game was between Frencham's and Tranter's rinks, the scores being 27 to 26. Murden's rink finished up 13 to the good, just doubling his opponents' score.

Details.—Thornbury, 108.—Morris, Growcott, Rose, Sharp, 27; Cogle, Treleaven, White, Forth, 28; Wyatt, Rogerson, Allen Murden, 26; Whalley Hayes, Ingram, Frencham, 27; v Hawthorn, 78, Clarke, Hume, Harrison, Raby, 23; Todd, Cosser, Setford, Parkin, 16; Gardner, Morrow, Saunders, Dredge, 13; Papworth, Bray, Kerr, Tranter, 26.

Flemington Down Preston

Preston visited Flemington and sustained defeat by 7 points. Morgan skippered well to finish 14 up, and Ross was 10 to the good. The other two rinks however, were badly down, being 11 and 20 respectively. Scores.—

Flemington 104.—Keane, Kelly, Hurst, Graham, 30; Middleton, Calwell, Finn, Shaddock, 33; Muir, Stewart, Edwards, Myers, 26; M. Ryan, Dummett, Davis, Cochrane, 15 d Preston, 97.—White, McIntosh, Neville, Sinclair, 19; McIntyre, Colman, Apted Pike, 13; Burchell, Chitts, Broadhurst, Ross, 36; Crisp, Shaw, Lewis, Morgan, 29.

Northcote had a bye.

OTHER MATCHES

Alphington, 113, d Cheltenham, 78.
Brighton, 101, d Heidelberg, 98.

B PENNANT

Division 1.—Section 1.—Armadale, 89, d Fairfield 87.
Thornbury, 125, d Ivanhoe, 65.
Division 2.—Section 7.—Preston, 110, d West Brunswick 73.

C PENNANT

Section 2.—Kew, 80, d Northcote, 58; Ivanhoe, 84, d Hawthorn 63.
Section 3.—Fairfield 89 d Thornbury 67; West Brunswick 67, d Preston, 62.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION

Results for Monday, November 30: Second Section C: West Brunswick d Thornbury, 45 to 21.

West Brunswick (Mesdames Gresty, Temple, Griffiths) d Thornbury (Mesdames Forbes, Ewins, Harris), 27 to 6; West Brunswick (Mesdames Magnusson, Debney, Boehm), d Thornbury (Mesdames Bryant, Glanville, Roberts), 18 to 15.

HOUSEBREAKING CHARGE

Man for Trial

At Northcote court on Tuesday Robert Charles Rosser, Gordon House, Melbourne, was charged that on November 11 he broke and entered the house of Albert George Humphries and did steal two watches and a shirt valued at £1.

The evidence showed that the house was ransacked and two watches and a shirt were missed. The articles were subsequently found in the possession of Rosser when he was arrested at 1 a.m. on November 12 on another charge.

Rosser was committed for trial at the Supreme Court on December 7.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

A new departure by the council of the local union has been the formation of what is termed a flying squadron. This consists of a number of enthusiasts who periodically visit the various societies in the union, conducting their meetings and generally showing how a Christian Endeavour meeting should be arranged. The popularity of this innovation has been demonstrated in the number of requests which have been made for visits. On Tuesday last four members visited Ivanhoe and conducted the meeting of the Methodist Society. The meeting was conducted by the squadron leader, Mr. Eric Butler, and a helpful address was given by Mr. Fred Meyer. There were about 30 members present.

The following superintendents for the various departments of the union have been appointed:—Junior, Mr. E. H. Butler; Intermediate, Miss E. Unkenstein; Y.P., Mr. E. L. Brain; Senior, Rev. F. J. Jennings; Missionary, Miss D. Clark; Quiet Hour, Miss E. Risstrom; Citizenship, Mr. F. E. Brandon; Community Service, Mr. F. W. Meyer; Open Air, Mr. C. G. Sandland.

Mr. Geo. G. Bolweil, who has so ably carried on the publicity section, has been appointed to the combined positions of assistant secretary and publicity superintendent. Miss E. M. George has accepted the position of recording secretary in succession to Miss M. Byers, who has taken up a similar position with the Victorian Christian Endeavour Union. Mr. Eric Kellam has been re-appointed auditor. All offices are occupied in an honorary capacity.

On the morning of Sunday week last the Northcote Methodist Intermediate Society held a "surprise" meeting, when members were asked to contribute items in the nature of a surprise to the meeting. On Sunday the superintendent, Miss M. Byers, gave an address on the subject, "Talents." Next Sunday Mr. Southward, of the Westgarth Baptist Society, will speak to the members. The society extends an invitation to all young people between the ages of 14 and 18 years to come along.

The meeting of the Northcote Baptist Y.P. Society on Monday evening was conducted by members of the Baptist C.E. committee. Miss Allison, the secretary of the committee, who was assisted by Mr. Lewis, gave an inspiring address. There was a large attendance and a repetition of the meeting is hoped for.—P.W.B.

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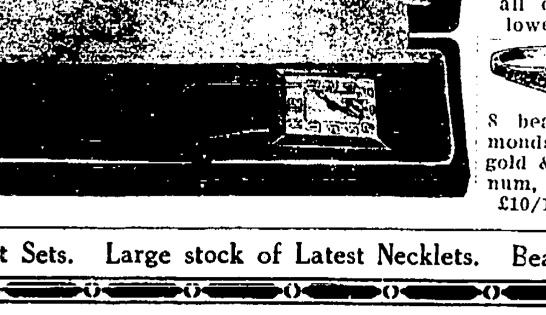

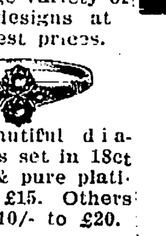

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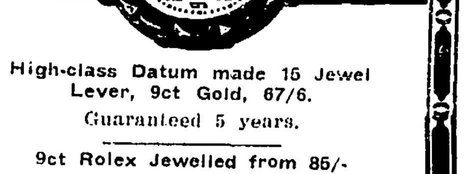

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CRICKET

PENNANT MATCHES

Northcote v Prahran

Bowlers On Top

Ellis, Prahran's skipper, won the toss and sent Muir and Davie in to open on a perfect wicket to the bowling of Chivers and Thorn. Davie was missed behind by Morgan off Chivers before he had scored and after getting one away for four was out caught by Ellis off Thorn [illegible]. Gray was the next batsman but did not last long. He played one ball and gave Chivers an easy catch [illegible]. Hawkins, who filled the vacant crease, found both bowlers hard to score off. After making 4 runs in 17 minutes he was well taken behind by Morgan off Thorn. Fleming came on at the south end and off the seventh ball off his first over claimed Muir's wicket, Morgan holding his second catch. The scoring board read 4—50—50 Mitchell came next and both batsmen were painfully slow. Northcote's fielding was a little lacking. Chivers came on again with the score at 67 and with his second ball Fontaine caught Morgan and half the side was out for 69. Morell came on next. McSperrin who has been doing well with the second eleven, came on in place of Thorn and with his first ball had Morell caught in the slips by Powell [illegible]. Mitchell was still going along slowly and with McRae only added 15 runs in 47 minutes. The century came up in 124 minutes. Thorn was bowling at his best form and with the score at 111 he got one past McRae and sent his wickets flying. McRae had been at the wickets 45 minutes for his 10 runs. Ellis, who came next, was run out after making 5, 8—3—119. Mitchell was out shortly after. He had taken 100 minutes for his 34 runs. Schrader and Wallace were going along nicely until Thorn clean bowled Schrader and Prahran was all out for the small total of 144 runs.

With 55 minutes to bat Heron and Morgan opened to the bowling of Wallace and Schrader Morgan did not last long being caught by Moran off Wallace's fourth ball 1—1—1. Fontaine followed and opened with a three past point off Wallace. Heron, after making 7 runs, was out lbw, to Schrader. Powell came next and opened with a nice four. With a minute to play Fontaine was bowled by McCrae—he had taken 45 minutes for his 20 runs. Scores:—

PRAHRAN
First Innings

W. Muir, c Morgan, b Fleming	30
B. J. Davie, c Ellis, b Thorn	4
A. Gray, c and b Chivers	7
H. F. Mitchell, b Chivers	34
G. Hawkins, c Morgan, b Thorne	4
E. L. Moran, c Fontaine, b Chivers	18
J. S. Morell, c Powell, b McSperrin	5
H. F. McCrae, b Thorn	10
J. L. Ellis, run out	5
H. C. Schrader, b Thorne	6
P. H. Wallace, not out	12
Sundries	9
Total	144

Bowling.—Chivers, 3 45; Thorne, 4 50; Fleming, 1 24; McSperrin, 1 8; Powell, 0 2.

NORTHCOTE
First Innings

F. Fontaine, b McCrae	20
G. Morgan, c Moran, b Wallace	0
J. Heron, lbw., b Schrader	7
C. Powell, not out	10
Sundries	9
Three wickets for	38

Bowling.—Wallace, 1 15; McCrae, 1 4; Schrader, 1 15.

SECOND ELEVENS

By "Short Stop"

Northcote v Prahran

The above teams met at Northcote Park With conditions all in favor of the batsmen Prahran on winning the toss had no hesitation in batting on a wicket that was a batsman's paradise. Thomson and Headen faced the bowling of C. Baggott and Fleming. Northcote were severely handicapped by the absence of their star bowler, McSperrin, who was taken away at the last minute to fill a vacancy in the first eleven. The play at the start was lifeless, neither batsmen showing any desire to score. The first change in the bowling was made with the total at 34. Turner relieved Baggott and dropping into an accurate length straight away, play became slower that ever. Turner's first 10 overs cost only 11 runs. Gradually the play became brighter and the 100 was reached after two hours' batting. With 9 runs added Thomson was out lbw., to Garrett for 57, the first wicket falling at 109. The brothers Headen became associated and at the tea adjournment the score was 2 for 112. On resuming, runs came more freely and the score quickly mounted and when stumps were drawn Prahran were in a very favorable position with 4 for 252. Scores:—

S. Thomson, lbw., Garrett	57
R. Headen, c McCausland, b Garret	44
W. Headen, c McCausland, b Fleming	42
P. Wharington, c Kellar, b Fleming	26
E. Prentice, not out	44
A. Parker, b Garrett	5
B. Armstrong, lbw., Baggott	15
J. House, not out	4
Sundries	15
Total, six for	252

PRESTON CLUB

1st. Eleven v Brighton

Preston experienced an unusual day's cricket at Brighton on Saturday. On winning the toss Jewel, the Brighton skipper, decided to bat on an excellent wicket. G. Robinson and S. Wilson opened to the bowling of G. Bott and L. Spargo. Playing steady cricket and taking no risks whatever, these two took an hour to put on 87 runs. At last G. Robinson could control his impatience no longer and attempted to hit P. Lawn out of the ground. He missed and was smartly stumped by H. Underhill The next three wickets fell rapidly, S. Wilson being out lbw, off Spargo and F. Lawn accounted for two more. The score stood at 4 for 67 H. Jewel and Monteath settled down and gave the Preston bowlers little respite. Playing good strokes each batsman scored rapidly and when the score stood at 159 for 4 Monteath received a nasty blow on the temple from a fast return by H. Gordon. He retired for the time being. Watnuff filled the vacancy and he and Jewel carried on. Finding his bowlers were making no effect on the batsmen L. Fothergill gave C. Cotton a bowl, he also received a trouncing and had 58 runs scored off 8 overs. At stumps Brighton were still 4 for 292. H. Jewel scoring [illegible] runs off the last ball of the day, reached 100 runs. Watnuff was [illegible] not out. Preston bowling honors went to F. Lawn, 2 56; L. Spargo, 1 49; G. Bott [illegible] and A. [illegible] 1 [illegible]; A. Cotton [illegible].

2nd. Eleven v Brighton

The second eleven met Brighton at home. Brighton [illegible] the toss, batted on a [illegible] fast wicket. Roberts and Higgin opened to the bowling of [illegible] and [illegible]. Wickets fell fairly well for Preston. Pike bowling Robertson for [illegible] runs. G. Smith who came on at [illegible] for [illegible] at counter for Higgin [illegible]. Of, Higgs being run [illegible] the remainder gave little trouble to Preston bowlers and the side was dismissed for 148. Bowling honors went to G. Smith, who took 3 63; R. Smith 2 16; E. Pike 2 [illegible]; Sparrow 1 27, and H. Bradford, 0 4. The fielding of the Preston side was [illegible] fair and many runs were saved Preston [illegible] have little trouble in scoring the [illegible] required runs on Saturday.

CLUB ELEVEN

G.P.O. v A Eleven

G.P.O. 117 (Bain 22, Viney 14, Harrington 10, J. Cree [illegible] 16, Gordon 35, Smith not out [illegible], sundries [illegible]; L. Peterson 4 [illegible], Stevens 3 47, Coulson 2 4) v Northcote A 2 47 (I. Peterson 14, Heath 11, McGrath not out 0, Frawley not out 0, sundries 6

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES

A GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians, 1 for 72 (H. Jones 10, T. Love 23 not out, J. Watson 2 not out; J. [illegible] 1 6) v Northcote Church of Christ 58 (G. Rourke 21, G. Carpenter 17; H. Jones 5 25, C. Taylor 5 15).

B GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians, 55, (D. Patterson 25, A. Gear 25, E. Douglas 14; L. McDonald 5 19, J. Bruce 1 21, H. Topping 3 14 v St Mary's Church of England, 17 (J. Bruce 11; D. Pattison 5 7 hat trick, A. Gear 4/5 (a wonderful record was made; 6 wickets fell for 0 runs all bowled in St. Mary's innings).

C GRADE

Preston Methodists 6 for 51 (P. Short 12, Wilson 12 not out) v Northcote Presbyterians 80 (North 36, Pink 15; Davis 6 29).

NOTICE TO CRICKET CLUB SECRETARIES

The Sporting Editor has had a special form prepared to help secretaries in sending in reports of matches. A supply of these forms may be obtained on application at the "Leader" office.

Sunday School Grade

Thornbury Presbyterians A, 50 (Fenwick 11; Hayes 3 14, Pegram 4 14) v Preston Presbyterians, 74 (Hayes 25, Murray 19; J. Pike 4 20, W. Frawley 2/22).

Thornbury Presbyterians B, 29 and 39 (E. Elsworth 9, A. Snell 14; M. Kaufman 10 17, L. Bransgrove 3 3) v South Preston Methodists, 116 (S. Pike 65, P. Newton 19; E. Elsworth 4 49, J. Wilson 4 10, Boyd Jones 2 25).

NORTHCOTE C.Y.M.S.

Northcote B v North Essendon

Northcote journeyed to North Essendon with perhaps their strongest team this season. North Essendon batted first, the opening batsmen being uncomfortable against McDonald. He quickly secured the first two wickets, but a stand brought the score to 50 before Connolly broke the partnership. He, with the help of McDonald, kept the batsmen quiet The side was dismissed for 105 (McDonald 5 25, Connolly 3 9). The fielding was excellent, Howe taking a brilliant catch in the slips. In Northcote's first innings Hickey 15, was shaping confidently when he was run out. The score at stumps was 6/70. (O. Kane 14, Bill Clancy 12 not out).

C.E.B.S.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury, 29 and 58 (A. Hulett 22; Merett 5 13, McInnes 6 43, Coltan 4 12, Ayton 1 0) d St. Mark's, Regent 11 and 34 (Turney 9/11, Law 5 20 Chamberlain 3 7, A. Hulett 2 2).

H.A.C.B.S.

West Melbourne 72 (O'Meara 3/2, Ryder 3/36) v Preston 9 for 45 (Howard 14, Land 14).

WHITTLESEA SHIRE ASSOCIATION

Humevale, 104 (J. Crawford 27, G. Parker 18, J. Exton 17, T. Draper 13, T. Dawson 10, T. Parker 4 20, R. Howell 3 [illegible]) v Whittlesea, 2 for 16 (H. Betey 11 not out).

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

I.O.R.—Junior Competition

Dennis 41 and 6 for 6 (Morgan 10, Williams 10; Schulz 4 15, Flynn 4 18) d Clifton Hill 19 and 24 (Bennett 11 20 including hat trick, Williams 5 14). Dennis won by 10 wickets.

Sons of Temperance

Alpha, 4 for 88 (E. Craddock 19 not out) v Brunswick 88 (A. J. Temple 22, W. Walsh 16, R. Liversidge 15, C. Griffiths 15, A. R. Temple 12; W. Hegarty 3 4, W. Hollingsworth 3 32).

Coburg 88 (Rasmussen 26, McMillan 27) v North Fitzroy 7 for 56 (McTavish 29).

Rising Star 89 (A. E. Ashmore 29; Young 7 27 including hat trick v Thornbury 3 for 21.

U.A.O.D.

Trafalgar 175 (Dellar 40, Carter 3 17, Smith 2 20, McCormick 2/20.) v Preston 1 for two.

WOMENS' CRICKET

Preston Ladies' v Rosha

Preston Ladies' team scored a 5 point victory when they met Rosha at South Kensington. Scores.—Preston 93 (I. Botsman 28, W. Stapleton 15, P. Edwards 13 and 2 6) v Rosha 28 and 55 (M. Bone 19, M. Howe 12, E. Lugg 5 44, O. Whitecomb 3 18).

Preston won by an innings and 10 runs To-morrow Preston play Raymonds at Bell Park.

Northcote v Brunswick

Northcote played Brunswick on Saturday and the result was as follows:—Brunswick 41 and 5 for 25 (J. McGowan 18 not out, H. Aldridge 5 23, E. Deane 2 12, M. Roach [illegible]) v Northcote 45 (V. Antonio [illegible] and 2 8, M. Ireland 7 and 1 7, S. Wilson 4 12 and 3 7, M. Cannobio 3 12 and 1 11).

Next Saturday's match, Northcote v Rosha, will be on the home ground.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent last Sunday when the girls played a social club from Port Melbourne. Many hints were gained from our male opponents, also providing good practice for the visiting bowlers.

OTHER MATCHES

Returned Soldiers

Preston 6 for 156 (closed) (Gunn 42, Potter 34, Hughes 21, Sims 41 not out) v Northcote 7 for 66 (Lyons 27; Decker 12; Potter 3 23).

Regent Club

Stanley United playing against the first eleven at Crispe Park occupied the wickets all the afternoon to make 168 runs on the first day. With the enforced retirement of J. Hamilton it was expected that the bowling would lack variety, but a young bowler in F. Sambelle performed creditably taking 6 39 Next Saturday Regent will get their innings and should be capable of overtaking the score set up by our opponents. The second eleven were dismissed by Croxton for 93 in their first innings. J. Thurgood batting well carried his bat for 35 not out. In reply Croxton have lost 8 for 101. Both matches will be continued next Saturday.

JIKA CRICKET

Notes by "Mid-On"

The fifth round in the Jika Association's fixtures was commenced in delightful weather. The sun shone brightly and a cool breeze made it typical cricket weather. It was a distinct contrast to the cold wintry conditions of preceding weeks. Players were able to dispense with the jazz sweaters and revert to the white clothing which gives the teams a better appearance. The wickets were much faster than usual, which no doubt was to a great extent the cause of many batting collapses—the players evidently have not quite got their "eyes in." Many notable bowling performances were registered viz:—Preston Footballers.— Hannah, 6 [illegible], G wers-ville, Hollowood 6 19, Clarkson 4 [illegible]; West Preston Progress, Lancaster 5 [illegible], Broadhursts, Wawn 6 20; Reservoir, Gore 5 16; Thornbury, West, Cohen 4 7; Highview, Gilbert 7 7; East Northcote, Ludlow, 6 32.

There were not many large scores. Prestonite, in their game with Pender's Grove, were the best with 6 for 227 (Grierson 95, Gilchrist 94); Bell scored 157 against Reservoir (Hughes 55, Bassett 33); Northcote Junior Footballers 149 (Linsey 36, Davies 22); Thornbury West (Cohen 51). It will be seen that the bowling was definitely "on top" at most of the grounds.

East Preston v Preston Footballers

Played on the East Preston or [illegible] the [illegible] Victory wicket and was remarkable for the batting collapse of the home side owing to the fine bowling of Hannah, who took 6 wickets for 8 runs. T. A. Jackson and Keleher each scored 8 but the team's batting was very disappointing they candidly admitted that the bowling was too good the total being 33. In reply the Footballers have exceeded their opponents' score by 41 runs with three wickets in hand. Had it not been for the fact that several catches were missed, the footballers score would have be much smaller. For once the East Preston wicketkeeper was decidedly off his game and the slip fielding was also poor. Jack Minihan batted very slowly for 15 (in a little over and hour). Petchall scored 16. The fielding of the Footballers was good. Hughie McFarl taking two nice catches at point. As before mentioned Hannah, bowling into the breeze, was unplayable. The best bowlers for East were.—A. White 1 10; Keleher 3 14; Roy Jacobs, 1 11; Les White, 2 10. When stumps were drawn the Footballers had lost 7 wickets for 72 runs.

Gowerville v Thornbury

Winning the toss, H. Clarkson sent the visitors to the wickets. A very good start was made and 50 were scored before the first wicket fell after 50 minutes play. With a double change in the bowling Clarkson and Hollowood going on vice Baben and Kinsella wickets fell rapidly, and these two bowlers completely routed the Thornbury batsmen, the team being all out for 48 runs, Hollowood bowled splendidly in taking 6 19. He is a decided acquisition to Gowerville and turns the ball nicely both ways and shows great command of length. Ted Clarkson, in taking 4 20, bowled well also. Nance in making 30 out of the team's 48, put up a great fight. The innings lasted 100 minutes, thus it will be seen that the bowling was well on the spot. Gowerville have scored 41 for the loss of 4 wickets. Len Gleeson batted steadily and when stumps were drawn had made 19 not out. Nance was again Thornbury best man, taking 3 wickets for 14 runs.

Scouts v East Northcote

These teams met on the Scouts' ground. Winning the toss the home side batted Goujon and Albinsen who started very slowly. With the score at 6 the first wicket fell. Three more were added for the second wicket. Hill, however, hit nicely and had made 19 when a fine catch by Bassett off Ludlow, dismissed him 3—19—27. The fourth wicket added 8 runs. Then Ludlow did the "hat trick" and the board showed 7—0—35. W. Dickens had a go at the bowling and scored 16, which took the Scouts total to 53 when the last wicket fell. Ludlow bowled splendidly in taking 6 32 off 10 overs. Murcutt 1 [illegible] and Lloyd 3 10 also bowled. Shields and Latta opened East's innings. With the score at two Latta was dismissed by a good catch at square leg. George Armstrong filled the vacancy and scored 14 rather luckily before being dismissed. Shields made 22, hitting hard when necessary; McDonald played a very fine hand for 24, playing the ball along the carpet he did not get the full value of his strokes owing to the long grass. Bassett, after scoring 19, was splendidly caught by Albinsen off his own bowling. In his score two successive 6's were hit off Dickens and Ludlow and McDonald carried the score to 104. At the close of the day's play East Northcote had scored 109 with 5 wickets down. Hill was the most successful bowler taking 2 /32.

Croxton United v Northcote Junior Footballers

The Croxton United were at home to the Footballers. The ground, which is situated near the racecourse at Croxton, was in good condition for fast scoring and the United team did well to keep their opponents' strong batting side so quiet. The Footballers took all the afternoon to score 149 runs, which speaks well for the Croxton bowlers. Unfortunately for the players the pitchers on this park are laid down very close together and the boundary flags are placed within a few yards of the other wickets, which is a great disadvantage to all the teams concerned. The splendid fielding of Croxton was of great assistance to the bowlers. Seven batsmen reached double figures and Davie 22, Lindsay 36, H. Proposch 13, G. Martin 14, W Proposch 17, A. Proposch 11, Akers 11 each batted well. The bowling honors were divided between Gilkes 5/34 off 16 overs 6 of which were maidens; Mooney 1/14, Newton 3/21, Grimmer 1/25. Afternoon tea was provided by the Northcote ladies at the home of the president, it was highly appreciated by the home side. It shows a fine social spirit, and reflects credit on the Footballers' hospitality.

Bell Ramblers v Preston United

The Ramblers' ground was a picture on Saturday. The grass had been mowed recently and the rain had given it a fresh appearance making it a delight to the fielding side. Ramblers, batting, just scored 112 runs before the last wicket fell. Several of the batsmen were lucky in being "dropped" but that was the fault of the fielding side. The United have suffered in this respect to an alarming extent this season. The young players lack anticipation, the fielding was slovenly, and the catching bad with one or two exceptions. Steele played a very patient innings for 27 not out and Lonsdale was going along nicely when a beautiful leg break from Ken Grierson clean bowled him. Pears bowled Gillespie with an in-swinger after the batsman had scored 9. Fullarton, going in last, batted attractively for 11. He was eventually caught by Sherriff off Hargreaves. A. McLaren 3 15, Grierson 3 16, Pears 1 23 and Hargreaves 3 23 did the bowling. Hargreaves has a fine free style of bowling but would be well advised to put more energy into his deliveries. Seeing him bowl at the nets on Preston Park and then in the games on Saturdays you can hardly credit the difference at the park he appears very keen and in the matches the opposite is noticed. With 35 minutes left to bat, Preston United have lost 2 wickets for 15 runs, L. McLaren being 10 not out. Kaufman 1 3, Watkins 1 13 took the wickets. The catch by Lonsdale, which dismissed A. McLaren, was a beauty, the ball being taken one handed low down at second slip. Afternoon tea was provided and altogether a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. The ropes which have been spoken of several times at the Association meetings were a great success. There is no question about their efficacy, the umpires have no difficulty in deciding a boundary hit.

Soccer v Thornbury West

These teams met on Haxby Park last Saturday. Thornbury batted first the opening batsmen being Mosley and Peters. The first wicket fell at four and three were down for 7. A Cohen and Herbstrich, however, stopped the rot and the total had reached 65 when the fifth wicket fell. The sixth failed to add any more to the score. Very little opposition was shown by any batsmen except Cohen, who was unfortunately run out after making 51. He gave a chance early in his innings but settled down and gave a good display. Herbstrich batted nicely for his 15. The innings closed for 105 runs. Bowling.—Knowles 3 20, Leek 1 16, R. Gray 2 12, Jessop 3 16; Soccer did not do to well in their innings as they lost 6 wickets for 31, Frazer 11. J. Gray held up his end nicely and was not out with 9 to his credit. L. Cohen's fast deliveries accounted for four Soccer batsmen for 7 runs. A. Cohen, 1/19 also bowled. At the end of the day's play Soccer were in a bad position with six down for 31.

Bell v Reservoir

The Bell ground in Hamilton street was in splendid order for this match and the home team, having first use of the wicket, made the fine score of 157 before the innings ended. Hughes, who appears to be in splendid form this season, was again top scorer with 55, made in good style. Bassett 33, and Elms 22, also showed good form. Gore, who came on late, bowled well and took five wickets for 12. Reservoir's fielding was fairly good and George Earp distinguished himself by taking a remarkable catch whilst falling in the outfield. Reservoir are having a rather lean time this season. There are rumors that "all is not well" in the club. They have lost three wickets for six runs. It is a pity that the members of the Bell club could not adjust their differences as they would be a strong combination if they could field their full side.

Pender's Grove v Prestonite

Prestonite, who are now sharing the ground with Pender's Grove, met their partners on Saturday. Last years' premiers had first use of a good wicket, and after a very bad start in which Allender 1, Foley 2, Jarvis 0, and Colthrup 6, lost their wickets. Colthrup was batting nicely but was run out trying a short run. Allender was caught off W. Birchall and Fred Birchall accounted for Foley and Jarvis with successive balls. That is where their bowling superiority ended for with Gilchrist and Grierson in aggressive humor, the score was taken from 4 for 21 to 5 for 150, when W. Birchall got a good one past Gilchrist and bowled him for a splendidly made 94. He gave one chance—an easy catch—when in the 60's. Ossie Forde followed and playing a more restrained game than usual he assisted Grierson to take the score to 225, when Grierson also was run out. His 95 was a fine exhibition both batsmen were unlucky in not reaching the century. Two runs later the stumps were drawn with the score at 227 for 6 wickets. W. Birchall bowled with rare pluck—his two wickets costing 39 runs off 15 overs. F. Birchall's two wickets were taken in his first over for no runs. Thereafter 56 runs were secured off his bowling. His last over realised 15 runs. Gilchrist was very partial to Kenny's bowling hitting five 4's in successive strokes. Prestonite will probably declare on resumption next week and try to force an outright victory. O. Forde, in making 14 not out, scored 12 singles. Stumps were drawn with the score at 227 for six wickets.

Thornbury Socials v Highview

The Socials met the fast-improving Highview team and, after a very poor display of batting, were all out for 18 runs. Gilbert, with 7 7 was the bowler responsible for the debacle None of the Socials team could withstand his deadly onslaught. Highview have scored 95 in reply, Pike making 52. Buckley was again Thornbury Social's best bowler, taking 5/45.

Broadhursts v West Preston Progress

This match, which was played on Gower Park, was remarkable for the low scoring. Broadhursts scored 30 in their first innings and have lost 3 wickets for 4 runs in their second attempt. The Progress lead by 19 runs on the first innings. It was truly a bowlers' day as 23 wickets fell for 83 runs, which must be a record so far as the Jika Competition is concerned. Little can be said in respect to this game, the downfall of so many good batsmen is unaccountable. Lancaster was most destructive for West, taking 5 3 and "Dad" Wawn, for Broadhursts, took 6 20 The game is still very open and should prove an exciting game with the result hard to predict. The fielding of the Progress team was very keen, Merett and Lugton being brilliant, the former catching three and the wicket-keeper brought off two catches and one stumping. Roy Grierson is a most improved player since he joined the Progress ranks and it now one of the team's mainstays. Wawn's bowling was well supported by the good fielding of Broadhursts' team. It is pleasing to note the success of the younger members in each team.

General Notes

The Gowerville Club held a most successful house party in Saturday night last. Mrs. Baben (mother of the two Gowerville players) being the hostess. The evening's entertainment was made up with dancing, games and musical items. Everything went off with evident enjoyment by all present. The introduction of community singing was most successful. Harry Clarkson led a men's ballet of nine and was greatly appreciated. The club intend journeying to Pearcedale for a week-end trip, and they speak highly of the kindness of Mrs. Baben in arranging such an enjoyable and profitable evening.

Next Saturday night the East Preston Club will hold a house party at the secretary's residence, No. 15 Livingstone parade. A good programme has been arranged and an enjoyable time is promised.

The game between Rainbow and Gowerville was concluded last week-end and resulted in an outright victory for Rainbow. The scores were:—Gowerville, first innings, 8/43 (closed); Rainbow, first innings, 92; second innings, 0 for 76 (C. Bassett 36, Geo Smith 52 not out, Roy Smith 24 not out). Col. Bassett gave a splendid exhibition of wicketkeeping, stumping four and catching two. The bowling for Rainbow was done by G. Smith 5/14, Raphael 3/11. This game was witnessed by quite a large crowd of spectators and great interest is being evinced in the doings of the new club. The most prominent players of which are those who recently severed their connection with the Bell Club in the Jika Association. A rather unfortunate occurence for Bell, who could ill afford to lose such talented players.

East Preston played Tramways at the week-end and after an exciting game a tie resulted, each side having made 30 runs. Levandt was the highest scorer for East, with 33. The match, which was played on the former's ground was very enjoyable.

A game which should excite a great deal of interest in Jika cricketing circles will be commenced next week-end the contestants being Prestonite (who will be opposed by a team chosen from Preston (sub-district, and Northcote district clubs). It will be interesting to see how the Jika champions will shape against such a strong combination as the senior bodies intend to field. This game, which will be played over two weeks, should give the cricketing enthusiasts some idea of the relative strength of the Jika Association as compared with their turf kinsmen.

The Soccer Club had a very enjoyable outing at Mordialloc last Saturday. About 40 members and supporters journeyed by motor to the beach and returned home at night thoroughly satisfied with their picnic

Bell Ramblers played Westgarth, who scored 71 runs in their first innings, of which Rooney 27, Price 10, Best 10, were the chief run-getters. Fullarton bowled well in taking 7, 19 and Duff 1/6. Harry Morgan was in good form behind the wickets. He allowed no byes and stumped one batsman. Ramblers, in their innings, scored 111 runs. Duff 40 including two 6's, Kaufman 19, Fullarton 17, Tom Wawn 10, Rooney and Best divided the bowling honors, taking five and four wickets respectively.

West Preston Progres members and supporters to the number of 80 made their trip to Emerald last Sunday. Mr. Burland had the arrangements made in his usual thorough manner. Arriving at the picnic grounds by motor an enjoyable journey through the hills, lunch was partaken of. At 2.15 a start was made at cricket West being opposed by the local team. Winning the toss, Emerald sent the visitors in to bat. Marotte, Lugton and Ely each retired after making 25, 30 and 33 respectively. Grierson scored 16 and Trenworth 35, the total being 176. Emerald could only account for 72. Grierson with 5 16, was the "destroying angel." West won by 104 runs. During the afternoon the ladies indulged in tennis and a nail-driving contest was won by Mrs. Bell, whose dexterity in this event was outstanding. H. Brady won the sprint for boys. The children had a happy time with games &c., sweets being distributed. After tea a start was made for home, everybody being well satisfied with their outing. Mr. L Worrall, the Emerald secretary, will be glad to hear from any other teams desiring to engage in any similar function.

WHITTLESEA.

A committee has been formed to conduct a flower show in connection with the Church of England. A large quantity of flowers were brought to the flower service on Sunday afternoon when the annual distribution of Sunday School prizes took place. Three boxes of flowers were forwarded to the Children's Hospital.

Last Friday night the opening of the new hall took place at Humevale. Mr. Everard, M.L.A., made a fitting speech and declared the hall open. The takings at the door amounted to £25. The committee has a debt of £90 to face.

Tennis.—Donnybrook defeated Whittlesea by 14 games.

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

Monthly medal Par competition—32 entries.—1 up, N. S. Thomas (17); square, A. J. Ferguson (14); square, C. Holt (13); square, C. Kingsley. (9); 1 down, F. L. Norris (11); 2 down, L. E. Jaques. (15).

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers.—Such a ripping week-end it was and as the Pets have gold-fever, we made it out first outing under canvas for the season. Going up north east on Saturday about lunch time we struck a patch of prospectors all panning on a pretty little stream. Selecting our camping site, Grandpa pitched the tent, while I unpacked and the Pets immediately set about washing in the stream. First they dug up some fine earthy-looking sand and washed that all out, without any luck. It was a back-breaking task but the comments from the Pets as they finished each wash and their delight at just a glimmer of the precious ore were enough to keep anyone cheerful. We spent a very full week-end, Grandpa doing the cooking with Fluffy's occasional help, and arrived back with some minute specimens of gold in a small bottle of water. The Pets are keen to go again, so we expect to have further gold-hunting expeditions.

One new boy Cobber this week. Jacko is happy about it. Send in your Christmas story entries. Heaps of love from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL

NEW COMPETITION

CHRISTMAS STORY

Make up a Christmas Story about Santa Claus (about 100 words will do) and send it in by December 5. The winner will be announced on December 11 and Grandpa's decision is final.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Happiest and Heartiest Birthday Greetings and Good Wishes to Christina Moylan, Jack Banks, Ken Scaddan, Harry Jackson and Willie Birmingham (Dec 5); Frank Lee (Dec. 7); Percy Smith (Dec 8); Marjorie Williams (Dec 9); Veronica Camnns (Dec 10); and Betty Brockhouse and Colin Stewart (Dec 11).

OUR MAIL BAG

15 Kitchener grove, Preston.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Would you please enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I am nine years old and I am in the fourth grade at East Preston School. There is a boy in my grade in the Cobbers' Club and I thought I would like to join also.

(GOOD) George Worthington.

(Welcome to the Clubs George and please send us a snap of yourself for our Cobbers' Album. Jacko sends greetings and hopes you'll try the Christmas story competition. Heaps of love from the Pets and U.P.)

Leslie Craig.—Bravo Les for gaining another 100 marks. We've sent your prize along with Ed. Grenfell's and hope they will be alright. Try the Christmas Story competition. Best wishes from the Pets and U.P.

Ed. Grenfell.—Congrats Ed., on another 100 marks. We've included Les Craig's prize with yours so hope they'll both arrive safely. Don't forget the Christmas Story. Love from U.P.

Edna Southam.—Am not sure we can supply another certificate. If so it won't be the same number though. Try the Christmas Story competition. Love from U.P.

Constant Reader.—Contributions are judged on age as well as merit and constant contributors naturally win more prizes.—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 mad 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. Trias, if original, should be marked "original" in one corner.

TRIAS

THE SMITHY

The horse's feet must be shod to prevent the hoof from breaking and to enable the horse to walk on the hard road. The hoof is the hard casing of the foot and takes the place of our toe nails and finger nails. The smith, wearing his leather apron, lifts each foot in turn and takes off the old shoe. He draws his tool box towards him. In it are a paring knife, a hammer and a pair of large pincers, a rasp or file, some shoe-nails and a tool with which he loosens the old shoe. With the help of the pincers he pulls off the old shoe, with the knife he pares away the hoof that has grown since the horse was last shod. The raised part shaped like a V in the middle of the sole is called the frog: It is the natural cushion on which the horse would walk if he had no shoe. The shoe is at first laid hot against the hoof so that the smith may see if it presses evenly. He pares the hoof where the hot shoe has burnt it. Then he nails the shoes in place and the operation is complete.

(TRIA) Lily Southam.

A MISTAKE

My uncle has a pet dog called Sambo which is very intelligent. Sambo looks forward on Saturdays to a bath. But one Saturday he became impatient when waiting for his master so he got in the tub, which was ready No knowing there was hot water in it, he got a great shock and hopped out quickly, and now he does not stay in his bath as long as he used to.

(BETTER) Arthur Kent.

BREAKING THE NEWS

May: "Mummy, do you know what I am going to give you for Christmas ?" Mother: "No dear; tell me what it is." May: "A nice new china bowl with gold flowers all over it." Mother: 'But, dear, I have one just like that in the drawing room." May: "Oh, no you haven't Mummy, because I've just broken it."

(GOOD) Ruby Keele.

OUR ANIMALS

We have 12 hens and they are laying well and we have a hen sitting on 13 eggs and the chickens will soon be out. We love to see the little chickens. We have two draught horses and they are very strong. Their names are Ginger and Jess We have two fantails and they have a young one and the father fantail will peck you if you are rough with his young one. When we let them out they fly up on the stable roof and stay there for a long time.

(GOOD) Frank Power.

ANIMALS THAT SAVE HUMAN LIVES

A keeper in the Zoological Gardens, whilst kneeling on the floor of a cage was suddenly attacked by a fierce baboon. A little American monkey which had always been devoted to the keeper lived in the same compartment as the baboon, generally keeping as far from his savage companion as possible, and always appearing greatly afraid of him. But as soon as the little chap saw his friend the keeper in peril, he rushed to the rescue, and by his screams and bites so distracted the baboon's attention that the keeper was able to make his escape. It is more than probable that had not the little monkey come to his assistance the keeper would have been killed by the baboon, for the beast was not only furious but powerful.

(GOOD) Alysia White.

HOW TO FORECAST THE WEATHER

There are many weather signs when it is going to rain, which observant boys and girls notice. Distant objects appear much nearer. The smoke in the chimneys beats down towards the ground. Spiders come out, and may be seen on the walls. Flies come into the house in greater numbers. If near the sea, watch the seagulls, for they fly inland when bad weather is near. Swallows fly low, skimming the surface of the ground. Ants are particularly active, bustling about their nests busily. Soot often falls down the chimney. There is a ring or halo about the moon. Toads come out in the garden in the evening. Ducks and geese quack more loudly than usual.

(GOOD) Cyril Maes.

THE MOST FAMOUS BED IN ENGLAND

The most famous bed in England is the great bed of Ware, which is to find a new home in the Victoria and Albert Museum. It was housed at the Crown Inn at Ware, Hertfordshire for many years, and after that at the Saracen's Head, also in Ware. Inns seem to have specialised in giant beds in the olden days for there was one at the White Hart, Scole, Norfolk, which could accomodate 40 people ! It is the biggest bed on record. The reason for these large beds has mystified many people, but it is probably simple enough The Bishop of Portsmouth recalled the other day that his great-grandfather, an Irish gentleman, kept in his billiard room a bed which would hold eight gentlemen. "The purpose of it," said the bishop, "was to provide ready sleeping accomodation for at least that number of guests who, after, dinner might prove incompetent to ride home across the Irish bogs."

(GOOD) Norma Minihan.

CUTTING IT SHORT

Teacher: "What do we get if we cut a beef steak in two'? Tom: "Halves." Teacher: "Cut in two again ?" Tom: "Quarters." Teacher: "Cut those parts into four again ?" Tom (with a sigh): "Minced beef."

(GOOD) Tommy Craig.

CLOCK CHIMES

The big bell of the clock of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, will in future sleep at night. The chimes have disturbed the sleepers in the vicinity and orders have been given that they shall be stopped from 8.30 in the evening till 6.30 in the morning. The new motto of the clock is "Early to bed and early to rise."

(GOOD) Dorothy Harris.

IF IF'S AND ANDS

"If I had all the medals I won at boxing," said the old man, "I could start a jeweller's shop now!" "Oh, yes," replied his friend, "and if I had all the ducks I got at cricket Id be owning the biggest poultry farm in the world."

(GOOD) Dorothy Letchford.

TOMMY SNOOKS

As Tommy Snooks and Bessy Brooks
Were walking out one Sunday,
Says Tommy Snooks to Bessy Brooks:
"To-morrow will be Monday.'

(GOOD) Colin R. Smithwick.

JOAN AND BETTY'S GOOD LUCK

Joan and Betty were twin daughters of Captain Dean and Mrs. Dean. One day Mrs. Dean was taken ill and the doctor said: "Im afraid Mr. Dean that your wife will not be strong again unless she can go away for a fortnight.' Captain Dean said nothing, for he knew he would not be able to afford to take his wife away. The children heard this and they wanted to help their mother. "I have an idea," said Betty. "Let us put our rabbits in the show to-morrow. The prizes for them are five and three pounds." That night they brushed them ready for the next day. How pleased they were when they found their rabbits had won four pounds. "Well," said Joan, "that is a good start and we—Oh what's this ?" she suddenly exclaimed when she saw something glistening in the basket. "Oh it's a ring. Some one must have dropped it when she was patting Bill. Let us take it to the police station" said Joan. When they reached the police station Mrs. Stanforth was inquiring about a valuable ring she had lost. They showed her the ring and she was overjoyed. "I have heard about your poor mother," she said, "and as a reward I will pay all expenses for you all to go away." So after all they had their holiday

(GOOD) Gwen Holding.

STORYETTES

Nervous Passenger: "I don't feel at all safe in this leaky ferry boat." Boy: "Don't worry ma'am. If anything happens to you I'll take all the blame."

(GOOD) Bill Webb.

Little Johnny has peculiar views of sin. One day he was about to be punished for some wrong, when he pleaded: "It wasn't me, mamma dear; it was the bad man." "Well Johnny I am going to whip the bad man out of you." "Ah, yes, but that'll hurt me a precious sight more than it will the bad man."

(GOOD) Edna Southam.

"How can you be a lover of peace, Mrs. Murphy, if you threw a brick at your husband?" "Well, sir, he was nice and peaceful after I'd thrown it."

(GOOD) Dulcie Bruce.

Ikey: "I want some peppeh." Mo: "What kind of pepper, cayenne or black ?" Ikey: "I vant some writing peppeh."

(GOOD) Terence Power.

Lots.—"But doesn't your brother ever give you anything Jean ?" asked Katie. "I should say so, he even gave me measles, mumps, chicken-pox and whooping cough."

(GOOD) Duncan Matheson.

All Lost.—Little Peter: "Please take my sister home? She's lost." Constable: "Why don't you take her home ?" Little Peter: "I'm lost as well."

(GOOD) Glen Stewart.

Jean: "My father has a big pen that he can't write with." Bill: "That's funny, what kind is it ?" Jim: "A sheep pen.'

(GOOD) Olive White.

Soundis Like It.—Gent (on telephone): "Can you hear me ?' Voice at other end: "No."

(GOOD) Malcolm McIntosh.

Little Tommy (to old gentleman who has been hit on the head with a cricket ball): "Please mister, did it bounce 'fore it hit yer ? Your'e the boundary an we want to know whether its a four or a six !"

(GOOD) Muriel Marshall.

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

(GOOD) B. Muter.

A Scotchman appealed to a clergyman for alms, and upon receiving them said: "I'll gie ye an afternoon's hearing for this one of thae days."

(GOOD) Marjorie Wood.

Policeman (to musician playing in street): "Have you the right to play here ?" Musician: "No." Policeman: "Then you must accompany me." Musician: "Right. What will you sing ?"

(GOOD) E. Anthonsen.

Bob: "She threw a flower at me." Jim: "In a moment of passion ?" Bob: "No, in a pot."

(GOOD) Winnie Penrose.

Brown (concluding fishing story): "Of course, I had some difficulty in getting it home. You see I had to wait for a corridor train."

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn.

Little Gerald was making his first acquaintance with stewed figs: "Eat up your figs like a good boy," said his mother. "I don't like them," he replied; "they're just skins filled with full stops."

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas.

Mrs. B.: "Is your husband in business for himself." Mrs. C.: "No he says the Government and his wife and daughters get most of it."

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

"What should you do if you split your sides with laughter ?" "Run till you get a stitch in them."

(GOOD) Coleen Mahony.

Lodger (warmly): "Oh, I'm up to your mother's tricks. Do you think that I have lived in lodgings for 20 years for nothing?" Landladys Son: "I shouldn't be surprised."

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

Jones: "I want a copy of the "Leader" for a week back." Newsagent: "A weak back! What you want is a mustard plaster."

(GOOD) Walter Ward.

RIDDLES

How many corners does a good brick need ?—None because it has got them .

(GOOD) Frank Lee.

What may be shot but not harmed?—Rapids.

What is the most curious thing ever found in Africa ?—A Livingstone.

What man in the Bible had no father?—Joshua, the son of Nun (none).

(GOOD) Enid Love

Why is a coward like a leaky kettle ?—Because they both run.

(GOOD) Jack Power.

What tune makes everybody feel glad ?—Fortune.

(GOOD) Allan Love.

As deep as a house, as round as a cup,
And all the King's thorses cannot pull it up.
—A well.

(GOOD) Kevin Power.

Why did the window box ?—Because it saw the garden fence

Why did the cow slip ? (cowslip)—Because it saw the bull rush (bulrush)

(GOOD Joyce White.

"What's in a name," the schoolmaster asked—"Why I can answer that—just consonants and vowels."

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen.

How many sexes are there ?—Three, male sex, female sex, and insects.

(GOOD) Brian Mahony.

Black within, red without, four corners round about ?—A chimney.

(GOOD) Eileen Oliver.

When is an apple like a fish ?—When it's a crab.

(GOOD) Hazel Norris.

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MOTORING NOTES

Speedo Records; Then and Now

Mankind can move so fast nowadays that it would be hazardous to attempt to prophesy how fast human beings will—if they so desire—be able to travel 20 years hence. The fastest speed on land two decades ago was B. Oldfield's 131.75 m.p.h. on a "Benz" at Daytona Beach (U.S.A.) in 1910. To-day Sir Malcolm Campbell holds the record with his Blue-Bird- Dunlop machine at 245.73 m.p.h. In 1909 F. Huyck (U.S.A.) held the world's motor cycle record at 85.6 m.p.h.: it now stands at 150.7 m.p.h. in the name of J. S. Wright (England). The motor boat record stood at 37.9 m.p.h. in 1909 to the credit of America with "Dixie II.' Kay Don now holds it with "Miss England II," with a speed of 110 m.p.h.

Most remarkable of all is the almost incredible jump in the speed of the aeroplane, for in 1909 the record speed in the air was 49.9 m.p.h. by L. Delagrange in England. The mean speed to-day stands at 408.8 m.p.h., and 415.2 m.p.h. was recently attained by Flight-Lieutenant G. H. Stainforth, (England) with a Rolls-Royce "S.6 B" supermarine monoplane.

It says much for British engineering skill and craftsmanship that all these coveted records to-day stand to the credit of Great Britain.

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Synthetic Petrol

The world's position as regards motor spirit is indeed a peculiar one. In America a deluge of oil has resulted in prorationing, despite which crude oil is selling in U.S.A. at a price about a fourth of the cost of production. Then Russia has vast supplies, for which she has practically no domestic market, and is with a certain measure of success penetrating other national markets. In the meantime other nations are striving to produce synthetic petrol, to make themselves independent of the flood of oil that the earth is vomiting up in various parts of the world.

England has long visualised producing her own petrol by hydrogenation of coal, but little progress has so far been made. A recent announcement by the Imperial Chemical Industries Limited—one of the largest organisations of its kind in the world—states that they have now succeeded in producing petrol of a quality equal to the highest grade spirit on the market, at 7d. a gallon. The stage has now been reached that justifies the production of synthetic petrol in Britain on a big scale, and the company plans to erect a huge plant, capable of manufacturing over 200,000 tons of petrol per annum. The scheme will involve an outlay of about £8,000,000 and when the plant is in operation, will give employment to 2,000 men, and in addition 3,000 miners will be needed to raise the coal. It is claimed that a satisfactory profit can be made on the undertaking, even at the present ruling prices.

Apropos of petrol distillation, it is interesting to record the result of some French experiments carried out in connection with the production of fuel alcohol from bananas. From one class of fruit 19½ gallons of pure spirit was obtained per ton of bananas, while from New Guinea bananas nearly 21½ gallons per ton was produced.

Whether cultivation of bananas for production of alcohol alone could be made a payable proposition is a different matter.

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The Women's Page

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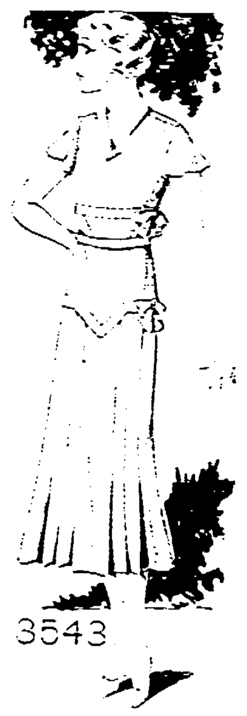
FANCY'S FASHION

LADIES' AND S.W. HOLIDAY DRESS

Now is the time for us to re-arrange and restock our wardrobes, especially as we find that the frocks left over from last summer are now hopelessly out of date, and new ones are an absolute necessity. For the holiday season which will soon be upon us, we cannot do better than to provide ourselves with several light frocks, simple garments capable of frequent excursions to the wash-tub. For this purpose frocks featuring pleats in some form or other are the most suitable, and also the most popular, as they do not drop or go out of shape, as do flared garments. The graceful model which is our offering for this week combines charm with simplicity, and is one that is sure to please, being a design that any one can make up at home at very small expense, and in a short space of time. Even the merest novice will find no difficulty in its reproduction. This frock is suited for tennis and all



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other sports; it is also useful for afternoon or home use. Almost any of the present season's frockings, ranging from washing silk, crepe de chenes, etc., to cotton or linen goods, both plain and figured, would make up very attractively. The bodice of this dress is cut in one from shoulder to hips, being simply confined at the waist with a belt of the material. The neck is finished with a narrow roll collar, and full short sleeves are provided. The sleeves may be gathered at the lower edge if desired, making a puff sleeve. The pattern is also given for long sleeves. The dress is shown trimmed with bows as in the sketch.

The pattern is one of Demaret's No. 3543, price 11d., and is cut in sizes to suit 32 to 34 (S.W.) and 36 to 38 inch bust measurement. Patterns are obtainable from agents everywhere. A list of local agents is given in this paper. Ask agents for free copy of Demaret's "Fashions Monthly," containing latest designs, recipes and literature.

EMPRESS EUGENIE HATS USED

THE Empress Eugenie hat, which is enjoying such a vogue in feminine fashions this spring, is adopted by both Lilyan Tashman and Peggy Shannon.

The new hats of postage-stamp size are worn over one brow, and reveal the entire side and back of the hair. Both these smart players have bright quills trimming the side. Another unusual style introduced in the same picture by Miss Tashman is the Watteau hat, which is the name for a tiny chapeau worn daringly over one eye with a mass of ribbons that raise it off the head at the back.

VOILE IDEA CHIC IN NEW EVENING FROCKS

ORGANDIE and eyelet-worked voile fashion the new evening frocks as shown by Thelma Todd and Ruth Hall, appearing in Paramount's "Monkey Business." Miss Hall displays a gown of pink organdie, embroidered and accented with blue ribbons, while Miss Todd attains a degree of sophistication in a costume of blue voile with silver-edged eyelet work.

SANDALS FOR EVERY OCCASION FOSTERED

THE new and many uses of sandals are illustrated by Miriam Hopkins, the Paramount blonde player. These new shoes that permit the heels and toes to be exposed to view are worn for street as well as formal functions, but, according to Miss Hopkins, it is smarter to cover the toes for daytime events, while those shoes that accompany formal gowns have only a strap over the instep.

ROMANTIC CIRCLE

SCOTT—PRITCHARD

WHITE gladioli and pink carnations were used to decorate Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, on Saturday, November 14, when the Rev. Wilfred Chamberlain united in matrimony Ada Eileen, daughter of Mrs. L. E. Pritchard, of Hutton street, Thornbury, and Eric Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott, of [illegible] street, Kew. The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother, Mr. George Pritchard, and was preceded by a choir composed of members of the Girls' Friendly Society. Her graceful ankle-length gown of ivory [illegible] had a full-flared skirt set to a fitted hipline in [illegible] design, and the plain bodice had wrist-length tight sleeves and was finished at the neck with a scarf the ends of which hung sprays of real orange blossom. [illegible] made a charming finish to the skirt. Her veil of [illegible] fell over a long train and was caught by a bandeau of orange blossom with a strand at the back of the head and clusters at the sides. Her beautiful sheaf bouquet was of arum and Christmas lilies. Deep cream Chantilly lace over pink satin formed the dainty frocks of the three bridesmaids—Misses Noreen Burke, Ina Scott, sister of the bridegroom, and Thelma Pritchard, niece of the bride. These had fully-flared ankle-length skirts and long fitted sleeves and were finished with the [illegible] [illegible]. Their slippers were of pink satin and their becoming hats of deep cream straw with cream and pink ribbon trimmings. They carried sheaf bouquets of cream and pink gladioli. Platinum chain pendants with three graded pink drops, the gift of the bridegroom, formed a dainty finish. After the ceremony Mrs. Pritchard received the guests at Normanby Hall, and was smartly attired in navy marocain with matching hat of panne straw. Blue Japanese iris and blue shaded pansies formed her bouquet. The bridegroom's mother wore a modish gown of black georgette relieved with white, with hat to match, and carried crimson roses. Navy crepe de chine trimmed with white, with large straw hat to match, formed the bride's travelling costume. Mr. and Mrs. Eric Scott will make their home at Kew.

FERRIS—ARTHUR

THE church of the Epiphany, Northcote, was handsomely decorated on November 17 for the wedding of Mr. Walter H. Ferris, second son of Mrs. H. Ferris and the late Mr. T. Ferris, and Miss Doris P. Arthur, youngest daughter of Mr. J. and the late Mrs. Arthur. Rev. J. O. Hughes, assisted by Rev. [illegible], officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an exquisite shell gown of ivory satin over which fell a tulle veil forming a train and held to the head with a wreath of orange blossom. Pink gladioli and water lilies formed her sheaf bouquet. Misses Thelma Rose and Kath Harper attended the bride and wore dainty pink chiffon frocks with wreaths of real flowers in the hair and carried blue delphiniums. Crystal necklets, gifts of the bridegroom, were also worn. Mr. H. Ferris was best man and Mr. T. Hosking groomsman. The reception and dance were held at Normanby Hall, Thornbury, where the catering was carried out lavishly by Mrs. O'[illegible], the tables bearing stately pink gladioli in silver vases. Mrs. Smith, sister of the bride, acted as hostess and was smartly dressed in a black lace ensemble and [illegible] pansies. The bridegroom's mother was attired in a beige georgette gown and pansies were also her flowers. A two-piece suit of wine-toned tweed and a small straw hat of the same shade and a stone marten fur, the gift of the bridegroom, frocked the bride for travelling.

SALADS FOR GOOD HEALTH

HOW TO MAKE THEM

THERE is nothing like a salad for keeping you healthy and making your complexion clear and fresh. The first mention of the word conjures up a vision of succulent lettuce, tomatoes and beetroot, but it is as well to remember that there are other things which you can use in salads which are equally good for you and make a pleasant change as well. There is endive, celery and grated carrots, and the last-named are useful to fall back on when lettuce is expensive.

If you remember when planning your menus at home or eating in a restaurant that all salads, made of tender young lettuce, endive, cucumber, watercress and tomatoes, or from a mixture of any or all of them, are also good for stimulating a flagging appetite, you will know what to order on hot days when you feel "off your food."

Here are some recipes for dressings and salads which will help to vary your summer menus:—

Simple French Dressing.—6 tablespoons salad oil, ¼ teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, Paprika and pepper to taste.

Mix seasoning in a basin. Stir in oil, drop by drop. Beat well, then beat in lemon juice, drop by drop. To vary this dressing, stir into seasonings half a teaspoon each of castor sugar and prepared mustard, or substitute onion juice for sugar. If you happen to have some parsley or chives, add one heaped tablespoon of either or both, minced. This dressing is nice for any green salad.

An optimistic economist says the worst of the depression is now past, and nothing remains but to wash up the aftermath. That in itself will be a sloppy business.

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BEAUTY HINTS

THERE is nothing quite as depressing for a woman as the moment when she looks in the glass and sees that there are bulges where there should only be curves! Yet, if she would only realise it, 15 minutes' exercise every day is all that is required of her to attain perfect grace and slimness, says Norma Shearer, M-G-M star.

The hips need friction to reduce them, and so there is nothing better than rolling on the floor for this. Not over and over—that would be too painful—but simply rolling the body from side to side, keeping the shoulders flat on the floor.

The next exercise is splendid for hardening the abdominal muscles and also trimming down the hips. Kneel on the floor with your back to a chair. With your hands on your hips lean backwards slowly, until your head touches the chair, and then presently you will be able to go right back until your head touches the floor.

This is followed by an exercise done lying on the back. With the arms out at shoulder level, swing the right leg across the body and right over until it touches your left hand. Repeat 10 times, then change and swing the left leg.

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COCOA butter used regularly is splendid for filling out thin necks, but you must persevere with the treatment for months if necessary. Results will come in time, but not after the first two treatments. The cocoa butter should be slightly warmed and applied liberally to the skin. Massage it well in with firm sweeping strokes, from the chin to the base of the throat and all round, not forgetting the back of the neck. Follow this by light rotary massage with the tips of the fingers.

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ELBOWS can be improved by scrubbing them every night with warm water and soap, and this should be followed by massage with olive oil, or a softening and bleaching lotion such as this: Glycerine, 2oz; rose water, 2oz; lemon juice, 2oz; borax, 1 teaspoon. Dissolve the borax in lemon juice, add the rose water, shake well and add the glycerine.

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HOUSEHOLD jobs certainly have a disastrous effect on the hands, and so you should wear gloves to protect them as often as possible. Nails can be kept clean when you are doing something where gloves are not convenient by inserting a little white soap under them before starting. This will prevent them getting that ghastly dirty look which will not come off.

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FOR Dry Hair.—Warm olive oil can be applied to the scalp, followed by an ordinary shampoo, but a proper olive-oil shampoo is now obtainable, and this can be used after the oil bath and thus do even more to lubricate the scalp. You should warm the olive oil, make partings all over your head, and apply it with a small brush. Then rub it well into the scalp with the tips of the fingers, and leave it on as long as possible. You can then wash it with the olive oil shampoo. Follow this treatment once every three weeks, and in a few months you will see a marked improvement.

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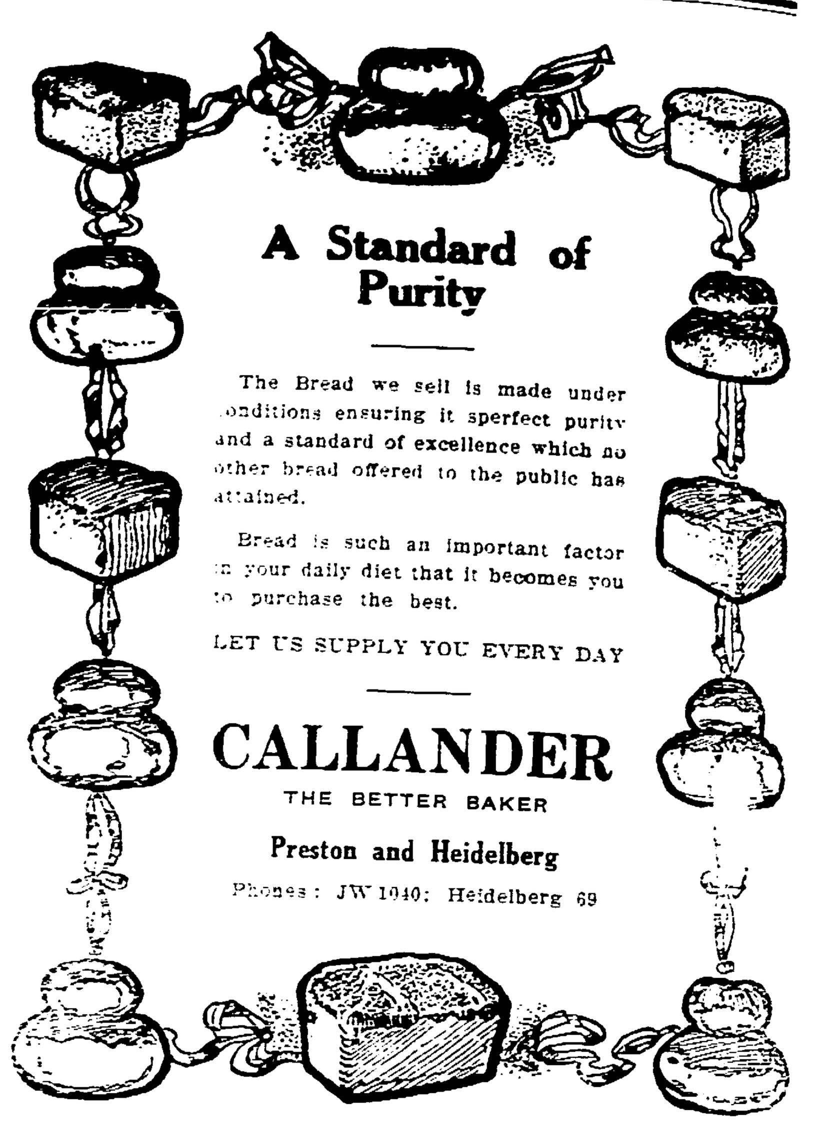

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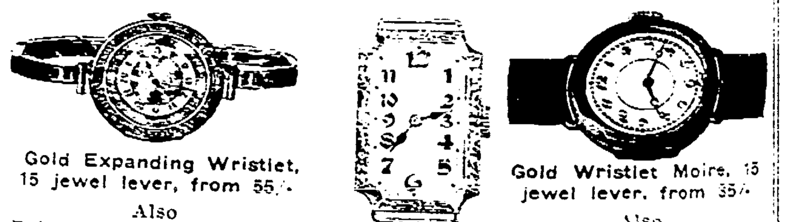

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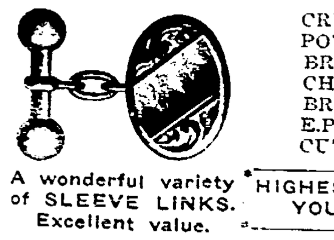

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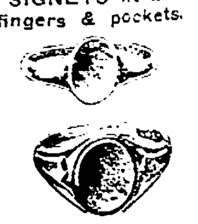

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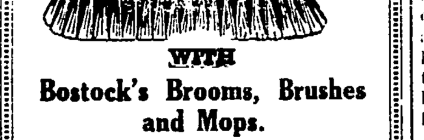
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ACTIVITIES AT NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL

This week sees the advent of the university examinations—leaving and intermediate. The remainder of the school has just finished the third term examinations, but has not yet got over the strain. The usual timetable has been abolished, and those candidates who have not yet met their fate are busy "swatting." Everyone is keyed up with anxiety prior to going to the exhibition, where the examinations are held. However, the sooner they are over the better, for there is a good time waiting for all, at least before the results are published.

Sport has been rather neglected during the past few weeks, with the exception of the senior house cricket matches. A doubles and singles tennis tournament is being held at present and should last until the end of the term. For the last two Wednesday afternoons some boys have gone to the Northcote and Brunswick baths for swimming practice, while several weeks ago those pupils who won various awards at swimming were presented with them by the mayor of Northcote (Cr. Olver). Bronze medallions, senior and junior certificates were given out. The mayor also made an offer on behalf of the Northcote council, of a gold medal, to be presented to the first member of the school to gain the award of merit.

—J. Roche.

The sixth annual speech night takes place at the Northcote town hall on Tuesday evening, December 15. Admission is by invitation.

House Points.—Plenty 591, Merri 477, Darebin 472, and Diamond 357.

Sport, November 25.—Cricket—Merri 99 d Plenty 89; Dickson (M.), 41. Diamond 61 d Darebin 55; Duffy (Di.), hat trick.

Hand Tennis.—Darebin, 11 sets 79 games, d Diamond, 7 sets 46 games; Plenty, 11 sets 82 games, d Merri, 7 sets 65 games.

There has been a re-shuffle of the house positions as a result of matches played on November 25. The fight for second place between Merri and Darebin has become intensely keen, and time alone can decide which of those houses will be second. If Darebin succeed Merri will, of course, congratulate them, but it seems to be Merri's turn, as Darebin won last year's competition rather easily. Therefore there should be none who would deny Merri the honor of being nearest to Plenty.

—J. Anderson.

NORTHCOTE NOTES

Interruption to Gas Supply

On Saturday evening in the north-west of Northcote the gas supply was interrupted. Investigation showed that water had accumulated in the gas mains and at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning pumping near the corner of Batman Park, in St. George's road was begun. The supposed cause is that a water main must have given way in close proximity to a defective gas main and the stream of water is being transferred from one set of pipes to the other. On Wednesday the trouble was located in High street, between Shaftesbury parade and Woolton avenue where water escaping from a water main was entering a defective gas main. The trouble was soon rectified.

Ministering Children's League

On November 30, the Thornbury State School was the scene of a happy children's party. The event was organised by Mrs. A. Woodyatt, an associate member of the Ministering Children's League, and her object was to augment the Queenscliff cot fund of the Thornbury S.S. Junior Red Cross. Young people in plain and fancy costume packed the school hall, and music and laughter filled the air for a couple of hours. During the grand march, the difficult task of judging the best costumes, most original and best sustained characters among the girls and boys, was overcome by Mesdames Slater, Turner and Earl, ladies well known among Northcote charitable organisations. A well-appreciated supper was served, after which the prizes were donated by Rev. J. O. Hughes, who also made a handsome presentation on behalf of the associates and juniors to the treasurer, Miss E. Sims.

The children's party was succeeded by a somewhat informal dance among the older folk who had previously been onlookers. Officers and members of the Thornbury Junior Red Cross desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Woodyatt whose untiring efforts enabled the evening to be such a success; the M.C.L. ladies who assisted, Girl Guides, Mr. Sid Smith the merrymaker, and all other helpers.

Accident

A road accident occurred at the intersection of Arthurton and St. George's roads on Tuesday morning. Mr. Brothers of Preston, riding a bicycle collided with a motor-car at the point mentioned, and he was thrown from his mount. One of the car wheels ran over his chest, and he sustained serious facial injuries.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church

An interesting evening was held at the Christian Endeavour Society last week, with Miss Ruth Hemming in the chair. Mr. W. J. Jenkin gave an address on Josiah, the native leper minister, and exhibited many curios from Moloka.

Scottish Society

The Northcote and Preston Scottish Society held their usual monthly social on November 18 in the small Town Hall, Northcote. There was a large number present. The Chief (Bro. Walker) paid a tribute to the memory of the late Bro. A. McLellan, who passed away on November 6. The late Bro. McLellan, who had been secretary for a number of years, did a great deal of sterling work. The piper (Bro. Jack Foster) played the Lament. A long and varied programme of musical, elocutionary and dancing items was given by the following artists: —Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Lawson, Miss Turvey, Miss Gilbert and Miss Lowe. All items were appreciated. During the evening old and modern dancing was enjoyed and a pleasant evening was brought to a close.

Fancy Dress Party

Mr. Wil Nicoll, organiser, of the concert and dance for the Mayor's Appeal on November 23, wishes to thank the following shopkeepers for generous gifts for prizes and refreshments:—Messrs. Matthews, G. J. Coles and J. H. Coles, Skoin, Herriman, Harris and Wright, Hare, Smith, Rook, Shands, Noah, Sharpe, Hawkins, Costello, Cox, Derrett, Dunbar, Johnson's, Brooker's, Burgess, Moran and Cato (Westgarth). "Dad" Hood for his kind assistance in making the stage fittings and Mr. Thomas for the lighting effects also Mrs. Scott for her help and kindness in conjunction with Mrs. Nicoll re children's dresses and uniforms.

Successful Mission

So great has been the success of the mission at the Regent Baptist Church, conducted by the 3LO Children's Hour Party, that it has been arranged to continue till next Monday evening, when a praise and testimony meeting will be held. The children's meetings have been exceptional, with overflowing enthusiasm. The evening gatherings have been largely attended. Chorus singing has caught on with the older people as much as with the children.

Northcote Younger Set

The wind-up meeting of the Northcote Younger Set Auxiliary on Tuesday night took the form of a gala night when members brought a toy for unemployed children. Business was swiftly concluded and all present set about enjoying themselves to the strains of Bohme's Orchestra, novelty events, streamers, squeakers, trumpets, clackers and balls adding greatly to the enjoyment of all. The Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. Olver) and Mr. J. A. Thomson and Cr. Green were present and the Mayor and Mayoress congratulated the auxiliary on the fine work it had done during the year eulogising the work of the president (Mrs. Green). Cr. Bird spoke of the work the president had done during the year to ensure the smooth running of the auxiliary's activities and also thanked her for providing the prizes for novelty events and novelties which contributed so much towards the success of the evening. Mrs. Green, in replying, said it had been a pleasure to do all she could and she thoroughly enjoyed the work. She had been strongly supported by the officers and the members individually and collectively. The Mayor presented the various prizes to the winners of the novelty events.

RAILWAY PORTER ASSAULTED

INCIDENT AT STATION

At Preston court on Thursday before Mr. G. Brown, P.M. and Mr. O. A. Walker, J.P., Joseph Maurice Quilty, 34 years, Myrtle grove, Regent, was charged that on December 1 he assaulted William Harding King, at Preston railway sation. There was a second charge of having used insulting words.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for defendant who pleaded not guilty to both charges.

William H. King, operating porter at Preston railway station, said: On December 1 at about 9.30 p.m. I crossed to the down side of the station. Defendant said: "Hurry up, I'm not here for the night." I said: "It's all right old man you'll get your ticket." He coughed and partially spat at me. I said: "Hold on old man I want your name." I went outside and he took his coat off. I told him to put it on again and he used a very insulting expression. Then he hit me on the jaw and half knocked me out. I have a recollection of seeing Quilty on the ground as though someone had struck him. I told Quilty he would have to come to the office and I took him there even though he struggled. A man named Parsons, of the station staff at Regent, came over to the office and Quilty abused him too.

Mr. Cahir: You sell few tickets on that side?—Yes.

There is a regulation that the ticket window must be open seven minutes before the arrival of the train?—No. Passengers should be booked as they come to the window.

The train was actually on the station before he got his ticket?—No. The train was entering the platform.

Did not Quilty say to you "Do you chaps ever wake up"?—No.

Did you take part in the fight?—I do not remember. I was dazed.

Did you hit Quilty?—I defended myself.

Is it a fact that Quilty was struck down with a bottle?—No. It was a lamp.

How do you know it was a lamp?—I saw the lamp later on.

Did you see him struck with a lamp?—No, but I heard the crash.

After it was all over did he shake hands with you?—He took me by the wrist and tried to shake hands with me. He asked me to call is "square" as he was "boozed" at the time.

You offered to bandage his head?—Yes. He said his head was badly injured.

What time did you send for the police?—I don't know.

The P.M.: You were in charge of the station?—Yes.

Constable B. Kruger said: "At about 9.50 p.m. I went to the Preston railway station and saw King who gave Quilty in charge for assault. Quilty said he had not assaulted King, but had only struck in self defence. Quilty had been drinking.

Quilty said: "On the night in question I was on my way home, and had to wait for about five minutes before I was served with a ticket. The porter rushed over to the platform as the train was coming into the station and served me with a ticket. I said: "Don't you fellows ever wake up?" He rushed out of the office and said: 'I'll show you whether I'm awake or not' and we came to blows. Then I was hit on the head with something. I said: "Who hit me on the head with a bottle?" King said: 'It was a lamp.' After that I went to the station office with him. He kept saying: 'Look at my eye.' I said: Look at my head." We shook hands and he offered to bandage my head. It was not until 40 minutes after the fight was over that the police came and arrested me. I had no knowledge of the insulting words charge until to-day.

Cross-examined: Have you ever been in trouble before?—No.

Now be careful. Are you sure you've never been in trouble before?—Yes. I have been up before.

The P.M. said there may have been some reason for Quilty being annoyed by the delay. King, however, had a very responsible position, and in view of what had taken place lately, he was quite right to take all precautions. Had there been another officer there, the incident would probably not have happened.

Quilty was fined £5 in default one month's imprisonment for the assault and £1 for the insulting language.

BRIDGE EVENING

Organised by Mrs. H. P. Zwar and under the auspices of the Preston Mayoress' Guild, a bridge evening was held at the lounge of the Preston city hall on Wednesday. There was an attendance of about 60, and an enjoyable time was spent. Opportunity was taken by the mayoress (Mrs. L. Jones) to make a presentation to Mrs Broadhurst, a foundation member of the guild, who has left the district. A hand-knitted jumper donated by Mrs. S. T. Grey was disposed of, and was won by Mrs. E. Green. About £9/10/- was realised.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

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REGENT CENTRAL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The usual monthly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, Mr. S. Gray (president) occupied the chair.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Police Department re dangerous driving of motor bus at corner Tyler street and Plenty road, and stating this is receiving attention.—Received.

From Railways Advertising Department, particulars of railway conditions for placeing sign at Regent station.—Referred to Social Committee.

Reports

Mr. A. Black reported that at a dance on 14/11/31, a profit of £1/12/8 was made and on 28/11/31, £1/8/0. These amounts go towards the Christmas Tree.

Ladies' Committee.—Mrs. Black reported that £2/5/- had been raised at a "snowball tea" at her home, and £3 at a Saturday afternoon at Edwardes Park Lake. Funds are in aid of Christmas Tree.

Treasurer's Report.—A credit balance of £35/7/7 is in hand in the general fund and £17/8/10 in the building fund.

General

It was decided to direct the council's attention to a dangerous E.L. pole in Oakhill avenue.

The matter of uneven slabs in Oakhill avenue and Mason street was referred to the council.

East side of High street footpath requires attention.

We heard of a Scotchman the other day who was very disgusted with his purchase of a gramaphone. "I only had the thing three months," said he, "an' the durn needle wore out!"

One reason why women aren't bothered about being punctual is that they can put the "tick" on their husbands.

Then we have the galoot who went in for twin beds when he found his wife was such a good little side-kick.

REGENT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Request for Dismissal of Engineer

"BLUNDERS" IN PRESTON RECALLED

At the meeting of the Regent Central Progress Association on Tuesday evening Mr. R. Manuell moved:—

That a recommendation be sent to the Preston council requesting that the services of the city engineer be terminated forthwith, and that a consulting engineer be appointed.

Mr. Manuell referred to the construction works carried out in Preston during recent years. Hawker avenue, Oakhill avenue, and Mason street were cited as examples of blundering made by the engineering department. The municipal engineer was the head of the department, and therefore responsible. It was through the efforts of the Regent Central Progress Association that it was discovered Hawker avenue did not comply with the specifications. In Oakhill avenue at least one resident had his driveway constructed at the expense of the residents. Hawker avenue had been estimated as having cost the ratepayers of the whole of the municipality £400. This was to rectify a blunder.

Mr. McDonell said since residing in Preston he had seen no construction work done in a competent way. Hawker avenue alone would be enough to condemn any engineer. No man should be retained as head of a department after being involved in such a blunder. The construction and reconstruction of a culvert in Tyler street were referred to, also the matter of an asphalt crossing in Jeffrey street was cited. The resolution to appoint a consulting engineer should be acclaimed by the whole of the residents of the municipality.

The motion was carried unanimously.

UNEMPLOYMENT

FRUIT WANTED AT PRESTON

A most acceptable amount of clothing for women, boys and girls has been forwarded by the State Relief Committee for distribution among the unemployed of Preston. There were about 400 articles and garments in all and they were received with thanks by local residents.

Cr. H. P. Zwar is desirous of raising funds in order to purchase fruit, vegetables &c. to be distributed among needy people, prior to the Christmas holidays. Cr. Zwar is hopeful of a ready response being made to the appeal.

NORTHCOTE ASSOCIATION

The usual meetings were held over the week-end. The association wishes to thank Mr. Durbudde for making and donating toys for the children's Christmas tree. The benefit concert for Mrs. Hanley will be held on Monday, 7th, in the small town hall. The Government wood is not coming to hand, and some of the depots have none to issue.

Next Meetings:—Friday, 4th, 1.45 p.m.; Monday, 7th, 9.45 a.m.; social, Friday, 7th, 7.30 p.m.; women's association, Monday, 2 p.m., A.N.A. Hall.

Turf Notes

(By "LUTEPLAYER")

Weekly Hint to Backers

The best jockey cannot win on a bad horse, but bad riders are the frequent cause of good horses being defeated. Therefore you should always [illegible] a good rider. This does not mean that you should blindly follow [illegible] key, for even the best of them have periods when, in turf parlance, they can do nothing right. When in form, however, good riders get the best opportunities, and that is the time to be with them. Also carefully study the methods of riders, and remember that horses are not all of one type and one jockey's style of riding will bring victory where the methods of another result in defeat.

Galenist Shows Good Form

Carrying the colors of Mr. John Wren, Galenist proved an exasperating customer as a two-year-old, and also at three years. In the winter of her first season she showed promise and was backed for a race at Williamstown, but she gave a poor display. So disgusted with her showing on that occasion was Mr. Wren that he was prepared to sell her for 50 guineas had anyone wanted her. A week later, when unbacked by her owner, she showed excellent form by winning the Minook Two-year-old at Caulfield from Quick Reward and Galopode. This form again raised Mr. Wren's hopes, but she failed to race consistently, and her best performance afterwards was at High Syce's Caulfield Cup meeting, when she won the Burwood Handicap. Her subsequent displays, however, were short of her Burwood Handicap form.

Now a five-year-old, and raced on lease from Mr. Wren by J. James, Galenist appears to have become more reliable, for she has gained two wins and a second at her last two starts. She won at Werribee and was an unlucky second to Donace at Caulfield. Her second win was in the Epsom Handicap last Saturday, when she scored in attractive style. This mare is by Burrabadeen, whose stock appear to come to their top when about five or six, and there is every prospect of her developing into a useful handicapper, and she should be prominent in the important handicaps round about the Christmas holiday racing season.

Start Delayed

The start of the Epsom Plate was delayed several minutes, chiefly through the antics of Credence, who eventually was sent to the outside. The unruly behaviour of Credence and others, and the delay affected the chances of some of the runners, so it probably will be wise to overlook some of the failures in the event. Greenmoth, who has not been in work very long after a let up, was fancied, but fared none too well at the start, and never got in a winning position, but should be all the better for the outing. Binna, who was allowed to go out at 50 to 1, showed that it will not be long before he is a danger by running prominently, although he did not finish on. He is being well prepared and probably his special mission is the Standish Handicap, in which event last year he was narrowly beaten by Umbertana. Byron was running on strongly in fourth place and can be marked down as a likely improver. Hematic (fifth) was also doing best at the finish, and Beautify should soon improve on her third.

Should Win a Steeple

When the Epsom Brush Steeple favorite, Tabralong, fell half a mile from home he was beginning to tire, but it will not be long before he leads home a brush steeple field. His race prior to Saturday was at Caulfield on October 17, when he met with an injury and had to be eased in his work. He had resumed training only about a fortnight before Saturday's run, so he was in need of the run.

Related to Lampra

Distant came home strongly to gain third place in the Epsom Highweight Handicap. In all his races Distant has shown stamina, and he should do well over a distance. Being by Poitrel from Visibility, Distant is a full brother to that good mare, Lampra, whose recent efforts include wins in the Armadale Handicap at Caulfield and the Bendigo Cup.

Riding Well

The most successful rider of the present season in Melbourne is the apprentice, H. Skidmore, whose wins in the metropolitan area total 14, five more than his nearest rival, N. Percival, who is at present out of the saddle with an injured leg. Skidmore impresses good judges as being the best apprentice for years. He has the coolness of a veteran, possesses plenty of confidence, [illegible] lacking in vigor, but knows [illegible] when not to use the whip, [illegible] for one so young he displays commendable judgment. Above all he "has the wind behind him," to quote the average racegoer. At Caulfield a couple of weeks ago he won a race on Flavantus, who also was engaged at Williamstown a few days later, but in the latter race he elected to ride Indian Love, who won the race. For the Epsom Purse on Saturday Skidmore changed from Indian Love to Ingoda Lassie, who won, while Indian Love was unplaced.

Another rider in good form at present is Ray Wilson. After a lean period he returned to the winning list on Claude Duval at the Valley, and followed up with wins on Lampra at Caulfield and Bendigo, and Emenere at Epsom on Saturday. His handling of Lampra and Saturday's winner has earned him high praise and he should not lack opportunities in the future.

Twelve months ago the apprentice, P. Egan, was showing excellent form in the saddle, but the tide of luck turned against him, and when he unexpectedly won on Esteban at the Valley recently he scored his first win for months. A win gives a jockey confidence, particularly the younger riders, and just how much confidence Egan gained from his Valley win may be judged from the fact that he has since won races at Caulfield, Bendigo and Epsom on Saturday. At Epsom he was on Credence in the Plate. Egan is another rider who should get good mounts in future, for good lights boys are scarce at present.

Another to Heroic

Heroic scored another advertisement as a sire when Emenere got up in the last stride or two to defeat the favorite, The Dawn Patrol, in the Epsom Two-year-old. The gelding had only raced once previously, and that was at Sunbury on November 10, when he also led home the field. Emenere is raced and trained by H. Cousens, who holds him on lease from his father-in-law, T. Sanders, who won the Melbourne Cup on Dunlop in 1887. Sanders paid 160 guineas for Emenere as a yearling, and he is likely to prove a bargain.

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St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

Northcote-Thornbury Branch. — The next monthly meeting will be held at the home of the president (Mrs. J. J. Ryan), "Helenslea," 38 Mansfield street, Thornbury on December 9. As this will be the last meeting of the year a large attendance is expected. Members are asked to bring a gift of tinned peaches to provide Christmas cheer for the hospital.

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CHURCH NEWS

All Saint's Church, Northcote

Sale of Gifts.—The annual sale of gifts opened last Friday afternoon by the Mayoress (Mrs. Olver) who congratulated the ladies and wished them every success. Two solos were rendered by Mr. Parker. Mrs. Olver and Mrs. Constable were presented with beautiful bouquets by Miss Dorothy Tipping. The stall-holders were:—Work, Mesdames Cunningham, Woolley and Miss Uren; cake, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Martin; sweets, Mesdames Yeats, Mc[illegible]; flowers, Mesdames Creed, Story and Miss McBride; every day of the week Mesdames Hawkins, Hosking and Kettle; stall, The Girls' Fellowship; refreshments, produce, Mr. Jack Constable and Mr. Mackie; the fish pond with Miss K. Batten in charge, was particularly attractive. Good business was done by the boys in charge of the museum. The sum realised was £61. Of this, £30 will be sent to Miss Gwen Kellawny to assist in her mission work in India.

James Street Presbyterian Church

St. Andrew's Day service was held last Sunday evening, when representatives of the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society were present. Rev. A. T. Jones who occupied the pulpit, welcomed the members of the Scottish Society and gave an appropriate address. The choir rendered the anthem "Praise ye the Lord," and Miss Wallace sang "The Heavens are Telling."

St. Aidan's Church, Northcote

At evensong members of the Thornbury Lodge and ladies visited St. Aidan's. The combined lodge choir rendered two items the "Evening Hour" and "Consider Me." Mr. E. Langfield conducted and Mr. J. Wilson presided at the organ. The offertory solo "How Beautiful are Thy Dwellings" was sung by Mr. Ben Hobby. An address was delivered on "Friendship and Service" by Rev. J. O. Hughes.

On Thursday the final meeting of the G.F.S. was held, and the president (Mrs. Linford) thanked all the workers for their co-operation during the year. The secretary (Mrs. Schwaebsch) and treasurer (Mrs. Stone) were complimented by Mr. Hughes for all their work, and he commended Mrs. Linford for her services. A banner has been presented to the G.F.S. by Mr. and Mrs. Schwaebsch, and will be dedicated by Rev. Hughes at evensong on December 13.

Northcote Congregational Church Sunday School

The Sunday School anniversary services were continued last Sunday when the pastor (Rev. Duncan Reeves) preached at both services. The afternoon service was devoted to a kindergarten demonstration lesson by Miss Bessie Sweetland and her assistants. The anniversary concert on Wednesday night was a great success.

Preston Ministers' Fraternal

The December meeting of the Fraternal met at All Saints' Church on last Tuesday when Rev. T. Wilkinson presided. After attending to several matters of business the meeting adjourned to the church for a "Quiet Hour" devotional session. The time was spent in prayer and hymn singing, after which Rev. Wilkinson led the devotions with a beautiful bible study. The Fraternal thus finished its third year of united service for the community and fellowship in spiritual matters, and adjourned until 1932.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

During the afternoon of Sunday last a special musical service was conducted. Mr. B. Wales rendered several organ solos, in a manner which left no possible doubt as to his musical capabilities. The numbers included Moderato in C minor (Heller); Largo (Handel); Dawn (Wales) and Evensong (Easthorpe Martin). Interspersed with these masterly renditions were vocal solos by Mr. Harold Davis. The congregation realised that the appellation "a leading Melbourne baritone" was not idle. Mr. Davis sang "It is Enough" from the oratorio Elijah; Prayer Perfect (Irving Henson); "Hear Ye Winds and Waves" (Handel); and the "Blind Ploughman" (Robert Clarke). The vicar officiated but the address was delivered by the Hon. Samuel Mauger, J.P. His subject was "Christianity and Poverty," and his hearers were apprised of the need for reform in many phases of modern life. The music, the speaker, and the general atmosphere of this service augurs well for future events. At 8 a.m. on Sunday last a large gathering of church workers rallied to the special corporate Communion. At 11 a.m. matins and intercessions followed; and at 7 p.m. evensong when the vicar was the preacher. On Sunday next services commence at 8 a.m. as usual when the celebration is corporate for the G.F.S. and C.E.B.S. Matins and evensong will follow at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. respectively the vicar officiating.

A special function of peculiar interest will be held this Saturday afternoon, December 5, at 2 p.m. This will be conducted by the Ladies' Golf and Croquet Club and will take the form of a gymkhana. Entrance is from Shaftesbury parade and proceeds are for the Christmas Relief Fund. The dance held that evening will function for the same fund.

Preston Methodist Church

The well-known Rev. J. J. Brown will conduct the evening service on Sunday, December 6. On the Wednesday following, December 9, Rev. Brown will give his entertaining lecture entitled "Heads and Faces—a study in phrenology." This lecture has been given in various parts of the world and at the conclusion of same heads will be publicly manipulated. Come and have your head read!

Entertainment and Presentation at Croxton

On Thursday evening the annual Sunday School entertainment by the pupils of the Croxton Methodist Sunday School took place. The school hall was of insufficient size to accommodate all the would-be patrons. The chair was occupied by Mr. Blackney. Proceedings opened with the kindergarten contributing "Nursery Rhymes." The Misses Martin executed a pianoforte duet. Master Tom Blackney recited "The Frst Day Back." An action song by the scholars of Misses Sheldrics and Winslade's class was "The Sleepy Town Express." Mr. E. Neilson's song "The Sergeant-Major on Parade" was encored and Miss N. Gillies' recitation "The Lady Boarder" was well received. Variation was a folk dance by the girls of the Gymnasium Club. Misses F. Perkins and M. Allen sang a duet "I passed by Your Window." Miss Tulloch's class contributed "The Rainbow," an action song. A presentation of a handsome vase was made by Mr. Gatson to Mr. Atkinson in recognition of his work in training the children. Mr. Atkinson said the work had been a pleasure. Miss G. Hendry recited "Willie Goes to Lunch," and the girls of the Gymnasium Club gave an exhibition of free arm exercises. Misses Green and Ashman's class contributed an action song. A humorous sketch, "Alphonse, the Waiter," was in the hands of Messrs. Webster and G. Bowers. The girls of the Gymnasium Club gave another clever action song, and the concluding item was a well-staged operetta "A Doll's Wedding," by numerous girls and boys.

Sunday School Celebrations

On November 15 and 22 the Croxton Methodist Sunday School held its anniversary celebrations. Special preachers were appointed, and a notable feature was the beautiful singing by the scholars, who were trained and conducted by Mr. Atkinson, the choir master. The school was beautifully decorated for the occasion, which was the work of the Girls' Friendly and others, under the leadership of Miss Dyer. On Tuesday, November 17, the public meeting and prize night was held, the prizes being presented by the superintendent, Mr. L. Gadsden. On this occasion seven scholars were successful in securing dux prizes, viz., May Wall, Muriel Edwards, Stanley Beecher, Fred Walters, Gwen Perkins, Isobel Beecher and Violet Farrell. The latter three also won dux for the previous year. A certificate was presented to Allan Ashman, who was successful in the recent Sunday School examinations. On Thursday, November 26, as a wind-up of the celebrations the scholars' night took place. So successful have these nights been in the past that at 7.45 the hall was packed to capacity. The appreciation of the people of the community was very marked throughout the whole of the celebration by their presence and support, and for the wonderful interest displayed. The Sunday School expresses its best thanks and appreciation.

Thornbury District Car Club

The first official run took place last Sunday to Hurstbridge Park, 60 people taking part. The weather was glorious and a very enjoyable day was spent. The sports programme was keenly contested. The next outing is to be in the form of a sealed run on December 20. Last Monday the club held a picture night at the Regent Theatre which proved a huge success. Next meeting Dispensary Hall, Gooch street, when all motorists interested in joining the club are invited.

Its an "odd fish" who "flounders" through life.

WOUNDED CONSTABLE'S CONDITION

The condition of Plainclothes Constable Charles Alexander Derham, who resides at Northcote, and who was shot in the head during an armed "hold-up" in the city, is improving. He is not yet considered to out of danger, but has informed the doctors that he "will" recover. In the meantime four men, who are being held by the police in connection with the crime, have been remanded for another week, bail being refused.

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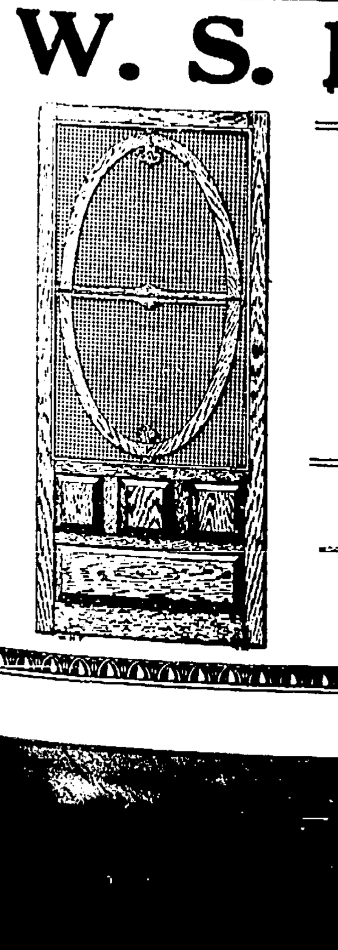

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AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON-NORTHCOTE CLUB

Postponed last week because of the sodden tracks, the third round of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association's inter-club sports were held on Saturday. The outstanding features were the efforts of E. M. Davidson, State sprint champion, and M. Maher, who both broke even time for the 100 yards. Many improvements have been made by the curator (Mr. T. J. McMurtrie).

D Grade—Preston v North Richmond

Jack Hogben showed that he can pole vault as well as run. On Saturday he was good enough to win from the North Richmond man, thus giving Preston a few points to start the day with.

In the furlong race H. Derrick (N.R.) proved too good for Preston's trio. All were well bunched until they turned into the straight. Then Derrick drew away and won by half a yard, with Berry second and Hankin third. Bruce McNabb put in a fast run, but could only gain fourth place. Inches covered Preston's three.

McEachen, Hogben and Tannock had the colors flying for Preston. Tannock changed his way of running in the 880 yards by sitting at the back and waiting instead of doing his 200 yards dash and then sitting back. After the field had done a lap the race was too slow for McEachen and he went to the front and led up to 300 yards to go. The selectors were disappointed at Hogben's run; they expected him to do much better. Bolduan (N.R.) took the lead from McEachen after the 300 and held it until the finish. Tannock left his run just a little too late and ran into second place for Preston, with McEachen third and Hogben fourth. After this event Preston were 12 points to 8. Up to this stage things were close.

The two "Macs" were again Preston's timber-cutters. McGinty has been on the sick list for the last couple of weeks but came to light like a true amateur when he was needed. Bruce McNabb, the winner of the 120 yards hurdles, shows that he is improving every run, winning by 5 yards from McGinty, with Alexander (N.R.) third. Time, 18sec. Hankin's heart was in his mouth. McNabb doing this time makes him equal Hankin's club record over the timber.

Alan Angus, although off color, won the hop, step and jump with a leap of 39ft. Angus will not be a competitor in the Victorian championships.

The last event for D Grade was the relay. Tannock was again called on to run the half. He ran a well-judged race, handing the baton on to Berry for the two furlongs, the latter brushing the North Richmond man off. McNabb was next to take over. He ran one of the finest 220's he has ever run. The more this boy gets the better he runs. Hankin had the last stretch, but there was no need for him to run fast, as the rest had done all the hard work for him. Preston finished third in the division, and thus ended D Grade. Preston, 40 points, defeated North Richmond, 19.

E Grade—Preston Meet Their Waterloo

Kew put the wind up Preston's E Grade team. At the very start Jenkin, H. Angus and V. Kirkland were Preston's three, and that was as far as they got. Hale, Dow and Fraser finished 1, 2 and 3 for Kew, with Jenkin 4, Angus 5 and Kirkland 6. Cliff Owen put a bit of heart into the boys by winning the division by 20 yards. Ron Pearce, a new walker, did very well for his first up. He finished fourth for Preston. This boy will soon be with the top ones. Chas. Honey, the new broad jump man, was beaten by the old head, Binney (K.), by 2 inches—not too bad for a newcomer.

The mile run was the next. Bates, Brennan and another new colt, Reg Sayer, made up Preston's team for the four lap race. Bates ran up near the front with Brennan close at hand. Sayer was in the bunch, and so they stayed for a couple of laps. The field started to string out, Bates and Brennan held their positions, but Sayer dropped back until the last lap. Then Graham and Barton (K.) came to light and put Bates and Brennan back a bit. The Kew men held their own till the tape was reached, with Bates third and Brennan fourth, while Sayer was a good way back. Still they all did their best.

Harold James was defeated by Binney in the discus throw by 4 feet. Gus Kirkland found that he was short of training in the 440 hurdles. Galagher was cut out at the first hurdle and finished at the back of the field. Binney won from Murrell (K), with Kirkland (P.) third. Time, 61 5/6.

Kew, 47 points; Preston, 19.

Club Notes

December 20 Free.—Club members are again asked to keep December 20 clear, when a picnic will be held at the seaside. It is hoped that this picnic will be a record. People outside the club are invited to take part.

House Party.—Next Wednesday the club will hold a house party at Gann's hall, Bell street, a few doors west of railway.

PRESTON-NORTHCOTE WOMEN'S CLUB

After a parade of the combined clubs at the show grounds on Saturday the inter-club competitions were officially opened by the president of the V.W.A.A.A., who presented the premiership pennant to last year's winners, Melbourne No. 1 Team.

Preston-Northcote met Footscray in the second round and were defeated by 44 points to 29. Preston's team comprised:—Half Mile Walk: M. King, M. Carey. 220 Yards: S. Jones, N. McWilliams, P. Kimber. 75 Yards: S. Jones, N. Cameron, M. King. Discus: M. Carey. Relay, 440 yards: N. Cameron, M. Carey, P. Kimber, N. McWilliams. Broad Jump: S. Jones. Hurdles: N. Cameron, N. McWilliams.

M. King, who started off well in the walk, finished just behind the two Footscray competitors. Mary, however, is steadily improving and should do better in the future. In the 220 yards Footscray finished first 2 yards ahead of S. Jones and N. McWilliams, who came in close together filling second and third places respectively. Phyl Kimber, who came in fifth, put up a good performance, this being her first open run. Footscray also won the 75 yards, Sheila Jones being second and Nell Cameron fourth. Although beaten in the sprints Preston began to look cheerful again when M. Carey, with a splendid effort, threw the discus 63ft. 2in—the furthest distance for the day. Footscray again scored another win in the last event, the 90 yards hurdles, N. Cameron being second and N. McWilliams third. Nell is now giving hurdles special attention and is determined on a first place next Saturday.

The club's secretary, Mrs. Anderton, is acting as an official at the inter-club sports.

Next Saturday Preston-Northcote meet Malvern No. 2 team. The bus will leave the town hall at 1.50 p.m.

POINTED PROVERBS

THE LOST TORPEDO

The recent loss in the bay, during practice manoeuvres of the navy, of a £2,000 torpedo reminds us of the proverb quoted by Scott in "Kenilworth"—"A lost bolt is not a broken bow." The fleet has now gone from Melbourne and is carrying on its duties just the same as before. The missile may be lost but the weapon remains. A vital principle is illustrated in this, for it makes a distinction between the essential and the non-essential. A man may lose many things in life and yet be a man. He may lose his sight, his wealth, his job, but true genuine manhood remains for his character it still true and noble. But let a man degrade his character, stoop to evil ways, then it matters not how eloquent he may be, how much wealth he may possess, how handsome may be his appearance, his true manliness is gone. The bow is then broken and the arrow cannot speed. Thak G for for the many heroes who to-day can still hold up their heads with a fearless courage even though they have lost much. They still maintain their integrity and honor and are worthily showing the world that "a man's a man for a' that." This motto is placed on the walls of a great school in Europe:—

"When wealth is lost, nothing is lost;
When health is lost, something is lost;
When character is lost, all is lost.

Any person who can read, remember and act on this motto, has progressed a long way in the science and art of life.

BOY SCOUTS.

2ND THORNBURY TROOP

The troop will hold a parade to South Morang on Saturday. We have also been allotted the dip stall at the Thornbury Presbyterian fair. Our Christmas camp will be held at Cowwarr under S.M. Frank from December 24 to January 2. A successful house party was held at the home of Mrs. Muller on November 14, when sufficient money was raised to send one of our boys from the bugle band to camp. The troop and bugle band are making steady progress in the hands of S.M. Frank, A.S.M. Stonehill, and Mr. Edgeworth. A court of honor was held on November 23. There are still a few vacancies in the cub pack connected with the troop.

MAKING WAR EVEN MORE TERRIBLE

(By James H. Martin)

Intended for the destruction of battleships, a new ray perfected in Austria is capable of such terrific havoc that it could reduce the Harbour Bridge to a toppling mass of twisted and molten steel inside the space of a very few minutes.

Generated at a power of a thousand kilowatts (200 times greater than the power waves from an Australian A class Broadcasting Station) the ray takes the form of a direct invisible beam controlled from a reflector housing, not unlike a searchlight. All living things that come within its range are instantaneously incinerated, while a few minutes concentration on the heaviest metal armouring will cause it to melt in white hot rivulets.

According to Philips Radio lead alone will withstand the ravages of the ray, and will be in such tremendous demand for protective measures that the next war will probably cause this substance to be even more precious than gold. It is only within the last week that authentic information concerning this ray has leaked out, and even now many vital particulars remain the secret of the inventors. That Germany has been aware of the possibilities and probably of the existence of such a ray for some considerable time, however, is clearly revealed by the unusual manner in which she has armoured her "pocket battleships." Under the limitations imposed upon her by the Armaments Conference, Germany found the weight to which she could build her future battleships very greatly restricted. She surprised the world by producing a small fleet of vessels that could have been considerably bigger despite these restrictions. Apparently she sacrificed size for weight, for all the new craft is of the maximum heaviness allowed.

It has now been revealed that the weight of her modern fleet is due in no small measure to the huge amount of lead entailed in armouring. All along the waterline the German battleships and cruisers are protected by lead against being melted. Vulnerable parts such as gun controls, and ammunition magazines are similarly safeguarded. In producing their ray the Austrians have encountered the same obstacles which have baffled science for many years, namely, the fact that etherborne waves and rays are subject to a colossal rate of depreciation.

For those who are mathematically minded, the depreciation in strength is inversely proportional to the cube of the distance. For instance, the signal which reaches the aerial of an ordinary radio receiver is not one ten thousandth the power it was when it left the aerial of the broadcasting station. This means that all warfare conducted by means of rays will necessarily have to be at comparatively short range—probably within half a mile, which in naval circles is regarded as extremely close quarters.

A ship carrying the wave would have to be of considerable size in order to carry the heavy electrical apparatus required for generating the ray. On sighting the enemy she would steam directly at her with the beam manned forr'ard. Directly the deadly rays picked up the hull of the other vessel, the metalwork would glow white hot and then melt, with the result that huge gaps would allow the seas to pour in and cause the vessel to founder in a very few minutes.

An adaption of the rays is being experimented with for use by submarines. It is proposed to equip these underwater vessels with a beam focussed dead ahead so that any mine or metal not used for trapping submarines would be destroyed before the craft operating the ray came within dangerous measure of them.

MAN-MADE SUN

Fortunately the whole of the developments of rays has not been confined to purposes of warfare. In the famous Philip's Laboratories, scientists have now produced an electric lamp which, when connected to the ordinary power mains, gives a glow of warm sunshine.

Combining the natural warmth and the ultra violet rays of the sun, the new lamp which is made of quartz, has already been introduced to Sydney and enables every householder to be entirely independent of the Weather Bureau. Man-made sunshine is available at the touch of a switch

CENTRAL PRESTON

On Saturday night the pupils of the Noriel Calisthenic College gave their annual demonstration. Items were provided by the junior, intermediate, and senior sections, while Mr. Noel Bunker also gave an item. Among the outstanding items was the spectacular display entitled "Only's Lonely Year," also a song and dance a "Fairy Wedding," by the juniors. At the conclusion a number of presentations and awards were made to pupils, who, in turn, presented Miss McDonald, the instructress, with an enlarged photo of the various groups and herself.

The Mothers' Club of West Preston S.S. has arranged to give the children a party in the school grounds on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Doherty, of High street, were presented with a son on Monday last.

The Preston Diggers Cricket Club is being well supported by social events, a euchre party being well patronised on Friday night. A similar event was held on Wednesday night to raise funds.

The K.S.P. Club connected with the Preston Church of Christ, repeated its concert on Thursday last, a large house subscribing a good sum for the Christmas hamper fund. A further concert will be given by the Young Worshippers' League.

The local J.C.E. society will attend the combined picnic at Fitzroy Gardens on Saturday, members catching the 2.15 p.m. train. The Cricket Club is in a good position against last year's premiers, the scores being:—Preston 81 (Clack 37, Brown 13; Chetwynd 6/40, Clack 3/14, Polglase 2/23).

Have you ever noticed that it's the man who most often gives "the good oil" who goes for "a slide"?

Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE

Second Sunday in Advent.
11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
Preacher: Rev. A. H. Constable.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE (Bayview Street)

Dec. 6. Second Sunday in Advent.
Holy Communion, 8 and 11 a.m.
Evensong, 7 p.m.
Preacher: The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Shaftesbury Parade)

Dec. 6: Second Sunday in Advent
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Corporate G.F.S. and C.E.B.S.)
11 a.m.—Matins and Intercessions
4.15 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.

Second Sunday in Advent
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Children's Church.
11 a.m.—Matins.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Rev. F. Parsons, Vicar.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

Northcote
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby.
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.—Mr. Robert Wills.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby.
St. George's Road
11 a.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
7 p.m.—Pastor Perkins.
Croxton
11 a.m.—Mr. J. C. Blackney.
3 p.m.—Family Service.
7 p.m.—Rev. [illegible] Phillips, T.A.

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(a) Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

(b) Election of Office-bearers.
(c) General.

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F. P. BIRD,
Electrical Engineer.
December 3, 1931.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

Notice of Meeting for Examining and Settling of Accounts

NOTICE is hereby given that the accounts of the City have been duly audited by the Auditor appointed by the Governor-in-Council, and that a statement of the said accounts and auditor's report thereon and certificate thereto has been printed and lies at the office of the Council, Town Hall, Northcote, ready for the inspection of the parties interested; and notice is further given that a MEETING for the EXAMINING and SETTLING of ACCOUNTS will be held at the said offices on MONDAY, the 21st day of DECEMBER, 1931, at 7.30 p.m.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 1931.

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FEDERAL ELECTIONS

LIVELY MEETING AT PRESTON

Cr. Dennis Opens Campaign

There was an attendance of something like 1500 at Preston city hall on Tuesday evening when Cr. S. Dennis, J.P., endorsed candidate of the United Australia Party for the Batman seat, opened his campaign. The meeting was very lively, and from the start it became apparent that there were strong partisans of several parties present. At times the interjections were so frequent and prolonged that the speakers had difficulty in making themselves heard but on the whole the meeting was good humored.

Cr. G. E. Robinson, J.P. (chairman), introduced Cr. Dennis as a resident of the electorate, a man of high principles, and of established integrity, and one who had, in a civic capacity, done much for the district.

Cr. Dennis, who was given a good reception, expressed the hope that whatever the outcome of the election, there would be no regrets as to the way in which it had been conducted. He did not differ with Mr. Brennan personally, but had offered himself as the candidate of the United Australia Party.

A Voice: You've got no chance.

Cr. Dennis: Don't you worry about that. I've only got to turn 5,500 votes on the last election, and I've got them already. (Laughter and applause.) We will win many seats, and I am proud to follow Mr. Lyons. (Groans.)

Continuing he said that Australia's immediate need was plain to all—a return to a level of prosperity, so that employment would be restored, and work found for the youths of Australia who were reaching the working age. Mr. Scullin had been returned with the biggest majority ever held by one party in the Federal House, and no one at the time of that election expected that the Government would go to the country before the period of its full term had run. Yet a fortnight ago, owing to dissensions within the Labor party, a no-confidence motion had been brought down by a section of the Labor party and Scullin went out. (Cries of "Rats" and uproar.)

Cr. Dennis, continuing: The man who puts his country before his party will have my support at all times. I am proud to follow Mr. Lyons. (Uproar and cries of "Put him in the zoo" and "Rats.") If allowed to develop my case I will show clearly who are the "rats." (Applause.) Mr. Lyons, during the absence of the Prime Minister, was defied by the Caucus under Mr. Anstey, which desired to repudiate the payment of interest for one year. Mr. Scullin, when advised of the position, said if that policy were carried out it would be a great blow to the country. Yet when Scullin returned he relieved Mr. Lyons of the position of Federal Treasurer, and bowed to the will of the Caucus. (Uproar.) Mr. Lyons, feeling that the Labor party was not doing the right thing for the country, cut himself adrift from that party, sacrificing his personal interests for what he considered to be the good of his country. (Uproar, and cries of "Give us your policy.")

Cr. Dennis: You want my policy, and you'll get it. These are days when politics are not required. Our objectives are: Get the people back to work, restore confidence in the country and the Motherland——

A Voice (ironically): The dear old Smotherland.

Cr. Dennis. Where would you have been without your mother? You are no credit to her. (Laughter.) Continuing: My party believes in the policy of "Hands off the Commonwealth Bank" (prolonged applause), and as a result of the restoration of confidence to find positions for the 300,000 who are out of work.

A Voice: Where will you get the money?

Cr. Dennis: It won't be from Mr. Theodore's fiduciary issue, at any rate. (Laughter and applause.) When the dissolution was announced the Stock Exchange improved at once (Ironical laughter.) With a change of Government that improvement would continue, and prosperity will soon return. Industry had closed down with a Labor Government in power, and when it starts again——

A Voice: With lowered wages.

Cr. Dennis: Who lowered the wages? Scullin, of course. (Uproar.) When the wheels of industry begin to turn again building will recommence.

A woman interjected and Cr. Dennis said to her, "You ought to have more sense." (Laughter and prolonged interruption).

When the noise subsided the chairman warned two or three that if they continued to interrupt they would be ejected.

Cr. Dennis: On the 20th I'll be your member. (Applause and laughter.) That's part of my policy, too. (Applause.) Then I'll do something to improve your conditions. Return Lyons and party on the 19th and there will be restored prosperity.

A Voice: What about the tariff?

Cr. Dennis: I'll tell you. At the last election at which I stood against Mr. Brennan he was an avowed free trader. The tannery industries wanted protection and the item came before the House. Mr. Brennan was absent, and the item was defeated. Over that 100 Preston people lost their jobs. (Uproar.) If you want the definite evidence you will find it in the files of "Hansard." That is how Mr. Brennan, member for Batman, looked after the interests of his constituents. (Uproar and applause.)

Continuing, he said: I am a protectionist.

Speaking of the High Court judge appointments, Cr. Dennis said that both Scullin and Brennan had threatened to resign if certain judges were appointed at the dictation of the Caucus. What happened? The appointments were made. Did Scullin and Brennan resign? No. They sold their principles for a mess of pottage. (Tremendous uproar.) I could give particulars about Anstey and his financial schemes to show that Mr. Lyons is a more true blue man than Scullin in that he would not sacrifice his principles in order to cling to office. (Uproar.)

A Voice: What about the Governor-General?

Cr. Dennis: I wasn't there when he was appointed, but I'll be there when the next appointment is made. (Laughter and applause.)

At this stage there was a good deal of interjections, questions being fired from all directions, and the candidate gave as good as he got.

Continuing, he said: Let me tell you what Mr. Theodore said. (Prolonged uproar.) I was hoping that I would have a chance to come to close quarters with Mr. Theodore. There has been talk of a high commissionership in England, and Mr. Brennan's name has been mentioned. It was also suggested that Mr. Theodore might come to Batman as a safe Labor seat, and if that had happened Theodore would have got the shock of his life. (Laughter.) During the last elections Mr. Theodore, as campaign director for the Labor Party, promised to re-open the Rothbury mines in a fortnight. They were not opened for five months, and some of them had never been re-opened. These miners were deluded into contributing £1000 to the Labor Party's election funds, and, as Mr. James said, the money was obtained under false pretences.

Positions should be found in the public service for all disabled soldiers, thus distributing the burden over the whole of the country.

A Voice: Cut out the "sob stuff."

Cr. Dennis: What sob stuff? If you talk like that you are not a man. I'll warrant you didn't shoulder a rifle when the call came. What did the Labor Government do for these war heroes?

A Voice: They sacked them.

Cr. Dennis: Just so. The Federal Government also withdrew preference to returned soldiers and only restored it under great pressure.

A Voice: What did you do when you had a chance?

Cr. Dennis: If you can prove I had a chance I'll give £10 to the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society.

In conclusion he said: I am certain the good sense of the people will return to power Mr. Lyons as Prime Minister for the sake of the country.

Lieut.-Col. White, Federal member for Balaclava, dealt with the history of the Scullin Ministry. He said that that Government had come into power after making some wonderful promises. One of these was that every man should have a job. Had they? (Cries of "No.")

The speaker was constantly interrupted, and some order was obtained after two had been ejected.

The speaker appealed to the sporting spirit of all present to give him a hearing. "You cannot hear me," he said, "if you howl out like a lot of dingoes, and that also prevents others from hearing, too." (Uproar.)

The Scullin Government had had full control until its members quarreled amongst themselves, and the Opposition, believing that this scrapping was not in the best interests of the country, had helped one faction to turn out the Government. (Interjection).

Speaking of unemployment, he said that in 1909 the figure was 12 per cent., and in 1931 it had risen to 21. Mr. Brennan claimed to be a protectionist, but the Labor party had not been born when protection was first introduced in Australia in the days of the Liberals. The benefit of protection was felt most during the regime of the Bruce-Page Ministry. (Uproar.)

The chairman warned several persons who were interrupting frequently, and was counted out for his pains.

There was constant interruption, and at times it was difficult even for those in the front seats to hear the speaker. At this stage three more were ejected.

Quoting official figures, Mr. White said that the value of Australian production in 1928-29 was £420,445,000, and in the first year of the Labor Government those figures fell to £390,000,000, the decreases being £5,000,000 in Victoria, and £17,000,000 in New South Wales. The reason for the greater fall in N.S.W. was obvious, as it would be found that the more extreme the Labor politics the smaller the amount of production. The Scullin Government claimed much credit for the vast decrease in exports, but at the same time those upholding Labor's claims did not say that many of the decreases were solely due to the fact that the purchasing power of the public had fallen to such an extent that the public no longer had the money to buy. (Uproar.) In its tariff policy the Labor Government had gone blithely along, ignoring the Tariff Board, which was a committee of experts, and had acted crudely in imposing new tariffs, with the result that whilst employment was found for a few men, a far greater number lost their positions. (Interjections.) The net result had been that the country had lost revenue, and taxes had been increased. Heavy taxes had in turn forced firms into liquidation and had bankrupted many business men, bringing further unemployment. (Hoots and cat calls.) In 300 B.C. Socrates said, "The insolence of demagogues is the ruin of democracy," and it was the same now. (Interjection.)

Producing a Communist paper, he said that Communism had "white-anted" the Labor movement. (Fierce interruptions.) He had asked Mr. Brennan why it was that enquiries were not made into the ownership of two Communist papers. Mr. Brennan's reply had been, "I'll make inquiries when I get a year off." (Uproar.) Brennan would get that year off after the 19th. (Cheers and hoots.)

Mr. J. G. Membrey, formerly State member for the Jika Jika electorate, commended Cr. Dennis to the electors as a man of high principles, and one who would give splendid service to the electorate. Mr. Membrey was given a splendid hearing.

Mrs. Rafferty (All for Australia movement) also spoke in support of Cr. Dennis, commending his candidature to the women of the electorate.

In reply to a question, Cr. Dennis said that he was not in favor of overseas borrowing until such time as the local market had been exhausted. (Applause.) He also replied to another questioner that he was not in favor of the abolition of State Parliaments.

A Voice: Well, why aren't you? (Laughter.)

Asked if it was a fact that when tariffs were put on manufacturers had raised prices and lost markets, Cr. Dennis said that if that were so it was the fault of the Scullin Government for not legislating against it. (Cheers.)

In reply to another questioner, Cr. Dennis said that in the interests of education he was in favor of the abolition of sales tax and primage on imported books. (Applause.)

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, moved by Cr. H. P. Zwar, to the chairman.

(Walter T. Mott, 309 High street, Northcote)

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SAFETY FIRST!—CAR TESTING

TESTING CARS IN "SAFETY LANE."—The National Safety Council, aided by officials of the Royal Automobile Club, is testing cars to ensure safety on the road. These tests, which are free of charge, were opened on Monday in Lansdowne street by the Lord Mayor (Councillor H. Gengoult Smith). One of the tests demonstrating the efficiency of brakes was to stop a car before it hit a dummy figure

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SOUTH PRESTON STATE SCHOOL

MR. C. Jenner, of Collier street, Preston has been appointed to the vacancy on the school committee caused by the resignation of Mr. W. Torrens, who has left the district.

THE Mothers' Club is arranging a Christmas treat for the children attending the school. The Preston bands have once again come to the assistance of the ladies and are holding a massed bands performance in the Preston Park on Sunday next, December 13, when a collection will be taken up for Christmas treat fund.

AT the last meeting of the School Committee a resolution was passed placing on record the committee's appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered to the school by Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P. The resolution was prompted by the erection of the new notice board presented to the school by Cr. Newton. The board, which is a particularly fine one, is a credit to the tradesmen who prepared it and represents another of the many generous services rendered to the school by Cr. Newton.

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NORTHCOTE NOTES

Two Hurt in Collision

On Sunday afternoon, when a motor cycle and car collided at the corner of Gower street and Plenty road, Preston, two young men, who were on the motor cycle, received severe injuries. Donald Baxter, 25, Young street, Brighton, sustained a fractured thigh and George A[illegible], 25 years, Glenora road, [illegible], sustained concussion and a lacerated elbow. After the impact between the car and the cycle the latter crashed into a [illegible] and the two men were thrown heavily. They were admitted to the Melbourne Hospital. The car was driven by Claude Jones, [illegible].

C.Y.M.S.—Northcote Branch

The annual election took place on [illegible]. The various places were [illegible] [illegible] as follows:—President, [illegible] Hickey; vice-president, [illegible] [illegible], secretary, S. Robinson; treasurer, W. Gattner; [illegible]; [illegible], warden, C. Deall; librarian, P. [illegible] Nally; press correspondent, W. F[illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] secretary, [illegible] Hickey; [illegible] G. Beelen; [illegible] delegates, J. Duggan, J. Hickey, G. Beelen; picnic secretary, F. [illegible]; committee, [illegible] Murphy, J. Duggan, [illegible] Kuhn, [illegible] A. McNamara. The report showed the branch to be in a highly satisfactory position. The A cricket team is continuing a successful run, as yet being undefeated. The electric light tennis team finished the first round as leaders. The picnic secretary was empowered to make arrangements for a picnic early in the new year. The address of the new secretary is 34 Reid street, Northcote, and intending members are asked to communicate with him.

Minister's Bicycle Stolen

On Tuesday the Rev. J. T. Dugg[illegible] [illegible] his bicycle to a friend. Whilst he was in [illegible]'s store someone purloined the cycle, which, up to the present, has not been traced. The police were informed.

Pupils' Party

On Saturday, December 5, Miss Nellie Hazeldine held her annual elocution pupils' party, at her home, 116 Bastings street, Northcote. The weather was ideal and the afternoon was spent in outdoor games, after which all sat down to tea. Decorations, bright colored paper caps and serviettes and a small Christmas tree made everything gay. After tea, recitations and pianoforte solos, interspersed with games occupied the evening, a feature of which was a one-act play, entitled "The Coming of Father Christmas" by four junior pupils—Mavis McLeod, Mavis Ames, Marcus Clarke and Bessy Smith, respectively, assisted by an unseen Father Christmas. This item was much enjoyed by all. Supper was served and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a most successful party to a close.

Fancy and National Dancing

A delightful concert, consisting of fancy and national dancing, acrobatics, &c., was given in the Northcote Town Hall on November 24 by the pupils of Miss Betty Neill. This young teacher, who is now only 12 years, proved to have marked ability. The lengthy programme was applauded by the crowded audience. A particularly pleasing feature was the clever singing and dancing of a chorus of babies, the eldest of whom would not be four years of age. At the interval Cr. J. O. Hughes after complimenting Miss Neill, presented her, on behalf of the mothers and pupils, with a beautiful hand-painted dressing case set.

Wimble Workingmen's Club

The first smoke night of the Wimble Workingmen's Club was held in the Wimble Hall on December 2. Mr. Langridge, the president, occupied the chair. Music was supplied by Duffy's Symphonic Orchestra. Mr. Reed and others entertained. Several present signified their intention of joining up and congratulated the officers and members on the progress made by the club since its inception. Apologies were received from Mr. John Cain and Cr. S. Dennis on account of political activities. Mr. F. [illegible] apologised for the non-attendance of Mr. W. S. Scott.

A Nolle Prosequi Entered

It was announced by the Crown Prosecutor (Mr. Nolan) to Judge Macindoe in the Court of General Sessions on Friday that the Crown did not propose to proceed further against John William Barker, rubber works superintendent of Lee street, Northcote. Barker had been charged with having procured to be forged the name of Margaret Barker to a transfer under the Transfer of Land Act. The jury at the trial in November was unable to agree.

Northcote and Preston Scottish Society

Last Wednesday evening the Scottish Society provided the annual evening for children connected with the society. It took the form of a dance for the elders and games and competitions for the juniors. Bro. Wm. Mackie, dressed in the proverbial garb of Father Christmas, distributed gifts and later refreshments were provided and on leaving each child received a packet of sweets. The most amusing event was "Bobbing for buns." The music was supplied by the society's usual instrumentalist, Mrs. Townsend. The officials were complimented on all hands for their efforts.

Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary

The final meeting for the year was held on Thursday last. Work sent to Melbourne Hospital—58 binders, 2 nightingales and 100 tins of peaches for patients' tea on Christmas Day. There were 50 members present and two new members were proposed. The members are arranging to give the patients at Bundoora Mental Hospital high tea on December 29, also a musical programme. The auxiliary has now gone into recess until the first Thursday in March.

Northcote Woman Killed

Carrying a shopping bag, Mrs. Ellen Bloxham, 54 years, of Waterdale road, Ivanhoe, was walking across High street, Northcote, shortly before 9 o'clock on Friday night when she was knocked down by a motor truck travelling south along High street. One of the wheels passed over the unfortunate woman's head, and she was killed instantly. The body was removed to the morgue.

Ministering Children's League

An enjoyable gift evening, organised by the ladies of the Thornbury M.C.L., was held at the Hutton street School last Saturday evening. The hall, decorated with pink carnations and gum tips, held about 80 guests. Dancing was indulged in, with Mrs. Luckman as pianist, and a musical item by Miss Winnie Hall, of Regent, was appreciated. During the evening, a Christmas present was handed from the members to Mrs. Hosking, who has [illegible] for 12 months, owing to ill health. As a result of the evening a large case of groceries has been forwarded to the Welfare by the Sea. On Sunday last, the friends of the M.C.L. spent an enjoyable day in the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan's "Grand View," guest [illegible] Greensborough. A visit was made to the little historical church of St. [illegible]. Mrs. Hothnance, hon. sec., would [illegible] thank all those who provided cars [illegible] for the occasion. A donation [illegible] was handed to the secretary from [illegible].

Accidents

[illegible] accident happened at [illegible] the Prince of Wales [illegible] Hall on Tuesday [illegible] before leaving [illegible] when [illegible] Lang [illegible] Miss Langton was either [illegible] tripped. She fell [illegible] the back of her [illegible] for [illegible] was inflicted [illegible] about her usual [illegible].

[illegible] street, near Denison [illegible] Monday evening Norman [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] was knocked [illegible] sustained a broken [illegible] rendered first aid [illegible] the sufferer to Dr. [illegible] his removal to [illegible] Hospital.

Epiphany Church Banquet

[illegible] Monday week at the Epiphany Parish Hall was the scene of a social [illegible] banquet participated in by the Girls' Friendly Society and the Church of England Men's Club. Previous to the [illegible] dancing and games were indulged [illegible] justice to the [illegible]. The vicar, Rev. T. [illegible] was in the chair and proposed the [illegible] Toast which was followed by [illegible] various others, which were all suitably honored. The vicar [illegible] the debating team on winning the [illegible] pennant and Mr. Fleming [illegible] Debating Executive, also [illegible] of praise. More dancing and novelty events filled in the evening [illegible] time. Those responsible are to be congratulated on [illegible] the innovation.

Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary

The last meeting for the year was held in the Dispensary Hall, Thornbury, on Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. H. C. [illegible] presided. Regret was expressed at the illness and absence of Mrs. E. B. Smith, the secretary. A cheque for £90 was handed in to the Queen Victoria Hospital [illegible] tins of preserved fruit for [illegible] and Christmas gifts for [illegible] patients. The tray cloth, worked and donated by Mrs. C. H. Bryant, was won by Mrs. E. Kirton. Card afternoons were held on November 24 and 30, both of which proved most enjoyable and successful. An afternoon will be given by the president, Mrs. H. C. Dyte, to the workers in Normanby Hall at 2 p.m. on December 15.

Northcote Choral Society

At the annual meeting of the Northcote and District Choral Society the secretary's report was adopted. The following were elected office-bearers:—President, The Mayor (Cr. W. Olver); vice-presidents, Mr. H. H. Olney, M.L.C., Mr. L. Lavender and Mr. W. S. Noelan; conductor, J. G. Neilson; deputy conductor, W. R. Atkinson; secretary, Mr. G. [illegible]; treasurer, Miss E. Monkhouse; librarian, Mr. [illegible]; assistant librarian, Mr. A. Alcock; general committee, soprano, Mrs. Roscholler; alto, Miss E. Ward; tenor, Mr. P. Ripper; bass, Mr. W. Armstrong; musical committee, Miss G. Cereen, Mr. W. Atkinson and Mr. J. G. Neilson, conductor. The last meeting will take the form of a social evening for members and friends and rehearsals will be resumed on January 10.

LIFE-SAVING AND SWIMMING

NORTHCOTE CLUB.—The Northcote Swimming and Life-Saving club is indebted to Messrs. J. Cain, J. A. Thomson and T. Gannon for donations and in appreciation has elected them annual governors and life members respectively. The club will commence its syllabus of competitive events on December 9 with a 50 yards free style handicap for ladies and men. The club's water polo team will meet the South Melbourne team at Batman Baths on December 17. The selectors will have a hard job to select the team. Nearly all last year's players are available, and there is a possibility of at least two or three leading players from other teams transferring. Owing to illness A. Doggett, the reliable half back of last season, and Snowy Cunningham will not be available this season. Of the juniors C. French is outstanding and is in the running for inclusion. The club considers it has a "find" in young Colin Graham, a local boy, while several of the other juniors are showing good form. Mr. L. Harper has been appointed swimming instructor. Owing to pressure of business, Miss F. Jones has resigned the captaincy of the ladies.

The club will again conduct a "learn to swim drive" and any persons desiring to be taught should at once enrol; the slogan is "Learn to swim for Safety, Health and Pleasure." Life-Saving classes have begun and all intending to receive instruction should enrol at once. The club is desirous of hearing from residents who are willing to assist, financially and otherwise. The club's Sunday picnics are about to start. If you are going, give your name in at the baths. A good day's outing is assured.

Preston Diggers' Concert Party

AFTER having held the position of hon. secretary and organiser to Preston Diggers' Concert Party for a period of 3 years Mr. Noel Banker has resigned. His successor is Mr. S. O. Larsen. During the year now drawing to a close 28 public performances have been given by the party, the final entertainment for the year being fixed for the Talbot Colony Epileptic Home at Clayton.

Mr. Banker is deserving of thanks for the manner in which he has carried out the duties of secretary and organiser.

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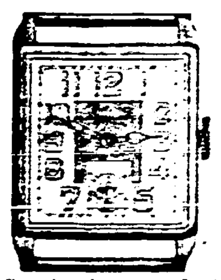

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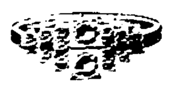

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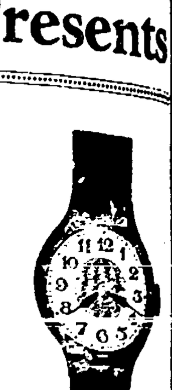

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REGENT'S TWO FINE PICTURES

At the Regent Theatre on Saturday for one week two remarkable features will be shown. They are "Daddy Long Legs" and "Always Goodbye." This is a new departure on the part of the Regent and it is safe to say that patrons will be well satisfied with the excellent programme. Janet Gaynor, everybody's favorite, will be seen as the immortal "Judy," the orphan girl whose courage wins her eternal happiness. Miss Gaynor again has a part that measures up to her own high standards of portrayal. While Fox studio officials had long realised the appropriateness of the well-known Jean Webster play for their star, the peculiar suitability of the part was not apparent until Director Alfred Santell and Sonya Levien, the scenarist, began work on the picture. Both Miss Levien and Santell were astonished to find no alteration of any kind in Miss Gaynor's part in "Daddy Long Legs" was necessary or even advisable. The part of "Judy" was so ideally suited to her that it was utterly out of the question to change it in any way, other than the unavoidable condensation of a two and a half-hour play to make an hour and twenty-minute picture. Warner Baxter is co-starred with Miss Gaynor in the film.

In the second picture Elissa Landi and Lewis Stone are featured. Lila Banning has squandered her small inheritance. She accepts Frank Carlson's proposition to pose as the wife of his friend John Graham. Graham has made a fortune in diamonds, and it is Carlson's plan to pose himself off as Reginald Armstrong, son of Graham's late partner, hoping to get a slice of the Graham fortune. Graham is apprised by Scotland Yard that his expected guests are imposters, and asked to play the game in order to help catch them. Graham red-handed. Graham is captivated with Lila, and soon she finds herself falling in love with him. Graham is torn between his faith in Lila and the apparent facts. He decides to set a trap. He shows Lila the "Heart of Flame" diamond, and casually gives her the safe combination. Carlson overhears it and that night burgles the strong box. Before he can make his getaway, Lila, by a clever ruse, gets the diamond and has just returned it when she is discovered by Graham and Blake, a detective. She explains that she was only returning the stone and if they doubt her to look and see. This they do, and Graham's faith is vindicated. Regent in trying to make his getaway, finds himself in the arms of Blake's men, and Lila suddenly finds herself in the arms of the man to whom she will never say "Always Goodbye."

Free Matinee for Children

Mr. Melvin, manager of the Regent has arranged a free matinee for December 22 for children of the unemployed. Tickets may be had from the town clerk, Northcote. A fine programme will be arranged specially suitable for children.

Yan Yean Picnic

The usual popular Yan Yean public picnic will be held on New Year's Day at the Reservoir. There will be Highland dancing, merry-go-round, foot running, throwing cricket ball, putting the weight, and a host of other amusements. A brass band will render selections. Mr. Alf. Hall is the hon. secretary. Details are advertised elsewhere.

The following pupils of Miss M. Cotchin, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M., were successful in recent London College of Music examinations:—Elementary, Valda Naunton and Lorna Allen, both of whom passed with honors.

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PENNANT MATCHES

Northcote v Prahran
Northcote in Winning Form

With three down for 38 runs and 107 still wanted for victory Powell, 10 not out, and Ellis went in full of confidence to open to the bowling of McCrae and Schrader. Both batsmen were taking no risks for a start and after 74 minutes' play the 50 runs came up. Ellis, Prahran's skipper, was making quick changes with his bowlers. The rate of scoring was now a lot faster and the 100 came up in 103 minutes. The last 50 had only taken 29 minutes. Ellis, who has not had the luck to get going this season, was back to his old form and was giving a splendid display. With the score at 124 Powell touched one from Wallace and Ellis made no mistake behind the wickets. Powell had taken 89 minutes for his 58 runs, included in his score were eight 4's. With 21 runs wanted to win Fleming joined Ellis. A clinging shot to the leg boundary by Ellis, off Wallace, made the scores level and a smartly run single gave Northcote their second victory. Ellis sent one flying to the pickets to reach his half century, made in 92 minutes. In trying to repeat the stroke he was out next ball. The board at this stage read 5—54—164. Millar came in next. Fleming, who made a few weak shots early was now going along nicely. Millar, who had been at the wickets for 42 minutes for 7 runs, was the next to go. Ward, who came in was bowled next ball—7—0—180. McSperrin came now and opened his score with a nice four to the boundary. The second century now appeared having taken 182 minutes. Both batsmen were now going for the runs and reached the boundary on several occasions. With the score at 256 Wallace came on again and with a ball that kept low bowled Fleming. His 65 runs had taken 100 minutes to make, included in his score were six 4's—65—241. The remaining did not last long and the innings closed for 271 runs, McSperrin was not out for a well-made 42.

With 39 minutes left for play, Prahran, in their second innings, lost 1 for 78.

Scores:—

PRAHRAN

First Innings 144

Second Innings

Morell, c Fleming, b Heron	52
McCrae, not out	26
Total, 1 wicket for	78

Northcote won by 127 runs on the first innings.

Bowling:—Ellis, 0/23; Ward, 0/13; Fontaine, 0/17; Heron, 1/23; Millar, 0/2.

NORTHCOTE
First Innings

Morgan, c Moran, b Wallace	0
Heron, lbw., b Schrader	7
Fontaine, b McCrae	20
Powell, c Ellis, b Wallace	58
Ellis, c Mitchell, b McCrae	54
Millar, c Hawkins, b Morell	7
Ward, b Morell	0
Fleming, b Walsh	65
Thom, b Wallace	7
Chivers, lbw., b Wallace	0
McSperrin, not out	42
Sundries	11
Total	271

Bowling.—Wallace, 5/54; McCrae, 2/28; Morell, 2/31; Schrader, 1/68; Moran, 0/16; Davie, 0/46; Mitchell, 0/7; Gray 0/10.

With Chris Dwyer as coach and our keen skipper, the local lads are all coming along nicely. The selectors are in for a hard task to pick the sides.

SECOND ELEVENS

Northcote v Prahran
Vernon's Fine Effort
(By "Short Stop")

The match was continued at the Northcote Park. Evidently satisfied with their score of 6 for 252 Prahran declared their innings closed before play began. Northcote's opening batsmen Kellar and Ansell, facing Prentice and Wharington. Early disaster overtook the locals, Ansell being taken in the slips before scoring. Vernon followed, but soon lost Kellar, who was clean bowled by Prentice for 13. 2 for 13 as Garrett joined Vernon. Tommy Garrett, quickly getting into his stride, reached the 30's with a smashing drive to the pickets. Trying to force the pace he was caught in the longfield for a briskly made 37, the third wicket falling at 64. The position of the game did not look too rosy as Jack Baggott partnered Vernon. The latter was shaping nicely, placing the ball to the on with great advantage. Baggot did not last long, being bowled by Rush for 12. The score read 4 for 84. K. Fleming and Vernon became associated and the century was soon reached and when tea adjournment arrived they were still together and the total 129. On resumption of play the game became very interesting as the score gradually increased. The fielding was keen and runs were hard to get, both batsmen playing fine cricket. With the partnership worth 89 Fleming was caught for 37, a very valuable knock, 5 for 173. Warren escaped being stumped for 5. A lot depended on Smith, a promising junior, who was making his first appearance. He partnered Vernon, playing with the confidence of a veteran. He soon reached double figures and the second century was quickly posted. Ed Vernon, fighting hard for his century, lost Smith, who, in trying for a 6 was caught in the outfield for 31. This boy shows great promise. With 7 for 222 and 30 needed to win Crawley joined Vernon. The latter, who was playing a magnificent hand, reached his 100 amidst great applause. After a few overs the winning hit was made and when stumps were drawn the score was 7 for 276. Vernon remained unconquered with 104 not out, practically batting throughout the innings as when he went to the wickets the total was 13. It was a masterly effort and probably the best knock he has played for the club. Crawley lent valuable assistance with 23 not out. The fielding throughout was very keen, the Prahran men giving nothing away in the field. Scores:—

PRAHRAN

First Innings, 6 (closed) for 252

NORTHCOTE

V. Ansell, c Davies, b Prentice	0
C. Kellar, b Prentice	13
E. Vernon, not out	104
T. Garrett, c Armstrong, b House ...	36
Baggott, b Rush	12
K. Fleming, c Headen, b House ...	37
E. Warren, st., Parker, b Davies ...	5
L. Smith, c Rush, b Simpson	31
Crawley, not out	23
Sundries	15
Total, 7 for	276

Northcote won by 3 wickets and 24 runs.

SUB-DISTRICTS

Preston v Brighton

A most disappointing day's cricket was experienced by Preston at Brighton last Saturday. After losing two wickets for about 15 Brighton closed with the score at 6 for 256. It was evident very early that the wicket was going to give trouble. On taking block the Preston captain drove a ball into the crease, after removing the bail from the earth he was very surprised to notice that the wet turf was sticking to it. Three wickets fell quickly and every one was bowled with a ball that never rose one inch. F. Lawn again played a good hand for 50 runs and E. Chapple scored 19 with good strokes whenever this was possible. After being dismissed for 127 runs Preston were compelled to follow on and in the second attempt lost 3 wickets for 49 runs by 6 o'clock. Both the umpires and the Preston delegates intend reporting the state of the wicket to the Sub-District Association on Wednesday night.

The 2nd. Eleven, like the firsts, had a lose on Saturday. Requiring 148 runs, Preston were dismissed for 116. Except for a fine hand of 37 by P. Spargo, none of the other batsmen looked like getting runs. H. Bradford, while batting very well, was unfortunately run out and from then on a slump in the Preston side carried on to the last man. The Caulfield match, to be played next week, finishes cricket until after the new year.

Northcote Club XI v Central P.M.G.

The match was resumed at Yarra Park with Northcote's score standing at 2 for 47 in reply to the "Postie's" 125. The local boys were sorry to hear that McGrath, one of the not out batsmen, had been removed to the hospital during the week suffering from appendicitis, and all hope he will soon be with us again. Coulson, a left-hander, was sent in in McGrath's place to try and take the bowling of Pitt, who was troubling the right-handers with his leg breaks, and so well did he do his part that he carried his bat for 60. The second highest score was made by a left-hander, Peterson, who sacrificed his wicket trying to force the pace after having passed their opponents' score. In the P.M.G. team's second innings Spoor bowled with better luck than attended his efforts on the previous Saturday, and had the decision for a very smart stumping been given in Bowtells' favor, the P.M.G. would have more than likely all been out again cheaply. The next match is a very important game for the A team against Carlton A at Merri Park. Scores:—

CENTRAL P.M.G.

First Innings	125
Second Innings, 5 for	94

NORTHCOTE A
First Innings

I. Peterson, b Pitt	14
A. Heath, b Credlin	22
McGrath, absent	5
Frawley, lbw., Credlin	11
V. Coulson, not out	60
A. Anderson, c Viney, b Credlin ...	0
Bowtell, st., Farrington, b Pitt ...	1
Stevens, b Pitt	14
L. Peterson, c Credlin, b Viney ...	25
Spoor, c Gordon, b Edmunds	19
L. Fowler, b Edmunds	3
Sundries	13
Total	187

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCH ASSOCIATION

A GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians 6 for 177 (closed) (T. Love 46, G. Williamson 30, G. Duncan 30 not out, A. Shaw 13 not out; J. Campbell 2/29, A. Cooper 1/18, G. Bourke 1/27, G. Carpenter 1/49) v Northcote Church of Christ 98 and 29 (G. Rouche 21, G. Carpenter 16 and 8; H. Jones 6/25 and 3/10, C. Taylor 3/18 and 4/12, G. Duncan 3/6). Presbyterians won by 1 inning and 50 runs.

B GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians 85 and 4 for 36 (D. Patterson 25, A. Grey 23, E. Douglas 14 Gray 17 not out; L. McDonald 3/19 and 2/12 H. Tait 3/17 and 2/11, H. Topping 3/14 and 0/7) v Saint Mary's Church of England, 17 and 99 (J. Bruce 11 and 54, H. Topping 16; D. Patterson 6/7 hat trick and 2/28, A. Gray 4/8 and 2/31, E. Douglas 4/2).

Presbyterians won by 6 wickets and 5 runs outright.

Northcote Presbyterians, 80 and 65 (G. North 36, S. Pink 16, W. Smith 15, R. Davis 8/30) d North Preston Methodists, 81 and 26 (A. Stark 10/36).

Sunday School Grade

Thornbury Presbyterians A 50 and 49 (J. Moyes 13, A. Logan 11; Hayes 5/14 and 4/24 Pegram 4/14 and 3/5) v Preston Presbyterians 74 and 1 for 37 (Hayes 23 and 15 not out, Murray 14; J. Pike 4/20). Preston Presbyterians won by 9 wickets and 10 runs outright.

Thornbury Presbyterians B, 28 and 39 (M. Kaufman 13 and 17) v South Preston Methodists 116 (S. Pike 68; B. Elsworth 4/49, J. Wilson 4/10). Methodists won by 1 innings and 49 runs outright.

Westgarth Baptists, 85 and 45 (Trudgeon 51 not out, Canning 18, Wintle 16/37) d Northcote Congregationals 28 and 12 (Young 7/13, Burridge 5/4, Edwards 3/31).

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

I.O.R.—Senior Section

Northcote and West Melbourne continued their game at Royal Park on Saturday. The scores on the first day were West Melbourne 123, Northcote, 1 for 11.; West Melbourne, second innings, 2 for 29. Northcote, first innings 111 West Melbourne won by 12 runs on the first innings.

Next Saturday Northcote are at home to Sunshine, the leaders of the competition, and premiers of last season. The Northcote wicket is in the south west corner of Mayer Park (rear Fitzroy Racecourse).

The premiership points scored to date are.—Sunshine 16, West Melbourne, 14, East Brunswick 11, Collingwood and Northcote 10, Ivanhoe 9, Fairfield 8, Clifton Hill 7, North Fitzroy 5, Brunswick and Footscray 4.

Northcote Footballers Club

Northcote Footballers Club will play Paramount Club at the old Brunswick Ground next Saturday.

Sons of Temperance

Brunswick, 88 and 124 (A. J. Temple 27 and 22, Potter 28, Barry 24, A. R. Temple 22; W. Hegarty 4/21) d Alpha, 47 (Craddock 20, Griffiths 5/17).

Rising Star, 89 and 6 for 85 (A. E. Ashmore 29 and 22, E. Ashmore 24, Young 9/57 including hat trick) d Thornbury, 68 (Main 7/24).

Coburg 88 and 44 (Rassmussen 26, McMillan 27, Fernley 6/21, Dugdale 4/28) d North Fitzroy 60 and 60 (McTavish 29, Broadhurst 6/42, Phillips 5/32).

U.A.O.D.

Trafalgar, 174, (Dellar 40, Carter 3/17, Smith 2/20, Heathcote 1/27, Kettle 1/31) v Preston, 56 and 41 (Heathcote 19, Barden 14, Gilbert 12). Next Saturday Preston play Anglesea at Preston.

H.A.C.B.S.

West Melbourne, 72 and 104 (Ryder 5/67 Lang 8/38, O'Meara 5/20) v Preston, 64 (Howard 186, Walker 15 not out, Lang 14).

NORTHERN DISTRICT JUNIORS

Northfield v North Brunswick

Northfield, 55 and 3 for 64 (K. Bolitho 26 and 26 not out; P. Pedder 8/22 and 5/10) v Brunswick, 27 and 8 for 30 (P. Sands 8/7 and 5/10). Northcote won on the first innings by 28 runs.

Northcote C.Y.M.S. Ramblers v Fairfield C.Y.M.S. Ramblers

Fairfield, 106 and Northcote, 8 for 68, continued their match on Saturday. Northcote lost the remaining two wickets without scoring and were 44 runs behind on the first innings. Fairfield again batted and at 7 for 62 declared, leaving Northcote 106 runs to get to avoid defeat. At 10 to five Northcote commenced their second innings, D. Marnell 15, and L. Dickson 15, made a stand. The runs gradually mounted up and at 10 to 6 Northcote had reached 102 runs. Fairfield won by 4 runs. Northcote only batted 9 men in the second innings. A good bowling display was given by B. Meredith, who secured 3 wickets for 3 runs.

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Preston, 6 for 180 (closed) (Goldin 62, Butler 34, Hughes 31, Sims 41 not out) v Northcote, 70 and 88 (Lyons 27, Deeker 12, Groves 28, Davis 19; Butler 7/23 and 5/32, Liddell 3/16).

WHITTLESEA ASSOCIATION

Humevale, 104 and 7 for 61 (Dawson 16, E. Blair 8/14, Clancy 2/13, R. Howell 1/1) d Whittlesea, 69 (H. Beney 25, L. Russell 11, T. Draper 5/20, G. Parker 2/21) by 35 runs on the first innings.

WOMENS' CRICKET

Northcote v Roska

On Saturday Northcote played Roska on the home ground and won by 31 on the first innings. The team is doing remarkably well taking into consideration the fact that this is their first season. They hold about ninth position; there are 18 teams in the association. The scores were:—Northcote, 93 and 0 for 27 (G. Higgs 19, and 13 not out, S. Wilson 11, E. Garrett 10, M. Canobbio 11 and 7/13, M. Ireland 1/15 and J. Rowe 1/16) v Roska, 62 (M. Bone 15, E. Lugg 4/36)

Next Saturday Northcote play Raymond's. This should be an interesting match as both teams share the one ground.

Preston Ladies' Club v Raymonds

Preston scored a win on Saturday last when they met Raymonds at Bell Park. Scores.—Raymonds, 56 and 1 for 29 (P. Houldcroft 16, I. Macquire 17 and 11 not out and 2/17, L. Bone 1/14) v Preston, 3 for 84 (P. Edwards 22, E. Burkett 18 not out and 4/7, H. Hills 17, H. McKeown 3/8).

Two of the Preston team have been chosen to play against South Australia in a social game during the Christmas holidays. They are Hilda Hills, wicketkeeper, and Edna Burkett.

OTHER MATCHES

Ethel Grove v Rosehill Ramblers

Ethel Grove, 138, and 4 for 26 (O. Newbegin 31 and 20 not out, C. Dufty 29, B. Wallace 21; A. Cozens 5/27, S. Bernard 5/85 v Rosehill Ramblers, 143 and 17 (W. McKeone 48, A. Cozens 30; D. Nagle 8/42 C. Dufty 8/30). Ethel Grove won by 5 wickets.

Regent Club

Continuing the match against Spensley United, who made 168 runs on the first day, the first eleven set out to overtake this score last Saturday. I. McKenzie and L. Robinson were the opening pair and at 34 McKenzie was out with 19 to his credit. E. Newbegin followed and the score was carried to 126 before Robinson, who batted exceptionally well for 51, was dismissed. Another wicket was lost before the opponents' total was reached. A. Gosstray 20, and Newbegin carried on to become top scorer with a brilliant 69. All batsmen did well. L. Dalcam 20 and R. Cameron 19 not out, also contributed to the fine total of 220 runs for 5 wickets. On the first day the scores in the match between Croxton and the second eleven were:—Regent 83 and Croxton 3 for 102. Croxton continued its innings last Saturday and declared at 6 for 207, and in reply Regent were all out in their second attempt for 66. L. Langlands was top scorer with 15 not out and W. Duggin performed best with the ball, taking 4/65. The attendance at the regular fortnightly social and dance on Wednesday, November 2, was not quite as large, but nevertheless those in attendance spent an enjoyable time. The prize winners were:—Euchre, Mrs. Glascott and Mr. Langlands; consolations, Mrs. Cruwys and Mr. H. Polglaze; novelty dance, Mr. Pickles and Miss Scott; lucky number, Mr. S. Cameron. Next Saturday the first eleven meet Westgarth at McDonell Park, Northcote, and the bus will be available for the conveyance of players and supporters. On the home ground the second eleven will be opposed to the male staff of the Women's Hospital.

Camberwell, 5 for 342 (Amery 128, Macguire 121, Campbell 32) v Northcote, 6 for 93 (Mathews 24, Rowe 26, Hibbett 15 not out; Pettifor 5/37).

Pastrycooks (Northcote) Pty. Ltd, 104 (J. Saunders 51, Sprague 13; R. Hugo 3/1, W. Hugo 3/14) lost to Jolimont Yard, 123 (R. Hugo 68 not out, Budd 21; Sprague 6/24).

Pastrycooks (Northcote) Pty. Ltd. 7 for 72 (Collier 31, A. Ireland 11) were defeated by Carrum, 135, (Langthorpe 30, Stanlake 35, Hankinson 44).

Regent Club.—Regent 156, (Bevis 38, Bassiero 32 not out, Allen 27) v North Carlton, 44 and 4 for 56 (Strickland 27 not out, Bevis 8/36). Regent did well to win by 112 on the first innings. When the score stood at 5 for 20 Bevis saved the side from collapse by making 38 in 2¾ hours.

B Grade.—Regent, 56 and 59 (Williams 16, Townley 10/38 v Ivanhoe 56 and 140 (Walpole 27 and 37, Richards 27, Robertson 21, Townley 23, Ebdon 6/39, Willams 7/45). Regent B were defeated outright by Ivanhoe after being level on the first innings. This was due to the bowling of Townly, who took 10/16.

C.E.B.S.

St. Mary's, Preston, 60 and 97 (Wheeler 11, Vines 17, Tasker 18, Telfer 13 and 14, Virtue 24; Tregus 11/43, J. Muncey 8/37) v St. Silas,' Albert Park, 60 and 60 (Welsh 12, Dunn 14 and 22 not out, Tregus 11; Rutter 5/24, J. Hacking 7/15).

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GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

H. O'Halloran's trophy, par competition, 50 entries:—3 up, L. E. Jaques (15); 1 up, C. Holt (13); 1 up, W. Jackson (14); square, J. H. Knell (6); square, C. Oakley (9); 2 down, A. J. Ferguson (14).

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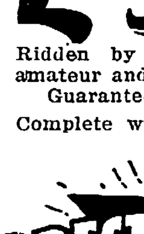

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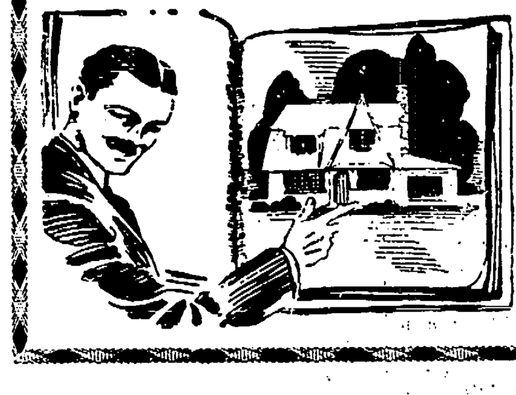

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DEATH

SCHWAEBSCH.—On the 6th December, at 571 High street, Northcote, Jane, beloved wife of the late C. F. T. Schwaebsch, and sister of Mr. Charles Bendall, and loving mother of Carl, Annie (Mrs. Sims), Alice (Mrs. McCarthy), Charlotte (Mrs. Linehan, W.A.), Clara (Mrs. B. Davis), Charles, Otto, Maud (Mrs. Rayment), Harry (N.S.W.), Esther (Mrs. E. Davis, deceased) and Edgar Bendall, age 90 years. Born Edgehill, England. Colonist 77 years. No flowers.

A beautiful mother at rest.

DEATH

SCHWAEBSCH.—On the 6th December, at 571 High street, Northcote, dearly loved grandma of Alice (Mrs Tomkins), Daisy (deceased), Clara (Mrs. Bostock), Freda (Mrs. Wilson), Fred, Amy, Albert, and great-grandma of Stewart Tomkins and Max Bostock. Her life a beautiful memory.

THANKS

WOOLFE—Mr. F. E. Woolfe and family desire to THANK all kind friends and relatives for telegrams, letters, cards, floral tributes, and personal expressions of sympathy received during their recent sad bereavement. Please accept this as a personal expression of sincere gratitude.

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JUSTICE TO ALL

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ABOUT PEOPLE

Miss Nancy Bussell, "Larne," Kellata street, Preston, who underwent an operation at "Epworth" private hospital is home again and making favorable progress.

Mr. Dave Foley, of Preston, who is in the employ of the Union Steamship Co., has been transferred to Tasmania as branch manager. Mr. Foley's residence is Preston will be taken by Mr. Home, who is transferred from Tasmania to the mainland.

Norman, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Owen of Gordon grove, who, a short time ago, fell and fractured his collar bone, and was making a good recovery, this week again fell and fractured the same bone.

The stork paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Stokie, Regent street, Regent on November 26 and presented them with a daughter (Beverly Muriel). Mr. G. Stokie is a popular railway official, till recently stationed at Bell, and is now at Brunswick.

"St. Lenards," Flinders street, Thornbury, the home of Mr and Mrs. L. Roberts was the happy haven on Saturday evening, 28th inst. when the two daughters, Beryl and Phyllis entertained many of their friends. Their hospitality was much appreciated. This pleasant affair was held in aid of the Junior Branch of the Northcote-Thornbury St. Vincent's Auxiliary. Cards and games were indulged in while dancing claimed its percentage of the happy throng. Some of the friends who accepted invitations were: Misses Dunn, E. Sheridan, F. McDonald, B. Quick, L. Hoare, M. Hewitt, J. Clack, K. Slattery, B. Gorry, L. Dean, E. Stephens, N. McSperrin, K. and S. Mahoney, T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hewitt, Mesdames Clack, O'Brien, Dean, and Messrs. B. Gorry, C. Carr, C. Hollis, L. Hartnett, T. Hewitt, F. Hewitt, E. O'Brien, A. Quick, D. Lee and T. Clementson.

Mr. H. J. Brennan, who was for a term works manager to the City of Preston, has received a permanent appointment as City Engineer to the Municipality of Redfern (Sydney, N.S.W.) There were 41 applicants for the position.

Mr. Green, High street, Preston, is still enjoying a holiday in the neighbourhood of Tarrawingee, where there is good fishing and shooting. Mr. Green expects to return to Preston next week.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR BATMAN

Mr. Frank Blake, the Democratic Candidate for Batman, is 38 years of age, being born at Horsham in 1893. Entering the Postmaster-General's Department in 1908 as a telegraph messenger, he rose in the short space of seven years to the position of postmaster, and was in charge of the Ballarat East Post Office at the age of 23. However, owing to his ability in other directions, his services were availed of by an outside business organisation, and he retired from the government service. Mr. Blake has had wide experience in business and banking matters, and at present is legal manager of mining companies. Always a sound and advanced Democrat, he brings to bear on economic and political questions a well-trained brain, is a clear thinker, and has a very wide knowledge of the monetary question. Electors of Batman will have a splendid representative if they return Mr. Blake, who, with his youthful vigor, will prove an able fighter in the cause of democracy.

—Advt.

H. Williams, Organiser, 379 Collins St.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

MR. BRENNAN OPENS CAMPAIGN

At the Northcote town hall on Monday night Mr. Frank Brennan, Federal Attorney-General, who is seeking re-election for the Batman electorate, opened his campaign. Every seat was occupied, and there were many standing.

Mr. Brennan was well received, and he spoke at length on the work of the Scullin Ministry, saying that the Labor policy was simply to complete and give effect to the various tasks that were nearing completion at the time when the work of the Government was interrupted by a motion moved by a disaffected Labor man, and backed by the Opposition.

The position of the nation, he continued, was still very critical, requiring unity, concentration and determination. It was in face of needs such as these that the Opposition had rushed in to the support of a disaffected section of the Labor movement which it affected to despise.

The Government had withstood fierce criticism from all sides, but nevertheless had stood to its task manfully in order to maintain the country's equilibrium. (Applause.) Efforts had been concentrated on three main points—the maintenance of the balance of international trade by means of an effective tariff, the adjustment of budgets, and the maintenance of industrial laws and wage standards so as to avoid sweating. Failure on all these three points had brought the last Nationalist Government down.

Commenting on the restoration of trade balances, Mr. Brennan said that the Bruce-Page Government had lived beyond the country's means to the extent of £92,000,000 in seven years. Labor had changed that by effective tariffs and had altered the adverse trade balance to a favorable balance of £30,000,000 in two years. (Cheers.) This had been done by the drastic curtailment of "luxury" items by means of the tariff, with the result that many of those things which had in the past been imported were now manufactured locally. (Applause.) Whilst this tariff schedule was being put through the House the Opposition had at one time gone "on strike," declaring that the measure would be left to the Senate. When the measure did go to the Senate it had been mangled. 13 out of 18 items being struck out. (Hoots.) He appealed to the electors to return Labor Senators "until such time as we can give the Senate a happy despatch as a useless encumbrance on the constitution." (Applause.)

Speaking of loan conversions, Mr. Brennan said that although Mr. Lyons was given much credit in some quarters for the conversion of the £28,000,000 loan, this was undoubtedly due to Mr. Scullin, the Prime Minister. The Scullin Government, he declared, had earned the public confidence in converting £556,000,000 of loan moneys, which had created a world record for a single financial operation, and was at the same time an expression of public confidence. (Prolonged applause.)

(Walter T. Mott, 309 High street, Northcote)

MR. FRANK BLAKE'S CANDIDATURE

Mr. Frank Blake, the Australia Democratic Party candidate for the Batman seat, opened his campaign at the Northcote Town Hall on Tuesday evening, about 250 people were present.

In opening, Mr. Blake said the Democrats' policy was centred around the question of finance and monetary reform. The party had sprung into existence to meet the times when monetary reform was long overdue. He believed the Commonwealth Bank should be the only banking institution with the right to create credit. Private bank control was detrimental to the nation. The present banking system was at the root of the depression. Whilst the banking system remained as at present we would have cycles of good times followed by depression. Mr. Blake claimed the banking interests held only £6 in cash for each £100 of credit and consequently they never were or would be in a position to meet their liabilities in cash. A man who lodged £1,000 worth of security with a bank was given £600 worth of credit. He was not given the money but he could draw cheques to that amount. Consequently he was not lent the money but only credit. In the course of a few days this money found its way back to the bank. The depression was brought about by the fact that banks found the position was unsafe and too much credit had been created. They restricted credits by calling up overdrafts. In the last two years deposits had been reduced by 30 million. He did not want inflation, but stood for control of the currency and creation of credit by the Commonwealth Bank only. We want values to be stable, without endangering the banking system. To do this he said we must take away from the private banks the right to create credit, and leave it in the hands of the Commonwealth Bank.

In dealing with unemployment he pointed out that 300,000 men were out of work in Australia chiefly because public works had ceased. This was because we had stopped borrowing. Under the Democratic system it was not necessary to borrow overseas. Credits could be created by the Commonwealth Bank and public works paid for in that way. Employment would be given without getting the country further into debt. Against these credits would be set the works performed in the shape of the country's assets. The principle of borrowing money was wrong. We have to pay £30,000,000 per annum interest on the internal debt and each resident in the Commonwealth is liable for the public debt to the extent of £180. Interest on this is £8 odd per head. Mr. Blake said the Democrats had formulated a policy whereby the huge public debt could be completely wiped out in 14 years. He proposed that taxation should be completely abolished. The taxpayers of Australia had levied on them indirectly and otherwise £90,000,000 a year or £15 per head. Every impost upon trade was paid for by the community. He instanced the Sales Tax and the effect it had of increasing the cost to the consumer. This fictitious addition to costs represented the Governments taxes.

The tremendous economic waste of unemployment was stressed and the rot in industry was accentuated each time men lost their employment as they were not consumers to the same capacity as formerly. The problem of exchange was also dealt with and the candidate advocated the establishment of a Central Board who would keep exports balanced by imports. We could thus prohibit the importation of goods we did not require.

Standard of Living.—Efforts had been made in the past to increase the standard of living by increasing wages. Yet each increase was charged against the cost of producing goods and passed on. He mentioned the standard of living had decreased by 10 per cent. during the last few years. A Price Control Board would fix the selling cost and give the only effective increase in the purchasing power of money.

Dealing with Mr. Scullin's Labor policy Mr. Blake said inflation would be caused. The effect of this policy would be the creating of credit, which the private banks would sell to the public. Mr. Blake contended the banking system would have perished long ago if the cheque system had not been introduced and new gold discovered.

Mr. Whiteacre, president of the Democratic Party, supported and Mr Scott, the candidate for Maribyrnong, gave an instance of how his business had been the victim of the private banking system. His £8,000 of assets had been sold for less than £2,000 because his overdraft had been called up.

Asked his opinion of the N.S.W. Savings Bank, Mr. Blake said he thought an attack had been made on Mr. Lang by the Commonwealth Government through the N.S.W. Bank. Mr. Blake replied to a question re pensions and said he thought old age, soldier settlers and war pensions should be increased to the maximum, as the more we gave them the greater their consuming power.

Voice: "Why not give every one a pension?"

Question: "Why have the middle class—"

Voice: "There's no middle class" (Laughter.)

"Why have the middle class become so interested in the Commonwealth Bank? Is it because the private banks have let them down?"

Mr. Blake: Probably.

Question: "Can the candidate tell us if the Price Control Board in Queensland was a success?"

Mr. Blake pleaded ignorance upon the functioning of this body.

Question: "Is it a fact that when the Commonwealth Bank was first established it was for the purpose of creating credit?"

Mr. Blake: "The first intention was for the Commonwealth Bank to provide credit. They found credit for £7,000,000 for the transcontinental railway and no money had to be borrowed."

Several questions were asked simultaneously and a wordy argument was all that could be heard.

Can anyone tell us what good Mr. Brennan has done for Batman during the last 15 years (Uproar).

Voice: "You heard Mr. Brennan last night. Can you point to one constructive suggestion made by Mr. Brennan?" (Uproar).

When the meeting quietened down Mr. Blake was asked his attitude towards compulsory military training, he replied that he was in favor of abolishing all war-like gestures.

(Geo. H. Mott, 309 High street, Northcote).

CORIO SEAT

Mr. R. G. Casey, D.S.O., M.C., M.A., is contesting the Corio seat as an U.A.P. candidate. He is 41 years of age and was born in Brisbane. He was educated at Melbourne C. of E. Grammar School and Trinity College. He took an honors degree in engineering. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war and was evacuated with illness in September, 1915. He returned to France in January, 1916, and was awarded the D.S.O. in 1918. He was selected as liaison officer in 1924.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Nominations closed on Saturday. The following were received for Batman:—

Blake, Frank Edgar John, 379 Collins street, legal manager (Aust. Dem).

Brennan, Frank, 118 Westbourne grove, Northcote, solicitor (Lab.).

Dennis, Samuel, 33 Walker street, Northcote, contractor (U.A.P.).

Hannan, James Edward, 3 Bartlett street, Preston, laborer (Com.).

Mr. F. Brennan is the retiring member.

THE SENATE

VICTORIA

Brennan, Thomas Cornelius (U.A.P.).
Guthrie, James Francis (U.A.P.).
Plain, William, (U.A.P.).
Cameron, Donald, (Lab.).
Sheehan, James Michael (Lab.).
Wallis, Alfred Russell, (Lab.).
Kelly, Alured (Young Nationalists).
Murchison, William Gordon (Ind. U.A.P.).
Partridge, Harold Frederick Keith (Com.).

The election will take place on December 19. Writs are returnable on December 30.

The first three are retiring members.

EAST PRESTON MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

They say "the more the merrier" and so it was at Queenstown last week-end where a large party of members and friends voted it the best week-end ever. Members are asked to attend the next general meeting on Monday next. The annual wind-up social will be held shortly. There will be an unofficial run on Sunday the destination to be decided at the start.

Mr. F. P. Bird, Electrical Engineer to the City of Preston, notifies that the supply of electricity will be interrupted between 4.30 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Sunday, December 13 next.

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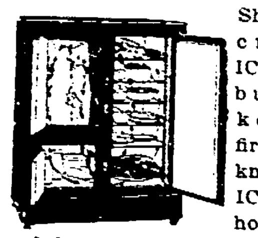

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Northcote Council

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The usual meeting of the Northcote council was held on Monday. Present: The mayor (Cr. W. Olver, J.P.) and Crs. W. Glanfield, A. J. Cornish, B. E. Johnson, J. H. Green, S. Pinkney, J. O. Hughes, W. H. Turner, J. Hayes, A. E. Peters, J. Sutch and C. Jones Apologies were received from Crs. Dennis and Bird.

Duty on Books.—Mr. F. Brennan advised that he was making representations re duty on imported books.

"Learn to Swim."—The "Herald" invited co-operation in the "Learn to Swim" campaign.—Council to co-operate.

Gas Supply.—East North Progress Association drew attention to poor supply of gas in north-eastern section of the city, and urged that the Gas Company be asked to provide a better supply.

Metropolitan Gas Company wrote re complaints of poor gas supply throughout the city. The company pointed out that a gas main was fractured in High street and was flooded with water. This trouble took time to rectify, and the full service was not restored until late in the week.

The Progress Association to be advised of Gas Company's letter.

Dust Nuisance.—F. Reidy, re state of roadway in Charles street and the consequent dust nuisance.

The engineer said the street had been re-sheeted and blinded with bluestone dust. The street had been left to consolidate, and after the holidays the road would be treated with bitumen. The street had been watered to minimise the nuisance.

West Ward Progress Association, (1) re unsightly banks of Merri Creek at Merri parade; (2) re condition of fence on Bullen's drain at Hutton street.

Cr. Green said the council should do something to beautify this entrance to the city.

The engineer was instructed to submit a report in each case.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Committee.—General accounts £1214/5/9, and private street construction accounts £117/0/11, were paid.

The following building applications were granted:—L. English, extension of garage, Victoria road; J. Barclay, house on land, Francis grove; P. McCabe, additions, Hayes street.

Street Indicator Boards.—It was recommended that these be erected in Westgarth and Ross streets to direct traffic of the alternate route to the city via Ross and Urquhart streets to the city and so avoid congestion at the Westgarth street railway gates. The cost would be £5 to erect the boards.

Cr. Johnson urged the council not to attempt to turn traffic away from High street. If that were done the business people of High street would suffer. He moved an amendment that the matter be further considered.

Cr. Cornish seconded.

Cr. Green said the boards were designed to relieve congestion in peak periods, and as far as he could see it would not affect High street business people.

The amendment was carried, and the matter was referred back to the committee.

Electric Light Committee. — Accounts £379/6/8 were paid.

On and after January 1 next the Regent Theatre will be charged for theatre lighting at lighting rates, current used for fans and talkie equipment at power rates, and current used for motor generating current at 2½d. per unit.

Cr. Turner said that at present the Regent Theatre was being charged lighting rates right through, and the proposed arrangement was a fair and reasonable one.

Pre-payment Meters. — Twenty-five pre-payment meters are in service, and were reported to be operating satisfactorily. The purchase of 50 more meters was recommended.

Cr. Turner said many consumers were asking for these meters.

The recommendation was adopted.

Power and Heating Meters. — In future minimum charges will be made as follow:—(1) Where one meter is installed and less than 4 units for lighting or 9 units for power are consumed per month, the minimum charge per month shall be equal to the amount which would be paid on the ordinary rates of supply for a consumption of 4 units of lighting or 9 units for power. (2) Where two meters are installed and less than 4 units for lighting and 4 units for power are consumed per month, the minimum charge per month for each meter shall be equal to the amount which would be paid on the ordinary rates of supply for a consumption of 4 units for lighting or 6 units for power.

Cr. Turner said that in 644 cases users of power meters consumed less than 6 units per month, value 1/3. The committee felt that there should be a minimum charge in regard to power in the same way as the council had a minimum lighting charge (4 units). The cost of installing a meter was £2, and it was only right the council should get some return from its outlay.

The recommendation, which was adopted, will come into force in February.

Parks Committee.—Accounts £179 7/2 were paid.

The gardener's recommendation that tree guards in Johnson street, between Woolton avenue and Kemp street, be not removed for another year was adopted.

Cr. Hughes said the guards would do less damage to the trees than children.

Cr. Turner said the trees were old and they were doing no good. He felt they should be removed, as they could well be used elsewhere.

Cr. Pinkney said that in other cases where guards had been removed children had damaged the trees, and the guards had had to be replaced.

Finance Committee—Accounts £602 10/10 were paid.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Cr. Turner asked why the seat was removed from the tram stop at Beaver's road.

The Engineer It was broken and was removed for repair, and would be replaced at an early date.

Engineer to expedite replacement of seat.

Cr. Cornish said a concrete slab at 297 High street needed immediate attention.—Referred to engineer.

Cr. Cornish spoke of centre lighting of Hartington street, which he said was much needed. The lights there were hidden by foliage—Electric light committee to give consideration.

Cr. Jones said slabs in Kellett street needed adjusting on the north side, and the grass required to be chipped. —P.W. committee. Slabs in Victoria road, between Darebin road and Kellett street, east side, had shifted.—P.W. Committee. Broken drain in Separation street, near Brick Co.'s property was dangerous.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Green moved that pot holes at corner of Simpson street and South crescent, and at Cain avenue, be referred to P.W. committee.—Carried.

Cr. Cornish spoke of dust nuisance in Claude street, which was under construction.

The engineer said this street would be treated with bitumen after the holidays.

The matter was referred to the engineer.

Cr. Hughes spoke of the state of Miller street, west of High street.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Turner said it was time that this street was made. There had been some trouble over the boundary.

P.W. committee to consider what can be done to get the street drained.

Cr. Glanfield said the shoulders of Bastings street, between the crown and the foot of the hill, needed cleaning up.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Peters said thistles needed to be cut at Merri Park.—Parks committee.

Cr. Hayes said there was a fine crop of thistles on the footpath in Christmas street, from Victoria road. —P.W. committee.

The mayor moved that treatment with bitumen of rough pieces of metal on roads between trees be referred to the P.W. committee.—Engineer to report.

The mayor said there were big holes on the north side of the Arthurton road bridge.—Engineer to attend.

Cr. Cornish spoke of pot holes in South Crescent.—P.W. committee.

EXTENDING FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL

150 MORE BEDS

Details of a plan for the erection of another wing at the Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital to provide accomodation for 150 more beds were placed before the Assistant Minister for Health (Mr. McNamara) by the board of management. At present there are 483 beds at the hospital. The cost of the new wing is estimated at £45,000. The board of management submitted the proposal in response to a request by Mr. McNamara for suggestions as to how the serious overcrowding which existed at the hospital recently could be overcome.

Members of the board expressed the hope that the Ministry could provide the necessary money, as the beds were needed urgently. Mr. McNamara promised to submit the proposal to the next meeting of the Cabinet.

TRACKED!

OIL TRAIL AND FOOTPRINTS

MAN HEAVILY FINED

Tracked by an oil trail and footprints! This might sound like a yellow detective thriller, but these elements did undoubtedly lead to the conviction of a man at the Northcote court on Tuesday on a charge of having stolen a quantity of oil.

Arthur Albert James, 29 years, Separation street, Northcote, was charged with having on or about December 6, stolen a quantity of oil valued at 12/, the property of John Doherty.

The evidence showed that between the night of Saturday and the morning of Sunday last, a tool and oil store, at Grange road was entered, the lock being wrenched off the door. A trail of oil was discovered, and this was followed by Constables Buchan and McGuiness. It led across Darebin road and Station street, and from thence to a vacant block near James' residence. Here was found a pool of oil partly covered with dust. The police sleuths, however, were not faulted by this apparent dead-end to the trail, as they had noticed peculiarities about the footprints which accompanied the trail. The discovery of a tin of oil, with a plugged hole in it, and a pair of boots, the prints of which corresponded with the prints alongside the oil trail, completed the police chain of evidence, and James was charged with the offence.

The charge was, at the suggestion of Mr. H. H. Gray (for James) reduced to one of simple larceny, and to this James pleaded guilty.

A fine of £15 was imposed by the bench in default six weeks' imprisonment, and James was also ordered to pay 10/ costs. Three months were allowed in which to pay the fine.

Mr. E. C. Tibb, P.M., and Messrs. B. E. Johnson and P. Carney, J.'sP. were on the bench.

NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Before Mr. E. C. Tibb, P.M., and Messrs. B. E. Johnson and P. Carney J.'sP.

Debt

E. Pike, for whom Mr. A. E. O'Connor appeared, obtained an order against E. Galvin for £16/15/ and £1/6/ costs.

About a Cheque

Frederick Bros., v Herbert L. Leigh garage proprietor, Mordialloc, claim for £10. In this case evidence was given that complainants cashed a cheque drawn by one Wilkinson, and signed by Leigh. When presented, payment of the cheque had been stopped.

Leigh said, "The cheque was not dishonored. It was returned marked 'payment stopped.' I had dealings with Wilkinson over a garage and paid him £10 in respect to certain expenses which he claimed to have incurred. I learned that he had not incurred these expenses and stopped the payment of the cheque. Later I heard Wilkinson had cashed the cheque with Frederick Bros.

An order was made for the amount claimed with £2/7/ costs.

No Lights

Harry John Meehan, Bent street, Northcote, who, on November 4, drove a motor lorry without head lights was fined £1.

John Barclay, Darebin street, Thornbury, was charged that on November 16 he rode an unlighted bicycle was fined 10/. Others fined were Stanley Jacobs, Miller street, Northcote, £1 and 10/.

Walter James Curtis, South crescent, Northcote, who, on October 10, drove a motor car which did not have a rear light was fined £2.

Noisy Motor Cycle

Allan Turner, Queen street, Regent, charged with having ridden a motor cycle which emitted an offensive noise in High street on November 1, was fined £5. Traffic Constable Bridgland said that Turner was travelling at 40 m.p.h. and he had a passenger on the back. The noise could be heard 300 yards away.

Two Women Injured

Two motor cars collided at the corner of Outer crescent and Barkly street, North Brighton at 7 p.m. on Sunday and two women who were passengers in one of the cars were injured. They were admitted to the Alfred Hospital. They are Mrs. Amy Smith, aged 51 years, of O'Connor street, Reservoir, fractures of the ribs and collarbone and abrasions; Mrs. Margaret McLeod, aged 43 years, of King William street, Reservoir, fracture of the pelvis.

Mr. Smith, who was driving the car in which the victims were riding, and the occupants of the other car were not injured.

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SYNOPSIS:

Professor Cavalli, an aged teacher of the violin, has, as he grows older been deserted by his pupils and is on the verge of starvation in a dingy little room at the top of a building in the East End. In desperation he decides to sell his beloved Stradivarius violin which was his father's deathbed gift.

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Clutching the violin to his breast he rose feebly to his feet. He tottered to the [illegible] cot near the wall, where he groped for the faded old hat that lay in the shadows. He found it and turned towards the door. Then he paused. Once more he lifted the violin to his lips.

"We must part!" he murmured. "After thirty years we must part! It is hard, hard, carissimo! Good-bye!"

His voice ended in a broken sob. Gently he kissed the violin again. Then he passed out of the little room and down the rickety stairs to the street.

It was growing late. In the court a group of women stood still chattering in subdued tones. They stared at the old man curiously as he passed with the violin beneath his arm, and his going became for them a new source of gossipy discussion.

The old musician passed on heedlessly. He did not notice that he saw them; their chatter fell upon his ears unheard. [illegible] he passed up the street, and turned at the first corner. With the violin now clasped tightly to his breast, he hurried on as rapidly as his weakness would permit. Now and then he would lift the instrument and tenderly place his cheek against it, while his lips murmured softly. Once a tear rolled down his cheek and fell upon the violin. With a [illegible] he wiped it tenderly away and hurried on.

He did not pause until after one more turn he found himself before a little time-worn shop. Behind its cracked and dusty show windows hung a motley array of violins and other musical instruments. Above the doorway a rusty sign proclaimed the proprietor to be a dealer in old and new violins.

Professor Cavalli knew the place well. Once before he had been to it, but then it had been to buy a cheap violin for a pupil, and that had been a long time ago. He had talked to the proprietor then, however, and had told him of his Stradivarius, and he had been flattered when the man had offered to buy it if it was genuine.

At that time Professor Cavalli had scorned the offer. Sell his beloved companion! Not while he had one pupil left to eke him out a bare living, he had told the dealer. And with his purchase of the cheap violin completed, the incident had passed from his mind.

But now things were different. His last pupil had left him a month before. He could find no little orchestra, not even a dance-hall, where they would pay him to play, even had his soul not rebelled against such a humiliation. So at last he had turned to the dim little store of the violin dealer.

Professor Cavalli arrived none to soon, for as he entered timidly the store proprietor was in the act of extinguishing the last flickering gas jet in the show window. A moment more and the shop would have been closed.

The dealer regarded the old man with [illegible] as the latter paused in the doorway.

"Well, sir, what can I do for you?" he inquired brusquely. Then, noticing the violin beneath the old man's arm, he advanced more unctuously.

"I have—a violin I should like to sell," Professor Cavalli faltered. "It is a Stradivarius. I told you of it once. You remember? And you said you would like to buy it. So! I will—sell it to you now."

"A Stradivarius?"

There was doubt in the dealer's tone.

"Are you sure about that? Strads don't grow on trees, you know. But if it is one I'll buy it from you this minute at its full value. Let's see it!"

The old man handed him the instrument.

"Am I sure?" Professor Cavalli repeated. "Sure it is a Stradivarius? Why should I not be? Friend, I have had my Stradivarius for thirty years—thirty years. My father gave it to me many years ago. And he had it for many more. He himself told me it was a genuine Stradivarius."

The dealer was examining the violin [illegible].

"And is that why you think it is a Strad?" he asked.

"To be sure! And you can see the maker's name inside the sounding-box. See."

"Antonio Stradavari Fecit
Cremona, 1706"

"How much will you give me for it?"

Half cynically, half pityingly the dealer smiled at him.

"Not one penny, my friend," he said. "You have been deceived. This violin is no more a Stradivarius than the one you see in that case for sale at ten shillings and sixpence. Your violin is worth about half a sovereign. Not a penny more. And I have all the cheap violins in stock that I can handle now."

The old man shrank back slowly. His face, already pale and drawn, became fixed with a look of startled surprise that slowly changed to agonised despair.

"Not a Stradivarius!" he repeated slowly. "Surely you must be mistaken. It cannot be! There is the mark. It must be— Are you sure—"

The old man faltered helplessly.

"The mark is faked," replied the dealer. "It is a clever imitation. I do not wonder that you were deceived. If you are very anxious to sell the violin I will give you seven shillings and sixpence for it. I really couldn't do better."

The dealer handed him the violin. Professor Cavalli took it slowly, mechanically. As he held the violin in his trembling hands he gazed at it with a far-away unseeing look in his eyes.

"Seven shillings and sixpence!" he said softly, in a dull, toneless voice. "My Stradivarius! Seven shillings and sixpence!"

"Yes. Do you want to sell it for that? That's all it's worth."

The dealer's voice contained a note of finality. For the moment the old man trembled before the other as he looked at the violin hesitatingly. Then he slowly clasped the instrument in his arms and once more laid his cheek gently against it as a mother does against the face of her child. And another tear splashed down upon the polished surface of the case.

"We have been good friends for a long, long time, my Stradivarius and I," he said slowly. "I don't think—we could part for seven shillings and sixpence. No! We'll just stay together till the end. [illegible] Good night."

It was after midnight when Professor Cavalli [illegible] of his little attic room. The [illegible] high in the heavens, and [illegible] illuminated only a corner of the garret near the window.

The other dwellers in the house had all retired. The gossip of the women, the [illegible] of the drinking men, the chatter of the children, all were silent. Only the [illegible] night sounds of the city rose to [illegible].

Professor Cavalli was very weary. The [illegible] within him had not [illegible]. He dropped his old faded hat [illegible] the little cot and sank wearily into the chair by the window. Tenderly he [illegible] the violin in his lap. It was a strange [illegible], Professor Cavalli reflected; a [illegible] of trickery, of deceit. He ran his hand caressingly over the violin. He took the instrument into his arms and spoke to it—gently, lovingly.

"I am [illegible]," he murmured. "Still mine [illegible]. Maybe you are no Stradivarius, but you are still mine—my little [illegible], my love, cara! They shall not separate us now. No! We have [illegible] together thirty years. Now we [illegible] together always."

He pressed the violin to his breast and [illegible] into space. His lips [illegible] into just the ghost of a [illegible] and he shook his head sadly.

"[illegible] old, carissimo," he murmured. "We are old. We are of no more use in this world. It is time for us to give our place to others. No one needs us, we are doing no one any good. But [illegible] we are useless now and must go, carissimo, we shall go together—always together!"

For a moment longer he held the violin tightly clasped, while his breast heaved [illegible]. Then he took the bow from the table and placed the violin to his shoulder.

He swept the bow tremblingly across the strings, and as his hand grew firmer filled the little room with the resonant harmony of a prelude.

In a moment plaintively beautiful strains floated out upon the still night air, swelling and reverberating, diminishing and rising again into a flood of melody that swept over the sleeping tenement like the strains of an angelic chorus swelling out from the darkness.

In a little attic room across from that occupied by Professor Cavalli another man sat with bowed head, an oil lamp sputtering on the table before him. The flickering flame showed dimly the barren poverty of his surroundings. Here, too, was the grim shadow of gaunt starvation. The rays of the light fell on a shining object on the table.

The man's hand closed over it; he lifted his face. His countenance, wan and haggard, was marked by the deep lines of despair. His mouth was drawn and tense. Though his hand trembled slightly there shone in his eyes the desperate fear of a hunted animal at bay.

His right hand tightened over the revolver. His left hand gripped the table with tensed muscles as he lifted the weapon to his temple. His finger closed about the trigger. But ere it gave the fatal pressure there fell upon his ears a sudden sound that surprised him into an instant's hesitation. From across the little corridor there swept to his ears a flood of harmony.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

The newly-formed Christian Endeavour Society at the Westgarth Baptist Church is holding a special open meeting on Wednesday night next. The meeting will take the form of a pound night. Gifts of groceries, &c., will be received for distribution among the more unfortunate members of the church. The District Union [illegible] Squadron will be in attendance.

Ivanhoe Methodist Intermediate Christian Endeavourers spent an enjoyable day at Black Rock on Saturday. Among the novelties staged at the picnic was a miniature "treasure hunt."

A successful mission, conducted by Trevor Morris and party (SLO) at the Regent Baptist Church has just concluded. The members of the Endeavour Societies assisted. A new society has been formed at the Perry Street Methodist Church, North Fairfield.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Northcote and Preston District Christian Endeavour Union on Friday night further arrangements were made in connection with the big Evangelistic drive at Preston Town Hall on February 20. The meeting decided to again invite the Rev. W. F. Betts to address the meetings. The chairman will be the President of the Union, Pastor W. W. Saunders.

The meeting of the Fairfield Methodist Society was recently conducted by the members of the Junior Society. A pleasant evening was brought to a close by the guests being entertained at supper.

At the meeting of the Ivanhoe Methodist Society on Tuesday evening short talks were given by members on the subject of "Favorite Hymns." The meeting was ably conducted by Miss Grace Brenchley.

The members of the Fairfield Church of Christ Society have been actively engaged in supporting a mission which has been held at their church during the past fortnight.

The Ivanhoe, Alphington, and Fairfield Methodist Societies are giving a treat to the children of the North Melbourne Methodist Mission on Saturday, December 19. To help raise funds for this treat, a social evening was held at the Fairfield Methodist Church on Saturday night.

Mr. Don Lewis, a member of the Northcote East Baptist Society, was ordained as a Baptist Minister at the Albert Street East Melbourne Baptist Church on Monday evening.

HOUSE RAIDED

GOODS WORTH £1000 SEIZED

TWO MEN ARRESTED

Three detectives raided a house in Tuckett street, Alphington, early on Friday morning and seized a motor car and £1,000 worth of property, which are alleged to have been stolen.

When the detectives went to the house two men were in bed, and they were arrested. In the house the detectives found a miscellaneous collection of goods and a toy revolver. They seized all the goods, which consisted mainly of clothing, sporting goods, rugs, and cushions, and a leather case containing medicines and medical instruments. These articles were taken to police headquarters at Russell street, where they are awaiting identification. In a garage near the house the detectives found a motor car and a quantity of motor accessories. The wheels of the car had been removed.

At the city watch house, William Wilkins, aged 27 years, [illegible], was charged with having stolen a motor car and with having been found in possession of goods suspected of having been stolen. Edward Alfred Saunders, aged [illegible] years, mechanic, was charged with having been found in possession of goods suspected of having been stolen.

HOLD-UP OF NORTHCOTE THEATRE MANAGER

Six Months and a Whipping

Judge Macindoe stated on Friday in the Court of General Sessions that crimes of the "hold-up" type, even when committed by youths, will not be lightly treated. Clive Albert Muir, 19 years, motor mechanic, of Park street, Moonee Ponds, had pleaded guilty to having at Kew on October 22 shot at Clive Birch, manager of Northcote Picture Theatre, with intent to do him grevious bodily harm.

His Honor said Muir had admitted three previous convictions. Although only 19 years of age he had confessed to having deliberately shot at the man who had befriended him. He had given the prisoner a lift in his car. On reaching Kew he had demanded that the owner of the car should drive him where Birch had no intention of going, and on his refusing had [illegible] shot at him. This was a crime that called for substantial punishment. If Muir had been older he would have received a long term of imprisonment, but having regard to his age he would be sentenced to six months, and at the expiration of the term would be confined in the [illegible] prison during the pleasure of the [illegible]. As His Honor was of the opinion that the crime had been accompanied by a considerable amount of violence he would order that Muir be once privately whipped with ten strokes of the birch.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—The results of the Christmas Story Competition are in the corner this week. Quite a happy time was spent by the Pets reading through the entries and giving their opinion of them.

Recently we had a case of pineapples sent down from Queensland for cook to make into jam, but one afternoon the Pets got to them and ate two huge ones each. You can imagine how ill they were next day so they have been rather quiet since.

You will soon be on holidays but we want you all to send in your entries as usual. A new competition will begin in January. How many of you have seen Santa Claus already? We are going perhaps, this week.

Don't forget your Trias and Contributions. Heaps of love from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL

BIRTHDAYS

To the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Happiest and Heartiest Birthday Wishes and Greetings to Len Willis (Dec. 12); Amy Russell and A. Lloyd (Dec. 14); Joyce Membrey (Dec. 15); Doris Styles, Irene Richardson and Will Pascoe (Dec. 16).

OUR MAIL BAG

1 Jenkins street, Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Would you kindly accept me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I am 10 years old and in the fourth grade at school. My birthday is on the 17th of November. I shall write again and will be a happy member of the Club.

Mavis Lobbe.

(GOOD)

(Welcome to the Clubs Mavis and we hope to have heaps of contributions from you. Will you send us a snap of yourself for our Album please? The Pets send greetings and lots of love.U.P.).

35 David street, Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Would you kindly accept me as a member of your club. My playmate, Mavis Lobbe, is also going to join. I shall write soon.

Dorothy Dennis.

(GOOD)

(Welcome to the Clubs Dorothy. Do your parents call you Dot? Fluffy sends greetings and asks for a snap for our Album. Heaps of love from the Pets and U.P.)

Bessie Goldstein.—Congrats on gaining another 100 marks. We've sent the prize on and hope it arrives safely. Greetings from the Pets.—U.P.

Andrew Anthonsen.—Bravo Andrew for your 100 marks. The Pets send congratulations. Will you call on Monday afternoon for it please? Greetings.—U.P.

Allan Love.—Congratulations Allan on another 100 marks. Will you call on Monday afternoon for it please? Have a good time in camp. Bradman is a wonderful cricketer. Best Wishes.—U.P.

CHRISTMAS STORY COMPETITION

The winner of this competition is Betty Muter, of Preston. Each week two other entries will be in the corner, so look for yours. The stories were very good, and the Pets just loved reading them. We will wait till the New Year before beginning another competition as I know many of you will be away on holidays.

Congratulations Betty and will you call for the prize on Monday please. —U.P.

SANTA CLAUS

Every child looks forward during the months of November and December to seeing Santa Claus. A little girl's mother told her that if she was very good she would take her to see the dear old chap. Mary (the little girl) really broke a record and behaved herself for a few weeks, so her mother decided to fulfil her promise. She took Mary into one of the big stores in the city and purchased a ticket which enabled Mary to get a toy. She shook hands with dear old Santa Claus and he gave her a nice little teaset. "I don't want that little thing," pouted Mary. "I want a big doll that I saw in the window." She then began to cry. "There! There," said Santa Claus, "dont cry little girlie. If you are a good girl I will bring you a big doll at Christmas." Mary's crocodile tears soon disappeared, and here is one very good little girl patiently waiting for the 25th. of December.

(PRIZE) Betty Muter.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Santa Claus was very tired, having been out all night. He had visited almost every place in the world when he suddenly remembered one little house, so off he went. The little girl who lived in the house was very disappointed to think that her mother could not afford anything for Christmas. Santa Claus had only one broken doll but he knew how happy she would be to think that Santa had not forgotten her. When he got to the house he found in her bedroom a little stocking on a chair with a note on it saying if Santa did not call that she was sad at not getting anything for Christmas. So he put an answer on the card saying that she had got the last thing. When she awoke next morning she was very happy to think Santa Claus had not forgotten her. Santa Claus was also happy in making a sad little girl into a happy girl. So he went contented to bed. Next Christmas times were better and the little girl was able to get better toys, so all her old toys she sent in a parcel to the children who could not afford new playthings. Santa Claus taught that little girl not to be greedy when he had been good to her.

(BETTER) Alma Stephens.

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

MY PETS

For my pets I have two tortoises—a male and a female. The male is very tame and will eat small pieces of meat from your hand while the female will try to hide. She eats chopped lettuce, worms, and snails. For my pets I have a pool and large enclosure so I shall not lose them.

(TRIA) Malcolm McIntosh.

THE BARBER'S POLE

A barber's pole is often distinguished by a pole resembling a great stick of candy. This pole is a memorial of the time when the practice of surgery was also a part of the barber's craft. During the reign of Henry VIII of England the company of barbers was incorporated with the company of surgeons, as the barber-surgeons. There were limitations, however. The surgeons were not to shave anyone and the barbers were to perform no higher surgical operation than blood-letting and tooth drawing. The patient who was to be bled was required to grasp a pole in order to hasten the flow of blood. As the pole was liable to become stained, it was painted red. When not in use the owner suspended it outside the door with the white linen bandages twisted around it. In later times when blood-letting was no longer part of barbering a pole painted in stripes came into use as a symbol of the former custom.

(GOOD) Cyril Maes.

A FOSTER MOTHER

When the sheep were shorn on a large station near Mt. Gambier a queer discovery was made, and I would like to know if anyone else has heard of a similar occurrence. When the heavy fleece from a sheep was thrown on the table, 't was found to contain an eggshell with a dead baby starling. Evidently the mother bird had laid the egg on the sheep's back and the warmth of the animal's body had hatched it, but the poor little thing had starved to death afterwards.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

THE CLEVER DOGS

Mr. Conway owned three lovely big collie dogs, Floss, Nell and Chance. Chance was the most handsome, but then he was a male, and males are generally the lucky ones in looks. These dogs could go about anywhere in the house, but the armchairs and couches were forbidden to them. One night Mr. Conway went out and when he came home his dogs were on the couch. They were punished for disobedience, for they knew they were not allowed to go there. The next night their master went to a bridge party at Mr. Flynn's and when he got home his dogs were lying before the fire. But on feeling the counch he found it was warm. The dogs were again punished, this time for deceit as well as disobedience. On the third night Mr. Conway went to the theatre and he returned home a little earlier than usual. Imagine his surprise, when he entered the sitting room, to see Floss, Nell and Chance all sitting by the couch and blowing on it as hard as they could—to cool it!

(GOOD) Kathleen Letchford.

A DOG'S FRIENDSHIP

That a dog is a very faithful animal was proved lately in England. A little fox-terrier would get his meat for breakfast each morning pick it up in his mouth and run off with it. His master wondered why he never ate it at once so one morning he followed the dog and found him dropping the meat down an old mine which was known to be very deep. Wondering at the dog's strange action the man listened and he heard a faint howl coming from the depths of the mine. He went home and he and his mate got a rope ladder and rescued the dog, which had fallen down there. It had a broken leg and was very much bruised about the body but soon got well again.

(GOOD) Dorothy Harris.

CONTRIBUTIONS

WHAT CAN A LITTLE CHAP DO?

What can a little chap do
For his country and for you?
What can a little chap do?
He can fight like a knight
For the truth and the right;
That's one good thing he can do.
He can shun all that's mean,
He can keep himself clean;
That's another good thing he can do.
His soul he can brace
Against everything base,
And the trace will be seen,
All his life on his face;
That's a very fine thing he can do.

(GOOD) Duncan Matheson.

THE STICKER

It isn't so much the achievement,
It's the aim that matters more,
It's harder to sail the ocean
Than to bring your boat ashore.
So never be weary of doing,
In a hurry to be done,
There's bound to be heavy fighting
If a battle is to be won.

(GOOD) Roy Berry.

THE ROCKING HORSE

When I ride my rocking horse
My little horse of dreams,
We go out by far and far
Over hills and streams.
Fairy people we can see;
The wind goes whistling by:
Just my rocking horse and me,
Right across the sky.
When I ride my rocking horse
Fast and far we go,
Where the stars are gold and bright,
And fairy trumpets blow.
But unless you really knew,
You'd not guess, of course,
A little girl could ride so far
On just a rocking horse.

(GOOD) J. Doggett.

THE MERRY MAN

There was a littl man called Dum, Dum, Dum,
Who was hardly as big as my thumb, thumb, thumb,
He lived in a nook
By a little running brook,
With a fiddle and a whistle and a drum, drum drum,
He always was as merry as could be, be, be,
For no bird was as happy as he, he, he.

(GOOD) Audrey Doggett.

STORYETTES

NO LARK

The prisoner was accused of stealing a chicken. "Have you anything to say?" demanded the magistrate. "Yes, your worship," was the reply, 'I only took it for a lark." "A lark?" repeated the magistrate. "No resemblance whatever—pay a fine of two guineas and costs."

(GOOD) Roy Murphy.

Her Choice.—"Hello hello! who is it?" "Albert, sweetheart!" "Who? I can't hear you." "Albert darling—A for Archie, L for Lionel, B for Bertram, E for Edward, R for Robert, T for Tommie." "Yes, but which of you boys is speaking?"

(GOOD) Lena Mitchell.

Pip: "How much would three ice creams come to please?" Mr. Cree: 'To about a pint of water in the sun.'

(GOOD) Jack Power.

Breaking the Bond.—Billy: "Yes, Jimmy, we'll be pals to the end." Jimmy: "Well, lend me your new bicycle?" Billy: "That's the end."

(GOOD) Glen Stewart.

When little Joan was five years old her mother, a widow, re-married. The new daddy was quite bald. When visiting an aunt, Mummy was overheard giving daddy a lecture. "Hello, Jack," said auntie, "I see you are henpecked!" "Oh, no, auntie, he isn't," said Joan, "he was like that when we got him."

(GOOD) Irene Whipp.

She: "This is Maude's third husband and they all bore the name of William." He: "You don't say so. Why the woman is a regular Bill collector."

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen.

Angry Father: "What? You have the nerve to come and ask for my daughter? You might have saved yourself the journey." Young Suitor: "That's all right. You see, I had another message to deliver in the same building."

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn.

Teacher: 'Who was it that supported the world on his shoulders?' Bright Pupil: "It was Atlas, ma'am." Teacher: "And who supported Atlas?" B.P.: "The book doesn't say, but I s'pose it was his wife.'

(GOOD) Terence Power.

"Lilian," said mother severely, "there were two pieces of cake in the pantry this morning, and now there is only one. How does this happen?" "I don't know," replied Lilian regretfully. "It must have been so dark I didn't see the other piece."

(GOOD) C. R. Smithwick.

Clergyman (to small boy): "Well, my boy, what is your name?" Small Boy: "Bill sir." Clergyman: "And how did you get that name?" S.B.: "My father says I came on the first of the month with the rest of the bills, sir."

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas.

"Are rosy cheeks a sign of health?" "I should say they are." "Well, I saw a girl the other day who was a lot healthier on one side than the other."

(GOOD) Guila Kohn.

Teacher: "I hope your father is not behind his work like you are." Ronnie: "Oh, yes, he is, sir. He's a rear-guard on the train."

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

Young Lady: "Guard, will I have time to say good-bye to my friends?" Guard: "Afraid not Miss. This train leaves in two hours and a half."

(GOOD) Walter Ward.

Pete: "My wife doesn't understand me, does yours?" John: "I don't know, I've never heard her even mention your name."

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen.

Jacky was making his way down the street with odd shoes on. One of his friends asked him why it was. "Can't make it out, boss," said Jacky. "I got another pair like this at home."

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy.

Man: (to little boy): "And where were you born?" Small Boy: "In Devonshire, sir." Man: "But what part?" S.B.: "Why all of me, sir."

(GOOD) Brian Mahony.

RIDDLES

You see it in the early morn,
Just at the flush of dawn;
At noon it's high up overhead,
At close of day, in bed.
Answer:—The Sun.

(GOOD) Kevin Power.

"Why is a poet like a watch?"—"Because a 'spring' sets them both going."

(GOOD) Coleen Mahony.

When is a pie like a poet?—When it is Browning.

When is a ship lonely?—When she wants a mate.

(GOOD) Joyce Lawrence.

What is the difference between a broken chair and a cow?—One gives way (whey) and the other gives milk.

What is always behind time?—The back of a clock.

(GOOD) Allan Love.

What comes in the winter, dies in the summer and grows with its roots upwards?—An icicle.

When are riddles eaten?—When they are chestnuts.

Why are birds always in debt in the early morning?—Because there bills are all over dew (due).

(GOOD) Vera. P. Keele.

What is the difference betwen leaping for a moving tran and a slice of bacon?—One is a rash thing and the other is a rasher.

(GOOD) Lily Southam.

When is a river like a door?—When is has a lock and key (quay).

What islands produce the best singers?—the Canaries, of course.

(GOOD) Ruby Keele.

Who always makes you cross?—A ferryman.

When is coffee most like mud?—When it is ground in the morning.

(GOOD) Enid Love.

The Cobbers' Club

Please enrol me as a member of the COBBERS' CLUB

Name..

Address..

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

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Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week

BOY SCOUTS.

1st. Northcote Wilkins' Rover Crew

On Thursday the last of our series of dances was held. This was an invitation dance to which rovers from the various crews were invited. It was a great success. On December 10 and 12 a rover meet is being held at Bulleen and several members will be present.

1st. Preston Scouts

Last Saturday the cricket team were defeated by East Northcote by an innings and 5 runs, scores: 133 to 53 and 75. Tomorrow we play Bell Ramblers. To-night the Hurford Competition will be concluded with the running of the sports tems in the hall. The leader at present is F. Leelin. Last Thursday 30 of the troop visited the Moonee Ponds troop and spent an enjoyable evening. All scouts and cubs intending to go to camp should be present at next week's parades. The cost of the camp is 15/ for working members and 12/6 for others.

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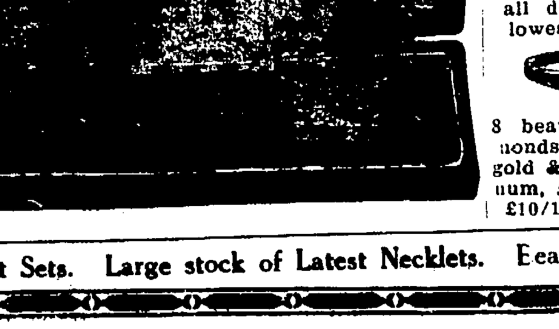

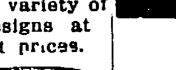

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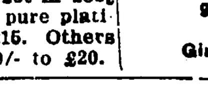

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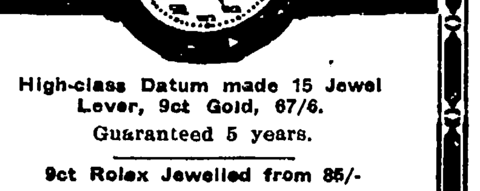

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ATTACK IN STREET

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY FAILS

After he had left the grocery shop, which he manages, last Friday night, shortly after 9 p.m., Mr. William Radcliff, of St. George's road, Northcote was attacked by two men armed with sandbags or iron bars. The assailants failed in their attempt to steal the shop takings, which Mr. Radcliff had with him. Mrs. Radcliff, and Arthur Bailey, aged 18 years, were also present at the time, and the thieves ran away when Mrs. Radcliff screamed for help.

Mr. Radcliff has managed the grocery store of Messrs. W. Olver and Son at the corner of Park and Charles streets, Northcote, for [illegible] years. He had [illegible] the shop and was [illegible] St. George's road [illegible] with other members of the party [illegible] about 200 yards from the shop.

Attackers Come from Shadows

The [illegible] from the shadows [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Radcliff were struck [illegible] and B[illegible] a blow [illegible].

Attempt to Obtain Bag

One of the assailants tried to [illegible] from Radcliff's grasp a bag containing money and papers, but Radcliff maintained a [illegible] despite the fact he was suffering severe pain and was dazed.

All members of the party called out [illegible] for assistance and [illegible] in their attempts to get the bag, the two assailants made off.

Police Shortage

[illegible] the use of a telephone from Mrs. Roberts [illegible] they rang for police assistance both from Northcote and North Fitzroy, but in both cases no [illegible] were available.

A message to Russell street, however, brought a patrol car to the scene in a few minutes, but by then no trace could be found of the two men.

Mr. Radcliff got into telephonic communication with Cr. Olver, Mayor of Northcote, who is one of the principals of the firm of Wm. Olver and Sons, and Cr. Olver took both Radcliff and his wife home, and obtained medical aid for them. Each was suffering from a wound on the head, Mr. Radcliff having slight concussion, and Mrs. Radcliff a lacerated scalp.

The whole of the takings were not in the bag carried by Mr. Radcliff. Portion of the money was in his pockets.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

REGENT CENTRAL

The Regent Central will hold their annual Christmas Tree on December 15 at St. Mary's Hall. Approximately 200 children will be entertained. The committee would like all old members for 1930 to 1931 and new members 1932 to forward the names and ages of their children under 11 years to the social secretary or ladies' secretary, Mr. or Mrs. A. Black, 15 Oakhill avenue, not later than December 11.

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

The expectations of the large attendance at the Hutton street School, on Thursday, December 3, were fully realised when Mr. H. J. Book, familiarly known to radio listeners as "Billy Bunny," and until recently secretary of the National Safety Council of Australia, delivered an interesting illustrated address on safety measures, embracing all forms of outdoor and home life. Mr. Book's special mission was to advocate supervised play grounds for children. In this direction he appealed for the support of the Progress Associations, School Committees and Mothers' Clubs. The speaker, after exposing the risks attendant on the playing by children in the streets, said he was of the opinion that the number of playgrounds was totally inadequate. With the assistance of the above-mentioned organisations, together with the powerful influence of the press, public opinion could be aroused.

In response to a vote of thanks by Cr. Turner and supported by Mr. F. C. Kelly as chairman of the school committee, both Mr. Book and Mr. Forbes (who has taken up the work of secretary) promised to pay another visit in the near future and to bring along more films.

In welcoming many new faces the president, Mr. Deslandes, pointed out that with a continuance of support the committee would endeavour to secure others to lecture on important topics.

In the short time available for general business complaints were received concerning the untidy approaches to this city when travelling by rail. In the vicinity of the partially demolished chemical works on the Merri Creek, the growth of weeds is reported to be very prolific. To minimise the risk of fire a process of eradication should be persevered with immediately. The council has been communicated with on this matter.

At the next meeting on December 17 Father Christmas will make his appearance and a good night for the kiddies is assured.

Preston Branch A.N.A.

THE Preston branch held its half-yearly meeting on Monday, the president, Mr. J. Stone, in the chair. There was a good attendance including Mr. Cleary, of the metropolitan committee. Some keen discussions took place and twice the president's ruling was disagreed with. This shows that the debates were keen and also proves that the old branch has lost none of the punch which made it famous a few years ago. Mr. Cleary congratulated the branch on its meeting. He said he had attended a large number of branches but had not seen one yet which took the interest in A.N.A. affairs that the Preston branch took. After he had installed the office-bearers Mr. Cleary gave an interesting address on the work of the association and said that there never was a time when the A.N.A. should stand firmer than at present. The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. E. G. Willis; vice-president, Mr. Strahan; treasurer, Mr. A. Howse; secretary, Mr. R. Douglass, 3c Garnet street, Preston, 'phone JW 3052, hours 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; assistant-secretary, Mr. J. Kupsch, 94 Wilcox street, Preston; committee, Messrs. Darcy, Trippett, Grover, Taylor and W. McConchie; auditors, Messrs. Aitken, Kupsch and Ross —Clifton Hill, gates, Messrs. J. Kupsch and F. Aitken; dispensary delegates—Preston, Messrs. Aitken, Kupsch and Riss —Clifton Hill, Messrs. [illegible] J. Mills and E. Willis; press correspondent Mr. J. Kupsch.

The Women's Page

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A Tip Tilted Sailor

ANOTHER popular shapeau which [illegible] in a new guise is the [illegible] that this time it is tilted [illegible] the other resembling [illegible] the waves of the ocean.

A TIP-TILTED SAILOR
as pictured by Lyan Tashman in the Paramount Picture "MURDER by the CLOCK"

Lilyan Tashman, who will shortly be seen in Paramount's "Murder by the Clock" is the sponsor for this new style, and carries it out in black fur felt which is entirely without color, being smartly finished with a flat bow on the right side.

HELPFUL HINTS

After frying onions or fish put a little vinegar in the pan. This will quickly remove the odor.

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The icing of plain fruit-cakes may be improved by the use of cocoa. One teaspoon to 1lb. of flour is sufficient for this purpose without giving a flavor of chocolate.

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If you have a bowl in which you find it difficult to arrange flowers use a piece of slightly crushed wire netting as an aid.

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Ham chopped and stirred into batter and fried in hot fat makes a delicious breakfast dish with or without the addition of a little chopped parsley. Season with pepper and salt.

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Fill strong brown-paper bags with slack coal dust, damp the contents with water close the bags carefully and place on the fire as required. Each bag will form into a lump and burn for hours.

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To save gas when cooking dried beans, peas, fruit, &c., bring to the boil, turn out the gas and allow them to get fairly cool; boil up again and repeat the process as long as necessary. Very few "boil-ups" will be required and the food will be very tender.

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Save all candle-ends and scraps of candle-grease and blend the lot with beeswax when melting down the wax for floor polish.

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To improve the flavor of mashed turnips add a few drops of vinegar and a little castor sugar.

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Place a piece of fine string lengthwise over the corks of salt and pepper shakers, before inserting, leaving the ends exposed. The corks will be easier to remove and less likely to break.

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Old-fashioned biscuit barrels with the handles removed make very charming small jardineres.

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Don't throw away slices of thin unbuttered bread. Toasted on one side, then spread lightly with butter and made into sandwiches, they are delightful.

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If you have to make a dress in a hurry and have no trimming, crochet enough chain from brilliant cotton to act as braid using a No. 4 steel crochet hook; stitch it on with the braider.

THE PYJAMAS NOW HAVE TRAIN

THE train has at last found its place on the smart hostess pyjamas so popular this season, and is carried out in white satin by Anna May Wong, the Paramount player in "Daughter of the Dragon."

These pyjamas are shown in a three-piece ensemble being perfectly plain as regards the tuck-in jumper with the trousers flaring fully from a fitted hip-yoke, and dipping slightly at the back to form the train. The bolero jacket is trimmed with a unique design in gold beads, and shows a jaunty stand-up collar lined with gold.

FASHION TIPS FOR BLONDES

FASHION hints for blondes are given by Carole Lombard, who is appearing in Paramount's "No One Man." They are:—

(1)—Avoid theatrical effects.
(2)—Avoid bright colors.
(3)—Select clothes that offer subdued backgrounds, such as currant red, bottle green, autumn-leaf brown, or black and white with charteuse.

Recipes for the Festive Season

Fruit Cocktail

ONE tin pineapple, [illegible] 3 oranges, 2 grapefruit, 1 lemon, [illegible] sugar, [illegible] water. Boil sugar and water together for five minutes. Add the juice of the lemon to the syrup and allow to cool. Cut the fruit into dice, pour all the fruit juices into the syrup, then strain. Place the fruit in the cocktail glasses in layers. When ready to serve pour the chilled syrup over the fruit.

Lemon Syrup

THREE pounds sugar, 1 teaspoon essence lemon, [illegible] of tartaric acid, 2 quarts boiling water.

Boil the sugar and water together for about 10 minutes. Add the acid to the syrup and strain into a basin. Add the essence of lemon. When cold, bottle, and use diluted with cold water.

Iced Orange Punch

SIX oranges, 1 cup orange syrup, grated rind of one lemon, 1 tin pineapple and syrup.

Make the orange syrup by boiling two cups sugar with one cup orange juice and the thinly-peeled rind of two oranges for about ten minutes. Mix all well together and sweeten to taste with honey. Add four bottles of aerated water to this quantity.

Lemonade With Mint

ONE pint water, 4oz. crystal sugar, juice six lemons, [illegible] mint, 2 bottles dry ginger ale.

Mix the sugar and lemon juice together until the sugar is dissolved, then add the mint, slightly bruised between the finger and thumb, and the water. Pour the ginger ale over and serve while fresh.

Ginger Beer

ONE large lemon, 1oz. ginger, 1oz. cream of tartar, 1lb. sugar, 1oz. yeast, 1 gallon boiling water.

Peel thinly one large lemon or two small ones; slice thinly. Put the slices and the rind into a large bowl with the sugar, cream of tartar, and ginger. Pour the boiling water on and allow to stand until lukewarm. Beat the yeast to a cream with a little castor sugar, spread it on a piece of toast and allow it to float on the liquid. Leave in a warm place for 24 hours and then skim. Strain the mixture and bottle, in stone bottles for preference. Keep in a cool place for a few days before using.

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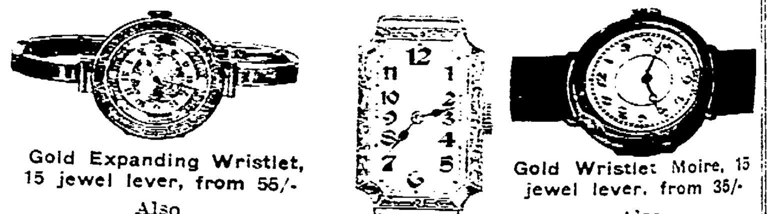
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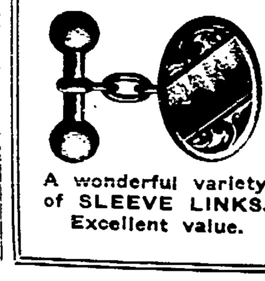
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AUSTRALIA'S AVERAGE WAGE

(To the Editor)

Sir,—Australia does not live by her trade unionists alone. Trade unionists number less than one-tenth of the working population. The wages paid to them therefore, are no evidence of the condition of the laborer and the labor market here. Only average wages throughout a country afford a true basis for comparison. In comparing the wages paid in Australia with those paid in other countries, it is customary to quote the rates received here by trade unionists. Trade unions have been long in existence and are well organised and more powerful in this country than in any other. Undoubtedly they have forced the wages of members up to a high level—a level which by comparison with the rates obtained here by other workers seems artificial. But the proportion of trade unionists to the rest of our working population is estimated at one-tenth or even less. Evidently Australia does not live by her trade unionists alone. What would be the average rate of wages here were it calculated from the combined mass of trade unionists and non-unionists? What would it be if the calculation dealt with the whole working population, including partially employed and unemployed? A comparison of wages is only instituted with a view to comparing the relative prosperity of working classes generally. Failing this, it is useless. Only an average of wages throughout a country is therefore of any importance. The wealth per head of the inhabitants of a State is not computed from the fortunes of its little band of millionaires, nor should the wages that rule be calculated from the rates obtained by a favored minority. To say that a certain rate of wages is paid in this country to trade unionists means nothing, unless the fact be mentioned that this rate is quite abnormal and the recipients of it are generally working upon short time and that there is always a very large proportion of the working classes in receipt of no wages at all, but merely of outdoor relief. The Commonwealth Government fixes its basic wage on the cost of living for a married man, wife and three children, and pays single men the same wage. The result is that the country is paying £100,000,000 a year for wives and children that do not exist. If the basic wage were fixed on the cost of living of a man and his wife on which could be super-imposed a child endowment sufficient to pay for the cost of living of married men, the saving to Australia's wage bill would be more than £50,000,000 a year. It is a wrong principle to attach family endowment to the basic wage. It is a striking injustice to the woman worker whose positions is lowered. If there is to be an endowment scheme it should be a national one and paid to the mother.—Yours etc.,

JAMES McLAUGHLAN.
245 Raglan street, South Preston.

CYCLING

PRESTON AMATEURS

The club held a mile handicap at the 'Drome last Wednesday night. The back-markers were soon up with the leaders, and with half a lap to go W. Addison jumped away from the bunch and gained a good break, which he maintained to the finish, winning by 20 yards. Dick Luttke came with a late sprint and just beat L. Neumann for second place. Results:—W. Addison (40yds.), 1; R. Luttke (35yds.), 2; L. Neumann (40yds.), 3. Winner's time, 1min. 58sec.

The club's five mile handicap on Epping road last Saturday resulted in another win for the middle markers, and was annexed by Allan Johnson, who was having his first ride with the club. Finishing with a fast sprint he drew away gradually from Evans and Buse to win rather comfortably Alf Gischus (scr.) again put up a good ride and finished close behind the leaders. His co-marker, Luttke, was dropped on the outward run but made a valiant effort to catch Gischus. Results:—A. Johnson (50sec.), 1; G. Evans (1min. 15sec.), 2; F. Buse (1 min. 15sec.), 3. Winner's time, 12 min 53sec.; fastest time, A. Gischus (scr.), 12min. 34sec.

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS
First Meeting on New Track

On December 5 the club held its first meeting on its new track in Oakover road. Three races were staged, a mile handicap and an A and B grade 3 mile scratch race. The handicap heats resulted as follows:—1st. heat, L. Jones (110 yds), H. Best (60 yds); 2nd. heat, F. Thomas (60 yds), C. Baldock (100 yds); 3rd. heat, J. Roadley (160 yds), C. Sterry (110 yds). Final:—F. Thomas 1; L. Jones 2; C. Baldock 3. Time 2min 23 sec. Six riders started in the A grade scratch race from a flying start. Results:—F. Thomas 1; T. Gascoyne 2; H. Best 3. Time 7min 28 1/5 sec. B grade scratch race result—C. Sterry 1; L. Jones 2; J. Roadley 3. Time 7min 20 sec. Throughout the afternoon the public were kept in touch with the events by means of a megaphone.

Alan Walkley, who rode with great success during the road season and who was credited with being the foremost cyclist in the Commonwealth for the 1931 season did not ride but was challenged by T. Gascoyne to a match next Saturday to be decided on the best two out of three heats over ½ mile. Walkley will also be starting in the handicap and scratch events. Last Saturday night at the motordrome he showed great form by winning the scratch race against a high class field. Owing to shortage of time in making arrangements, the Preston Amateurs did not compete last week but are expected to stage a number of events in conjunction with the Professional Club to-morrow.

The public are invited to attend, their being absolutely no charge, and may be assured of a packed programme of splendid racing. The first event will start at 3 p.m. sharp.

UNEMPLOYMENT

NORTHCOTE ASSOCIATION

The week-end meetings were held there being a big number present. A few of our members have received some relief work on Mr. S. Myer's scheme. Winning number of gift, 24.

Next Meetings.—Friday, 11th, 1.30 p.m.; Monday, 14th, 9.45 a.m.; social, 11th, 7.30 pm. A children's party will be held on Saturday, 12th, at 130 p.m.

A LETTER OF THANKS

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I wish to thank Mr. W. Langridge, Mr. Jory and Mr. Sinclair's band for their efforts in organising a dance for buying toys for the children who would otherwise have had to do without. On behalf of Northcote Unemployed Committee.

On behalf of Mrs. Stanley and committee we also wish to thank Mr. Povey, Miss Livingstone and pupils, Miss Armstrong and pupils, Miss Blanks and L. Dunn for helping with the benefit.—Yours etc.,

J. EASTAWAY.
Hon. Sec.

(Note.- N.U.A. Gymnasium Club, winning number C44.)

THORNBURY CAR CLUB

Continued enthusiasm still exists in the above club. Every meeting new members are being enrolled. On December 20 the club will hold a sealed run, leaving the corner of High and Bell streets, Preston, at 10 a.m. Arrangements are in the hands of the president (Mr. Sheppard), who, by his jovial ways, has won the esteem of all the members. As this will be the last trip of the year all members are requested to roll up. A good sports programme has been arranged. The club's new pennants (brown and gold) will be flown for the first time on this run. Arrangements are in hand for the Christmas trip to Dumbalk, where the club will be the guests of Mr. O. Ayton. A cricket match has been arranged. After Christmas the club will hold monthly socials. A ladies' committee has been formed and should prove an asset. Picture nights are to be arranged every month to raise funds for the management of the club. Any motorist who desires to become a member must make application in writing to the hon. secretary, Mr. W. A. Feltham, 77 Gooch street, Thornbury, who will be pleased to supply full particulars. Next meeting at Dispensary Hall, Wednesday next, December 16.

CHURCH NEWS

Preston Church of Christ

Last Sunday night the service was most inspiring, there being a crowded congregation. The minister preached upon "Giving God a Chance," and after the sermon eight candidates were immersed. The Young Worshippers' League is celebrating its third anniversary on December 13. Christmas Sunday will be observed on December 20, when a special pictorial carol service will be conducted at night. The plans for the distribution of over 60 Christmas hampers to needy homes are almost complete, owing to the liberal response for funds.

St. Mary's Church of England, Preston

Special services were held last Sunday in thanksgiving for the splendid result from the church fair. The Te Deum was sung at both services, the vicar officiating. Next Sunday afternoon the distribution of prizes for the Sunday School scholars will take place at 3 p.m.. Parents are invited to be present; in the evening members of the C.E.M.S. will take part in the service.

Northcote Congregational Church

The Sunday School anniversary was concluded with the scholars' entertainment. An excellent programme, arranged by the Misses M. and D. Ahern and D. Broadley, was provided. Opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Sweetland and family after many years' valuable service. The Misses Sweetland were the recipients of gifts. Miss M. Ahern also received a presentation from members of the Girls' Guild, of which body she has been secretary for some years.

Croxton Methodist Church

The second anniversary of the church at Croxton was held on Sunday, when three services were held. The pastor (Mr. J. E. Blackney) conducted in the morning service, which took the form of a family service. Bruce Ernest Cameron received the sacrament of baptism. The visiting soloist was Miss O. Batten, and the choir rendered the anthems "The Works of God," and "I Have Surely Built Thee an House."

In the afternoon a P.S.A. was held. The Mayor (Cr. Olver) occupied the chair The Thema Quartette Party rendered four numbers and Miss Mary Page, A.L.C.M., gave elocutionary items. The speaker was Mr. Forster and his subject "The Naughty Child; How to Deal with It." At the evening service the preacher was Rev. H. Palmer Phillips, of Ivanhoe, and the visiting soloist Mr. Percy Jenkin, who sang "God So Loved the World," and "The Blind Ploughman" The choir rendered the anthems "King of Kings," "By Babylon's Waves," and "Worthy is the Lamb."

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

The Holy Trinity company of Girl Guides attended evensong on Sunday for the ceremony of presentation and dedication of their new company colors. This service was particularly musical for Miss Tomlinson sang with great feeling and dignity "Farewell," while the choir rendered "O Praise in the Lord." Being Bible Sunday the Bible and its world significance was the subject of the vicar's address. At 8 a.m. Holy Communion was celebrated and a large contingent of the C.E.B.S. members attended, as well. Several girls were admitted into the Girls' Friendly Society. Sunday next, December 13, services commence at 8 a.m. with a celebration of Holy Communion, followed at 11 a.m. by Choral Eucharist and 7 p.m. by evensong; the vicar (the Rev. W. H. Chamberlain) will be the officiating clergy man.

An appeal is being launced in connection with Trinity to provide Christmas cheer for those in need; and to swell the funds of the appeal a gymkhana was held on Saturday afternoon. The local section of the League of Mission Helpers held their final meeting for this year last week.

The Saturday evening dance, conducted by the T.Y.M.C., commences at 8 p.m. as usual. Every facility is made for the comfort of patrons and a large gathering is expected.

St. Aidan's, Northcote

The first display of the Girls' Physical Culture Class was held on Tuesday. There was a good attendance. The vicar and Rev. J. O. Hughes were present and St. Aidan's committee was represented by Messrs. Stacpool, Ludwig and Richards. Mr. Linford assisted Mrs. Stacpool and her daughter and Miss B. Bridge acted as pianist. The Mayor and Mayoress were in attendance and at the close the Mayor presented medals and floral bouquets and other offerings to the performers. A handsome crystal vase was presented by the pupils to Mrs. Colgrave. Mr. Cole welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress and spoke in high terms of praise of the work done by Mrs. Colgrave and of the mothers in providing the costumes. Mr. Hughes thanked all the workers and especially Mesdames Linford, Schwaebsch and Stone for their efficient service at the weekly meetings of the club.

High Street Methodist Church

Next Sunday at 2.45 Mr. M. Meiken, Director of the Prahran Public Library, and President of the Public Library Association of Victoria, will address the members of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society. The meeting will also be made one of Christmas re-union and all past members are invited.

Sunday, December 20, will be celebrated as Christmas Sunday; and in the evening a special choral service will be held. The choir will render special Christmas anthems and selections from "The Messiah."

All Saints' Church, Northcote

The last meeting for the year of the Mothers' Union was held on Tuesday. There was a good attendance. Mrs. Constable led the meeting and gave the members a helpful talk. On Tuesday evening the vicar gave a lantern address.

Mr. Key has presented an Australian flag and also a Union Jack. The latter will be made the troop flag of the Boy Scouts and the Australian flag will be made use of for instruction purposes.

James Street Presbyterian Church

On Monday evening the combined G.P.C. and O.B.B. held a successful banquet in the school hall. The attendance was 150. A pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

Church of the Epiphany

Last Sunday evening the feature was the rendition of "Comfort Ye," from the "Messiah." Mr. Emery was the soloist. Next Sunday evening the vicar will make reference to the death of Mrs. Schwaebsch a very old resident who recently passed away.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church

The Methodist school hall presented a gay appearance on Tuesday evening when the Young Women's Missionary Movement entertained their friends at an advertisement evening. A popular vote resulted in prizes being awarded to Pear's Soap ("Since then I've used no other.") "Pelaco," "Brook's Coffee Essence," and "Liquorice All Sorts." A programme of competitions and games was entered into heartily, and elocutionary items by Misses Twyford and Ruth Duggleby were appreciated.

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CENTRAL PRESTON

On Thursday thieves entered the premises of Mr. Holder, 25 Gordon grove, stealing a suit of clothes and other articles The contents of the house were scattered everywhere.

The 10.30 a.m. train from Reservoir was delayed 10 minutes on Tuesday, the stoppage being preceded by a loud report The driver of the train was able to effect the necessary repairs.

At the Preston Church of Christ on Sunday an extraordinarily large congregation, was in attendance, eight baptisms probably being the attraction. The P.B.P. Club held its wind-up night on Tuesday, the wind-up social to be held in conjunction with the K.S.P. Club will be held shortly. Arrangements are in hand for the Christmas camp. The Cricket Club defeated last year's premiers after a close and exciting finish the scores were.—Preston, 31 and 50 (Sharman 13) d Chetwynd, 59 and 8 for 70 (Clack 8/48, Polglase 6/58). The club will play Adelphians on the latter's ground on Saturday.

The church held a social in the Preston building on Saturday night to secure goods for the sweet stall.

The drinking fountain situated at the corner of Murray and Plenty roads is still out of order, having been in this condition for months.

Turf Notes

(By "LUTEPLAYER")

Weekly Hint to Backers

Following form, as indicated in an earlier hint, requires close attention to detail; handicaps must be analysed, allowance made for state of track, the rider, size of field, and barrier positions in sprint events. Horses, also, must be studied carefully. The ideal horse is one who can handle himself on any course, in a large or small field, run his race on a wet or dry track. There are many horses, however, who are not of the handy type. Some are lost in a big field, on a small circular track, and in heavy going. Some horses are not troubled by weight; this type shines under welter conditions. Others are capable of defeating good horses when carrying a lightweight, but who cannot handle much more than 8st. A slow beginner usually stages a fast finish, thereby encouraging backers to support him next start, but the slow beginner is not a sound proposition because, unless the field is small, he requires a lot of luck when making his run. Also, if the pace is slow in the early stages the slow beginner has no chance in the sprint home. The horse capable of taking up a handy position early is worth greater consideration. Remember, however, that an indifferent start or interference at some stage of the race may be the cause of a horse coming with a late run. Again, there is the horse who may not actually be a slow beginner, but needs to be given time to settle down to enable him to run out his race. In other words, if bustled along from the start he will knock up in the run home. Only by close study of the horse and his form can you decide his type. A horse who is bad at the barrier is best left alone. If you back a horse who is unruly at the barrier and fail to get a run, you have only yourself to blame.

On the Mark

The "Leader" selections for Moonee Valley last Saturday were well on the mark, the winners of the first five races being named in two selections. The first three races went to horses named as second choice, and the next two to our first choice. In the hurdle Calfly, the first choice, was beaten by only half a head by Skirmish, who was the second choice. Skirmish, by the way, was not mentioned for a place by most of the newspaper tipsters. Emenere, our first selection for the Two-year-old, lost the race early through interference, the second pick, The Dawn Patrol, being the winner, while Fourth Battery, who was mentioned for third, filled that place. Beautify, the "Leader's" first pick for the Plate, was beaten into third place, Rosetta, the second selection, being returned the winner. Our straight-out selection for the Fund Handicap was Galenist, who duly won, with our second pick, Whitsome, filling third place. We correctly summed up the three likely place-getters for the first division of the Highweight Handicap. Claude Duval, named first, and Loquacity, mentioned third, fought out the finish, the judge being unable to separate them. Melosus, selected second, filled third place. The selections for the last two races failed, but results of these events were most surprising. Urangarra, the 50 to 1 winner of the second division of the Highweight surprised even his connections, while the Purse winner, Precious Pearl had little to recommend her for a metropolitan event. Readers following either our first or second choice on Saturday would show a profit. An investment of £1 on each of the first selections would have shown a profit of £2, and a similar amount invested on each second choice would have returned a profit of £5 5 .

A Good Performance

Last week I drew attention to the improved form of Galenist. The Burrabadeen mare proved that her win at Epsom was no flash in the pan form by taking the Fund Handicap at Moonee Valley last Saturday. The latter win was an extra good performance, for half a mile from home she met with interference which caused her to drop back three or four lengths. Her rider, H. Badger, had to give her the best part of a furlong to recover her balance before going after the leaders, and to onlookers it seemed that the interference had set her too big a task. The Burrabadeen mare, however, had no trouble in drawing to the leaders and in the end won comfortably. This form proves her to be in rare fettle, and she is likely to be a danger in other events ahead.

Be Ready for Binna

Last week I mentioned Binna as a danger in a coming sprint event. Last Saturday he showed that he has benefited by his Epsom outing by moving smartly over five furlongs at Mentone. With the hurdles 40 feet out he covered the distance in 1.0½, and he could have improved on this time, for he was going well within himself. Binna's special mission, as suggested last week, may be the Standish Handicap, but there is the possibility of him being produced before the New Year's Day event. There is a sprint at Caulfield on Boxing Day that would suit him. It probably will pay to follow Binna from now on.

Notes in Brief

The defeat of Calfly in the Valley Hurdle was due to the Calais gelding hanging out badly going down the side, after leaving the straight the first time. This cost him considerable ground. Had he galloped kindly in that stretch he would have won with something to spare. He looks every inch a jumper and should not be long in earning his winning brackets.

The chance of Emenere in the Valley Two-year-old was destroyed soon after the start through interference. After the mishap he did not gallop kindly. Subsequently H. Skidmore was severely reprimanded by the stewards for having crossed too sharply and caused interference to Emenere and Chetowaik after the field had travelled about a furlong.

. Some runners in the Valley Welter Plate who may win races in the next few weeks are Doradus, Field Artillery, St. Valour and Zanibar. The first-named two showed any amount of pace, but weakened the final bit, while St. Valour and Zanibar ran on nicely and were not far behind the place-getters at the finish. The performance of Zanibar was particularly impressive, and the appearance in the saddle of a more fashionable rider than J. Callaghan should be an indication of confidence on the part of the stable.

The form of the Rossendale mare Whitsome is somewhat difficult to follow, but it appears probable that she is now in good fettle. Following a splendid seven furlong gallop at Mentone last week, she finished third in the Fund Handicap at the Valley on Saturday, and to gain that place had to come from third last at the half mile. She should take out a major prize before long.

In the second division of the Highweight Handicap both Donace and Redditch began well, but before a furlong had been covered they began to drop back and were soon among the rear lot. Redditch failed to improve his position, but Donace came home strongly to finish fifth. The failures of both claim attention for the future.

One to mark down for a future Purse event is the Poitrel gelding Fulham. In the Welter Purse at the Valley on Saturday he was in fifth place from barrier rise to winning post. He is in great heart but will be all the better for Saturday's outing, and when he wins he won't be at 16 to 1, a price on offer about him on Saturday.

BOWLS.

A PENNANT

Northcote Go Down

Northcote were hosts to Glenferrie Hill on Saturday, and the visitors had an easy victory, scoring 91 to 68. Catarinich's was the only Northcote rink up, scoring 17 to 13. Details.

Glenferrie Hill (91).—Hart, Walker, Martin, Cuddon, 13; Pearson, Matthews, Willis, Dempster, 24; Anderson, Shields, Burnett, Kewish, 26; Allen, Main, Gayer, Tenny, 28.

Northcote (68).—Threlkeld, Purnell, Graham, Catarinich, 17; Thompson, Kenney, Pollock, Rowell, 16; Shaw, Hawthorn, Sharp, Maynard, 19; Brown, Jackson, Barron, Horman, 16.

Preston's Narrow Win

Preston paid a visit to Heidelberg and after a very exciting game "brought home the bacon" by a margin of 1 point, scores being 99 to 98. Credit for the win was largely due to Ross' rink, which was up to the tune of 18, whilst Condie and Morgan were 5 and 4 to the good respectively. Sinclair's rink had a day off, only being able to manage 13 against 39—a deficit of 26. It was a narrow squeak. Scores:—

Preston (99). — Birchall, Chitts, Broadhurst, Ross, 35; G. White, Fleming, Pike, Condie, 25; Crispe, Shaw, Nevill, Morgan, 26; W. White, McIntosh, Lewis, Sinclair, 13.

Heidelberg (98).—Reynolds, Comport, Knorr, Tatchell, 17; Coe, Hambrook, Nixon, Calder, 20; Stafford, Mills, Le Rossignol, Champion, 22; Barnes, Dunston, Smith, Tovey, 39.

Other Matches

Thornbury had a bye.
Ivanhoe 97 d Caulfield Park 86.
Toorak 101 d Alphington 100.

B PENNANT

Fairfield 135 d Prince's Park 70.
Ivanhoe 95 d Fitzroy I. 94.
Thornbury, 128, d Moreland, 67.
Preston and Heidelberg both had byes.

C. PENNANT

Ivanhoe 80 d Canterbury 64.
Preston 82 d Thornbury 70.
Armadale 86 d Alphington 51.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON—NORTHCOTE CLUB

Welcome Back, Robinson!—Some sensational performances were put up last Saturday in the fourth round of the inter-club competitions, under the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association. Aub. Robinson (Preston and Northcote) the club's 100, 220 and 440 yards sprint champion, put up a sensational performance over 100 yards in the challenge match between Preston and Middle Park. Another outstanding performance was that of McEachen in the last dash of the mile.

Twenty Points' Win.—Bruce McNabb opened the day for Preston by being defeated by D. Webb (M.P.), the all round field man. This is the first time McNabb has been called upon to do an event such as this—broad jump. Webb won by a few inches.

Robinson, Hankin and McNabb were Preston's trio for the 100 yards. McNabb broke over and took with him Baker (M.P.) and Hankin. The field was recalled by the starter (Mr. Reg Clemson). Then it got away to an excellent start, and it was evident that the battle was between Robinson and Baker (M.P.). However, after going 50 yards Robinson, running like a champion, overawed his field, and, putting in a brilliant sprint, won by 2 yards easing up in 10 1-5 sec., with Baker and McNabb separated by inches.

Dick Lewis and Cliff Owen were Preston's two star walkers. They stood above all others in D Grade. Lewis was made to walk last Saturday, his time for the journey being 7.26, which equalled his record of last season. Cliff Owen has improved out of sight. He is walking better than for some years. Lewis and Owen finished first and second against Middle Park's two members.

Mile Run.—McEachen has taken a wake up to himself. Instead of leading the field for the last two laps as of old, Don played the waiting game last week by keeping well back. He let Hogben do all the breaking up until the last lap. Jack Tannock was running well, but four laps are too far for him. At 220 yards to go McEachen came with a fast run on the outside, running from second last into fourth place in the division. Jack Hogben was second to McEachen. Up to this point Preston were 32 points to Middle Park's 17. Owing to Angus being away at camp, Harold James was called on to throw the discus, but he had the bad luck to be beaten by only a foot or so.

The Timber-cutters' Race, 440 Yds. Hurdles.—In this race we saw Aub. Robinson in a new rôle, doing hurdles with Bruce McNabb. Robinson led the field over the first jump and held the lead until the finish. McNabb put in a fast run, but Robinson had too much in hand for Bruce and won in 62sec., thus breaking the club record by 3 secs.

Preston, 43, defeated Middle Park, 23.

E Grade's Bad Luck Against Chelsea

A few words by the captain last week seemed to do a lot of good. He spoke of the bad performance against Kew the Saturday before, when Kew defeated them by 28 points. This week it was only 9 points, and that was bad luck.

A thrilling race over the furlong. Speedy, Jenkin and Orr were Preston's three. All got away from their marks like a flash. Coming down the far side of the track all were together then McDonald (C.) and Jenkin (P.N.) drew away, but Speedy put in a kick and won by inches. Speedy is a fighter.

Jack Speedy had the job of throwing the javelin against Hunter (C.), who won by feet. The four furlong race was the next event. The big three were Bates, Kirkland and Galagher. "The lad who can't keep still" is Galagher; to the front he must go and there he hung for some time. Then Rothgue (C.) came with a fast dash and changed places. At this point Allan dropped back. With 220 yards to go Galagher came at the leaders with the result that he gained third place in the division, also filling second place for Preston. Gus Kirkland looked as though he is starting to strike his old form. He was up close to the head of the field all the way and finished second to Galagher. Bates filled fifth place for P. and N.

Charlie Honey, the ginger-headed boy, put up a fine performance by jumping 39 feet in the hop, step and jump. By the end of the season this lad will be giving Alan Angus a run for his money.

The 120 yards three foot sixes was the next. Vic Kirkland was a scratching. In his place Honey was sent out with McGinty to go over the sticks. McGinty had stiff luck. After winning the event he had the race taken from him through knocking three hurdles down. McGinty was jumping badly. Honey got over the first hurdle, and that was as far as he got.

Keith Brennan was in the box for the half of the relay. This lad put up a great fight over the half, but they knew too much for him. Speedy did the 440 lap, but the leeway was too much for Jack to make up. Orr took up the running from Speedy, then passed the baton on to Frank Jenkin for the last furlong. Frank had a good view of the race from the back of the field.

Chelsea, 33, defeated Preston, 24.

Club Picnic.—Once more members are asked to keep December 20 free, when a picnic will be held at Rickett's Point. Vans will leave Preston town hall at 9.30 a.m. sharp. The fare is 2/- return. Members are asked to make this picnic a record of records. They must hand all names of members who are going to Mr. H. Hankin, or write to 18 Herbert street, Preston, N18, no later than December 16.

Frankston Carnival.—Members are reminded that entries close at the V.A.A.A. on December 19 for open handicaps on New Year's Day. Open handicaps are for 100 yards, 120 yards hurdles (3ft.), two mile run, and handicap mile relay.

PRESTON—NORTHCOTE WOMEN'S CLUB

On Saturday at the show grounds Preston-Northcote defeated Malvern No. 2 by 40 points to 15. The following represented Preston: — Three-quarter Mile Walk.—M. King. 100 Yards.—S. Jones, N. McWilliams, N. Cameron. Shot Putt.—L Haggarty. High Jump.—M. Carey. 300 Yards Relay.—S. Jones, P. Lowery, N. Cameron, N. McWilliams. Javelin.—S. Jones. Hurdles.—N. Cameron. N. McWilliams.

The most outstanding performer for Preston was Mary King, who put up a brilliant display in the combined B Grade three-quarter mile walk. At the commencement of the walk V.R.I.'s representative took the lead, and when the half-way mark was reached Mary, who was then third, challenged Malvern for second place and went on to overtake V.R.I. The last quarter mile was a neck and neck race between the two, who finished in a dead heat. The time, 6 min. 44 1/5 sec., eclipsed that of the A Grade of the previous week. Excitement had arisen amongst the Preston supporters, and at the conclusion of the race Mary King was congratulated by her club mates. Sheila Jones, by throwing the javelin 71ft. 8ins., again headed the list for the grade, while Lil Haggarty, with a shot putt of 21ft. 9ins., also defeated her opponent. Mary Carey, who cleared 4ft. in the high jump, was just beaten by Malvern. The result of the 100 yards was: S. Jones 1, Malvern 2, N. McWilliams 3. Preston also won the 300 yards relay and the 90 yards hurdles. In the latter N. Cameron came first and N. McWilliams second.

The inter-club sports will be continued on December 19, when Preston-Northcote meet Melbourne No. 1.

18 Months for Receiving

In General Sessions on Friday before Judge Macindoe Casper Frederick Denham aged 23 years, mechanic, of Northcote, pleaded guilty to a charge of having received a motor car knowing it to have been stolen, and to a charge of having received some property stolen from a warehouse knowing it to have been stolen. Judge Macindoe sentenced Denham to imprisonment for 18 months on each charge, the sentences to be served concurrently, and concurrently with another sentence of the same term which Denham is at present undergoing.

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Northcote.—Third stage Porter Cup ...Hook, 43 (7), 50; McQuienn, 44 (10), 50; Appleby, 45 (3), 48; Wat...rs, 40 (7), 47; Randall, 42 (5), 47; ...aye, 40 (4), 44.

Preston.—Final stage Perrett Trophy.—Bignell, 46 (5), 50; Piggott, 41 (8), 49; French, 43 (5), 48; Bell, 44 (4), 48; Sullivan, 41 (6), 47; Ames, 42 (5), 47. Trophy won by J. Piggott.

Senior Cadets

In the sixth round of the Canadian challenge cup and the A.N.A. gold medal for senior cadets at Williamstown on Saturday conditions were ideal. These matches are for teams of 10, eight to count, 10 rounds snapshooting at 200 yards. Scotch College led with 308 points, followed by 57th Batt. (Preston), 295 points. There were 250 competitors. In the aggregate result so far 57th Batt. is lying third with 21 points, the leaders being Melbourne Grammar, 26, and 59th Batt., 25.

The 57th Batt. team scored as follows:—Cadets Blackburn, 41; Joyce, 35; Rhoades, 39; Watt, 35; McEnulty, 33; Downie, 34; Bruce, 39; Aldridge, 39.

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CRICKET

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JIKA CRICKET

(Notes by "Mid-On")

Last Saturday the fifth round was completed. In the first grade the leading teams were again successful and the round finished with Gowerville still leading by one point from Prestonite. East Northcote, by virtue of their outright victory are at the head affairs in the second grade. Northcote Junior Footballers having been beaten quite unexpectedly by Croxton United. Fine batting by Gracie, who scored 117 not out, being mainly responsible for the shock. Gracie is in splendid form at present. It is only a few weeks ago that he scored 104 not out. He is practicing with Preston and his worth as a batsman should soon be recognised by the senior body. Generally speaking the ball had the better of the bat, and some of the bowling averages are quite imposing, viz., Prestonite, Gilchrist 8/27, O. Ford 6/81; Preston Footballers, Hannah, 10/18; Gowerville, Clarkson 9/52, Hollowood, 11/26; Bell, Hughes, 8/24; East Northcote, Bassett, 5/13, Highview, Gilbert 7/7, Leak, 4/3, Pike 4/6; Soccer, Gray, 5/16; Thornbury, Cohen, 6/28; Bell Ramblers, Kaufman, 5/19; Fullarton 6/11; Preston United, Grierson 10/50; Broadhursts, Wawn 9/31; West Preston Progress, Lancaster 7/21.

Batting.—Gracie (Croxton United 117 not out; Gowerville, Gleeson 54; Broadhursts, Wallington 41.

Scouts v East Northcote

On the previous Saturday in reply to the Scouts' score of 53, East Northcote had lost 5 for 109. Ludlow and Spain, on resuming, had only added a single when Dickens bowled Spain—6/110. H. Colson scored 5 when Dickens also bowled him. Ludlow batted soundly , but owing to the long grass scored mostly in singles, but did not get much assistance from the remaining batsmen. The innings closed for 133 runs. Ludlow carrying his bat for a well-made 30. Dickens was the best bowler for Scouts bowling 12.5 overs for 4 wickets and 45 runs. Sayers took 3/29. Showing a deficit of 80 runs on the first innings the home team's second attempt was a great improvement, and it looked at one time possible to avert the innings defeat. Goujon batted stubbornly for 11, being out lbw., to Ludlow. Dickens and R. Underhill took the score from 25 to 57 for 5 wickets by good clean hitting. They were assisted by mistakes in the field. Bassett, was called on to bowl at this stage and succeeded in cleaning up the remainder for a total of 75, leaving East Northcote winners by one innings and 5 runs. W. Dickens batted strongly for 20. R. Underhill 16, Hill 9 (including one 6) also showed good form. Bassett, 5/12 and Ludlow 4/36 were the most successful bowlers for East Northcote, whose outright win leaves them at the top of the list in the second grade.

Broadhursts v West Preston Progress

This game was at a most interesting stage when stumps were drawn at the end of the first day's play, the scores being:—Broadhurst 30 and 3 for 4; Progress 49. With their backs to the wall the tanners made a great fight to retrieve their position. Harold Mildren batted well in making 25 and 1/6; Tuohy 15 and F. Wallington not out 42 (two 6's and 3 4's. The score was taken to 166 which gave West 86 to make to win outright. However, for once, their batting failed them in this game and "Dad" Wawn, with his greater experience, bowled well and was responsible for their collapse for 43 runs. Ely was top scorer with 12, R. Wawn 9/31, Sounders 4/32, Fuller 4/20, were Broadhursts best bowlers in the game. Lancaster, for the Progress, took 7/21, Ely, 5/30, Delaney 1/12, Hurley 1/27. Broadhursts won outright by 44 runs.

Pender's Grove v Prestonite

With 22 scored on the previous week for six wickets, O. Forde (who had charge of Prestonite in the absence of the captain) declared and with Gilchrist and Barklem well on the spot Pender's Grove were all disposed of for 31 runs. Alexander scored 9 not out and there were 8 sundries. Gilchrist took 6/15 and Barklem 3/8. Following on their innings, they found Ossie Forde in most deadly form, and succumbed for 25 runs, Forde taking 6/8 (which included the hat trick) . Gilchrist, 2/11 and Featherstone 1/3 also bowled. Prestonite showed to advantage in the field, and won outright by one innings and 172 runs.

Bell Ramblers v Preston United

With two down for 18 against the Ramblers first innings score of 112, Preston United collapsed and were all out for 38. L. McLaren 13 being the only batsman to reach double figures, Kaufman taking five wickets. The Ramblers' fielding was excellent. Both teams were inclined to take sporting risks and no time was lost. In the home teams' second innings, which was closed with 8 down for 27, Duff, 20, and Jones, 17, were aggressive. K. Grierson bowled splendidly taking 7 for 32. Preston United fielded really well in this innings, Hargreaves and McLaren doing good work. With less than an hour to bat United went for a hit and when time was called had lost 9 wickets for 56. A. McLaren 15, L. McLaren 12, Pears 10, being the chief scorers. Fullarton, 5/10, was the most successful bowler. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies. The match was played in splendid spirit and was one of the most enjoyable played by these teams for some time.

Gowerville v Thornbury

Len Gleeson and Roy Clarkson, the not out batsmen of the previous week, resumed. The latter, however, did not stay long and was followed by G. Prince, who batted very nicely and with the score at 119 for 8 wickets Gowerville captain declared. Gleeson had made 54 in good style and is improving in form. Prince showed some nice strokes in securing 21 not out. Thornbury, in their second innings, did not offer much resistance to the bowling of Ted Clarkson and C. Hollowood, who had the distinction of taking the whole of Thornbury's wickets in the game. Clarkson, 9/52 and Hollowood 11/26. Gowerville still retain their position as leaders in the first grade, and are improving with every match. Nance 10, and Woods 11, were the only double figure scorers in a total of 52 scored by Thornbury. Gowerville won by one innings and 19 runs.

East Preston v Footballers

East Preston had scored 33 runs in their first innings and the Footballers had lost 7 for 72 when stumps were drawn on the first day. When the total had reached 127 the innings was declared closed. W. Luckman was not out 28 and J. Deacon was still batting with 10 to his credit. A. Sleith (a youth) in scoring 10 made quite a favorable impression and should do well with more experience. Jobson 21, also batted in good form. Sundries 19 does not read well for the East Preston fielding, which was rather loose at times. T. A. Jacobs and L. White fought hard to save the innings defeat in scoring 21 and 28 respectively. They received most assistance from Huxley, who scored 15. The last wicket fell just on time for 83 runs leaving the Footballers victorious by one innings and 11 runs. Hannah 10/18 and Moffat 6/51 were the most successful bowlers for the Footballers. For East Preston T. A. Jacobs 1/20 L. White 2/12 Ivey 1/28, A. White 2/28, and Keleher 3/23 did the bowling.

Croxton United v Northcote Junior Footballers

When play ceased on the previous Saturday the Footballers had scored 149 runs. Gracie and Forde started on Croxton's long journey but Forde, Grimmer and Davies were all out (scoring 2 runs between them). That is where Northcote's success ended, as Gracie, batting in wonderful form, had the bowlers completely at his mercy, and scoring at will, with 117 to his credit, when stumps were drawn. He received able backing from Pangbourne 20, Do Grandi 18 and Newton 24. Gracie's display was that of a batsman, and being quite young, has a great future predicted for him. Weate 2/29, Davies 1/25, Hannaford 1/33, Nudl 1/44 took the wickets. The innings closed for 190 with six wickets down. Croxton won by 4 wickets and 59 runs on the first innings. The Footballers again treated their opponents to refreshments. This game came as a surprise to all as the Northcote Juniors had been winning their games so easily that they were generally considered unbeatable—However "Such is cricket."

Highview v Thornbury Socials

The Socials again suffered defeat on Saturday. This time the victors were Highview, who seem to be improving and will have to be reckoned with. The Socials were all out for 18 on the first day and Highview had scored 95. In their second attempt Thornbury did better and Halley scored 14 out of a total of 34. F. Doherty, in scoring 8 not out, batted pluckily and shows a promise of batting ability. He is only a lad and kept his end going for a time under depressing circumstances. Highview's second innings accounted for 55 runs with two wickets down. E. Pike scored 29 not out and V. Pike 17. Highview won by 98 runs.

Soccer v Thornbury West

With six down for 31 in reply to 105 by West the Soccer team were in a bad position. J. Gray, however, batting well, scored 26. He was well supported by Hines 11, and Knowles 14, and managed to carry the total to 76 which was rather encouraging after such a bad start. A. Cohen 5/45 and S. Cohen 7/49 did the bowling for Thornbury West. In their second innings Olney 24 not out and Mosley 15 were the chief scorers the total reaching 77 runs. Soccer were 116 runs behind and made a gallant attempt and when play finished had scored 59 for the loss of 4 wickets. Thornbury West winning on the first innings by 29 runs. Gray was Soccer's best bowler with 7/32.

Bell v Reservoir

Bell had scored 189 runs in their first innings against Reservoir, who had lost three for 6 at the end of the first day's play. This score was taken to 54. Woolard was the chief scorer with 15. Being 135 runs behind the follow on was necessary and again Woolard was the only batsman to make any showing against the bowling of Hughes, 8/24, and Elms 6/50. Reservoir's second innings closed for 70 runs, Woolard scored 36, and Dyer 10. Bell won rather easily by one innings and 65 runs.

General Notes

The match which had been arranged between Prestonite and Northcote and Preston was postponed but will be played on Jika Reserve next week-end. On Saturday evening next Preston Club will hold a social in the hall at the corner of High and Wilcox streets. Dancing and euchre will be the chief form of entertainment and the club's officials are hopeful of a good gathering. Supporters and members are looking forward to this gathering, and its success is assured.

The Rainbows made a trip to Epping and after a very enjoyable game, defeated the local Social team. The scores were.—Rainbows, 96 for 9 wickets (closed), G. Smith was in good form in scoring 48 not out; R. Goodluck made 18. The chief bowler for Epping was A. Bell, who captured 4 wickets for 17. The Rainbows dismissed their hosts for 30 and 31. G. Smith 6/6, R. Johns 7/9 and Goodluck 4/1, proved very destructive bowlers for Rainbows. R. Johns, who is one of the Jika umpires, is also an accomplished cricketer, and has not only strengthened the side but has donated a bat to the club. Mr. Lehmann earned the gratitude of the visitors by transporting the team in his motor truck to the ground. Rainbows are greatful to one of their vice-presidents for the interest he takes in the club. To him is due the credit for several successful functions. Next week-end Rainbows play Preston United. The house party held at Mr. Jacobs residence last Saturday night was a pronounced success, and the East Preston Club greatly appreciate the support accorded it from its followers. They will play a return game this week-end against the Tramways, and a good muster of players and supporters is desired.

Bell Ramblers met Westgarth at the week-end and after a very enjoyable game defeated the visitors by 46 runs. The scores were.—Ramblers 130 (Lonsdale 38, Gillespie 20); Westgarth, 86 (Saunders 30), Lonsdale and Cookman each took 3 wickets.

The Gowerville team have made arrangements for a week-end trip to Pearcedale, and in order to get away early on Saturday evening have received the sanction of the association to commence their game with West Preston Progress at 2.30 on Saturday.

Association Meeting

The usual fortnightly meeting was held at the pavilion on Monday night, and again all clubs were represented. The report of the Grounds' Committe in reference to the roped boundary adopted by the Bell Ramblers was received. The report was favorable to this innovation and the association agreed to sanction the use of ropes in lieu of the boundary being flagged and trenched. Other clubs were instructed to have their grounds put in order by the next meeting. It appears that some clubs are unable to get permission to plough a trench but this difficulty may be overcome.

An interesting game will be played on Christmas Day between the delegates representing the first and second grades of the Jika Association. It should provide an interesting contest as there are quite a number of cricketers in each grade. Messrs. W. Basset and J. Digby have been appointed organisers for this match which will be played in the Bell Ramblers ground.

The following permits were granted by the Umpire and Permit Committee on December 7:—R. Kendall, Bell to Thornbury West; A. E. Ryan, Broadhursts to Thornbury; A. A. Campbell, Reservoir to Gowerville; W. F. Brand, St. Kilda to Gowerville; R. Stafford, Reservoir to Preston United.

Points Scored, Including Fifth Round

A Grade.—Gowerville, 22; Prestonite, 21; Broadhursts, 16; Preston Footballers, 10; West Preston Progress-East Preston, 8; Bell, 7; Pender's Grove, 6; Thornbury, 2; Reservoir, 2.

B Grade.—East Northcote, 21; Highview, 17; Northcote Junior Footballers, 16; Bell Ramblers, 13; Croxton United, 11; Scouts Preston United, 7; Thornbury West, 6; Soccer, 3; Thornbury Socials, 0.

Umpires for the Sixth Round

The following umpires have been appointed for the sixth round of matches on December 13 and 19:—

A Grade.—Pender's Grove v Bell, Jetson and Dean.
Thornbury v Reservoir, Oaten and Harrigan
West Preston Progress v Gowerville, Johns and Lack.
East Preston v Broadhursts, Foltham and Carr.
Preston Footballers v Prestonite, Freeman and Fothergill.
B Grade.—Soccer v Thornbury Socials (on Socials' wicket), Hellings and Howard.
Northcote Junior Footballers v Highview, Richey and Patrick.
East Northcote v Croxton United, Fisher and Cavanagh.
Bell Ramblers v Scouts, Pratt and Cohen.
Preston United v Thornbury West, Loughlin and Rooney.
Reserves, Nowman and Sergeant.

TENNIS.

Warrain Tennis Club

Last Saturday a most enjoyable afternoon was spent on the Warrain tennis court, 77 David street, Preston, when the Warrain Club met St. Paul's Church of England, Fitzroy. Refreshments provided by the ladies of the local club were much enjoyed on the lawn. In proposing a vote of thanks for the pleasant afternoon they had spent, the captain of St. Paul's said although they had been defeated they hoped to turn the tables when they met at Fitzroy in a return match next Saturday week.

Church of England Association

A Grade.—Holy Trinity, Thornbury, (64) d Christ Church, Brunswick (44)

B Grade.—St. James', West Melbourne (68) d Holy Trinity, Thornbury, 50.

C Grade.—Holy Trinity, Thornbury (63) d Christ Church, Brunswick (49) Holy Trinity, Coburg (65). d St. Mary's, Preston (42).

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

Calcourt 60 d Methodists 56, Baptists 61 d All Saints 46, Capitol 64 d Methodists 52, Epiphany I. 68 d Methodists I. 45, All Saints 62 d Epiphany 35, St. Phillip's 69 d Baptists 51.

WESTGARTH NOTES

The garden thief is active in this part of the city, residents being annoyed to find shrubs and flowering plants disappearing overnight.

A Memorial Fund Coursing Meeting will be held at the White City, on Monday night in aid of the memorial to the late secretary of the Coursing Club, Mr. P. F. Kelly, who resided in High street, Northcote South.

H.A.C.B.S. (Northcote Branch).— At the meeting on the 8th inst., the following officers were elected: president, Bro. G. Beeden; vice-president, Bro. T. Dewar; treasurer, Bro. L. Timanus; warden, Bro. W. Delaney; secretary, Bro. D. Dewar; assistant secretary, Bro. M. Carroll; council delegates, Bros. D Dewar and G. Beeden; dispensary delegates, Bros. V. Bankco and T. Dewar; St. Patrick's Day committee delegates, Bros. V. Bankco and T. Dewar. The officers were formally installed by the past president, Bro. V. Bankco.

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8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Preacher: Rev. A. Brain, M.A.
7 p.m.—Preacher: Mr. Eric Constable.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE (Bayview Street)

Dec. 13. Third Sunday in Advent:
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins.
3 p.m.—Sunday School Anniversary Service.
7 p.m.—Evensong. Memorial to the late Mrs. Jane Schwaebsch. Preacher: The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Shaftesbury Parade)

December 13: Third Sunday in Advent.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar (Rev. W. H. Chamberlain).

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.

Third Sunday in Advent.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Children's Church.
11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Rev. F. Parsons, Vicar.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

December 13.
Northcote
11 a.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
7 p.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby.
7 p.m.—Rev. Collett.
St George's Road
11 a.m.—Mr. Stuart.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby.
Croxton
11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN

11 and 7—Rev. A. T. Jones.
11—Soloist: Mrs. J. Burrows.
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For full particulars see the secretary, W. E. FINDLAY, Normanby Avenue, Thornbury.

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The above Lodge meets in the Anglers' Club Hall, Murray Road, Preston.
For all particulars apply to A. E. ...side, sec., 9 Stewart St., Regent.

Entertainments and Notices

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Northcote Town Hall on WEDNESDAY, the 16th DECEMBER, 1931, at 8 p.m. Business:—

(a) Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
(b) Election of Office-bearers.
(c) General.

Nominations (which must be on the prescribed form) for President, Six Vice-Presidents, 12 Committeemen, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Secretary must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 7 o'clock p.m. at 31 Kellett street, Northcote, or 8 o'clock p.m. at the Northcote Town Hall on WEDNESDAY, the 9th DECEMBER, 1931.

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PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB

A SPECIAL Meeting of members of the above club will be held in the Preston Town Hall on WEDNESDAY NEXT, DEC. 16, at 8 p.m. Business: Alteration of rules, etc. Admission is by presentation of season 1931 membership ticket.
E. J. HANNAH, Sec.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

A GIFT AFTERNOON will be held in the Preston Town Hall (Supper Room) on DEC. 14 at 2.45 p.m., to aid an unaccepted soldier. League members and friends interested are cordially invited. Bring a gift of cheer for Christmas. Cr. Dennis will be one of the speakers.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the SUPPLY of ELECTRICITY will be INTERRUPTED between the hours of 4.30 a.m. and 5 a.m. on SUNDAY NEXT, December 13, 1931.
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OBITUARY

MRS. JANE BENDALL SCHWAEBSCH

It is with regret that we record the death of one of Northcote's pioneer settlers, in the person of Mrs. Jane Bendall Schwaebsch, of High street, Northcote, which occurred on Sunday last. Mrs. Schwaebsch was born in Somerset (England) and came to Australia on the "Athonia" in 1855 with her father and other members of the family. Soon after his arrival Mr Bendall, father of Mrs. Schwaebsch, was employed by the Henty Brothers, of Portland. When she married Theodore Schwaebsch, she came to live in Northcote, and for 70 years lived in the same house at 57 High street, Northcote. The family was closely linked with the district, having seen Northcote grow up from wide open country into a closely populated city. The family had the true pioneering spirit, misfortunes being met with a stout heart, and though there were no conveniences in those early days as we have to-day, Mr. and Mrs. Schwaebsch lived and prospered, and reared a family of 11. Mrs. Schwaebsch had lived in retirement since the death of her husband 10 years ago but the members of the family have ably carried on the public and self-sacrificing work which their parents started. Mr. C. A. A. Schwaebsch, one of the sons, served the municipality of Northcote as a councillor for some years, and he also took an active interest in sport, cycling holding his main interest. Daughters have also played their part in the charitable and social life of the city, and altogether the family has a record of which it has every justification of being proud. Members of the family are:—Cyril, Annie (Mrs. Sims), Alice (Mrs. McCarthy), Charlotte (Mrs. Linehan), W.A., Clara (Mrs. B. Davis), Charles, ..., Maud (Mrs. Rayment), Harry N.S.W., Esther (Mrs. E. Davie, deceased), and Edgar Bendall. There are a number of grandchildren: Alice (Mrs. Tomkins), Daisy (deceased), Carla (Mrs. B...k), Freda (Mrs. E. Wilson), better known as Miss Freda Northcote, Fred, Amy and Albert. The late Mrs. Schwaebsch, who was, at the time of her death 90 years of age, was the last surviving sister of Mr. Charles Bendall, of Westbourne grove, Northcote. Most of the members of the family reside in and around the Northcote district. The interment was made at the Coburg Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon where many relatives and friends paid their last tribute. Cr. W. Hayes, J.P., represented the Mayor of the city. The Rev Cole and the Rev. J. O. Hughes conducted the service at the home and graveside.

A memorial service to the late Mrs. Jane Schwaebsch will be conducted by the Rev. T. Cole at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening at the Church of the Epiphany, Northcote.

MR. HENRY BELL

Many expressions of sincere sympathy have been received by Mrs. Bell and family, "Cliveden," Regent street, Preston, in connection with the death of Mr. Henry Bell, manager of the Ernie Nail Co., Fitzroy, which occurred on Friday last after an illness extending over three weeks. Mr. Bell, who suffered from blood pressure, was a highly respected and esteemed resident of this city and was in the front rank of those assisting in works of a charitable nature. He was a life guest of Preston branch R.S.S.I.L.A., one of the original founders of the Red and Volunteer Motor Corps, life governor of the Children's Hospital and a member of the Centennial Masonic Lodge. Mr. Bell took a keen interest in political matters and was of an unassuming, gentle-many nature. The funeral left the residence of the family on Monday for Strathallan cemetery where the service was conducted by Rev Bremer, minister of Preston Methodist Church. Mr. Bell leaves a widow, one daughter (Mrs. H. E. Arthur, Balwyn), two sons—Arthur Jack, and Godfrey Roy. He was a native of Birmingham and after leaving there was a resident for 12 years of New Zealand. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. W. G. Apps and Sons, Fitzroy.

MR. PATRICK CALLAHAN

Last Sunday the death occurred of Mr. Patrick Callahan, at the residence of his niece, Mrs. Brooker, Town Hall avenue, Preston. The cause of death was heart trouble, the end coming about suddenly. Deceased was born in Ireland. His wife died 31 years ago and there was no family. Mr. Callahan, who was a man of means, was well-known in Upper Ferntree Gully, Chelsea and Kilmore. The interment took place at Kilmore, the officiating priest being Rev. Father Hayes, of Essendon. It is believed that Mr. Callahan had a premonition that the end was approaching as two weeks before his death he addressed a letter to an undertaking firm regarding certain matters, in the event of his passing out.

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TESTING A NEW INVENTION.—Much interest was taken on Monday in a demonstration on the M.C.C. ground of a patent wicket-covering machine. A canvas covering 100ft long and 12ft wide is drawn over the wicket and stretched taut in a few minutes.
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SCHOOL SPEECH NIGHTS

Northcote District High School

A YEAR OF PROGRESS

At Northcote Town Hall on Tuesday evening the annual speech night and presentation of prizes won during the year was held. The hall was completely filled and it was found almost impossible to accommodate all who desired to gain admission. There is no doubt that the school is progressing, and the district is indeed fortunate in having within its borders such a splendid institution, and one which not only educates, but at the same time builds character and so fits those who attend for their after school life as citizens. The Mayor (Cr. Olver) Chairman of the Advisory Council, in a short but brilliant speech introduced His Excellency Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., to whom a hearty reception was accorded. Mr. Kitson, acting headmaster, presented his report, which stated:—

In the absence of the headmaster, Mr. Johnson, for the whole of the third term it falls to me to submit the report on the school's activities for 1931. We regret that Mr. Johnson has been so seriously ill, but are glad to know that he is rapidly regaining health and strength. I should like first of all to express the appreciation of the Council, the staff and the students, for the attendance here this evening of the Lieutenant Governor, Sir William Irvine. We are grateful to him for thus honoring the work that we are endeavouring to do.

Enrolment.—This year the total enrolment was 504, but, owing to various reasons, this has fallen now to 485. The enrolment next year promises to be up to the capacity of the buildings. Over 100 new pupils are already enrolled and when the school re-opens on February 2 the total attendance will be over 500.

University Results.—In last year's University examinations the school gained the following passes:—Honors, 12 (including 6 second class and 1 first class); leaving certificate passes, 18 complete, 15 partial; intermediate certificate passes, 43 complete, 9 partial.

Scholarships.—Three boys gained junior scholarships in the Education Department's examination, and one was successful in securing a scholarship offered by the Shell Oil Co. Robert Hannah was awarded a free place at the University and has commenced his course at that institution.

Entries for University Examinations 1931.—For the University examinations this year 43 boys have entered for leaving honors, and 130 for the intermediate certificate. There are no honor candidates this year, owing to the Department's decision that honor classes would be permitted only at Melbourne High School and University High School. The result has been that our school lost some of its best boys who would have rendered valuable service in the upper school.

Approval of the School Under the A Class.—The Education Department has granted my application to have this school classed in the A division for intermediate certificate examinations. This means that boys, as the result of the internal examinations may be granted the intermediate certificate on the headmaster's recommendation, instead of having to sit for the external examination held in the Exhibition Building by the University. The chief factor influencing the decision to apply for approval was the saving in cost to the parents. Had we been approved for 1931, parents would have been relieved of about £230 in entrance fees. On the other hand, approval will mean much extra work for our staff, who will really do the work that otherwise outside salaried examiners would have done. But it was felt that we should do all that lay in our power to make the cost of the education of the boy as small as possible in these days of slender purses and heavy expenditures.

Sports.—The house system is in operation in connection with our sports, there being four houses; and the competitions comprise football, cricket, swimming, tennis, hand tennis, athletics and debates, in both junior and senior divisions. The winning house this year is Plenty House under the able captaincy of Dick Oke. The annual athletic meeting in the Northcote Park was again a successful function, as was also the swimming carnival held at the Northcote Baths.

Inter-High School Sports.—The school has competed successfully in the various contests arranged by the Metropolitan High Schools Association obtaining second aggregate for intermediate championships and third in grand aggregate for swimming. They also were premiers in the cricket section and runners-up in football and tennis.

Parent's Visits.—During the year arrangements were made for the parents of boys in certain forms to visit the school on specified days. We found this of special value in bringing the teachers and parents into contact, and each gained a knowledge of the other that must react beneficially towards the object of their common interest—the pupils. I would like to emphasise that parents are always welcome at the school. We are always glad to confer with them regarding the welfare of the boys.

Buildings.—No extensive alterations or improvements have been undertaken this year, though various minor additions have increased the efficiency and the comfort of the school building and grounds. Both have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

Old Boys' Successes.—It is gratifying to learn that so many of the old boys are filling their positions with conspicuous success, and in the sporting world are performing excellently.

Placing Students in Positions.—It is pleasing to record that during the past few weeks we have been able to find positions for 8 or 10 boys, more than have been placed for the whole of the earlier nine months of the year. This perhaps is one indication that we are beginning to see the silver lining of the dark cloud of depression.

Thanks.—I should like to convey sincere thanks to the many good friends who have helped the school in its various activities. To J. C. Williamson Ltd., we are indebted for their permission to produce "Trial by Jury." School Council: Once again we have to thank the President (the Mayor), Mr. H. F. Tulloch (secretary), Mr. F. Henning (treasurer) and the members of the School Advisory Council for their very lively interest and ever willing help in all matters pertaining to the school. I can say, without fear of contradiction, that we have an advisory council, equal to any in Victoria. The Mayor and the Town Clerk (Mr. J. A. Thomson) have at all times given of their best to further the school's interests and the boys' welfare. Religious Instruction: Again, too, we have pleasure in acknowleging the work of the various local clergymen who visit the school on Thursday mornings for scriptural instruction. To them we can say that both by parents and boys also their work is much appreciated. Parents' Committees: This year the committee is again entertaining the senior students by means of a picnic at Eltham on Thursday next. We ask them to accept our thanks.

Social Hours.—Arrangements were made in the time table this year so that opportunity would be given pupils to listen to lectures given by visitors to the school. These lectures have been particularly interesting and valuable. The lecturers included several of the consuls resident in Melbourne, several University graduates and lecturers and also Major Alan Steele, whose two graphic lectures on the "Western Front" were most enthusiastically received. Major Steele further increased our indebtedness to him by presenting 12 copies of his book on the same subject. Two of these have been added to the school library and the other ten awarded to the leading history student in the 10 upper classes. To Mr. Hall, the very best thanks of the school are due for his splendid choice of lecturers for the Friday afternoons, and we all greatly appreciate his efforts in this direction. I also thank Robertson and Mullens for their thought in donating a prize for literary work. To the members of the staff I offer heartfelt and sincere thanks for the loyal and willing assistance given me since I have been in charge. It has been a great pleasure to work with such gentlemen. I desire to specially thank Messrs. Foster, Glover, Graham, Hallett and Hanson for their untiring efforts in preparing the various sections of the play produced to-night. They voluntarily undertook a herculean task. To Mr. Day, for his work with the boys' singing, to the members of the orchestra and the boys in the play, my best thanks are due. I should be failing in my duty if I omitted to publicly thank Miss McCausland, who is in charge of the "tuck shop" and Mr. and Mrs. Gall for the kind consideration always given members of the staff and myself. In conclusion Mr. Kitson wished all the compliments of the season and expressed the hope that the coming year would be brighter and happier, and that it may mark a return to National prosperity which will mean the lifting of the clouds of gloom and hardship that have overshadowed so many of our citizens in the year now closing.

The report was received with applause. Then came the event of the evening, a speech by the Lieutenant-Governor, who expressed great pleasure at being able to preside and present the prizes. Sir William, after explaining that the outstanding characteristic of the English Public Schools was that they built up character congratulated the high schools in general, and the Northcote High School in particular, upon performing the same great duty to the community. Prizes were then presented as follows:—

Scholastic

Dux of School.—R. Nicoll.
Prox. Accessit.—G. Loughman.
C1 and C2.—H. Newson and G. McAlpine, equal.
C3.—K. Bolitho.
Remove.—C. Remmington.
D1 anod D2.—H. Smalley.
D3 and D4.—A. Wakefield.
E1 and E2.—J. Marriage.
F.—A. Body.

Major Steele Prizes

B Form, British,—R. Nicoll.
B Form, European,—J. Boll and R. Dickson.
C1 Form—H. Newson.
C2 Form.—J. Holroyd.
C3 Form.—A. Ireland.
Shell.—J. Richards.
Remove.—N. Ragg.
D1.—A. G. Bennett.
D2.—W. Straede.

Athletics

J. Cairns, open championship.
J. Joyce, under 16.
F. Walmesley, under 15.
N. Brendel, under 14.
P. Pearce, under 13.
School Challenge Cup.—Won by the Old Boys, R. Grandy, captain.
Old Boys' 100 Yard Handicap.—L. Emerson.

The proceedings closed with the staging of "Trial by Jury." This brilliant skit by Gilbert and Sullivan delighted the audience who were amazed by the skilful acting of the whole cast. It is invidious to make distinctions but the Bride (Sauerberg), the counsel (Bertram), the defendant (Southern), the judge (Day), and last but certainly not least, the usher (Miller) were outstanding. The school's heartfelt thanks are due to Messrs. Forster, Hallett, Glover, Graham and Hanson, without whom this play could never have been produced.

Preston Girls' School

The speech day and prize distribution of the Preston Girls' High School will be held on Friday, December 18 (to-day) at 11 a.m. at Preston Town Hall when all parents and past pupils will be welcome. Parents of intending pupils will also receive a welcome and they will have an opportunity of hearing the report of the principal (Miss Van Nooten) and will be able to judge the facilities which the school affords for the education of their daughters.

Girls intending to do a High School course should erol immediately on obtaining their qualifying certificate or on completing F form or 7th. grade work and not later. There is still room in the upper forms "B" (leaving certificate), "C" (Intermediate Certificate), "D" (Sub Intermediate) and "E" (the Scholarship Class).

For girls intending to follow up any of these professions there is an excellent course provided in domestic arts, including English, arithmetic, history, geography, science, first aid and home nursing in addition to needlework, dressmaking, cooking, (junior, advanced), laundry and housewifery.

The principal will be at the sschool on Monday, February 1 from 9.30 to 11 a.m. to interview parents and enrol new pupils.

BELL STREET SCHOOL

The Christmas break-up picnic and sports organised by the committee and Mothers' Club were held in the school grounds on Saturday. Upwards of 700 children were present and many parents and friends, and one and all proclaimed that the function was one of the best they had attended, which sentiment was heartily endorsed by the children. Each child was rovided with rides on the merry-go-round, and was regaled with a bag containing buns and confectionery also aerated drinks. A Punch and Judy-show, a conjurer and a ventriloquist were much enjoyed by all. The Preston District Brass Band, under Bandmaster McHours, rendered selections and gave pleasure to all. The committee wish to tender their heartfelt thanks to all who assisted in making the function a brilliant success, and particularly they desire to thank the Preston District Band.

The following are the results of the various races:—3a grade, boys, Syd Street 1, Claude Winnett, 2; girls, Joyce Reher 1, Gwen Iredale 2. 3b grade: boys, Stanley Street 1, Stewart Ackerley 2; girls, Mavis Currie 1, Joyce Holt 2. 4a grade: boys, Harold Pepper 1, Reg Bayley 2; girls, Irene Duckworth 1; Lorna Gerard 2. 4 b: boys, Jack Hines 1, Ray Waixel 2; girls, Eunice Marston 1, Myra Daniels 2. 5a: girls, Jean Garvey 1, Irene Weeks 2. 5b: boys, Peter Alexander 1, Noel Gerrard 2; girls, Dorothy Dodson 1, Vera Longstaff 2. 6b: boys, Lindsay MacNamara 1, George Hannaford 2. 6a: girls, Annie Sillery 1, Eileen Hayes 2. 7th grade: boys, Eric Garvey 1, Arthur Ray 2. 8th grade: girls, Olive Waixel 1, Beatrice Gibbs 2; boys, Jack Gorman 1, Eric Duncan 2. Potato Race: Ray Lippiatt 1; Eric Garvey 2. Skipping Race: Olive Waixel 1; Annie Sillery 2. Bowling at Wicket: Noel Gerrard 1; Eric Garvey 2. Thread the Needle Race: Elsie Neal 1; May Durant 2. Consolation Race: for boys, Charlie Winnett.

In addition, races for the lower grades were supervised by the Mothers' Club and on Thursday next Father Christmas will visit the school and hand out toys to all the children under the third grade.

WESTLEIGH COLLEGE

A very pleasant and varied entertainment was given on Wednesday evening, December 9, in the Epiphany Church hall by the pupils of the above-named school.

The Rev. T. Cole presided, and in his address to the parents and friends spoke highly of the work done by the college. He expressed the hope that the parents would support the principal in every way, and that the coming year would be brighter and more prosperous for all.

The programme was as follows:—forte and vocal items, physical culture, recitations, and a bright little cantata entitled "The Doll's Wedding." The principle parts were taken by Misses Edith Shaw, Nola Cock, Audrey Honeycombe, Betty Turner, Sylvia Sharpe, Gwendoline Hall, Doris Rice, Mavis Kruger, Audrey Doggett and Masters Evan Beach and Stanley Edwards.

The prgramme was as follows:—Piano duet, Elaine Parkinson and Dorothy Smith; physical culture, Intermediate Class; song, "The Brownies," Juniors; intricate physical culture, Senior Class; song, "Three Little Mice," Juniors; recitation, Doris Rice; physical culture, Juniors; school songs, "Come Sail My Barque," "Flying Clouds," Senior Class; scene from Shakespeare, "As You Like It," Senior Girls; folk dances, Intermediate Class; song, Gwennie Hull; gymnastic dance, Senior Class; song, Mavis Kruger; posing, Senior Girls; cantata, "The Doll's Wedding," school.

A MOTOR tyre, valued at £7, was stolen from the garage at the residence of Alice Thompson, High street, Preston, during the night of December 15.

FAIRFIELD CANOE CLUB

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Fairfield Canoe Club house was en fete on Wednesday evening when the annual Christmas social was held. The dancing salon was gaily decorated, a canopy of streamers in two blues (club colors) being artistically intermingled with streamers in old gold. Antique lamp shades in old gold softened the illumination and a Christmas tree resplendent with glistening fancy lights and toys proved a centre of attraction. Gum boughs of mistletoe on the window sills added to the effect. It was a gay company who danced to the excellent music of the High Jinks Orchestra and played games. The arrival of Father Christmas by motor car was breath taking. He came in the middle of a dance, the car being driven right on to the dance floor, and his advent was signalled by the prolonged "honking" of the car syren, whilst the main lights of the hall were thrown into darkness. Everyone present, young and old, gathered round to receive beneficence at his hands, and it was all too soon before he had to take his departure. Games of various kinds, which were interspersed between dances were productive of much merriment and the evening passed rapidly. The club president (Mr. Fred Taylor) wished all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and also conveyed to the assembly greetings from Mr. H. de La Rue, ex-secretary to the club, who is in the country. Thanks were given to Mr. and Mrs. Loyer for their untiring efforts in arranging the decorations and Christmas tree, which helped to make the social such a success. The supper was catered for by the ladies of the club, to whom thanks are also due. During the evening a step dance and clown act were presented by Miss Joy Bock and Mr. M. Granger (vice-commodore) which were greatly appreciated. It was a happy company which joined in the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" and exchanged the greetings of the season at the close of the evening.

"And They Went to Law"

Complainant (at Preston court): I could not pay anything as I had nothing.
Defendant (a woman): Neither have I.
Voice (at the table): Why do they go to law then?

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HEIDELBERG SHIRE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Present:—Crs. W. A. Sarton (president), Jessop, Ryan, Bryant, Hannah, Mrs. Pybott, Service, Pitcher, Clinton, Phillips, Westfield, Coats.

Correspondence

Hon. H. H. Olney, M.L.C., wrote that the Government has increased the sustenance grant for mothers and babies to £25 per month on condition that depots are established at Fairfield and Heidelberg.

Shire of Heidelberg Relief Organisation advising that they are unable to contribute for the present any further monies towards work in lieu of sustenance; also thanking council for continuing grant of £25 per month for a further six months.

Sustenance Department, intimating that £56 has been made available on the £1 for £1 basis.—To be spent on improvements to State school ground at Fairfield.

[illegible] and Miller, advising that no further action is being taken by [illegible] against R. H. Davies, shire engineer, and forwarding bill of costs.—Action deferred until next meeting.

City of Richmond, forwarding report of conference held in relation to suggested works being carried out by the Board of Works if funds are available for relief of unemployment.

Cr. Jessop reported attending the conference. The proposed expenditure was [illegible] million pounds to employ 2900 men for two years. He approved of five schemes involving half the money, such as street construction, sewerage, house connections, etc. It was decided that the board be one authority for spending, and that the Clifton Hill railway gates be included in the scheme; also that the council consider a private street construction scheme.

General

Ranger J. Linn reported impounding [illegible] head of stock in the three riding, and paid over £[illegible] for pound fees and £4 [illegible] for sale of horse.

The Gasworks Committee reported there were 4274 consumers, total for month [illegible]. Receipts for month £[illegible]. Disbursements £1,736 [illegible]. The committee recommended that £900 be transferred from profits to Municipal Fund. It was reported that the time was opportune to install a new set [illegible] of exhausters, the present ones being too small. Cost approximately £[illegible], plus exchange.

The Electric Light Committee reported there were 6,064 consumers; total for month [illegible]. Street lights [illegible]. Receipts for month £[illegible]. Disbursements £[illegible]. The committee recommended that £[illegible] be transferred from profits to Municipal Fund.

Buildings.—Plans passed for last month were:—Fairfield, [illegible] additions, [illegible] garages. Ivanhoe, [illegible] brick residence, [illegible] addition, [illegible] garages. [illegible]. Heidelberg, [illegible] addition, [illegible] fence. Greensborough, [illegible] wooden house. [illegible] total [illegible].

Cr. Phillips drew attention to the contractor in Fairfield whose horse had to draw [illegible] tons [illegible] which was considered too much, and suggested an allowance of [illegible] for an extra horse.—The engineer, when questioned, said that gross load had been the same for years.—Referred to Fairfield members and engineer.

The Rosanna Tennis Club having given £50 to the council on the £1 for £1 basis, which will make £100, the council is to proceed with the construction of the tennis courts.

Cr. Westfield wished the president, councillors and staff the compliments of the season, and the president reciprocated, hoping the coming year would be a happier one.

The council will not meet in January.

Engineer's Report

Fairfield.—In addition to the usual sweeping and cleaning of channels the following work has been done:—Road maintenance repair in Darling St. and on Chandler Highway and minor C.B.R. maintenance in Heidelberg–Eltham road. Footpaths repaired east side of Station St. between Duncan and Separation Sts. and [illegible] sq. yds. surfaced. On west side of Station St. between Wingrove and Mitchell Sts. repairs carried out and [illegible] sq. yds. surfaced. In Arthur St. between Heidelberg road and railway, on both sides, and in Rathmines St. on east side between Wingrove St. and 200 feet north of Separation St., footpaths repaired and tar-dressed. On west side of Perry St. between Wingrove St. and Gordon St. repairs are being made to footpaths. At tennis courts wire-netting fences have been mended, weeds and rubbish cleaned up, and courts top-dressed and re-marked. Nature strips and side tables weeded in Palm St., Fulham road, Grange road, Perry St., Arthur St. and Station St. south of railway. Thistles cut in Coate Park; [illegible] loads of filling spread at Fitzroy Park, North Alphington, and [illegible] loads tipped at Broomfield avenue reserve. Two extra seats were placed on Broomfield avenue frontage of this reserve. Gas and water cuts repaired in various streets. Work on low level roadway between National Park road and Merri Creek is proceeding. Up till and including December [illegible], 1931, 132 men have been employed as follows:—Fairfield and Alphington 71, Ivanhoe 21, Heidelberg 36.—Received.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Before Mr. [illegible] C. Tibo, P.M., and Messrs. [illegible] Hayes and F. Carney, J.sP.

No Lights

[illegible] Williams, Park street, Abbotsford, who on November 23 rode a bicycle without a light in Victoria road, was fined £1 or default 24 days imprisonment. Constable Cunningham said the man gave a wrong name and a lot of trouble.

The P.M.: How did you get his correct address?

Constable Cunningham: We took him home.

[illegible], [illegible] Green street, Northcote, who rode a bicycle without a light, was fined £1. Others fined were Albert [illegible], [illegible] street, Northcote, £1; [illegible] street, Thornbury, [illegible]; [illegible] street, [illegible]; [illegible] street, West Preston, £1.

Ernest [illegible], [illegible] street, West Preston, who rode a motor cycle without a light, was fined £1.

[illegible], Hoddle street, Abbotsford, drove a car without a tail light, was fined £1.

Truancy Cases

A number of parents were fined sums ranging from [illegible] to [illegible] for failing to send children to school.

Ejectment Orders

W. [illegible], as agent for the owner, obtained ejectment orders against the following:—W. Banks, arrears £[illegible]; A. Virginia, arrears £[illegible]; and F. Harvey, arrears £[illegible].

Debt

Maud Elizabeth Urban v. Thomas Dug[illegible], claim for £[illegible]. Order for amount with £[illegible] costs.

Mrs. F. A. Ball v. Mrs. Murray, Monash street, West Preston, claim for £2. This claim was reduced to £1 and a set-off for £1 [illegible] was filed. Mr. E. T. Cahir appeared for Mrs. Murray.

The evidence was that in February last Mrs. Ball consulted Mrs. Murray about making a dress, and provided the material valued at £1. There was a conflict in the evidence as to whether a price was agreed upon for making the dress. Mrs. Ball stating that the price was fixed at [illegible], whilst Mrs. Murray said no price was fixed and 30/- was a reasonable figure. After the dress was made Mrs. Ball did not like the style and it was agreed between the parties that the dress should be sold. It was sold by Mrs. Murray for £1, she retaining the money. Mrs. Ball's claim was for material, whilst Mrs. Murray's set-off was for £1 [illegible] for making the dress.

After hearing exhaustive evidence the set-off to the extent of [illegible] was allowed, and an order was made in favor of Mrs. Ball for [illegible], together with £[illegible] costs.

BRITISH MIGRANTS' ASSOCIATION

From information to hand we are progressing satisfactorily with our appeal for repatriation, as our delegate in England has cabled for the names of all who desire to accept same. The new colonial secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, is a man with a wide knowledge of the every-day struggle of the average working man, which he uses without bias towards him and his employer alike, with the broadmindedness and sense of fair play worthy of an Englishman. With a new year so close to us we must pull together in all things, with the one predominant thought that our efforts are being rewarded. Under these circumstances it is therefore imperative that all British migrants faced with this day to day existence should join the Northcote branch (no fees) at their next meeting at the A.N.A. Hall, town hall, on December 28 at 8 p.m., so as to at least enjoy the company of relatives and friends, and the accompanying environment of their birthplace. With regard to the correspondence that has passed between Mr. Lang and the member of our association, the question of loss of British citizenship on arrival in this country is extremely stupid. The only time the loss of nationality is applicable is when a person enters and resides in a country not a possession of his native land, and as far as Australia is concerned he must reside here for five years before placing an advertisement in a registered newspaper seven days or more prior to applying for naturalisation papers, which contains full particulars of himself and place of birth.—T. S. Rogers, Hon. Sec.

C.Y.M.S.—NORTHCOTE BRANCH

The weekly meeting was held on Monday, the newly-elected president occupying the chair. Mr. C. Hall was welcomed to membership, and Messrs. E. McNamara and T. Cummins nominated. Members were pleased at reports of the doings of the various teams as follows:—

Cricket.—A team, 79 v Fairfield 88 and two for 13. Don McDonald 24, and Jim Buckley, the youngest member of the side, took 5 [illegible]. B team, eight for 72 v Ascot Vale 137. Phil McDonald taking 4 [illegible]. Ramblers, 137 v N. Brunswick 87. E. Martell 47, A. Baker 66.

Tennis.—Northcote, 84 games, d. North Essendon, 57.

Debate Final.—Garner and McNamara, 180 points, were defeated by Hawthorn, 189.

Tug-of-War.—At the garden fete at the Good Samaritan Convent grounds four C.Y.M.S. teams took part for the championship cup, which was won by Northcote for the second year in succession.

Mr. G. Beedle was congratulated on his election to the Board of Management and on his appointment as president of the H.A.C.B.S.

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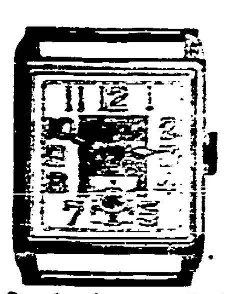

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Northcote Horticultural Society

The monthly meeting of the Northcote Horticultural Society was held at Northcote town hall on December 3, the attendance being good. With the lessening of the thrips plague a pleasing freshness in the blooms exhibited was noticeable. The cut flower competitions were keenly contested in all sections, while the competition for a basket of flowers almost baffled the judges, any one of the first three exhibits being worthy of a place in any city florist's window. By half a point a basket of pink double hollyhocks was placed first, with baskets of water lilies and roses filling second place on level terms.

Following are the results:—Cut Flowers (novice): Mrs. Mott, 3 points; Cut Flowers (amateur): Mr. Gibson, 4 points. Bunches of Roses (amateur): Mr. Gibson, 1½ points; Mr. Beattie, 1½ points. Bunches of Roses (intermediate): Mr. Toole, 4 points; Mr. Brown, 2 points. Basket of Flowers: Miss Lancaster, 3½ points; Mrs. Firth, 3½ points; Mrs. Lovelace, 3½ points. Posy of Flowers: Mrs. Firth, 4 points; Mrs. Lovelace, 2 points; Mrs. Corry, 2 points.

Special prizes were also awarded for:—Basket of flowers, Miss L. Lancaster; bunch of gaillardia, Mrs. Firth; bunch of snapdragon, Mrs. Bennett.

At the conclusion of business a euchre tournament was held and much enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the ladies' committee and highly appreciated.

The next meeting will be held on February 11, when a horticultural lecture will be delivered.

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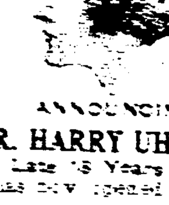

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CRICKET

DISTRICT ELEVENS

Northcote v University
Williams Bowls Well

The wicket at Northcote was one of the best when Morgan won the toss and took Heron in to open to the bowling off Empey and Perrett. Morgan with a nice shot off Empey opened his score and ran three. With the score at 20 Williams came on at the north end in place of Perrett, who had bowled three overs for 5 runs. Morgan, who had been at the wickets 28 minutes for 8 runs, was run out in going for a second run. Ellis came next and after making one was clean bowled by Empey; 2—3—26. Powell, who has made some fine scores this season failed to score. Fleming came in and without any addition to the score Heron, who had batted 48 minutes for 14 runs, was bowled by Williams; 4—14—28. Garrett came in to try and stop the rot. With the score at 43 Kemp came on at the south end in place of Empey and with his third ball bowled Garrett with a ball that kept low. The score board at this stage read 5—3—43. McSperrin came in and went for the runs. After 71 minutes play the half century appeared. Williams' slow bowling was hard to score off and at this stage had bowled 10 overs for 24 runs. Fleming was going along nicely and when he looked like getting a big score got his leg in front and was out lbw. to Williams; 6—31—75. Fothergill came next and kept his end up while McSperrin was going for runs. With the score at 96 the tea adjournment came. On resuming, Empey bowled from the south end. Fothergill was run out shortly after, he had taken 27 minutes for his 8 runs; 7—8—97. Jordan who came next, brought up the century made in 140 minutes. McSperin sent two fours flying to the pickets in succession and trying the third was bowled by Empey. He had 74 minutes for his runs; included in his score were three 4's. The remaining wickets did not last long and Northcote was all out for the small total of 124 runs.

University, with 64 minutes left to bat, opened with Woodfull and Jackson to the bowling of Chivers and Thorn. With the score at 15 Woodfull was out lbw., to Thorn. Staines came next. Jackson, when he had scored 8, was missed behind by Morgan off Thorn. With the score at 42 Jordan, a promising left-hand bowler, came on in place of Thorn. Jackson had a second life when Powell dropped a catch off Jordan in the slips. The 50 runs came up in 40 minutes and at stumps University had lost 1 for 80.

NORTHCOTE
First Innings

C. Morgan, run out	8
P. Ellis, b Empey	3
C. Powell, c Kemp, b Empey	0
G. Heron, b Williams	14
T. Garrett, b Kemp	3
I. Fleming, lbw., b Williamms	31
H. Fothergill, run out	8
A. McSperrin, b Empey	37
F. Thorn, lbw., b Williams	3
P. Chivers, st., Kroger, b Williams	2
E. Jordan, not out	8
Sundries	7
Total	124

Bowling.—Williams, 4/38; Empey 3/42; Kemp, 1/41; La Fontaine, 0/1; Perrett, 0/5.

UNIVERSITY
First Innings

C. Woodfull, lbw., b Thorn	11
A. C. Jackson, not out	44
J. Stanes, not out	23
Sundries	2
Total, 1 wicket for	80

Bowling.—Thorn, 1/12; Chivers, 0/30; Jordan, 0/26; McSperrin, 0/10.

SECOND ELEVENS

Northcote v University

Another Century by Vernon
(By "Short Stop.")

The above match was commenced at the 'Varsity Oval. The ground was a perfect picture and with conditions all in favor of the batsmen. The visitors, on winning the toss, had no hesitation in batting.

Northcote's Early Disaster.—Kellar and Ansell, Northcote's opening pair, faced Dunlop and Normand, the first ball proved fatal to Kellar, who was caught in the slips off Dunlop. Vernon joined Ansell, who once again failed to get a start, being bowled by Dunlop for 1. The score was 2 for 9 as Fleming partnered Vernon. These two set out to retrieve the position. Fleming opened his account with a clipping shot to the pickets off Normand. Both batsmen were shaping confidently and the score gradually mounted up. At 89 Fleming, going out to drive Scholl, was stumped for a well made 50; 3 for 89. Ivan Millar joined Vernon, who once more looked set for a big score. These two Colts soon brought up the century. Each going along his own style, they were proving very difficult to shift. Taylor, the 'Varsity captain, was ringing the changes without effect. Both boys were punching the ball all over the field. Two hundred soon appeared. With the board reading 3 for 216 Millar was caught for 50—a very sound knock. The partnership added 127 runs. These two boys had placed the side in a sound position. Baggot joined Vernon, who the previous week, had made 104 not out. He followed up with another brilliant century. Monopolising the scoring he practically threw his hand away, being eventually stumped for 142. Vernon's hand was another brilliant effort. When he left the score was 5 for 262 but the uncertainty of cricket once again appeared and the remaining batsmen, trying to force the pace, the whole side was out for 275—a very feeble finish. With the few remaining minutes left University scored 7 without loss. Scores:—

NORTHCOTE
First Innings

C. Kellar, c Conroy, b Dunlop	0
V. Ansell, b Dunlop	1
E. Vernon, st. McGregor, b Conroy	142
K. Fleming, st. McGregor, b Sholl	50
I. Millar, c Normand, b Sholl	50
J. Baggott, c Sholl, b Normand	18
N. Ward, c McGregor, b Conroy	5
L. Smith, st. McGregor, b. Conroy	0
E. Crawley, b Normanu	1
E. Turner, lbw.,	2
H. McCausland, not out	5
Sundries	6
Total	275

SUB-DISTRICT

Preston 1st. Eleven v Caulfield

A good wicket was prepared at Caulfield for the match on Saturday. Winning the toss, Len Fothergill decided to bat and took W. Davies in to open with him. After scoring 5 Davies fell a victim to W. Rayson. Arthur Dickens partnered Fothergill and once again treated the spectators to a fine exhibition of bowling. Going half way down the wicket to Rayon's slows he drove him with great force to the fence time after time. When the score had reached 62 Dickens had scored 42 of them. It was at this stage that Fothergill was caught and bowled by Rayson for 13. H. Gordon started well by cutting the fast bowler Jack Fair neatly for 4. He went along nicely until reaching 14 when he tried to cut Rayson in the same way and an easy catch was taken at first slips. Gordon is a good batsman but unless he gives up trying this shot he will never make a score worthy of a first eleven batsman. Rayson had further success few balls later when he got Dickens' wicket lbw., after the latter had scored a well-earned 48. An ovation was accorded Dickens on reaching the pavilion. Lawn took up the scoring and again gave an excellent display in making 34 when he was unfortunate enough to hit his wicket while going back to one of Rayson's slows. The fireworks of the afternoon were supplied by Arthur Cotton. Off the first 3 he received from Rayson he scored 14 (two beautiful 6's going well over the fence). He scored 28 with good forcing cricket. After Cotton left none of the later batsmen gave any trouble and the side was all out for 167. Caulfield's best bowler was W. Rayson, who secured 8 for 80 off 19.4 overs. J. Fair got 1152.

Caulfield opened just as badly as Preston and lost 1 for 12, 2 for 20 and at the drawing of stumps were 2 for 38. S. Caddy and J. Devine, who has only been dismissed once this season, being the not out men. F. Lawn secured 1/12, G. Bott 0/16 and L. Spargo 0/7.

Preston 2nd. Eleven v Caulfield

The Preston 2nd eleven met Caulfield Seconds at home on a fair wicket. On winning the toss Preston decided to bat. H. Bradford and A. Howse opened. After securing 7 Bradford was out caught off Gibson. Howse and Downs were going along nicely until Howse was caught outside the line and was stumped. He scored 25 very well. R. Smith then helped Downs to take the score further along until Downs was caught off Anderson. Westcott, with slow but patient batting, went along nicely, and after R. Smith went, after scoring 28 runs, kept his end going while wickets were falling. None of the last six batsmen were able to get properly started and only scored 12 between them. Westcott made 40 and incidently top score. The total reached 149. Bennett, with 6 for 43, Morrison 2/36 and Gibson 1/34 were Caulfield's best bowlers. It remains to be seen how the Preston bowlers perform next week whether this side has a chance for the finals as Caulfield are considered a fairly good eleven.

CLUB ELEVENS

Northcote A v Carlton A

The A team started its most important match for the season on the Merri Park, which was in its best condition to date. Carlton A were given first use of the wicket and made a bad start when Prody was caught by Anderson off Peterson's first ball. Roberts was dismissed for 8 and Brown only contributed 3 and three wickets were down for 43 of which D. Paterson, a brother of the Northcote player, had made 32. At this stage of the game however, the local boys had a bad spell in the field, about six catches being dropped, and had the chances been accepted the Northcote boys would have been assured of victory. The score at stumps was 8 for 208. Dan Peterson was 108 not out. Scores:—

CARLTON A

Brody, c Anderson, b L. Peterson	0
D. Peterson, not out	108
Roberts, b Coulson	8
Brown, lbw., Stevens	3
Maplestone, c I. Peterson, b Stevens	33
Miller, c I. Peterson, b Spoor	8
Reddish, b I. Peterson	31
Hale, lbw., I. Peterson	8
Ingrim, run out	2
Crawford, not out	0
Sundries	12
Total, 8 for	208

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

I.O.R.—Senior Section

Northcote v Sunshine

This match was commenced on Saturday. Conditions were ideal for cricket, the wicket being good and the outfield very fast. Upon winning the toss for Northcote Creighton decided to bat, and took Mackay with him to the wickets. Taylor and McGrath opened the bowling. Both batsmen settled down quickly, but owing to the accurate bowling of Taylor, runs came slowly. Mackay was batting in his usual bright fashion scoring with strokes all round the wicket. The opening partnership was broken at 55 when Creighton was bowled by Dodson after playing a valuable hand for 15. Scott then partnered Mackay and the scoring rate immediately improved. The bowling was still accurate but the batsmen were giving a wonderful display which delighted the spectators. When his score had reached 56 Mackay mishit a ball from Patten on the leg side and the chance was accepted. The total was then 111 for 2. Toms came next and with three scoring strokes made 16 (two 6's and a 4) but then fell a victim to Taylor. Scott was still scoring freely but the wickets began to fall at the other end. Only requiring three runs for his century Scott was given out to a catch behind the wicket. He had given a splendid exhibition and his runs had been made in good time. The score was then 7 for 223. At stumps 9 wickets were down for 251. The chief scorers were:—Scott 97, Mackay 56, Toms 16, Creighton 15, Dunn 10, Chanter 10, Anderson 11 not out. Bowling.—Taylor, 3/61; McGrath, 4/59; Dodson, 1/15; Patten, 1/20.

Although the Northcote total is a big one, Sunshine has a strong batting side and may not find the home team's attack very difficult. The game is yet very interesting, and will be continued next Saturday in Mayer Park (rear of Fitzroy Racecourse).

Sons of Temperance

North Fitzroy, 2 for 46 (Jones 20, Smith 12 not out) v Alpha, 170, (Robinson 97, Craddock 23, F. Pentelow 12 not out, Phillips 4/30, Beecroft 4/60).

Thornbury were at home to Coburg on Saturday and winning the toss, batted on a good wicket. They compiled 81, the chief scorers being H. Young 42, A. Dunn 14, and J. McGowan 11. Bowling honors for Coburg were shared by J. Kelly 4/22 and R. Baker 4/12. Coburg, at stumps, have lost 3 for 48. The match will conclude next Saturday when an interesting finish should be witnessed.

Thornbury's representatives for the two holiday matches—O.S.F. v I.O.R., on December 28 and P.A.F.S. on January 2 are A. Dunn and J. McGowan.

Brunswick, 112, (A. J. Temple 24; Carr 8/28) v Rising Star, 7 for 47.

H.A.C.B.S.

Preston, (Pitts 24, O'Mears 21, Wallace 18, Howard 17, Dalton 13, Lockwood 12, Ryder 12 not out, Sharp 10), 153, v Richmond, 1 for 0.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES

A GRADE

Northcote Methodists, 35 (George 17; Duncan 5/19) v Thornbury Presbyterians, 126 (Duncan 27, Williamson 21, Watson 18, Shaw 17; Matthews 4/47).

Thornbury Presbyterians, 128 (G. Duncan 29, G. Williamson 21, J. Watson 18; W. Mathews 4/48, B. Anthony 3/31, F. Hatfield 2/22) v Northcote Methodists, 35 (W. George 17, L. Ames 5; G. Duncan 5/19, H. Jones 3/11, C. Taylor 2/1).

B GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians, 197 (A. Gray 85, W. Robertson 34, D. Patterson 33; S. Smith 4/43, R. King 3/2) v All Saints' Church of England, 3 for 73 (L. Emmerson 33, F. Mayfield 22; A. Gray 2/40).

Sunday School Section

Thornbury Presbyterians, 1 for 43 (E. Baker 17, J. Cheffers 22 not out; W. Bott 1/8) v South Preston Methodists, 152 (W. Bott 29, F. Caulfield 24, P. Newton 22, S. Pike 23; W. Frawley 5/60, L. Nelson 3/41, L. Cheffers 1/8, Fenwick 1/5).

Thornbury Presbyterians B, 7 for 16 (B. Smith 6; R. Craig 3/8, L. Beecher 2/5) v Northcote Presbyterians, 136 (R. Craig 44, G. North 38; J. Forsyth 5/31, B. Elsworth 3/32).

NORTHERN DISTRICT JUNIORS

Northfield United v Brunswick Juniors

Northfield, 5 for 129 N. Crossley 76 not out and 21, P. Bartlett 27) d Brunswick Juniors, 78 (Sharpe 16; K. Bolitho 2/0 N. Crossley 5/18). Northfield won by 51 runs on the first innings. N. Crosley and P. Bartlett put up a fine partnership for Northfield in the first innings.

C.E.B.S.

St. Mary's Preston, 58 and 71 (Wheeler 14, Telfer 12, Smith 13, Waters 11, Tasker 13; Merritt 7/44, Ash 8/35) v St. Mark's Regent 50 (Colban 21; Hook 8/15).

NORTH SUBURBAN

Northcote G.U.O.O.F. 108 (Greenbank 19, Pepper 15 not out, Wright 15; Hastings 7/50) v Croxton, 1 for 74 (Johnson 26, W. Hamilton 33 not out, C. Hamilton 10 not out) Croxton are undefeated in the North Suburban East Division, A section.

MUNICIPAL CRICKET

Preston v Prahran

Preston played Prahran on Preston's wicket opposite Haxby Park. O. Doherty won the toss from Morgan and Prahran made first use of the wicket. Wickets fell freely until Griffiths and Storey got going and stopped the rot. Griffiths batted well for 25. Preston were all out for 56. Bowling.—Morgan 3/7, Farrington 3/7, White 2/10. Prahran, 7 for 52, (Farrington 16 not out; Storey 3/11, Foster 3/15). The reason for the small scores is that the grass is a foot high all round the wicket and outfield, being like a crop of oats. As Preston and Prahran are second on the premiership list this game promises to be exciting in the finishing stages next Saturday.

WOMENS' CRICKET

Preston v Labor Social Guild

The Preston team met Labor Social Guild at Middie Park on Saturday last and won the game by 20 runs on the first innings. The poor scoring on both sides was due to a treacherous, sandy pitch. Scores:—Labor Social Guild 25 and 3 for 24 (M. Duffy 16, M. Bell 10 not out; E. Burkett 3/5 and 2/6) v Preston, 45, (S. Jones 14; M. Bell 6/17). To-morrow Preston meet Clifton Hill at Bell Park and this will be the final match before the holidays.

Northcote v Raymonds'

The match between Raymond's and Northcote, played on the home ground of both teams last Saturday, resulted in a draw. The bowling of S. Wilson was the outstanding feature of the day's play and she fully deserved her 5/25.

The scores were as follows:—Raymond's, 8 for 101 (closed) (Macguire 22, M. Bones 18, Roos 14, D. Cooper 20; J. Rowe 1/29, S. Wilson 5/25, M. Ireland 1/13, M. Canobbio 1/17) v Northcote, 7 for 73, (J. Rowe 15, S. Wilson 12 not out, E. Garrett 12, M. Prescott 11; Macguire 1/21, E. McIntyre 4/20).

Next Saturday Northcote play Labor Social B at Northcote.

OTHER MATCHES

Returned Soldiers

Preston, 75 (Goldin 28, Roberts 13, Sims 18, Newell 12; Perrott 3/18, McAlister 6/12) v Essendon, 4 for 71 (McAlister 29, Maher 19 not out; Liddell 2/6).

Regent Club

On Saturday at McDonald Park, Northcote, the match against Westgarth was commenced. Westgarth won the toss and sent Regent to the wickets and the start proved disastrous as the first wicket fell at 4, McKenzie being caught in slips for 2. E. Newbegin followed and with L. Robinson, added 28 before the latter was bowled for 7 with the score at 32. A. Gosstray joined Newbegin and after knocking up 17 in quick time was run out and three wickets were down for 49. With Newbegin batting brilliantly and L. Dalcam playing a patient hand the score steadily mounted and at 135 Dalcam played a ball on and was out for 22. Newbegin continued on and when a century appeared certain, he fell to a well judged catch after making 87. He had batted attractively and at present is right at the top of his form. R. Cameron failed to get properly going was out for 6, R. Ritchie 7, and A. Forrest 6, were the only other batsmen to get runs and the total reached 172 when Westgarth, with 40 minutes to bat, opened their innings. At stumps they had lost 1 wicket for 39.

The second eleven seems to have the match against Women's Hospital male staff in their keeping, the latter being dismissed for 59. W. Presswell, for Regent, bowled exceptionally well, taking 6 for 8 off 30 balls. Regent opened their innings with L. Langlands and Presswell and at 63 the latter, who batted well for 33, lost his wicket. J. Thargood followed and the score was carried to 97 before he was out after making 22. Langlands again batted soundly and when he had reached 37 was dismissed and at stumps the score stood at 117 for the loss of 5 wickets. Both these games will be continued next Saturday.

(Jika Cricket Will be Found on Page 11)

RETURN OF GOODS CLAIMED

Women at Law at Preston

At Preston court on December 10 Mrs. Gwendoline Margaret Ellis, of Springvale, and formerly of Preston sued Mrs. Ellis for the return of certain furniture including a duchesse set and a wooden bed.

Mrs. Ellis said: "I left the goods with Mrs. Wilkie when I went to Springvale. Later when I sent for them, Mrs. Wilkie informed me that my husband had taken the goods away."

Mrs. Wilkie admitted that a duchesse chest was still in her possession and said that Mrs. Ellis had given it to her.

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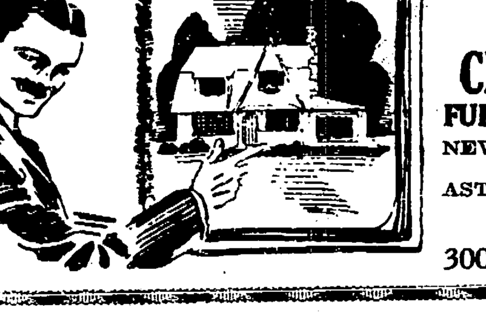

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DEATH

MITCHELL.—At his late residence, 13 Helen St., Northcote, on 16th inst., Charles Mitchell, husband of the late Mary, father of Charles, Thomas and Alexander, and brother to late Polly, Thomas, late Kitty and Harry. Native of Northcote. Aged 74 years.

BEREAVEMENT

MITCHELL.—Mrs. H. Mitchell, son and daughter-in-law desire to express their sincere THANKS to all relatives and friends for cards, letters, telegrams, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad and sudden bereavement. They specially tender thanks to Dr. Neale and Mrs. Mitchelson
57 Wilcox St., Preston.

BEREAVEMENT

ASKER.—Mrs. J. McIntyre Smith and W. Fredrick desire to express their THANKS and appreciation of the floral tributes and kind expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1931

Mr. C. S. Glassborow, who is an experienced coach and motor body builder, announces in another part of this paper that he had commenced in business at 530 High street, Northcote, (c/o Munro's Timber Yard). Mr. Glassborow has had 30 years' experience in the coachbuilding trade, having served part of his time with the late Dan White at South Melbourne. Later he was a foreman at the Clifton Wheel Co., after which he secured an appointment as foreman at Coffey Bros., Richmond.

XMAS HOLIDAYS

The offices of the "Leader" at 309 High street, Northcote, and 298 High street, Preston, will be closed from Thursday night, December 24, till 9 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 1932.

Since commencing in business as a watchmaker and jeweller at High street, Thornbury, Mr. H. Porter has been so successful that he has found it necessary to have his premises modernised. Special facilities are now available and repairs can be effected in a minimum of time. A new and modern workshop has been installed.

ABOUT PEOPLE

After an illness covering a long period the death occurred on Tuesday at her residence, Separation street, Northcote of Mrs. Irene Margaret Shade, wife of Mr. Claude Shade. She leaves one daughter (Chrissie).

The death occurred on December 14 at her residence Taylor street, Thornbury of Mrs. Christina Abbey, at the age of 71 years. Members of the family are Jim, May (Mrs. Birch), Alice (Mrs. Trotter), Fred (deceased), Will, Albert, Edie (Mrs. Symons), and Chrissie (Mrs. Garlick. The interment was made at the Melbourne General Cemetery, Fawkner on Wednesday afternoon.

At the age of 70 years the death occurred on Tuesday of Mr. Edward Atkins, at his residence, Simpson street, Northcote South. His wife predeceased him by some years. Members of the family are Edward William, Percival, Harry, Stella (Mrs. Fraser) and Mary.

Master William Fox, a resident of Wardrop House has been awarded the position of dux of the Helen Street State School for 1931.

The friends of Mr. Gaston, High street, Preston will regret to learn that he is still confined to his room, owing to illness. It is probable that Mr. Gaston will be called upon to undergo an operation.

Acting on medical advice, the Mayor of Preston (Cr. L. Jones), will not take part in any public functions during the next two weeks. The mayor and mayoress, with members of their family will spend ten days at Mt. Martha.

Cr. and Mrs. H. P. Zwar, and family are looking forward to an enjoyable ten days at Buffalo.

Cr J. W. and Mrs. Adams contemplate paying a visit to Sydney during the holidays

Mr. A. E. Smithers, the popular teller at the Bank of N.S.W., Preston is at present engaged in relief duty at Abbotsford. Mr. S. T. V. Cole is acting as relieving teller at Preston.

Mr. G. H. Pike, a member of Preston municipal staff is away on leave.

The death occurred of Mr. Charles Mitchell on Wednesday, at his residence, 13 Helen street Northcote. He was a member of the Northcote City Council for 12 years and also of the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works for eight years representing the City of Northcote as their representative. He was also a member of the Whittlesea Shire Council for about six years. The late Mr. Mitchell was a native of Northcote, being a son of the late Mr and Mrs. Mitchell and was born where the Northcote Picture Theatre now stands. He leaves a family of four sons and was a widower his wife having predeceased him some few years ago. He was a brother of the late Polly Thomas, and the late Kate, and Harry. The late Mr. Mitchell was aged 74 years. He was very well-known in the trotting world having been president of the Victorian Trotting Association and also a winner of many races, riding his own horses. Mr. Mitchell was also a great enthusiast in bowling, being runner-up for the champion of champions for Victoria, representing the Northcote Bowling Club.

The vicar of the All Saints', Northcote conducted the services in connection with the sixty-eighth anniversary of Christ Church, Daylesford which was celebrated last Sunday. Mr. Constable was locum tenens there in the year 1911.

Mrs. Ada A. Glanfield, of Northcote has been appointed a Justice of the Peace. Mrs. Glanfield was sworn in before Justice Lowe yesterday morning. Mrs. Glanfield has been an active worker for the Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society and other charitable institutions for 20 years.

The National Trustees Company is applying for probate of the will and codicil of Mrs. Catherine Sophia Marriott, of Clifton grove, Preston, who died on November 7, leaving estate valued at £4,198 16/5, consisting of realty £2,365 and personalty £1,833/16/5 to her children and grand-children.

Crs. Maynard, Zwar, Hemburrow, Adams and Robinson have been appointed as the Preston council's representatives on the Preston Free and Lending Library committee for the year 1931-32.

Mrs. Evans, of Northcote, has suffered a bereavement in the death of her mother, Mrs. Caroline Osborn, who passed away at Richmond on December 8.

There passed away on December 9 at his residence, Fairfield, Mr. Matthew Thompson at the age of 80 years. His wife predeceased him and members of the family are Ralph, Ethel (Mrs. Simpson) Amy (Mrs. Williams) Nellie (Mrs.Milroy deceased).

In the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Bain at Echuca, on November 26, Mr. Clarence A. Bain, of Northcote has lost his mother.

Many will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Hilda Florence Bodycoat, wife of Mr. E. A. Bodycoat, of Separation, Mernda, on December 10, aged 47. The late Mrs. Bodycoat was very popular in the district, of which she had been a resident for over 60 years. The funeral, which took place at the Whittlesea cemetery on December 12, was largely attended.

A presentation on behalf of the Northcote Football Club was made to Mr. Jack Perkins at the annual meeting of the Northcote Football Club on Wednesday evening, as a token of his seven years' service to the club The presentation, which took the form of an engraved gold medal, was handed to him by the president, Mr. F. Trainor.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

MR. WALSH CRITICISES ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the above was held in the Town Hall, Northcote, on Wednesday, December 16. About 200 people were present.

ANNUAL REPORT

After commencing the season promisingly and winning the first six games, the team slumped badly in the rainy months of June and July, causing much anxiety to the committee. Thereafter a much appreciated return to winning form took place and we finally gained the honor of being included in the "big four." Performing brilliantly in the semi-final and final games against Port Melbourne and Preston respectively, who were handsomely defeated, the team earned the right to a grand final against our rivals, Oakleigh. Dame Fortune failed to smile in our direction, however, in this game and, after a stirring contest in which all the best features of the Australian code of football were exhibited, the team failed to annex the coveted premiership by the small margin of three points.

During the season 14 matches were won and seven lost, the team scoring 258 goals 297 behinds (1,845 points) to 182 goals 241 points (1,333 points) registered by our opponents.

The disqualification by the commissioners of Jack Perkins (20 weeks), Greg. Stockdale (12 weeks) and Tom Garrett (4 weeks) after three games only had been played was a heavy blow to the club. And when the Permit and Umpire Committee of the V.F.A. refused to grant the application of Bob Milne for re-registration, the morale of the team was almost shattered and the difficulty of upholding our traditions on the field was greatly accentuated. Added to this was the unfortunate accident to our sterling rover, Peter Brown.

Players.—Several new players were included in the team during the year, while young players who had not been prominent in the previous season. Reg Humphries, who had participated in one game only in the 1930 season, developed splendidly and took part in every premiership game. Bill Cole and George Simmonds also gave more valuable service, the consistent form of the former resulting in his being selected in the Victorian Association team which played New South Wales in Sydney on August 15. New men in Charlie McSwain, Bob Ross, Tom Dea and Rex Byrne, all proved acquisitions. Len Smith and Len Williams gave promise of better things in the forthcoming year.

Popular Lady Competition.—Miss Lillian George, Miss Gwen Olver and Miss Eva Weate took part in the popular lady competition. The competition was concluded by a social evening held at the Northcote Town Hall on September 22 1931, when the investiture ceremony was performed by the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. W. Olver, J.P.). The winning lady was Miss Lillian George, Miss Olver being second and Miss Weate third. The effort was a distinct success from every viewpoint and the club received much badly needed revenue as a result.

Mr. Trainor eulogised the various players and congratulated them for playing the game, as Northcote expected them to play it. On the whole they had made an excellent showing during the season. It was unfortunate that the pennant was lost by three points only. This was not due to any weakness of the Northcote team, but mainly to the luck of the game.

In dealing with the work of the committee, Mr. Trainor said it would be impossible to find a better band of supporters. To Mr. Walsh special praise was due. He was for ever at the job, but his home and business must have a certain call on his time. Mr. Trainor, on speaking of Northcote's style of play, said it was not a game for weaklings and other teams were coming to recognise that Northcote were playing the game the public wanted to see.

Cr. J. H. Green, in seconding the adoption of the report, spoke of the valuable services of Mr. Walsh, and referred to the change which had been made in the club since the advent of Mr. Walsh as secretary. "We did not get the fairness from the tribunal which we might have expected," said Cr. Green.

Mr. Walsh said that he regretted that he was compelled to sever his connection with the club, but after 15 years he had decided that he should turn more of his attention to his own business. He wished the club every success in the future. He had come in for a lot of limelight for the attitude he had taken with other football club secretaries. When the Northcote club went to Brighton and Camberwell they were compelled to take 30 as their share of the gate money. On one occasion it was 3 8 and this when it cost the club £90 weekly to field its team. He considered that some change should be made in the association. Seven of the 12 association clubs visited entailed much travelling.

"The reason we do not prosper is on account of this long travelling.

"Association is Crumbling"

The association is crumbling. It has at the head of affairs men whose ideas are too old. These men must give way to younger men. The Association cannot go on as it is.

All these facts mean that Northcote has to run raffles and resort to other methods of finance. There are two weakling teams in the Association who are not fit to have junior status. The Victorian Football Association is not worth the work which is put into it (Applause.

Mr. Geo Hendrie, V.F.A. Preston delegate said: "The Association is carrying burdens in some of the clubs. When a club is accepted by the Association fair play should enter into it. Brighton have been carrying on for 23 years. It is only fair to give them 12 months to re-form. The teams which are successful are the ones with the councils behind them. Camberwell is not a football area. Northcote and Preston clubs are rivals in a friendly sense.

He considered the Preston and Northcote matches were up to league standard.

Mr. Alf Turner, vice-president of the V.F.A., said there were indications that the various suburban councils were going to stand behind their clubs. The Association looked upon the Northcote club as the best club in the Association (Applause)

Office-Bearers

The following office-bearers were elected —President, Mr. F. J. Trainor (unopposed); vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Avison, C. E. George, W. Duncan, P. W. Tomkins, R. Cox and E. Robertson; committee, Messrs. H. Collins, C. J. Colledge, R. Faulkner, J. L. Greig, G. S. Heron, S. J. Mitchell, H. Hayes, J. C. Stuchbery, N. Shugg, R. A. Whittle, W. R. Morrison (one to be filled; treasurer, Mr. W. S. Jackson (unopposed); assistant-secretary, Mr. Neil Leitch (unopposed); secretary, (to be appointed).

Balance Sheet

The balance sheet disclosed that £152 had been received in the form on donations sale of members tickets amounted to £163; gate receipts (home and away) £236; special efforts, £271; popular lady competition, £160; V.F.A. allowance (semi-finals and finals), £140, the total receipts of the season, including credit balance (£1 2 8) carried forward amounted to £1,345. The chief items of expenditure were payment to coach, players trainers and studder, £1,037; purchase of footballs, £23; excess insurance, £36; entertainments and catering £42; loans and repayments, £46; debit balance, £29 3 3. Unpaid accounts are set down as £247 3/10.

During an interval the Yarra Harmonians provided musical entertainment. Mr. Penworthy capably officiating as conductor.

Northcote Loyal Temperance Legion

On December 9 the Northcote branch of the L.T.L. held their annual Christmas social in the James Street Presbyterian Sunday School hall. Miss Hazeldine (superintendent) welcomed the Mayoress (Mrs. W. Olver) and members of the W.C.T.U.. The Mayoress (who, at this stage, was presented with a bouquet of pink sweet peas and cornflowers by Joyce Junor, president) said she had always been very interested in the temperance cause and would be pleased at any time to help the L.T.L.

Mr. Pratt (ventriloquist) and Sammy then gave an enjoyable item, particularly delighting the juvenile section of the audience.

The Mayoress, in her gracious way, then presented the prizes won during the year by the following members and spoke a word of encouragement to each:—

Prize List.—Attendance:—(Equal firsts) Les Stevens (100 per cent. for 3 years), Joyce Lucy, Joyce Junor, Harry Lucy, Cliff Harrison, George Stevens, Doris Smith, Russell Newbound; second, Ruby Dent.

Conduct.—(Equal firsts)—Les Stevens, Ruby Dent Cliff Harrison, Dorothy Mills, Majory Malloy, Joyce Lucy, Jean Mills, George Stevens, Joyce Junor; second, Doris Smith, Harry Lucy, Russell Newbound, Keith Junor.

Punctuality —(Equal firsts)—Ruby Dent Doris Smith, Tom Robinson.

Temperance Examination —(Senior)—Cliff Edwards 1; Les Stevens 2. Junior.—Joyce Junor 1.

A vote of thanks to the Mayoress for her attendance, Mrs Cogle for services rendered as pianist during the year, and Mr. Pratt for his enjoyable item was moved by Russell Newbound and seconded by Cliff Harrison and carried heartily. Later in the evening a vote of thanks was moved by G. Stevens and seconded by L. Stevens to Miss Hazeldine for conducting the L.T.L. for the past five years. Games and competitions were indulged in and supper served. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a most successful year to a close.

On December 14 the Northcote branch of the W.C.T.U. tendered a social evening to members of the blue side of the L.T.L. in the same hall for their success in winning the attendance banner for two years in succession. The evening was spent in games and competitions and all sat down to a daintily arranged supper Keith Junor moved and Jean Mills seconded a vote of thanks to the ladies for their kindness and Mrs. Hansen suitably responded.

NORTHCOTE NOTES

Fire Items

Local firemen have been taking great interest of late in qualifying in first aid. At an examination on December 1 at the residence of Fireman W. Murdoch, ten candidates: Firemen R. G. Miller, J. H. Murdoch, J. Patterson, C. Dunn and A. Jones; and Messrs. T. Stonehill, F. Frank, R. Saton, R. Buchanan and G. Blackman, who sat, were successful. Their instructor was Mr. E. Milton, of Milton street, Preston and the ultimate aim is two certificates and a medallion.

A.W.A.

The last meeting of the A.W.A. was held in the Town Hall lodge room, on December 7. On opening the meeting, Miss Davis asked all present to stand in silence for one minute in respectful remembrance of Mrs. Schwaebsch, mother of the secretary Mrs. Rayment, who passed away on December 5. A report was given by members who attended the enjoyable evening given by Mrs. McNaughton. An invitation is open to members to attend the A.W.A. meeting on December 18, and a good response is requested. All members, and intending members are invited to the next meeting on December 21.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

Northcote-Thornbury Branch.—The last monthly meeting was held at the home of the president (Mrs. J. J. Ryan), "Helenslea," Thornbury, on December 9, and was largely attended. The treasurer (Mrs. W. E. Jowett) handed to Mrs. G. D. Bowchier, who, with Mrs. Whittam, represented the Central Executive, a cheque for £41 on behalf of the branch for the half-year. Mrs. Bowchier, on behalf of the Rev. Mother Rectress and executive, expressed appreciation of the valued assistance and co-operation, and thanked the president, office-bearers and members generally for their services so willingly given. Mrs. Whittam also congratulated the branch of its wonderful efforts and wished it continued success. The president, hon. secretary, Mrs. L. Roberts and Mrs. J. F. Cooper also thanked the members, and specially thanked the visitors. During the afternoon Miss Beryl Barry and Mrs. Hennessey tendered several vocal items which were much appreciated. Afternoon tea was served by the hostess in the card and dining rooms. About 100 tins of peaches were handed in as Christmas cheer for the hospital.

Community Christmas Tree

The community singing by the Unemployed Professional Orchestra, to assist members, is about concluding, and the committee determined to entertain the children who have been regular patrons at a Christmas tree. Euchre parties were held to provide funds. The demonstration was held last Saturday in the Masonic Hall. The hall had been nicely decorated and the Christmas tree was loaded with gifts valued at between £40 and £50. It was illuminated with miniature electric lights, and the hall was festooned with Chinese electric lanterns. The ladies and gentlemen wore fancy paper caps. Upon the platform were two aged patrons who had been at the first meeting and had attended practically ever since. They were Mesdames McIntosh and Potter, and each was presented with gifts of appreciation. Mr. Bell pleased with some fairy tales and sleight of hand. Mr. Hemsworth drew sketches to the amazement of the children, and later Mr. Bell amused them with a display of ventriloquism. Mr. Thomas moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Nicoll, who thanked all those who had assisted. He named the committee (Messrs. Hood, James, Davis, Ryan, Thomas) and the ladies (especially Mesdames Nicoll and Scott). The children (about 180) were treated to a fine repast. The presents on the tree were then distributed, each child receiving one. In the evening dancing and community singing were indulged in. A fox-trot competition was won by Mrs. Meakin and Mr. Dafty. Mr. Nicoll announced that some of the special gifts had been made possible by the liberality of Mr. Harry Barnett (Applause). During the function a fountain pen was presented to Mr. A. W. Cross, as a mark of esteem from the committee.

Ministering Children's League

The Thornbury associate branch held their final meeting at Hutton Street State School. There was a good attendance After business had been disposed of supper was provided by Miss Sims, treasurer of the branch. Mrs. Huthnance, hon sec. thanked all those who had so loyally helped during their year. A trip was made to Children's Hospital on Monday, when a cheque was given for £50 to Mr. Barrett, secretary to the hospital for the maintenance of the Thornbury Cot from the members, also a donation of £5 17 6 to Mrs. Dobbin, general secretary of M.C.L. for funds for the Cottage-by-the-Sea, Queenscliff. The Junior branch of which Mrs. Hall is secretary, is donating £10 to the Cottage-by-the-Sea Cot Fund. A presentation was made to Mr. Hall, headmaster of Thornbury S. S. on behalf of the members, who has helped them in every way to assist the league and for which they are very grateful Life Governorship Certificates will be presented to Mrs. Aird and Mrs. Smith. The first meeting for 1932 will be held on March 4. Mrs. Huthnance will be pleased to enrol new members for the forthcoming year. We would like to thank Mr. Melvin, manager of Regent Theatre, Thornbury for his kindness to the league during the year, also Mr. and Mrs. McNamara and Mr. Hosking for their help.

Two Fires

The Northcote Fire Brigade attended two outbreaks during the week. The first was on December 12 at the Preston city rubbish tip, Robeson St. Little damage was done. The second occurred on 14th inst. at 351 St. George's road, Thornbury, where a six-roomed dwelling owned and occupied by Mrs. A. Smith was threatened. An attached washhouse and its contents were severely damaged, and a side wall of a bedroom and contents of the room were also severely damaged, while the ceiling and bathroom were slightly damaged. The building was insured with the Chamber of Manufactures Office.

UNEMPLOYMENT

POSITION AT PRESTON

Supply of Wood

A further supply of wood has come to hand and proved very acceptable during the cool change in the weather which occurred early in the week.

No More Free Medicine

Owing to money subscribed for the purchase of medicine for sick unemployed folk having been exhausted it is impossible to continue the free distribution of medicine.

Electric Light

Preston council has decided to inform the Preston Unemployed Workers' Movement that it cannot grant free lighting to unemployed, but is endeavouring to get the Government to make provision for electric light in lieu of candles on sustenance allowance.

No Free Swimming

Preston council has informed Preston Unemployed and the R.S.S.I.L.A. (Preston branch) that it cannot grant free admission for unemployed to the Preston Baths.

Northcote Central Relief Committee

As a result of an appeal to the proprietors of the Regent, Northcote, and Westgarth Theatres they have made the theatres available for a free matinee to the unemployed of the City and their children on Tuesday next at 2.30 p.m. Tickets have been issued to approximately 700 families. Those who have not received tickets may do so by applying at the Town Hall on Monday afternoon at 2 p.m.

APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER

Cr. Zwar Asks Preston Council for £150

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday Cr. H. P. Zwar said that the unemployed of Preston had nothing for Christmas and he moved that £150 be voted for Christmas extras. Cr. Zwar pointed out that times were much harder now, and the plight of the unemployed was worse than at this time last year. The Government was not providing any extras and the mere sustenance pittance that was given did not help to keep alive the festive spirit. The men could not get work or he would not be making this request. Last year the enrolments were 800 and this year the number was 1,500.

Cr. Robeson seconded the motion.

The Mayor (Cr. Jones): I am sorry I cannot accept the motion. It is extraordinary business.

SUSTENANCE FOR CHRISTMAS

RATES TO BE DOUBLED

After a discussion with other members of the State Ministry on Tuesday night the Minister in charge of sustenance (Mr. Williams) announced that it had been decided to grant double sustenance to the unemployed for one week before Christmas. "It is the wish of the Ministry," said Mr. Williams, "that an effort be made to put a little Christmas cheer into the homes of the unemployed, and this is one way in which it can be done. Instructions will be issued immediately to all relief committees to grant double sustenance for one week from Monday to all persons on their lists.

As sustenance is now costing the State about £20,000 a week, about £40,000 will be distributed next week. The new rates will be:—Individuals living with strangers, 10/ for the week: man and wife, 17/; man, wife and child, 20/, with 3/ extra for each child up to eight children or more.

XMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Owing to next issue being the last before Christmas it is specially requested that all contributions, reports and advertisements be sent in as early as possible.

There will be no issue of the "Leader" on December 31.

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Rescue from Drowning

At the Northcote baths during the week a youthful swimmer named Woodward, of High street, got into difficulties. The baths keeper did not wait to divest himself of his clothing, but immediately dived in and brought the girl to the platform where respiration was quickly restored. Though naturally sickened by the experience she made a good recovery.

Pupil's Success

In the recent examinations held by the London College of Music Cora Ogilvie secured a first-class pass. She is a pupil of Miss Eileen Sheridan.

Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary

The president (Mrs. H. C. Dyte) entertained auxiliary members at a ... afternoon in Normanby Hall, Thornbury, on Tuesday afternoon. Prizes donated by Mrs. Dyte were won by Mesdames Forbes, Crow, Pugh, Wi... limont, B. Thomas and Bain. The president thanked the members, especially the executive, for the work and loyal support during the last ... months, and wished one and all the compliments of the season. Mrs. H. Mott, supported by Mesdames Hicks and E. B. Scott moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Dyte for her hospitality. The Goose Club was then drawn and the results are:—First, ... 1249, 2nd 138, 3rd 755, 4th 547, ... 646, 6th 683, 7th 274, 8th 719, 9th ... 10th 391, 11th 579, 12th 1246, 13th ... 14th 135, 15th 137, 16th 62, 17th ... 18th 36. Winners holding these numbers may obtain the prize by presenting the ticket at Mr. H. C. Dyte's shop, High street, Thornbury.

Preston Council

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

The last meeting of the Preston Council for the year was held on Monday. Present were the mayor (Cr. L. Jones, J.P.) and Crs. A. E. Newton, E. F. Norris, J. W. Adams, W. T. Robeson, J. W. Hemburrow, H. P. Zwar and R. H. Maynard.

Municipal Accounts

The accounts for the year 1930-31 were finally examined, found true and allowed.

ORDINARY MEETING

Reservoir Railway Crossing. Railways Department forwarded a plan showing the proposed deviation at Epping road crossing.—Committee of the council to give consideration.

Street Construction Charges.—The Board of Works wrote re account for £1666 for street construction in Frank street.—Left in hands of Com. Jones and the town clerk.

The mayor said that if certain evidence were obtained the council could go to the Minister and compel the board to pay.

Main Drainage. — The Board of Works advised that it intended to proceed with main drainage works in Wood street, as far as Youngman street. The estimated cost was £7000. —The work started on Monday, and it was decided to thank the board for its prompt action.

East Preston Progress Association sought (1) attention to pot holes in Plenty road, between Bell and David streets; (2) making secure fences around old clay hole in Plenty road and Raglan street, near Hotham street school; (3) continuation of footpath in Plenty road from recent work done to David street, east side.—Referred to various committees.

Same association, asking that council receive a deputation to discuss (1) co-operation with the association and Jika Cricket Association re improvements to Gower Park; (2) to submit a proposal from cycling bodies for the use of vacant land at rear of Haxby Park for cycling and athletic sports; (3) re sales of metal from quarry to ratepayers; (4) re private street construction charges; (5) re sanitary rate; (6) leasing of park lands in the East Ward; (7) grazing of cattle on vacant lands.

Cr. Maynard moved that the deputation be heard at the second committee meeting of the new year.—Carried.

Regent Central Progress Association.—This body sought (1) immediate attention to erection of new electric light pole in front of 20 Oakhill avenue; (2) attention to uneven slabs on footpaths, both sides, of Oakhill avenue and Queen street; (3) cleaning of new concrete channel on east side of Plenty Rd., north of Tyler street; (4) completion of footpath, east side of High street, between Tyler street and Northernhay street. —Referred to various committees.

Preston Rowing Club, asking (1) for permission to use ten 9ft. x 3ft. jarrah posts, at present lying in yard at rear of boat shed, to strengthen rear of their landing stage; (2) that when money is available further attention be given to oval track at Edwardes Lake Park.—(1) Posts granted; (2) noted.

Preston Branch, R.S.S.I.L.A., asked council's support as in previous years for annual Christmas tree and treat for children of deceased and indigent ex-sailors and soldiers resident in Preston; (2) asking for use of both halls for the function this year.

The mayor said the council had in the past granted £10 towards this treat, and he felt the money could be better used than to buy toys. If that aspect were put to the R.S.S.I.L.A. he felt they would concur.

It was decided to grant the old hall free and the new hall at charity rates; and that in lieu of the usual donation of £10 the sum of £5 was voted.

Crs. Maynard and Norris supported the views of the mayor, saying they did so with regret on account of the pressure on the council's finances.

Hawker Avenue.—(1) Letter from G. V. Evans, on behalf of Hawker avenue owners, forwarding petition re construction of this street, also advising that abutting owners are still prepared to pay for a satisfactory job and asking that same be given attention. (2) Joint letter signed by H. Telford and sixteen others, asking the council to receive a deputation with a view to discussing the construction of the said street and the payment of account submitted for same. (3) Letter from G. Evans, asking to be supplied, as representative of the street owners, with a signed copy of the original plan of construction of Hawker avenue.

Cr. Zwar said it was time this matter was finalised. He moved that the deputation be received at 9.30 p.m. at the second committee meeting in the new year; and that Mr. Evans be notified he can inspect the plan at the office.

Cr. Hemburrow said the residents did not seem to be at all satisfied with the job.

The Mayor: It is not finished.

Cr. Hemburrow: If that is so perhaps we should wait a while.

General

W. A. Butterfield sought attention to storm water drainage at the top end of William street, near Cambrian avenue.—P.W. committee.

W. J. Fanning (1) re footpath in Wood street, east of Plenty road, attention to asphalt; (2) asking for a load of filling in a hole in unmade right-of-way crossing between Murphy grove and Dean street.—P.W. committee.

A. J. Calway, application for permission to extend shop in Tyler street.—Report to be obtained.

C. C. Hubbel sought attention to right-of-way at rear of 49 Northernhay street.—P.W. committee.

T. M. Qualter, re right-of-way at rear of 6 John street.—P.W. committee.

T. E. Ashley, re flooding of property by drainage from Jeffrey street westerly to Arlington street. (The health inspector reported that cause of complaint is only after heavy rains).—Engineer to report.

R. Arbuckle and seven others, asking that O'Connor street be graded. —P.W. committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee. — Accounts totalling £52,223/3/1 were paid.

Public Works Committee.—The following recommendations were made: —Footpath to be repaired at 421 Plenty road; no action re stumps and drains at junction of Kelsby and Edwardes streets, as it is a private street; attention of garbage contractor to be drawn to complaints of damage to garbage receptacles.

East Preston Progress Association's request that work at Bell Park be completed.—A plan of lay-out reserving an area for children's playground be drawn up and divided into sections, and that the matter stand over pending the curator's report.

Re request for all streets in the municipality constructed for two years, be bitumen treated.—Not to be done, as the cost would be £3000.

Regent Central Progress Association.—Engineer to give attention to footpath and road in Tyler street; also attention to footpaths in Oakhill avenue and Mason street.

West Preston Association. — That warning board be erected in May street re trams.

Larne Grove.—No action to seal coat (cost £40); South street referred to engineer; open drains—engineer to attend to grille over open drain in Bell street, near High street.

Parks Committee recommendations as follow were adopted:—

Regent Cricket Club, re arena fence and conveniences at Crispe Park.—Cannot be done at present; conveniences to be erected at a later date. The Salvation Army was granted permission to play at Regent Park on one Sunday afternoon per month.

Edwardes Park—West Preston Progress Association, re wear on rings and rubbish receptables at Edwardes Park.—Engineer to give attention.

Electric Light Committee. — Accounts amounting to £2896/18/6 were paid.

It was decided not to erect a light in David street, near Jackman street, as requested by the East Preston Progress Association.

Cr. Robeson said the auditor's report required close consideration.—Committee of the council to give consideration at the first committee meeting of the new year.

The mayor moved that the next meeting by held on February 8, and that authority be given to the finance committee to sign necessary cheques. —Carried.

Notice of Motion

Cr. Maynard moved on notice that a former resolution re grazing at Bransgrove Park be rescinded, and that tenders be called for the leasing of the park.

Cr. Norris seconded.

Cr. Adams said the council had contracted to pay £4500 for this land and paid £200 yearly. A short time ago the council called tenders for leasing the park, and the highest offer was £50 a year. If the council did lease the park for £50 a year the ratepayers would be called upon to pay the extra £150, and at the same time would be excluded from the park.

Cr. Hemburrow said the land was purchased as a park and should be retained as such instead of turning it into a grazing area.

Cr. Robeson said if the park were leased a little money might be raised which would eventually be used to effect improvements. The council had already spent about £500 and had to find £4000 next year. The council should get some return if it could do so.

Cr. Norris said the council should get what revenue it could, the revenue to be used for improvements later on.

Cr. Newton said in the past the council had allowed all its areas to become denuded of trees. It would be far better to plant trees in the unused parks so that when the council was ready to use the park it would have shelter trees on it. If the ground was let for grazing the council would not be able to throw it open to cricket and football clubs, who already were short of grounds.

The mayor said that if the council did lease the park there would be nothing to stop the council from attaching certain conditions to the lease so that it would be available to ratepayers on week-ends.

Cr. Zwar: Is the park fenced.

The Mayor: No.

Cr. Maynard said at the present time cattle grazed on the park and the council got no revenue. From a business viewpoint the council should get something from the park whilst it was not being used for other purposes.

The voting was equal, and the mayor declared the motion lost, stating he had voted to leave things stand as they are.

SWIMMING.

FAIRFIELD PARK CLUB

The committee has voted £50 to be spent in employing unemployed members to make paths &c., at the river and so help in the work for Christmas drive. Fourteen men have been engaged to do four days' work each at award rates and the Heidelberg Council has given £10 worth of material. The first gang of seven commenced work on December 8. The remainder of the grant will be used in erecting a high diving tower. The club's Christmas camp will be held at Anglesea again this year. A challenge match of water polo against Geelong for a silver cup, donated by Mr. G. Hooper, president of the Anglesea club on Boxing Day. Thirty members are making the trip, which will cover the period from Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve. The club has entered two water polo teams in the V.A.W.P.A. competitions, one in A grade and one in B grade. Players are showing good form and it is confidently expected to see a pennant flying at Fairfield this year. The club opening day has been fixed for December 19 when a carnival will be staged, proceeds to go to Heidelberg Unemployed Relief committee. The date of the annual open carnival is January 30, and as the interstate swimmers will be present in Melbourne for the Empire games, the committee decided to invite "Boy" Charlton and Noel Ryan and Miss J. Cocks to give exhibitions. This application is at present being considered by the New South Wales executive. Members are enrolling freely. The 150 mark was passed last week-end and the treasurer's report shows a £10 better receipt this year in the general fund. So a good season seems assured. At the request of the club, six inspectors have been appointed by the council to patrol the park and take proceedings against bathers undressing under the trees and not obeying the regulations re lowering of costumes or shoulder straps.

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

Fifty-two competed for Mr. F. L. Norris' trophy in a par competition, which was won by A. J. Ferguson, the leading scores being:—2 up, A. J. Ferguson, (14); 1 up, T. S. Lingford, (17); square, J. H. Knell, (6); square, C. Oakley, (9); square, N. S. Thomas, (17); 1 down, A. Addicoat, (0); 1 down, F. L. Norris, (11).

The following are the office-bearers for 1931-1932:—President:—Mr. W. E. Hooper, vice-president, Dr. E. B. Heffernan; captain, Mr. W Bell; hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Knell.

Mr. Harry Uhlhorn, with 18 years city experience, has opened a ladies' and gentlemen's hairdressing establishment at 607 Gilbert road, West Preston. Details are advertised.

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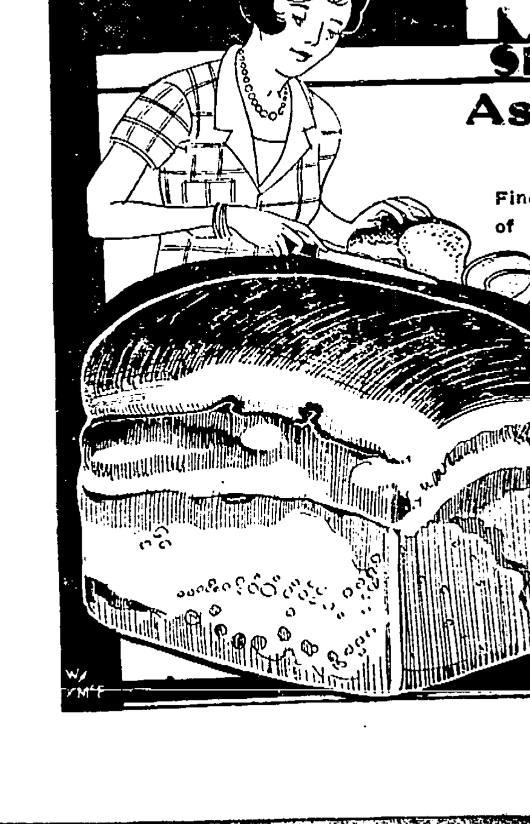

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Romance of a Violin

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SYNOPSIS:

Professor Cavalli, an aged teacher of the violin, has, as he grows older been deserted by his pupils and is on the verge of starvation in a dingy little room at the top of a building in the East End. In desperation he decides to sell his beloved Stradivarius violin which was his father's deathbed gift. He takes it to a dealer's but to his great mortification is told that the instrument is a fraud. He sadly takes it home and resolves not to part with it, even though it is not genuine. He sits in his room and begins to play.

(Continued)

So the old fiddler was playing to-night! That was strange. He had never before played so late. Slowly the man with the revolver lowered his weapon.

Something in the music took him back to the days of long ago, the sweeter, happier days. When was it he had heard that air? Was it on the day he had taken her—— No; it was after they had been married. He knew it was before her death. But what matter!

There! It was over now. The old fiddler would go to bed, and he——

He lifted the revolver again and gazed at it. Once more his eyes became fixed with a steely determination.

But no! The old fiddler had begun another air. Why did he not go to bed? Why must one listen against one's will to this music with its memories of the past? One had to listen!

With a human note the violin sighed and sobbed. In its voice was a note of despair that accorded with the mood of the man at the table. Now it rose to a higher movement that spoke of love and hope and the joy of living.

The man listened involuntarily. It was beautiful—but for him it could mean nothing. There was no life, no hope, no joy of living for him. He had tried—and failed. He faced the end!

Still the old man played on. The second melody ended yet he did not cease. There came another and another, until the whole night seemed to throb with the melodious reverberations of his playing.

Other dwellers in the house chancing to awake with the flood of melody in their ears muttered something about "that old fool of a fiddler upstairs!" and again fell asleep, lulled unconsciously by the sweetness of the violin.

But the man in the room across the hall sat and listened.

Suddenly the melody that surged from the strings of the violin changed.

With a sudden rapid movement that sent an involuntary thrill through the over-weakened frame of the man at the table the old violinist's playing swept into an air that struck a familiar note in the recesses of the memory of his solitary hearer, for the other people were long since lost in sleep.

It was a martial air—a flood of rapid notes that brought to the mind of the man at the table a vision of kilts and heather; a mental picture of the Scotch Highlands and the day when he had been the MacDonald, of the Clan MacDonald [illegible] of the countryside—not a grey-haired victim of that cruel law of the business world which refuses to give a chance to the man no longer young.

It was "The Cock o' the North." the violinist was playing now.

It had been years since MacDonald had heard it. But to him as he sat in the night and listened while the stirring air swept from the violin strings, it seemed that no sound had ever moved him as it did now.

As he listened he felt the blood of youth stir anew in his veins. He saw again a picture of the gathering of the clan; there rose in him the pride of race, the courage that had roused the men of his kind who had "wi' Wallace bled."

As the melody surged on and on, rising higher with its martial challenge to deeds of fame and glory, calling to the sons of the Highlands as the bagpipes had in days gone by, MacDonald's grip relaxed on the glittering weapon before him, and he looked unseeingly ahead; and there was a new light in his eyes.

The dark, bare walls of his little room faded from his sight. He saw again a picture of the mother to whom he had bade farewell years ago, when he left his native heather to seek his fortune in the great world.

She had been proud of him, he knew that, and she still believed him true to the traditions of his race and land. To give up without a fight—to end a struggle, even though it might seem hopeless, by one's self-surrender—such was not the act a Highland mother would expect of one of the Clan MacDonald!

The old violinist's playing rushed to a warlike climax that sounded a resonant call to duty in the ears of Jamie MacDonald—a call to be true to himself and his clan; a call to justify the faith of a mother waiting for a last glimpse of one in whom she believed.

MacDonald knitted his brows in thought. As he pondered his spirit rose in a great rebellion. He was not old! At fifty-five he was as young as many a man of thirty, for the blood of a sturdy race to whom grey hairs meant nothing, flowed in his veins. But they would not believe him, when he told them out in the busy world from which he had sought, in his declining years, to wrest a livelihood, only to be rebuffed.

The injustice of it all bit cruelly into his soul! If he had a chance—all that he had asked had been a chance—he could prove to them that his grey hairs did not mean that he could not work. He could show them—if he but had an opportunity.

He rose from the table and half-staggered to the little cot that stood at one side of the room. He threw himself upon it and closed his eyes. Through his brain still rang the stirring soul-rousing notes of "The Cock o' the North."

They moved his whole being to a spirit of revolt against the order of things that had brought him where he was. But in a moment, from sheer exhaustion, he fell asleep. In his dreams he was again a youth on the north highlands, with a heart of oak and an eye that gleamed with a confident defiance of adversity.

It was nearly dusk the following afternoon. Professor Cavalli, now weakened almost to exhaustion, crept from his attic room and started to descend the [illegible]. Beneath his arm he held the old violin but the grasp of his hand was not so firm as it had been the night before, and he swayed slightly from weakness [illegible] landing of the first flight.

Professor Cavalli had fought his fight [illegible] the end that he had prayed [illegible] to come to him yet. It [illegible] slow, and still it was so near.

With all his failing will he had striven [illegible] patience for its coming; [illegible] nature won the battle, had [illegible] the preservation of the faint [illegible] flickering within him, with [illegible] had driven him once more to the street.

At the dealer's—if only he could [illegible] sacrifice of all that he [illegible] still obtain the means [illegible] bare existence of his body [illegible] for it was the body, [illegible] that drove him to the [illegible] life's greatest ideal—the [illegible] of the Stradivarius!

He despised himself for yielding. All [illegible] in him cried out for death, [illegible] end of it all, that would allow [illegible] dream of the Stradivarius's [illegible] to pass together.

But the spirit had fought for this in [illegible]. Now he had weakly yielded. He bitterly accused himself of a despicable [illegible] in seeking to ward off the close [illegible] that was now worthless. That [illegible] usefulness was past—that the [illegible] he might be of service to any[illegible] world was gone—was the thought that constantly recurred to him. And because of it he felt that he should not wish to live.

He had begun the descent of the second flight of stairs when his dimming eyes told him of a dark figure waiting at the landing below. Pitifully Cavalli attempted to hasten his ascent that the other might ascend.

At last he reached the landing. Before him stood a grey-haired man of nearly [illegible] years, but a man whose figure was still erect and whose poise and manner told of a physical vigour that had refused to yield to the passing years.

It was MacDonald, but not the MacDonald who had sat with a revolver at his head and his finger on the trigger a few hours before. There was a new light in his eyes and a firmness of the mouth that spoke of determination.

He held his head erect. Its poise was that of a man who has made a fight and won. He was MacDonald the victor—not MacDonald the beaten man that he had been the night before.

As MacDonald saw the violin clasped in the old man's hands he started forward eagerly. He placed his hand upon Professor Cavalli's arm; the old musician paused.

"Mon! mon! Are ye the ane wha played the violin the nicht?" he asked.

Professor Cavalli looked at him with wondering eyes. Then he nodded gravely.

"Then come to ma room. I dinna want ye to leave the place till ye play 'Cock o' the North' for me once more."

Professor Cavalli followed him up to the little room beneath the roof. There the two sat at a simple meal which fanned into a flickering flame the fast-dying spark of the old musician's vitality, and there he learned of the rejuvenation of MacDonald of the Clan MacDonald. There he heard how the spark of battle had been fired in the heart of a beaten man; how it had spurred him out from the dark depths of despair and death into the radiant light of a new and glorious hope.

For that morning MacDonald had got a job—a plain, workaday job—not even a "position." But his obtaining it had meant for him the winning of a battle he had thought was lost.

MacDonald was to be second assistant shipping clerk in a big wholesale house. As he told Professor Cavalli for the third time how the old man's midnight playing had roused in him the fighting spirit of his forefathers, he added:

"And, mon, you and your auld violin—I must ha'e ye by me noo. I must ha'e ye always wi'me, for I may need ye again to hearten me up with 'Cock o' the North.' 'Tis a bonnie tune! Will ye stay be me mon? I can make enough for the twa o' us now, and we'll live like lords!"

For a moment Professor Cavalli demurred; but MacDonald of Clan MacDonald would hear no refusal.

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That night before he went to bed Professor Cavalli sat for a long time by his attic window, with the violin in his arms.

"There was someone who needed us, carrissimo! Not yet are we quite useless in the world!" he murmured.

(The End).

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Clothing and jewellery vaued at £435 and £25 in bank notes were stolen on December 10 from Mrs. Pearl Lord, who lives at the back of her confectioner's shop in Queen's parade, Clifton Hill. The theft was committed while Mrs. Lord was in the shop between half-past 7 o'clock and 10 o'clock. The other members of the family were out, and the thieves climbed through a side window. The dwelling portion of the shop was ransacked.

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Fines of £3 each, with 26 /costs, were imposed on Charles Clear, Porta road, Heidelberg; Frederick George Biddiscombe, Lower Plenty road, Heidelberg; David William Hodgson, Ford street, Ivanhoe; and Joseph George Jones, Silverdale road, Ivanhoe, who were charged in the Heidelberg court on December 10 with having used milk bottles to which a false description was applied.

Henry George Scott, of Waterdale road, Ivanhoe, who said that drivers picked up wrong bottles in the dark, was fined £3. Scott said that he had lost milk bottles worth £50 in the last few months.

Food Prosecutions at Preston

When the report of the health inspector (Mr. J. O. Iles) was being discussed at the meeting of the Preston council on Monday evening the mayor (Cr. L. Jones) said that the time had come when the council should take some action to prevent its innocent ratepayers from being mulcted in heavy fines and costs in respect of food prosecutions. He cast no reflection on the inspector, but his actions were unduly penalising local traders. Certain articles of food were sold and prosecutions were launched in Preston, so that many traders no longer handled those foods. The same goods were sold in Northcote, and Preston people went to Northcote to purchase their goods.

Cr. Robeson said he did not agree that any action should be taken to prevent the health inspector from preventing the sale of goods that were adulterated. There were always a few unscrupulous business people who took advantage of every loophole, and others who would trade unfairly if the health inspector were not active. Preston had one of the best health officers in the metropolis.

Cr. Hemburrow said Mr. Iles was a most efficient officer. He said he felt most strongly about small shopkeepers being prosecuted for the sale of foods, which they bought and sold in good faith, and over which they had no control.

Cr. Norris: Yes they have.

Cr. Hemburrow: Foods are sold in tins and upon analysis are found not to comply with the law. The poor unfortunate trader who is innocent is then prosecuted.

Cr. Maynard said the health officer's work had proved him efficient He was a man who administered the Act without fear or favor.

Cr. Adams said there was no doubt about the worth of the health officer. Some of the local traders were most unfortunate in being prosecuted for things over which they had no control, and the council should take some action to protect these people. There were many State laws which were not strictly enforced, and if they were few people would have their liberty. If laws were too strictly enforced the persons enforcing them became persecutors and not prosecutors.

Cr. Zwar said the shopkeepers had their own remedy in that they could get a warranty from the person from whom they purchased.

The mayor said he was not reflecting on the health officer. Cases coming before the courts, however, had become persecutions instead of prosecutions. Butter substitutes were demanded by the people, and when sold the inspector prosecuted. Yet the same classes of goods were sold openly in other suburbs. That was unfair.

The matter was referred to the committee of the council, the health inspector to attend.

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Next week is Christmas week and the "Leader" will come out as usual but the following week there will be no issue and we will resume again on January 8 when we will begin a new competition.

The Pets send greetings and heaps of love and so does your.

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TRIAS

MY PET KITTEN

I had a kitten given to me by a boy who said I could keep it as long as I looked after it, so I took it. It is about two months' old and can jump as well as any cat. I put her between my feet and clasp my hands together in front of her and tell her to jump. She walks up to my hands and jumps. She does this because she is looked after and not ill-treated.

(TRIA) Arthur, Kent.

WARRANDYTE

We held our parish picnic at Warrandyte and cars and vans left the church in Clifton Grove at 10.45., although the arranged time was 10 o'clock, but nobody expects a picnic to leave on time. In spite of the bad weather there was a big crowd of us. We sang songs accompanied by a banjo and a mouth organ, and everybody was exceptionally happy. We had great fun in our van trying to race the other cars and vans. Upon arriving at Warrandyte three of my friends and myself decided to go for a walk along the creek and we spent some time admiring our picturesque surroundings, until it began to rain. Although we hurried back we were wet before we reached the others. We had luncheon while the heavens wept and between showers had races and other amusements. There was a refreshment kiosk and a hall where another picnic party danced, so we watched them. They had nobody to play for the Alberts, so one of our girls played for them. We had tea at 5 o'clock and started off for home. Our van thought it was rather early so the engine stopped twice and we had to wait a few minutes. We escaped without getting colds and would love to go through it all again.

(BETTER) Betty Muter.

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(GOOD) P. Power.

BLACK SANDS

In New Plymouth, Taranaki, New Zealand, owing to an iron deposit in the sand, all the beaches are composed entirely of black sand. After being accustomed to yellow-colored sand it must look most odd to see the blue sea, bright sunshine and a black sandy beach. It is just as clean to sit upon as the ordinary sand but not nearly as attractive to the eye. Just now experts are trying out an experiment by which they hope to extract the iron deposit and put it to commercial uses. Many attempts have been made in the past years, but so far they have all failed.

(GOOD) Cyril Maes.

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(GOOD) Vera P. Keele.

HELPING SANTA CLAUS

Little Frank had been looking forward to Christmas for weeks and when it was actually Christmas Eve he was very excited. He was almost too excited to sleep. All at once he heard a strange buzzing sound Frank sat up and listened. Then he was certain that it was a very large aeroplane. It soon appeared to be right overhead, but instead of dying away in the distance it suddenly ceased. Then Frank was ever so surprised to hear a tapping on his window. He wondered who it could be at this time of the night. Frank jumped out of bed and looked through the window. Then he gave a cry of joy, for outside was Santa Claus himself. "Oh!" exclaimed Frank, "I thought you always came down the chimney." "Yes, so I do, but my aeroplane has run out of petrol." "Oh," said Frank, "we have plenty of petrol in the garage." "Would you like to help me with my toys," said Santa Claus." "Oh, I would just love to," replied Frank." So they both climbed in the aeroplane and off they started. They called at so many houses that Frank was quite bewildered, and was enjoying himself thoroughly and was able to offer suggestions in many cases. At one house the old man was very puzzled as he glanced at a girl about the age of 14. "Would a doll suit her?" "Frank chuckled. "Why she is too old." So Frank left her a pair of fur-lined gloves Suddenly Santa glanced towards the east. Why the sun is rising. I must go now. They flew at a tremendous speed and he stopped right outside his bedroom window and fell with such a bump that he awoke to find it was Christmas morning. It was fun, helping Santa Claus he murmured, "I wonder what he has left for me?"

(GOOD) Edna Southam

A CHRISTMAS STORY

"Oh, dear, what a pile of letters," said Santa Claus, 'and I am so very busy finishing all my toys. Well, I must see what all those letters are about or I might be giving a little girl a tea set when she has asked for a dolly. Oh! this is jolly." said Santa. "Little Billy Jones has written to say he has a new baby brother and I am to leave a big rattle for baby as well as a motor car for himself." The next letter was from Noel Young asking Santa Claus for an aeroplane that will fly and would Santa Claus take a heap of toys Noel has not more use for. "Bravo, Noel, that is a grand thought and very unselfish of you to think of those other children less fortunate than yourself." After all the letters had been read and Santa had entered the names and presents in his big book he went back to his workshop and felt so happy thinking of all the joy he was going to give to those dear children on Christmas morning.

(GOOD) Dorothy Harris.

THE FAIRY CHRISTMAS

"I am not going to sleep to-night," said Jean." "I am going to wait and see Santa Claus." The big bright moon was peening in at the window and everything was so quiet when a little voice said: "How would you like to come with me to Fairyland Jean?" "Well, said Jean, "I would love to go, but would you promise to bring me back safely?" "Yes," said little Tinkle Bell. "Just catch hold of my hand." And off they went over the trees and housetops till they came to a wonderful place full of pretty flowers, fruit and dearest little fairies all singing Christmas carols and dancing round a fairy Christmas tree. Tinkle Bell told Jean that the fairy Queen had invited all the fairies from far and near to join their party. Jean had a wonderful time and was so sorry when Tinkle Bell said it was time to go home, but she promised to come again and take Jean to Fairyland another time.

(GOOD) Eileen Harris.

THEY SAY

They say I have my father's chin,
But why, I cannot see,
For my father's chin is rough
And mine is smooth as smooth could be.
But this is surely wrong.

They say I have my mother's hair,
Because, you see, my hair is short,
And Mother's hair is long.
They say I look like Uncle John,

And have Aunt Mabel's nose
And Aunt Edith's hazel eyes,
And ears like Uncle Joe's;

So I've concluded, after all,
The truth of it must be
I look like everybody else
And nobody looks like me.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

I'M MUCH TOO BIG

I'm much too big for a fairy
I'm much too small for a man;
But this is true
Whatever I do
I do it the best I can.

(GOOD Jack Power.

A BEDTIME STORY

Little boy, christened Fred,
Didn't want to go to bed
When one evening late it got,
Put the clock back quite a lot.

When he went to bed that night
Quite forgot to put it right.
In the morning breakfast late
Freddy's father had to wait.

Mary Jane was blamed the most,
In her hurry burnt the toast;
Got quite flustered, nerves all shaken,
Then forgot the eggs and bacon.

Father ran to catch his train
Didn't catch it. Late again;
Tried to catch an omnibus,
Lost his bag and made a fuss.

Father, coming home again,
Caught a very early train,
Asked at once for Master Fred
Don't ask what he did or said!

Freddy, smarting with the pain,
Is quite sure he'll not again
Stop clocks to keep out of bed
But go at once when told instead.

(GOOD) Joyce Lawrence.

THE SEASIDE

Isn't it jolly to be by the sea,
Gladys and Phyllis and baby and me
We take off our shoes, and we take off our socks,
While Daddy and Mummy go climbing the rocks.
Isn't it jolly to play on the sands,
While Mummy and Daddy are listening to bands.
Then baby jumps up and just gurgles with glee,
Oh, isn't it jolly to be by the sea?

(GOOD) Kathleen Letchford.

STORYETTES

Little three-year-old Dollie went for a walk with her father one morning. She was rather tired, and father asked her if she would like to walk back or go by train. Dollie: "I'd rather walk Daddy if you will carry me."

(GOOD) Dorothy Letchford.

Henry: "Even when I go to sleep at night I keep my glasses on." Sally: "Why?" Henry: "So I can recognise the people I dream about."

(GOOD) Muriel Marshall.

The Candidate: "Well Mrs. Jones, I hope I can count on your husband supporting me." Mrs. Jones: "Supporting you! why he ain't even supported me for the last five years."

(GOOD) Walter Ward.

Alf: "That chap began at the bottom and worked his way up." Bill: "Why, what is he?" Alf: "A steeple jack."

(GOOD) Malcolm McIntosh.

Gunner: "The enemy are thick as peas,sir. What'll I do?" Officer: "Shell them."

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen.

A loving mother to her son: "Charley, what is it that makes you so sweet?" Charley: "I dess when God made me out of dust he put a little thugar in."

(GOOD) Edna Southam.

Little Emily had been to school for the first time. "Well, darling, and what did you learn?" asked the mother on Emily's return "Nuffin," sighed Emily despondently; I've got to go back to-morrow."

(GOOD) Billie Birmingham.

Excitable Invalid: "Mary, has the chemist sent that sleeping draught yet?" Mary: "No, Ma'am." Invalid: "Then ring him up and ask him if he expects me to keep awake all night waiting for it."

(GOOD) Don Wells.

Hard Hit.—Bill: "That's sad about poor old Stoney, the stone mason. He's just lost one arm." Listener: "How unfortunate. Of course he's had to give up his job.?" Bill: "Oh, no, he still carries on. He holds the chisel between his teeth and hits himself on the back of the head with the hammer."

(GOOD) Keith McIntosh.

Terse.—The rent was long overdue, so the landlord wrote his tenant a note. "And so," ended his letter, "please let me know what you intend to do, pay or get out." The reply was brief and to the point. "Dear Sir.—I remain —yours faithfully."

(GOOD) R. Berry.

One day a small boy was sitting in the gutter crying, when a lady came up and said to him: "Why are you crying so hard little boy?" "Well," said the child, "I—I have played the wag from school all day and I have just found out we had a holiday."

(GOOD) Dorothy Dennis.

Father: "Yes, my boy, there are certain things in life we have to shut our eyes to." Jimmy: "Yes father soap is one of them isn't it."

(GOOD) Lily Southam.

He: "Did you make talking pictures of your parents?" She: "Well, Daddy's picture was silent."

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen.

A teacher asked a class to write an essay on "The result of Laziness" One of the bright but lazy boys in the class handed in as his composition a blank sheet of paper.

(GOOD) George Joyce.

Insulted by Ignorance.—An Englishman and an American were walking down Fifth avenue, The Englishman paused to look at a monument "Whose statue is that" he asked. "Farragut" replied the American. "Who was Farragut?" asked the Englishman. "Who was Lord Nelson?" retorted the American.

(GOOD) Vera Marshall.

Half Weight.—Two small boys were admiring a new weighing machine. Said one: "Boo, I've only got a ha-penny, if I'd got a penny I'd weigh myself." "Well," replied his companion, 'have a ha-porth and double it."

(GOOD) Dulcie Bruce.

Old Gentleman: "Dear me, that is a nice watch my boy!" Little Boy: "Yes; it done an hour in twenty minutes to-day."

(GOOD) Gulia Kohn.

Sentry: "Who goes there?" Voice: "Cook, with plum pudding." Sentry: "Halt plum pudding. Pass Cook."

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen.

"I shouldn't care so much about the bugs," said the thin pale lodger, "but the fact is, ma'am I hain't got the blood to spare."

(GOOD) Marjorie Wood.

RIDDLES

When is a well like unbuttered bread?—When it is dry.

(GOOD) Hazel Norris.

What sea makes a good storeroom?—Adriatic (a dry attic) sea.

(GOOD) Enid Love.

Teacher: "What is wind?"—Small Boy: "Please miss, air in a hurry."

(GOOD) B. Kohn.

What is a stone when it is in water?—Wet, of course.

Can a walking stick walk?—No, but a tin can.

(GOOD) Lucy Humphreys.

What nation always wins in the end?—Determination.

(GOOD) Allan Love.

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At the fortnightly meeting on December 10 Bro. J. Creighton, C.R., presided over a small attendance. One new member was welcomed. The cricket club reported having sustained its first defeat of the season. All junior tents reported steady progress. The secretary presented the quarterly balance sheet, showing the tent to be in a strong financial position. The balance sheet, together with the auditors' report, was adopted. The secretary (Bro. W. E. Findlay) was congratulated by the members on his appointment as a justice of the peace. After the meeting members took part in a bobs tournament, the event being won by Bro. E. Webb.

On December 12 at the Northcote town hall the annual Christmas social of the tent was attended by a large number of members. A fine programme of dancing, arranged by Bro. W. Walker, M.C., was enjoyed to the full, and vocal items by Mrs. Hutchinson and Mr. Eric Jones were pleasant interludes. Refreshments were provided by the energetic members of the social committee and assistants, and a happy evening terminated with Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

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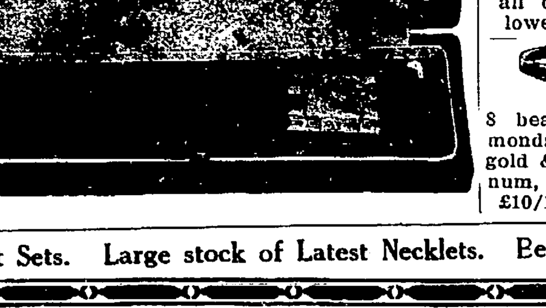

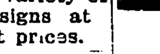

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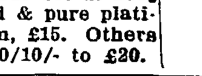

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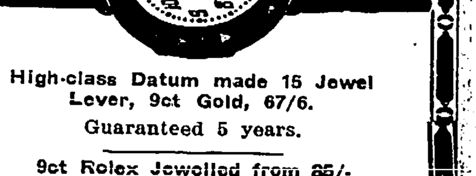

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

The Union Flying Squadron is becoming more popular each week, the superintendent, Mr. E. Butler, having been inundated with requests from societies for the Squadron to visit and take charge of their meetings.

The Northcote Baptist Y.P. Society successfully conducted their old folks' tea on November 28 last. During the afternoon approximately 80 elderly folks enjoyed a programme arranged by the Endeavourers, then followed the tea at which it was difficult to decide who enjoyed themselves most, the old folk or the Endeavourers. This society is fortunate in having an active music and social committee who are supplying soloists to every Sunday night church service.

The Ivanhoe Baptist Y.P. Society reports an interesting meeting last week when each member brought a short contribution on one of the "great questions" of the Bible. The individual opinions aroused much lively and helpful discussion.

The Regent Baptist Societies are continuing to conduct an early morning prayer meeting each Wednesday at 6.30 a.m., with a average attendance of 15 to 20 members. It is a clear indication of earnestness and sincerity, and whilst conducting a prayer life such as this the Society cannot help but progress.

Looking Ahead.—The union has arrangements in hand for its second big evangelistic drive in Preston on February 20, when the speaker will be the Rev. W. F. Betts. The Preston town hall has been engaged for the occasion.

THEFT OF MOTOR TRUCK

TWO MEN GAOLED

The trial was begun before Judge Woinarski in the Second Civil Court on December 10 of Stanley Burwood Simpson aged 22 years, of Northcote, motor driver, and John William Felstead, aged about 25 years, of Darebin street, Northcote, motor driver, who were charged with having at Northcote on November 19 stolen a motor truck the property of John Thomas Doherty. Simpson pleaded guilty and was remanded for sentence. Felstead denied the charge.

The Crown case was that the truck was taken from Doherty's yard and taken to a lonely part of a road near Northcote, where it was stripped of five tyres, a set of tools, and a lift-jack. These articles were later found at Simpson's house. Felstead admitted that he towed the truck away. He said he had been given ... for the work. He did not know that the truck had been stolen. Simpson was ... by the Crown, and gave evidence ... Felstead.

... on oath, denied having stolen the truck. He said that his statement to the police was true. He had been paid to tow it away.

The jury found Felstead guilty, and the two men came up for sentence.

Judge Woinarski said that Felstead had a record which left no doubt about how he should be dealt with. He would be sentenced to imprisonment for two years. Simpson would be sentenced to imprisonment for six months.

MAN DROWNED AT IVANHOE

HOAX DELAYS RESCUE

... Saturday afternoon, whilst swimming in the Yarra at Ivanhoe, a boy called for help, and when members of a ... of Sea Scouts and members of the ... Swimming Club went to his rescue, he ... and said he did not need help.

Within a few minutes of this hoax ... ley Langdon Morey, 25 years, chemist, ... Green street, Ivanhoe, who was swimming in the river, was heard to call for ... The response from the would-be savers was not immediate, they suspecting another hoax. Alexander Nicholls, ... terdale road, Ivanhoe, who had gone ... swim with Morey, realising that the ... for help was genuine, at once went ... his friend, but Morey struggled so ... that he was forced to let him go. Morey sank, and efforts by other swimmers to find the body were unsuccessful. The police recovered the body on Sunday in ... feet of water.

POST OFFICE NOTES

Special arrangements have been made this year by the Postmaster-General's Department for the acceptance and delivery of greeting telegrams during the Christmas and New Year season. The message of greeting is written on a specially designed form and is enclosed in an attractive envelope. Full particulars may be obtaied at the local post office.

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RIFLE SHOOTING

MERRETT TEAMS MATCH

The Merrett Teams match for teams consisting of teams of five civilian riflemen and five members of the militia was fired on the Williamstown range last Saturday. In the No. 1 section 29-22 battalion and Collingwood scored 630-623 total 1,253, which was the winning score for the day. The 57th. Battalion and Preston, 619-596, 1215, was fifth in No. 1 section, and also scored fifth highest for the day.

Club Match

Preston.—500 yards.—S. Chynoweth, 47; L. Chynoweth, 44; Barker, 43; Piggott, 43; Voisey, 41.

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such a wool crepe, viyella, or flannels, for wearing on the days of cool changes. The frock is extremely simple to make up, being cut in one from neck to hem. The fronts are arranged in three pleats at each side, the pleats are trimmed with fancy stitching at the top as suggested in the sketch. A neat turn-down collar is given, and long sleeves are provided: the sleeve is marked for cutting short sleeves. The dress is confined at waist with belt of the material. The pattern is one of Demaret's, No. 3,563, price 11d., cut in sizes to suit little girls of 5 to 7, and 8 to 10 years. Any local agents who appear on the list in another part of this paper can supply the paterns. Ask for a free copy of Demaret's Fashion Monthly, obtainable from the agents, or direct from the factory at Derby street, Collingwood. Send for potage.

CHANGE OF COIFFEUR MEANS CHANGE OF PERSONALITY

FRED Graf, chief hair-dresser at the Paramount studios, believes that women should vary their styles of coiffeur as often as possible. These changes will change a woman's personality as well as her looks, he believes.

"Straight, regular features lend themselves to such changes," Graf explains. "We can make a girl gay vivacious, demure and innocent, wicked, flirtatious, merely by changing the style of her hairdress.

"Claudette Colbert, for example, has such perfect features that we can work miracles in varying her characterisations. We can make her a modern professional or business woman by giving her a simple modish bob. That is how she wears her hair in the "Smiling Lieutenant."

The tightly curled bob with ringlets caressing her face, gives Claudette a roguish air that is exactly the effect desired if she were to play a gay Parisian mademoiselle. Long hair, hung loosely about her shoulders, transforms her into a lovely Juliet.

Any woman can change her personality as easily as this, the hair-dresser says. Coiffeurs should be given as much attention as clothes. No woman feels smartly dressed unless every detail of her ensemble is carefully chosen. She would never think of wearing a business outfit to a formal dinner, yet many women dress their hair the same in the morning as they did in the evening.

LACE AND CHIFFON

FOR informal dinner wear black lace and chiffon still holds its own, according to Vivienne Osborne, in Paramount's "The Beloved Bachelor."

Her gown is of chiffon with a hem-line of the lace, and her smart little cape is composed of lace with a border of chiffon. The cape is caught at the shoulder with a cluster of gardenias which is the only color in the ensemble.

To Pickle Cherries

An excellent preserve for use during the summer months after the crop of cherries is done is made as follows:—6 lb. cherries, 6lb. sugar, ¾ pint vinegar. Place all the ingredients into a preserving pan and boil slowly till the cherries wrinkle. When cold bottle and seal down securely.

WEDDING

MOORE—FREEMAN

ON November 21, 1931, at Preston All Saint's Church, Preston, Rev. Wilkinson officiated at the marriage of Florence Hilda Freeman, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Freeman, Preston, and Eric William Moore, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Moore, Fineion, Hurstbridge. The bride, who was given away by her father, was gowned in ivory crepe satin and carried a beautiful sheaf bouquet of white gladioli, roses and water lilies. Her maid, (Miss Doris Liban Freeman) was frocked in pale green crepe satin, with which was worn a green hat trimmed with pink. Her shower bouquet was of pink carnations and fern. Mr. F. Murphy was best man. The Rechabite Hall, Northcote was decorated for the breakfast, much credit being due to Mr. J. Ferrie for the excellent catering. The couple intend making their future home at 13 Arthur street, Preston.

CARE OF THE SKIN

Before and After Make-up

EVERY care should be exercised to see that the skin is kept perfectly clean at all times is the advice given by Nancy Carroll, the Paramount star, in explaining her beauty secrets.

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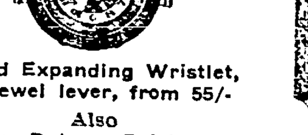

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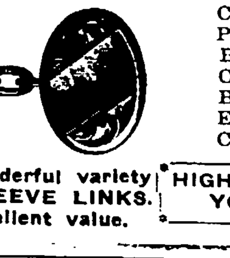

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President's A Trophy

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At Glenhuntly green, Northcote, (Catarinich 20, Rowell 19), 39, won from Box Hill 35; and Alphington (Hamilton 20, Scott 19), 39, d Caulfield 36.

In the second round Northcote, 29 lost to Surry Hills 38; Ascotvale, 37, defeated Alphington 30.

At Elsternwick green, Preston (Morgan 19, Ross 21) eliminated South street St. Kilda, 29, and were themselves eliminated in the second round by Fitzroy, who scored 42 to 23.

At Middle Park, Canterbury 41, defeated Heidelberg (Calder 5, Tatcheli 15), 20.

At Thornbury green, Ivanhoe (Walker 19, Gay 24), 43, defeated Malvern, 20; and in the second round won from Brighton by 36 to 34.

Vice-President's B Trophy

At Hawthorn, Alphington, 36, d Footscray, 30. Ivanhoe had a bye. In the second round East Camberwell 47, d Alphington, 27; and Ivanhoe, 44, d Blackburn, 23.

At Elsternwick District, Preston 37, (Howe 18, Lang 19) d Brighton Beach 34. Second Round—Surrey Hills, 42, d Preston 33.

At Armaradi.—Thornbury 37 (Warren 19, Stone 28) d Caulfield 33. Second Round.—Thornbury 30, d Sandringham, 27.

At Footscray.—Fairfield (Boyd and Butcher) 54, d Heidelberg (Roach and Greenwood) 20. In the second round Fairfield 31, d Camberwell 29.

Vice-President's C Trophy

At Prince's Park—Glenhuntly 38, d Thornbury 37 (Hammett 17, Mahony 20).

At Fitzroy.—Northcote 36 (Steed 15, Andrews 21) d Moonee Ponds 26. Second round—West Brunswick, 36 d Northcote 22.

At Ascotvale, Preston 34, (Joiner 20 Carthew 14) d Brighton 28. Ivanhoe a bye. Second Round.—Melbourne 39, d Preston 28. Ivanhoe 38, d Camberwell 29.

At East Camberwell, Fairfield 34, lost to Canterbury 35; Alphington 52, d Blackburn 29. Second Round.—Cantrbury 49, d Alphington 34.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION

C Second Section results for December 14, 1931:—

Thornbury d Albert Park, 41 to 31. —Albert Park (Mesdames Dyson, Nunn, Bowen), d Thornbury (Mesdames Forbes, Ewins, Harris), 19–16; Thornbury (Mesdames Bryant, Ferguson, Roberts), d Albert Park (Mesdames Allen, Offin, Robinson), 25–12.

BOY SCOUTS.

1st Northcote Wilkins Rover Scouts

On Thursday last there was no general meeting of the Rovers owing to the fact that the coronation of the winning queen of the Boy Scout queen carnival took place.

STATE ELECTION

Clifton Hill Candidates

The president of the Collingwood Progressive Property Owners and Ratepayers' Association (Cr. H. Sparkes) has decided to nominate as a candidate for Clifton Hill electorate in the Legislative Assembly at the next State election. Another member of the association (Cr. A. A. Bancroft) has announced his intention to contest the seat. At present Clifton Hill is represented by Mr. Blackburn.

By Stott and Son on Dec. 22 at 3 p.m., on property, 5 Margtmary St., Preston, 5-roomed weatherboard house, on land 42 x 142. Details are advertised.

CHURCH NEWS

St. Aidan's Church

The G.F.S., under the management of Mesdames Linford, Schwaebsch and Stone, enjoyed a picnic at the St. Kilda beach. The day was perfect and an enjoyable time was spent.

The evening service on the 13th was taken by Mr. A. Singleton and V. Preston, Mr. Hughes taking part in the memorial service for the late Mrs. Jane Schwaebsch at the Epiphany Church.

There will be a dedication of the G.F.S. banner on Sunday at evensong, and a service of holy communion on Christmas morning at 9.30. Christmas carols will be sung at Evensong on Christmas eve, commencing at 8.

Church of the Epiphany

The Sunday school anniversary services were held on Sunday. The children were given their annual outing in the Fitzroy Gardens last Saturday, and in the evening a social was held in the parish hall.

The annual meeting of the C. M. Society was held on Thursday. The annual report showed that the society is actively participating in all branches of parish life. In moving a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, Mr. H. Singleton expressed the hope that the society would continue on the lines of progress. The officers were unanimously re-elected.

Methodist Church, Croxton

The second anniversary of the new church was marked on Dec. 10 by a concert provided by the Methodist Young Men's Bible Class League choir, conducted by Mr. Breen. The pastor (Mr. J. E. Blackney) occupied the chair. Mr. E. A. Freeman moved a vote of thanks to the League, which was seconded by Mr. R. Kenniwell.

High Street Methodist Church

Next Sunday (Christmas Sunday) the preachers will be Mr. W. H. Gray at 11 a.m. and Rev. F. J. Jennings at 7 p.m. In the evening at a Christmas choral service. Christmas anthems and selections from "The Messiah" will be sung. Twenty minutes before the service an organ recital of Christmas music will commence.

A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Cr. and Mrs. Cornish last Thursday when choir members gave a surprise party to two of their number—Miss Olive Cornish and Mr. S. Wicks, on the occasion of their approaching marriage. After a happy time of games and competitions the choirmaster, Mr. A. Burge, presented them with a pedestal suitably inscribed and a brass vase. Mr. Wicks briefly replied. Rev. F. J. Jennings proposed the toast of the happy pair, and Cr. and Mrs. Cornish were also toasted.

The members of the Young Ladies' Calisthenic Club held a well-attended picnic at Mordialloc last Saturday.

At the Y.M.M.I.S. meeting last Sunday afternoon Mr. McMeiken (director of the Prahran Public Library) spoke on "Thinking." At the conclusion the president, Hon. J. G. Membrey, on behalf of the members, presented a set of brushes to Mr. H. H. Gray, M.A., L.L.M., on the occasion of his approaching marriage. Cr. Bird (secretary) and Messrs. F. Hatfield, A. Thomas and Eric A. Kellam supported. Mr. Gray responded suitably.

All Saints' Church.

A Christmas tree will be held in All Saints' parish hall on Tuesday next, when every child attending will receive a toy. Admission will be by silver coin.

Northcote Congregational Church

Preaching on Sunday night on the subject of 'Who Shall Rule?" the Rev. Reeves urged his congregation to vote for men of good character rather than party.

Next Sunday will be observed as Christmas Sunday, and at 7 p.m. there will be a choral service. Anthems will be rendered and the Misses Dorothy Brown and Winnie Greer will sing the duet "Day is Dying in the West" and respectively the solos "Come Unto Him" and "The Gift." Poems indicative of the Christmas message and challenge interspersed among the musical numbers will take the place of the usual sermon.

A Christmas tree for the Kindergarten and Cradle Roll is being arranged for Saturday night.

James Street Presbyterian Ladies' Guild

On December 10 the final meeting for the year was held and took the form of a social gathering. Mrs. Jones (president) occupied the chair. Musical and elocutionary items were contributed by Mesdames Clarke, Capp, Gill and Watson and Miss Phyllis Chamberlain. The treasurer (Mrs. Muir) was presented with a handsome rose bowl, and Mrs. Govern with a pair of vases. Afternoon tea brought a happy afternoon to a close.

Memorial Service for Mrs. Schwaebsch

A memorial service was held at the Church of the Epiphany on Sunday evening when the vicar (Rev. T. Cole) preached from the text "I will not leave you comfortless." The preacher referred to the long and useful life of the deceased and the keen interest she had taken in the church. There was a large congregation, including a number of relatives of Mrs. Schwaebsch. Appropriate hymns were sung and the choir rendered the anthem "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace Whose Mind is Stayed on Thee." A beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Freda Northcote (grand-daughter of Mrs. Schwaebsch).

James Street Presbyterian Church

A large congregation attended on Sunday evening when a musical service was rendered by the choir. The following musical items were rendered:—Solo, "Comfort Ye," Mr. Nankervis; anthem, "And the Glory"; solo and chorus, "O Thou that Tellest," Miss Lily Wallace; organ solo "Pastoral Symphony," Mrs. Connor; solo, "Rejoice Greatly," Mrs. E. Hutchinson; anthem, "Only a Little Village"; solo, "He Shall Feed His Flock," Miss Lily Wallace; solo, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," Mrs. Hutchinson; and the "Hallelujah Chorus."

St. George's Road Methodist Church

A happy gathering took place on Saturday afternoon when the annual Christmas treat was given to the kindergarten classes. A demonstration of kindergarten methods of teaching was given by Miss Dallachy and her helpers. The singing of the children was good especially the number "Christmas Bells." The Rev. F. J. Jennings kept the little folk amused until the arrival of Father Christmas (Mr. Booth), who distributed the gifts from the Christmas tree, after which refreshments were served.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

HINTS TO ELECTORS

Polling Day—December 19.
Hours of Voting—8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Voting is Compulsory.

Voting is on the preferential system. Electors must vote for every candidate on the ballot paper by numbers, indicating the order of preference. A number must be placed in the square opposite each name on the ballot paper in order of preference. Failure to do this makes a vote informal.

First preference must be shown by the figure 1. Other numbers—from 2 onwards—in order of preference, must appear against the name of each candidate. Numbers, not crosses, must be placed in the squares on the ballot paper.

In the Senate it is compulsory to show preferences for at least seven candidates. Preferences must be shown by placing in the squares figures from 1 to 9, if the whole of the candidates are voted for.

Duplication of a number will make a vote informal.

ENROLMENTS IN BATMAN

In the Batman electorate there are 67,893 voters, of whom 32,641 are men and 35,252 women.

VOTING IS COMPULSORY

Every person enrolled must vote. Failure to do so will render the person not voting liable to a fine of £2.

THE NOMINATIONS

House of Representatives

BATMAN

Blake, Frank Edgar John, 379 Collins street, legal manager (Aus. Dem.)

Brennan, Frank, 118 Westbourne grove, Northcote, solicitor (Lab.).

Dennis, Samuel, 33 Walker street, Northcote, contractor (U.A.P.).

Hannan, James Edward, 3 Bartlett street, Preston, laborer (Com.).

Mr. F. Brennan is the retiring member.

The Senate

VICTORIA

Brennan, Thomas Cornelius (U.A.P.)
Guthrie, James Francis (U.A.P.)
Plain, William (U.A.P.)
Cameron, Donald (Lab.)
Sheehan, James Michael (Lab.)
Wallis, Alfred Russell (Lab.)
Kelly, Alured (Young Nationalists)
Murchison, William Gordon (Ind. U.A.P.)
Partridge, Harold Frederick Keith (Com.)

The first three are retiring members.

CR. DENNIS' CANDIDATURE

At the Dispensary Hall, Thornbury, on Wednesday night Mr. J. G. Latham, M.L.A., deputy leader of the United Australia Party, spoke in support of the candidature of Cr. S. Dennis, who is seeking election for Batman.

Cr. Dennis at times had difficulty in making himself heard and said he had offered himself as a candidate believing that something should be done to stop the drift in the country's affairs and to restore confidence.

"Hands off the Commonwealth Bank," was one of the objects of the party in whose interests he stood, and it was his firm belief that the control of the Commonwealth Bank should be entirely divorced from politics (Cheers and Hoots). A restoration of confidence would bring prosperity and enable the workless to be re-employed. The Scullin Government had promised to find work for all, but instead of accomplishing that, the percentage of unemployed had risen from 12 to 28 per cent (Interruptions).

Mr. Latham made a fighting speech lasting for about two hours and the hall was packet to capacity. Many outside heard the speeches by means of loudspeakers. There was a good deal of interruption and during the night the police ejected three men.

Mr. Latham commended Cr. Dennis to the electors as a worthy candidate, and said he could not believe that the electors of Batman were satisfied with their present member. The real issue for the electors was finance, and the paramount necessity in Australia to-day was soundness in public finance. Messrs Scullin and Theodore were harking back to the idea of making money easily by printing notes. Their plan was too easy to be true. It was not true. We have much to thank the Commonwealth Bank Board for. Let them consider the horrors of inflation in Germany. In 1923 lard had cost the then German equivalent of £1,000 a lb, or half the daily wage of a laborer (Laughter). A piece of veal to make a stew cost £3,000. The process went on to madness. The price of a ham sandwich rose from £700 to £1,200 in one day. He would do all he could to prevent such a state of affairs in Australia. Mr. Latham drew a strong word picture of the horrors which inflation had thrust upon Germany and Europe after the war.

(Walter T. Mott, 309 High street, Northcote)

Those electors who desire to see Cr. Dennis returned for the House of Representatives are advised to record their vote as follows:—

[2] BLAKE
[3] BRENNAN
[1] DENNIS
[4] HANNAN

Cr. Dennis has been a member of the Northcote council for 23 years where he is a valued councillor and has done untold work for the public good. Cr. Dennis bears the reputation of having the good of the district at heart and residents of long standing will recall his valuable services in gaining water and sewerage extensions in years gone by.

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Many electors, while they would not vote for Mr. Theodore, announce their intention of voting for the endorsed Labor candidate. If they do this it is similar to voting for Mr. Theodore, because whether Mr. Theodore is returned or not the Federal Labor Party are pledged to Mr. Theodore's financial plans and if Labor has a majority those plans will be enacted if Labor carries out its mandate. This important point should be carefully weighed before casting your vote.

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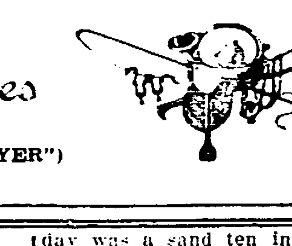
Tenders are elsewhere invited up to December 21 by the secretary of the Church of the Epiphany, Northcote, for the construction of a rubble wall. Particulars at the vicarage.

Turf Notes



(By "LUTEPLAYER")

Weekly Hint to Backers

A word from the informed is valuable, but you should always lean a little to your own judgment. There are many ready to give you a "tip." They mean well, but how often have they led you astray? You will find that in the long run it is more satisfactory, and perhaps profitable, to rely on your own judgment than to take notice of well-wishing friends, who more often than not fail to satisfy themselves as to the source of the information they are so ready to pass on. It is well to remember that those whose business it is to race horses like to keep the doings of their charges as secret as possible. Taking the "tip" of another often leaves you lamenting, but it is well to remember the turf commandment: "If thou hast an opinion of thine own, and playest another's losing tip, and thine own horse wins, hold thy tongue or lend thyself to ridicule."

The Winning Way

The "Leader" selections for Moonee Valley last Saturday again proved successful. Backers who invested £1 on each of this paper's first selections would show a profit of £3 10/. The winners named by us as first choice were Fourth Battery (5 to 2) and Zanibar (5 to 1). None of the daily papers or leading sporting weeklies named Zanibar as first choice, whereas the "Leader" not only made it No. 1 selection, but in a paragraph pointed out that Zanibar's form at the same course a week earlier was particularly impressive. We added that a change of riders from J. Callaghan would probably be an indication of the stable's confidence. So it worked out, the handling of Zanibar on Saturday being entrusted to P. Egan, whom we recently referred to as riding in good form. Zanibar shortened from 8 to 1 to 5 to 1. Just how correctly did we gauge that [illegible] performance of Zanibar may be [illegible] by the fact that he followed [illegible] Saturday's success with an[illegible] at Caulfield on Tuesday.

In addition to the two straight-out winning selections, we also mentioned [illegible] other winners in places. Iskander, winner of the Three-Year-Old race, was our second choice, and [illegible] Rhyon, who was our first [illegible] King Mart, who won the [illegible] Handicap, was given as third [illegible] for that race. Placegetters in [illegible]uador, Kailash and Loquacity were also among our selections.

Blematic Unlucky

[illegible]matic, who started favorite for the [illegible] Handicap at Moonee Valley on Saturday, was most unlucky. Soon after the start he was knocked back [illegible] last. Recovering from the setback he gradually made up his ground to be fairly handy approaching the turn, but was then unfortunate to get hemmed in on the rails. Just as his rider, A. Goddard, looked like being successful in his manoeuvring for an opening, Blematic got on the heels of another runner and stumbled. Goddard lost an iron and was in peril of a fall, but fortunately he recovered his balance, and in the circumstances he did well to get the Emblematic gelding a close fourth. It should not be long before Blematic [illegible] winning turn. At an inquiry [illegible] mishap to Blematic soon [illegible] start, the stewards adjudged [illegible]an, rider of Indian Force, [illegible] interference, and they suspended him from riding for one [illegible]. The fact that the winner of [illegible] race (Zanibar) went on to [illegible] Caulfield on Tuesday emphasises the performance of the Emblematic gelding.

Banner Boy

Although Banner Boy knocked up in the Valley Hurdle on Saturday he should not be discarded from future consideration. He made a bold showing for a long way but faulty jumping took a lot out of him. He has not yet found his true form, but it should not be long before he does so. When he strikes form he should be good for more than one hurdle event.

Some Track Notes

Mira Donna, who has not appeared in public since finishing third in the Williamstown Cup, is doing well in her work at Caulfield, and on Tuesday covered a mile and a quarter of the Steeple track in 2.18. This mare does best when fresh, and can be expected to give a good account of herself when next she sports silk, which will probably will be in one of the important handicaps during the holiday racing period.

Another to do well at the "Heath" on Tuesday was Consuela, who accounted for a mile on the steeple track in 1.46¼. The pleasing part of the gallop was the strong manner in which she finished. Consuela was placed in a division of the Purse at the last Epsom meeting.

The pony Double Fault, who is engaged at Ascot on Saturday, did rather well to run half a mile on the Caulfield sand. in 52¾ on Tuesday. Working along quietly at the same course is Canthus, who is improving with each gallop. His effort on Tuesday was a sand ten in 2.20½. He is worth noting for a hurdle event. A smart sprint was that of Golden Lullaby, who ran five on the steeple track in 1.3¼. She is a coming winner.

Aziola and Doradus have been pleasing over sprint distances at Flemington. Last week they showed 50 for half a mile, and on Tuesday registered a similar performance on the tan, the first two in 24¾ and the three in 37. Aziola finished slightly in advance of Doradus, but she got the better of the start and had a slight advantage in weight. Doradus ran a very creditable fourth in the face won by Rosetta at the Valley on December 5. Graewin is another sprinting well at headquarters. Tuesday's effort being three in 37¼.

Likely Improvers

Some Valley runners who can be noted as likely improvers are Kailash, who was a good second to Fourth Battery, but he requires a longer journey than five furlongs. Carnadine was so badly interfered with two furlongs after the start of the Highweight that he was lucky to escape a fall. The St. Anton gelding was sent out favorite, and in a future race is likely to show that there was good reason for that confidence.

By his showing in the Highweight at the Valley on Saturday, Harry Gavin, who is the best performer the defunct Eurythmic sired during his short career at the stud, led to the straight entrance and then tired, but he should take no end of beating in a six furlongs race.

Good Samaritan has been well supported for several races in recent weeks and has given some creditable displays, but has yet to strike winning form. He was in commission for the Argyle Highweight on Saturday and finished fourth. In earlier races he has shown pace and weakened towards the finish, but on Saturday his best work was being done at the end. Good Samaritan is a fouryear-old gelding by Spearhead from Berry Consols, twice winner of the Standish Handicap, therefore is a half-brother to Precious Pearl, who won at the Valley two weeks ago. Good Samaritan should not be long in striking form.

SELECTIONS FOR ASCOT ON SATURDAY

The V.T. and R.A. will hold its first Saturday meeting on the Ascot racecourse to-morrow, when twelve races will be run off. The long programme begins at 12.30, and the last event is timed to start at 5.15. The principal event is the Ascot £500 Handicap, which bears a most open appearance. The candidates include Blematic, who was most unlucky at the Valley last week. He should run well, but the distance of this event —5½ furlongs—may prove a little too short for him. Selections:—

Ascot Purse

First Heat (12.30).—Hwong Twong 1, Miss Pat 2, Queenbeyan 3.

Second Heat (12.55).—Borocian 1, Gracfuss 2, Etalon 3.

Third Heat (1.20).—Kay 1, Mussolini 2, Query 3.

Fourth Heat (1.45)—Mazfoot 1, Malonna 2, Marqueter 3.

Essendon Handicap

First Heat (2.10).—Double Fault 1, Promissa 2, Ravenna 3.

Second Heat (2.35).—Satinette 1, On Top 2, Jean Mac 3.

Ascot £500 (3.5)

GRACWIN	1
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BLEMATIC	3

Ascot Plate (3.35)

Croscon 1, Seventh Heaven 2, Last Court 3.

Juvenile Handicap (4.0)

Wiltshire 1, Protla 2, Fayaway 3.

River Handicap

First Heat (4.25).—Miss Quinty 1, Gold Trick 2, Zirabel 3.

Second Heat (4.50).—Aerial Prince 1, Bettoda 2, Keep Smiling 3.

Welter Handicap (5.15)

Distant 1, Ingoda Lassie 2, Croscon 3.

East Preston School Christmas Social

ON December 5 the school committee and Mothers' Club held a social in the Scouts' Hall, Town Hall avenue, in aid of the Christmas tree. A large number were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The committee wish to thank Cr. Newton and the donors of refreshments. The winning ticket for ducks (No. 127) was held by Mrs. Millar, Rene street, Preston. The school committee wish to thank all patrons who attended at the socials during the season, and extend to all the compliments of the season.

How Much for Making a Dress?

Do you think 10/ is a fair price to charge for making a dress?—P.M. at Northcote court on Tuesday.

Woman witness: "I can get a smart dress made for 7/6."

Mr. R. T. Cahir (examining the witness): There are some cheap dressmakers about then.

WHITTLESEA COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

The usual meeting was held on Wednesday. Present were the President (Cr. M. A. Fergusson) and Crs. B. McCormack, T. Hurrey, W. Thomas, R. A. Smith, C. E. Gardiner, W. H. Scott, T. M. Browne, J. Downie, R. Reid and J. Orgill.

An apology was received from Cr. Murphy.

Bank Overdraft Limit.—The Commercial Bank, Thornbury sanctioned an excess overdraft limit of £1600 until March 31 next.

Cr. McCormack said this showed the bank had every confidence in the shire.

Deviation.—Robt. W. Crozier, Epping re agreement for deviation of Morang-Epping road. It had been agreed that the work be completed by the end of November, 1931, and he was agreeable to extend that time until April, 1932.

Cr. McCormack said Mr. Crozier had agreed to give the land free if the work was done within a certain time. The council was in financial difficulties and so the work had not yet been done. The foreman of Epping could get men to do the work, and they would be agreeable to wait for payment until March.

The extetnded terms were accepted, and the foreman was instructed to do the work on the conditions stated.

Rate Appeals.—Mr. Sabelberg, council's solicitor advised there were 140 appeals. Most of these had been reduced except three, and they would be set down for hearing before a police magistrate.

Daniel Henderson, Epping stating that the valuer had agreed to a 10 per cent reduction in his case, and others had been reduced 15 per cent. He asked for better treatment.

The president said that there was no fixed percentage reduction.

Cr. McCormack moved that the writer be informed that the council could take no action unless an appeal was made.

Cr. Smith seconded. He said the reductions were made, each case on its merits.

The president said the council would have to be firm with these applicants. If the council was not firm there would be hosts of appeals when people saw how easy it was to get reductions. Some valuations had been raised.

Cr. Browne said some reductions had been as much as 26 per cent, each case being dealt with on its merits.

The motion was carried.

General

J. Cavanagh, Eden Park re water table in front of his property which needed attention.—Engineer to report.

W. L. Young, Wollert sought a permit to slaughter stock raised on his property. —Granted.

The Misses Thomas "Mayfield" Mernda requesting that council give effect to resolution to clean out drain: also that banks of drain be lowered to permit water to enter drain.

Cr. McCormack said the work should have been done long ago.

It was decided that tenders be called for cleaning out the drain between Bridge Inn lane and the railway.

Dr. F. A. Day reported a case of diphtheria at Whittlesea.

H. M. V. Woodhouse, health inspector reported that twelve food samples taken were in order. A new sanitary depot would have to been found for Epping.

Mr. Woodhouse said that he had tried to get another site, and it appeared that the council would have to acquire a site. The inspector was instructed to make inquiries.

R. S. Knox, Thomastown asking that attention be given to the lane running from Shotter's lane between his property and that of Mr. Green.—Engineer to report.

Finance

Received since last meeting, including arrears £331/9/11, £340/13/11; Country Roads Board Ac. Dr. £1652/2/10; Loan Ac. Cr. £125; Water Rate. Cr. £405/15/5; Bank Balance, Dr. £6493/5/3.

Riding Balances.— Whittlesea, Dr. £4014/13/6; Yan Yean, Dr. £786/16/9; Morang, Dr. £2103/10/9; Epping, Cr. £68/10/4; Trust Ac., Cr. £171/12/6; Dr. Balance Net. £6664/18/2.

Amount recommended for payment, £541/18/2.

Country Roads Board Ac. £203/4/5. The report was adopted.

Engineer's Report

The engineer (Mr. C. J. McCormack) reported as follows:—

Whittlesea Riding—Culvert on Main road near cemetery is in need of repairs. A new culvert is needed as the maintenance cost is heavy.

Yan Yean Riding.—Laidlaw's Lane —some filling has been put in at bridge over Reid's Creek and culvert repaired. Middle Hut road.—Open crossing at Reid's repaired. Running Creek Road.—Ruts filled in between Draper's gate and cross roads. Arthur's Creek Road.—Ruts at Draper's Cross roads filled in. Recreation Road.—Filling has been carted to low places.

Morang Riding.—Dr's. Gully Road.—A bad place has received attention. Culvert at Doreen Hall (Bridge Inn road) regravelled. Table drains given attention on the following roads:—Haley's Gully road, Bannon's Lane and Greensborough road south.

Epping Riding.—Bridge at Cragieburn completed, and the bridge at Settlement is well in hand. Government grant work on Morang and Epping road is well on its way. Gutters attended to in Epping township; Gloria light installed in the ladies dressing room at Shire Hall, Epping. McLean's Bridge would be completed before Christmas.

The report was adopted.

Ordinary Business

The president moved that the secretary be appointed as interim valuer at a salary of £1 per year, and that each valuation be done as required. He said that last year the secretary was not paid anything for this work; although a lot of ratepayers thought he had.—Motion carried.

Cr. Thomas said a dangerous culvert near the Mernda Hall needed urgent attention.—C.R.B. to be asked to instal a new culvert.

Cr. Orgill asked about the pipe-head road at South Morang.—The engineer said the work had been started.

Cr. Gardiner moved that arrangements be made to make payments to unemployed on works during January when the council held no meeting.

Cr. Scott moved that the money allotted be spent on Black Flat road during the fine weather.—Carried.

It was resolved that no meeting be held in January. The Shire officers will be closed between December 23 and January 2.

Cr. McCormack moved that the Morang and Whittlesea Riding members be requested to confer to find ways and means of reducing the riding overdrafts.—Carried.

Cr. Orgill said that the council's solicitor had given as his opinion that the caretaker's cottage of the Mernda Mechanics' Institute was not liable to be rated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

COUNCIL ECONOMIES AT PRESTON

(To the Editor)

Sir,—Re Council Investigation Committee's report. In reading the report regarding the above matter in a previous issue of your valuable paper I notice that the "Committee was thanked by the council for the very complete report submitted." A further motion was also carried specially thanking Cr. Robeson, who acted as secretary to the committee, for the very lucid and comprehensive report, which was prepared by him. The chairman of the committee (Cr. G. E. Robinson) and Cr. J. W. Adams testified to this, and the Mayor (Cr. L. Jones) publicly thanked Cr. Robeson. In fairness to Cr. Robeson, I think this fact should be known by the ratepayers of the city. Apparently this incident was inadvertently overlooked when writing up your report of the council proceedings.—Yours, &c., F. A. MACDONALD.

54 May street, Preston.

(It is a fact that the committee was thanked by the council and Cr. Robeson received the commendation of the council for the work he did as secretary of the Investigation Committee. It must, however be realised that space does not permit of the inclusion of every detail it being necessary to omit some items, on account of lack of space. When it is considered that the Special Investigation Committee's report covered 14 typed pages as well as some six or seven double foolscap pages of figures, it will be realised that of necessity it had to be much condensed for publication, and only the main points, which we felt would be of most interest to ratepayers, naturally found their way into print.—Ed. "L.").

BANDS AT PRESTON

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I have been informed that the Preston business people have engaged a certain boy's band to play on Friday evenings in the main thoroughfare for a certain period. It would be interesting to hear how this arrangement was effected. It is only natural to suppose that, wishing to secure the services of a band that the senior boys' organisation—the local Junior Citizens' Band—would have been approached. This band has enlivened the main streets on many Friday evenings gratis and is deserving of every encouragement and support. If this is not forthcoming from those whose living depends on local patronage, it augurs ill for the band's welfare. These boys are the future city bandsmen and promise many years service to the community and if local shop-keepers have money to spend in this direction surely the Junior Citizens' Band has a just claim. Hoping that further light may be shed on this matter —Yours &c., RED SPOT.

Preston. December 14/31.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

THE Preston branch of the above held the final meeting for the year at the town hall on December 9, when the mayoress (Mrs. L. Jones) was present. The hospital will benefit to the extent of £48, and 50 tins of preserved fruit were donated towards the Christmas cheer. The Central Executive was represented by Mesdames F. Bowcher and K. Whittum, who congratulated the auxiliary on its splendid effort, the branch having been inaugurated only a few months. Afternoon tea was daintily served and a vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. C. T. Crispe (president) for her hospitality.

SMART YOUTHFUL WITNESS

MAN CHARGED WITH BREAKING AND ENTERING

Committment for Trial

The vigilance of two lads aided the police to capture a man who it is alleged broke into a house in Delaware street, Preston, on November 28 at Preston court on December 10.

William Patrick Bennett, Delaware street, Reservoir, was charged that on November 28 he broke into the house of Arthur Finch, Delaware street, Reservoir with intent to commit a felony.

The evidence showed that a side window had been forced with a spade. A schoolboy, Douglas Parker, aged 9 years, Delaware street, Reservoir, said that from the opposite side of Delaware street, he saw Bennett get through a side window of Finch's house. The boy was most positive in his identification of the man's clothes, manner and walk.

Henry Coy, schoolboy, said that when he saw the man get through Finch's window, he told his father, Joseph Charles Coy, plumber, of Delaware street, who watched the street and Bennett strolling leisurely along.

Constable F. Ballard said: "At about 2 p.m. on November 28 I saw Bennett in High street. About an hour later I learned that a house in Delaware street had been broken into. I questioned Bennett at Reservoir police station some days later, when he denied he had broken into Finch's house. He was identified by the two lads and Coy, and later he said "Can the charge be made lighter as there was nothing stolen."

Plainclothes-Constable Egerton said: "I arrested Bennett at his home about 5 a.m. on December 4. He said he did not know anything about the breaking and entering.

Bennett, who pleaded not guilty, was committed for trial at General Sessions on February 1. Bail was fixed at £50.

A SALESMAN'S AFFAIRS

EXAMINED ON A FRAUD SUMMONS

At Preston court on December 10 Samuel Gibson Hadwin salesman, aged 27 years, of Murray road, Preston, appeared for examination under the Imprisonment of Fraudulent Debtors' Act, the complainant being Cyril Stevens' Studios.

Hadwin said: "In October an order was made against me for £12/11/6 with £3/18/6 costs in favor of the complainant. This judgment has not been met, and was in respect of moneys I had obtained by fraudulent misrepresentation. I consented to the judgment.

At the time I was an employee of Cyril Stevens' Studios and was canvassing. The arrangements were that I was to get commission on all orders. Out of four cases one person gave me an order and the others did not. Later Mr. Stevens told me that three of the four orders were "dud" and I also received a salary of £1 weekly for five or six weeks."

Mr. A. E. O'Connor (for the complainant) said that Hadwin had admitted that he had obtained moneys by fraud, and an order should be made for payment of the amount in default imprisonment.

Mr. Walker, J.P. said that experiences such as this did not encourage business people to give employment.

An order was made for the payment of the amount together with £2/6/ costs at the rate of 5/ weekly in default imprisonment for 14 days.

Drainage Scheme

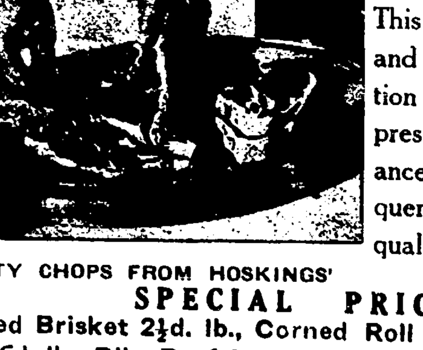
WITHIN the next few days it is expected that the Metropolitan Board of Works will commence the main drainage scheme on the corner of Murray road and High street, where flooding has taken place when there has been a heavy fall of rain.

The Mayor's Xmas Gifts

THE mayor of Preston (Cr. L. Jones) has handed a cheque for £25 to the treasurer of the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society, to be expended during the coming holidays. The mayor has also forwarded a cheque for £5 to the Preston branch R.S.S.I.L.A.

A HUGE SUCCESS!

So great was the success of opening day and opening week that we have decided to continue the special prices announced until the New Year. In two days nearly 2,000 customers were served, many of them being completely new faces.



The test of good meat is that nicely balanced proportion of lean and fat. This ensures tenderness and flavor. The illustration depicts how our meat preserves the proper balanced ratio and consequently is superior in quality.

TASTY CHOPS FROM HOSKINGS'

SPECIAL PRICES

Corned Brisket 2½d. lb., Corned Roll 4½d. lb., Sirloin of Beef 6d. lb., Ribs Beef 3d. lb., Ox Tongues from 2/- ea.

Dozens of Others—Watch Our Windows

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PURCHASE

To give our customers an Xmas treat we purchased direct from Newmarket on Wednesday a large quantity of prime pigs. The success of our opening gave us the assurance the people of the district were interested in quality at the right price. By buying a quantity direct we made a saving, which we are able to pass on to the public.

B. HOSKING

Cash Butcher

429 HIGH STREET : : : NORTHCOTE

(Next Lew's Croxton Shop)

"BETTER QUALITY—BETTER PRICES AND SATISFACTION"

JIKA CRICKET

(Notes by "Mid-On")

The sixth round, which is the final before the Christmas vacation, commenced on Saturday under favorable conditions. Fast wickets were the order of the day, but again the bowlers were in the ascendancy. In the batting there were only two individual scores of 50 or over. Spain, a hard hitting batsman of East Northcote, getting 60 made in quick time; Hicks, of Reservoir, got 50, Mildren, Broadhursts' skipper, 46. Several batsmen who reached the 30's. In the bowling Manchester (Reservoir) 5/26; Barklem (Prestonite) 7/28; Wawn (Broadhurst) 6/16; Cunningham (Thornbury Socials) 5/24; Cohen (Thornbury West) 5/6; Duff (Bell Ramblers) 6/31 did well. Gowerville have their game against West Preston well in hand, and are still leading in the first grade. East Northcote, the only unbeaten team in grade 2, appear to be in a winning position in their game also.

Soccer v Thornbury Socials

Played on Haxby Park. Batting first the Soccer team scored 126, McDonald and Frazer opened and scored 15 before being separated. Frazer was caught off Halley for 7. Leichman accounted for Jessop and McDonald, 3 wickets being down for 24. B. Gray, batting soundly, held his end up, but failed to get much help until Knowles came in and caught for a well-made 31. B. Gray took his score to 30 before losing his wicket; Colgrave scored 16 and was not out; J. Gray 9 and McDonald 11, batted well: the total reached 126 before the last wicket fell. Cunningham, with 5/24 was the most successful bowler. The Socials have scored 18 for the loss of 2 wickets, Doherty and Doyle failing to get going. Halley is 7 not out; Knowles 1/3 and B. Gray 1/2 taking the wickets. The slip fielding of Leishman, of the Socials, was very fine—taking five catches.

East Northcote v Croxton United

The United captain won the toss and sent his opponents in to bat, which he probably regretted before the day's play ended, as East Northcote kept them in the field all day, and in scoring 225 runs no fewer than 9 batsmen reached double figures. Latta and Shields opened to the bowling of Gilkes and Grimmer. With the score at 22 Latta was run out having made 4. Shields, who scored 20 in quick time, was the next to go with the total at 30. De Grandi, who was bowling well kept the batsmen quiet. The total had reached 73 when Ludlow (27) was out, caught and bowled by De Grandi, who 3 runs later scattered Bassett's stumps when the score was 5 for 101. Armstrong and Colson were batting slowly. Gracie and De Grandi bowled well. However, the bowlers were tiring, and when Spain came in he scored freely and had made 60 when a fine catch in the outfield dismissed him. Armstrong had batted steadily, but in trying to force the pace also fell a victim in a like manner. Murcutt and Lloyd added 24 for the last wicket, and carried the score to 225. De Grandi 2/52 and Grimmer 2/60 bowled best for Croxton, who fielded well all day. They have a rather serious task ahead but with Gracie in form may yet put up a good fight.

Preston United v Thornbury West

Played on the United wicket, which was in perfect condition, being fast and true. On winning the toss the visiting captain elected to take the field, and from the outset the United batsmen were scratching. Owing to the game bowling of Cohen, who was well backed up by the field, wickets fell rapidly. The only batsman to shape at all well were W. Dewar and R. Smythe and both were unfortunate in being run out after each had scored 7 runs. Dewar, playing his first game, showed some very fine shots and as he is a good wicketkeeper will be a decided acquisition to the team. However, no excuses could be made, and the side was dismissed by good fielding and bowling for 27 runs. Cohen 5/6 was unplayable. Mosley took 2/12 and 3 were run out. Thornbury West opened with Peters and Mosley, the former was out lbw., to Grierson after scoring 1. Mosley and Kendall carried the score to 21, when in attempting a short run Mosley was well thrown out by Grierson. Kendall, playing rather luckily, had made 31 when he got his leg in front and retired. L. Cohen was 15 not out and the innings finished just on time for 94 runs. Fitzsimmons 4/18 was the best bowler for Preston United, whose fielding on the whole was fair. C. Sherriff and Ken Grierson were excellent their catching and ground work being snappy and sure. The United will have to make the pace next week to have a chance.

Preston Footballers v Prestonite

The meeting of these two teams has always provided an interesting game. Some very fine tussles have been staged but on this occasion the Footballers' batting failed them, and they were out for 66, mainly due to the fine bowling of Les Barklem and excellent slip fielding of Gilchrist and Temple. There was the usual 'barracking' which seems to be part of the programme when these teams meet, but at times it got rather personal, which does not do any good. Monohan and Lane were the opening pair for the Footballers and 18 had been scored when Lane was out to a splendid catch by Gilchrist, off Barklem—the ball travelled fast off the bat to Forde, who touched it and Gilchrist snapped it up with his left hand before it reached the ground. Lane had scored 11 and was the only batsman to reach double figures. J. Deason, hit a fine 6 off Gilchrist, but was bowled by Barklem after scoring 8. W. Luckman 9 not out, was second highest scorer. As before mentioned Barklem's bowling was very destructive. C. Temple and Foley opened the innings for Prestonite, the captain taking strike to Hannah and off the third ball he hit a fine six on the leg side. After making 17 in characteristic style Temple was bowled off his pads. Allender, who followed, was caught by Petchall, off Moffat for 0. Moffat took the only two wickets that fell. Ron Grierson was next and with Foley played out time and although six bowlers were tried they failed to effect a separation. In scoring 36 not out Grierson hit four 4's and one lovely 6—which landed somewhere in Gower street, the bowler being Monohan. Moffat's two wickets were obtained for 13 runs. The captain of the Footballers must be complimented on his fielding which was perfect and was an object lesson to those present, and an inspiration to his team. Prestonite have lost two wickets for 75 runs. Grierson 36 and Foley 15, were not out.

Northcote Junior Footballers v Highview

This match, which was played at Hayes Park, had more than usual interest, as each team has lost one match and were running level for second place. Highview have been showing such promise as to give their supporters confidence, and they had great hopes of extending their opponents and thus make it an interesting game. Batting first, Highview were disposed of for 92 runs, the chief scorers being the Pike family; E. Pike scoring 25, A. Pike 15, and P. Pike 12; J. Gilbert 12 was the other batsman to reach double figures. The fielding of the Juniors was good, 7 of Highview team being caught. Linsey 2/15, Nudl 3/22, Weate 2/20, Emmins 3/13 did well with the ball. H. and A. Proposch started the batting for the home side but with the score at 6 Harold was run out, A. Proposch was dismissed without any addition to the score. Martin held the bowling up for a while but when he appeared to be well set he was caught off Pike for 18. Akers scored 10 in three hits; C. Weate put up a stout resistance and had made 17 before he was caught off Gilbert for 17. The side was out for 68 or 24 in arrears. A. Pike 4/31, Bradford 3/10, J. Gilbert 1/0 did the bowling. Highview were naturally elated at the success of their team and will enter the field full of confidence next week.

East Preston v Broadhursts

East were at home to the Tanners and had first uses of a good, fast wicket. After Jacobs and Ivey had given a good start, putting on 44 for the first wicket, the remainder of the team utterly failed against the bowling of Wawn and Fuller. It was then a procession to and from the wickets. From 1 for 44 the side was spread-eagled and were all out for 53—a remarkable reversal of form—Wawn took 6/16 and Fuller 4/16. Broadhursts' reply was very convincing and shows them to be a much improved team. Harold Mildren batted in his old style and made 46; Wallington 21; Monagle 10; and Steve Howard (who has been scoring well with the Rainbows) hit up 31. With 8 down for 175 Broadhursts declared. Keleher 4/50; R. Jacobs 1/16; L. White 1/35; A. White 1/16; did the bowling. W. Tuohy, who scored 38 for Broadhursts did some fine hitting; his score included five 6's—his timing being perfect. East Preston will be lucky to escape defeat by one innings.

West Preston Progress v Gowerville

This match was played on Crispe Park. West batted first, the opening pair being Marotte and Merritt, the former lost his wicket at 12 being bowled by Campbell for 8. Without any further runs being added Merritt was bowled by Kinsella. Clements and Ely carried the score to 39. Threnoworth was batting steadily taking no risks. After making 25 he was caught off Clarkson, who with Hollowood quickly finished off the remaining batsmen. The innings closed for 76 runs. Hollowood 4/19 and Clarkson 3/19 got most of the wickets. Gowerville started their innings with Clarkson and Gleeson. Ely and Grierson were out lbw to Grierson. G. Prince followed but after scoring 1 was bowled by Ely, the book showing 2 for 32. Clarkson carried his score to 33 when he was stumped by Delaney off Grierson. Kinsella and Brand (who hails from St. Kilda) took the total to 74 when the former was out for 23. Grogan joined Brand and the bowling was completely mastered. The score was taken to 131—both batsmen being not out, Brand 43, Grogan 24. Grierson was the most successful bowler taking 2/35.

Bell Ramblers v Scouts

Bell Ramblers met the Scouts on their home ground and at the close of the day's play are in a very satisfactory position. Batting first, Scouts put together 75; Goujon 19, Albinson 15, Sayers 14, Hall 11. The Scouts were at a disadvantage in losing the services of "Dick" Hill through an accident to his hand. His bowling and batting were greatly missed. Duff, with his slows, had the Scouts tied up and finished with the fine figures 6/31. Fullarton 4/25. Bell Ramblers replied with 5/75; Lonsdale 10, Gillespie 10, Watkins 17, Steele 21 not out, being the best scorers. Lloyd, coming on late, took 2/8 for the Scouts. Afternoon tea, which helped very well and have great hopes of getting vided by the ladies. The Ramblers are doing very well and have great hopes of getting into the final four.

Thornbury v Reservoir

These teams met at Thornbury and as both are well down in the list the interest was just as keen as would have been the case if both wre fighting for top position. Thornbury had a notable addition to their ranks in the person of Bert Ryan, who played with Broadhursts several years ago with great success. Ryan was one of Preston's leading cricketers at one time and "old timers" still talk of his wonderful slip fielding in the good old days. The ravages of time do not appear to have affected his batting as he scored 22 in his first game with Thornbury. Miller 23, was the other scorer of note in the home team's total of 128. Manchester 5/26 was the most successful bowler for Reservoir. In reply the visitors scored 109 for three wickets. Hicks made 50 and Dyer 26. It wonuld appear that Reservoir has the game well in hand, and should advance another rung in the premiership ladder.

General Notes

Prestonite held the first of a number of social evenings arranged, last Saturday night in the hall at the corner of High and Wilcox streets. There was a good attendance and dancing was indulged in. The ladies, who attended in force provided a very nice supper Quite a number of supporters from Clifton Hill and other suburbs were present. Cr. H. P. Zwar, the club's president, attended and during the interval made a very pleasing speech of welcome to the guests. In the course of his remarks he congratulated the team on its success on the field and stressed the value of good sportsmanship. Cricket was too good a game to be spoilt by petty actions and too serious to allow anything discreditable to enter into this popular pastime. He paid tribute to the tact and sporting actions of Mr. C. Temple the popular captain and believed that it was due to these factors that the Prestonite club had been so successful. He was heartily applauded for his remarks.

Preston United commenced a two day's game on the Gowerville wicket against the redoubtable Rainbows, during the week-end Batting first, the Rainbows collected 172 runs. H. Bradford 26, and Tom Grogan 74 did well. The latter batsman gave a splendid exhibition of clean hitting, one stroke off which 6 were scored, landed across Bell street. Grogan is a better batsman than he is given credit for, and although he has a style of his own, it is nevertheless very effective. Elms 3/28 and Kaufman 3/24 bowled best. Preston United have lost 1 for 11, Tom Forde was run out. The game will be concluded next week-end.

The Thornbury Social Club intend treating the children of their members to a Christmas tree party on December 19 when toys and other tokens will be distributed. A social evening for the older members will follow and an enjoyable time is assured as this will be the final gathering for the year.

The return match between East Preston and the Tramways took place at the week-end and again East proved too strong. Tramways batted first and scored 85. Burrell was top scorer with 37. J. Huxley 4/14 and A. Fuller 3/20 were the best bowlers. East Preston made 110; L. White 30, J. Huxley 27, A. Fuller 12 were the chief contributors. Burrell was the most successful bowler for Tramways with 4/11.

Members and supporters of the West Preston Progress Club are reminded that a house party will be held at Mr. Delany's residence, 85 Cooper street, Preston, on Saturday evening next, December 19. A splendid night is promised the programme including music singing and cards. A good attendance is desired.

Duirng the week-end the Bell Ramblers held a picnic at Warrandyte and a very enjoyable time was spent. A cricket game was played betwen picked sides which included lady supporters of the club. Some of the fair sex showed good form. A match was also played against a team representing the Brunswick Ladies' Cricket Club.

Social Match

Pastrycooks (Northcote) Pty Ltd., 97, (Allen 21, Collier 17, Scolari 16, Cronin 10, Major 3/12) were defeated by Ormond, 119. Chapman 25, Scolari 27, Ellis 18; Cronin 3/16, Granger 3/25).

NOTICE TO SECRETARIES

On account of Christmas Day falling on Friday next, the "Leader" will be published on Thursday instead of Friday and the Sporting Editor asks all secretaries to send in cricket scores and reports by Monday evening at latest. The co-operation of Secretaries in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

ATHLETICS

PRESTON-NORTHCOTE WOMEN'S CLUB

Owing to the V.A.A.A. championships last Saturday the inter-club competitions at the show grounds were suspended until December 19, when Preston-Northcote meet Melbourne No. 3. The following team has been selected to represent Preston:—

Half Mile Walk.—M. King, M. Carey. 220 Yards.—S. Jones, N. McWilliams, P. Kimber. 75 Yards.—S. Jones, P. Lowery, N. Cameron. Discus.—M. Carey. 440 Yards Relay—To be arranged on ground. Broad Jump.—S. Jones. Hurdles.—N. Cameron, N. McWilliams.

At present Footscray is at the head of the premiership list, with Preston-Northcote second.

PRESTON-NORTHCOTE CLUB

Davidson's 100 in 9 7/10 Secs.—The outstanding feature of the Victorian championships on the Amateur Sports Ground last Saturday was the 100 yards championship, which resulted in a win for E. M. Davidson (Geelong Guild), the title holder, who, with a strong assisting wind, won by half a yard from L. M. Smith (St. Stephen's) and M. B. Maher (C.Y.M.S.) in 9 7/10 secs. This time breaks the Victorian record of 9 9/10 secs., but will not be allowed because of the following wind.

One Mile Running Championship.— There were 15 runners. These included Alex J. Hillhouse, the Empire Games runner, W. M. Whyte, the Australian national mile champion, R. J. Triado and W. H. Hannah, two promising members of the University Athletic Club. In a thrilling race Whyte defeated Hillhouse by seven yards in 4min. 23 2/5 sec.

The Lieutenant-Governor (Sir William Irvine), who is president of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association, arrived at the ground at 3.20 p.m., accompanied by Mr. W. Kent Hughes, M.L.A.

Several members of the Preston-Northcote Athletic Club took part in the open handicaps of 220 yards and 880 yards. McNabb was the only member who showed any form over the furlong. Jack Tannock was the outstanding one in the half-mile by running a close second to C. J. McCartin (Carlton). Tannock was standing McCartin up yards. Stiff luck fell on Allan Dudgeon in the championship hammer throw. Allan was "crowd shy." Never mind, big boy. Better luck next time!

Club Notes.—Don McEachen, the club's social secretary, is upset at the small attendance at the club's house party last week. Members must wake up and support these turn-outs and help to raise money for the club. By turning out to these parties and making them "boom" we will soon be climbing the ladder of fame once more. Now that the party was a "flop" let us all get together and make the picnic next Sunday one of the greatest yet ever held. There is no reason why the club cannot get 100 together for the day. Motors will leave the Preston town hall at 9.30 sharp for down by the sea. The fare is 2/- return, so roll up and make this the sensational picnic of picnics.

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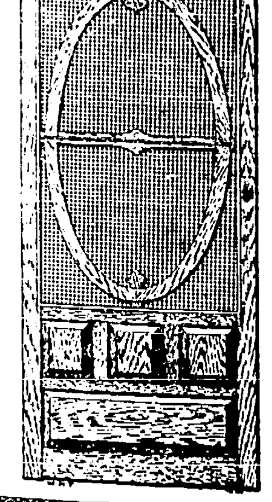

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11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.—Mr. D. Roadknight.
7 p.m.—Holy Communion.—Rev. A. H. Constable.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE (Bayview Street)

Dec. 20.—Advent IV.
Holy Commuion. 8 and 11 a.m.
Evensong, 7 p.m.—Christmas Carols
Preacher: The Vicar.
Christmas Day.—Dec. 25.
Holy Communion. 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Shaftesbury Parade)

December 20: Fourth Sunday in Advent.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins and Intercessions.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Christmas Day (December 25)
7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar (Rev. W. H. Chamberlain)

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.

Fourth Sunday in Advent.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Children's Church.
11 a.m.—Matins.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Rev. F. Parsons, Vicar.

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Dec. 20—Christmas Services.
Northcote
11 a.m.—Mr. W. H. Gray.
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby.
St George's Road
11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
7 p.m.—Mr. P. R. Bock.
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After Father Christmas had been introduced he said a few words to them and then proceeded to give out the presents. The kiddies' names were called out from the body of the hall and each in turn filed past Father Christmas, who handed out the toys with a cheery word to the little ones, who when they received their presents were given a bag of lollies, a paper cap and refreshments. When his work was completed he bade everyone adieu and took his departure. While supper was being prepared for the adults a ventriloquist entertained the children and their parents. His item was thoroughly enjoyed. After supper the hall was cleared and dancing was indulged in by those present until 11.15 when a successful evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

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FEDERAL ELECTIONS

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WIN FOR CR. S. DENNIS (U.A.P.)

The Candidates

Blake, F. E. J., (Aus. Democrat)
Brennan, F. Labor.
Dennis, S. (U.A.P.)
Hannan, J. E. (Communist)
Electors enrolled, 67,893.

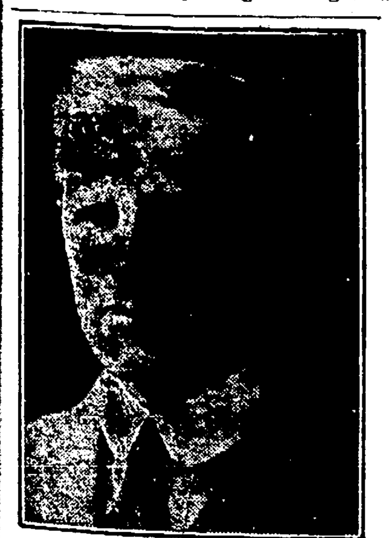
When counting finished on Saturday night the figures were:—

Dennis (U.A.P.)	25,062
Brennan (Lab.)	23,525
Blake (Aus. Dem.)	1,861
Hannan (Com.)	977

The Federal elections held on Saturday produced many surprises. The Scullin Ministry suffered severely at the polls, losing many seats, whilst the United Australia Party and the Country Party gained. The Lang Labor group in New South Wales also gained five seats. The most remarkable landslides occurred in Batman, where Mr. Frank Brennan, who was Federal Attorney-General in the Scullin Ministry, was unseated by Cr. S. Dennis (U.A.P.); in Dalley (N.S.W.), where Mr. Theodore, late Federal Treasurer, was overwhelmed by Mr. Rosevear (Lang Labor); in Adelaide (S.A.), where Mr. Yates (Labor) fell a victim to Mr. Stacey (U.A.P.) Federal Ministers who lost their seats are Mr. Theodore (treasurer), Mr. Parker Moloney (Markets); Mr. McNeill (Health), Mr. Chifley (Defence), Mr. Cunningham (Assistant Minister), Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General).

CR. S. DENNIS, J.P., M.H.R.
Returned at recent election.

Mr. Frank Anstey (Bourke), who has always had a large majority in the electorate comprising Coburg and Brunswick, had a very hard fight to retain his seat.



MR. FRANK BRENNAN,
Attorney-General in the late Government, who was defeated by Cr. Dennis

The swing over from Labor has been most remarkable.

Only Four Candidates Unopposed

Only four candidates were returned without opposition, three being U.C.P. candidates and one U.A.P. The only Victorian unopposed was Mr. T. Paterson (U.C.P.), Gippsland.

The four Ministers who faced the electors and were returned are Mr. Scullin, Prime Minister (Yarra), Mr. Blakeley, Minister for Home Affairs (Darby, N.S.W.); Mr. Green, Postmaster-General (Kalgoorlie, W.A.), and Mr. Forde, Minister for Trade and Customs (Capricornia, Q.).

The returns from the various booths at that stage showed that Dennis had polled 8520 to Brennan's 7471 at the Northcote subdivision, and at this stage it was felt that Dennis had a good chance of taking the seat, as the vote in the Northcote Subdivision is generally regarded as a fair indication of the whole electorate.

By Sunday night the progress figures were:—

Dennis	28,279
Brennan	26,365
Blake	2,063
Hannan	1,073

By Tuesday night the figures were:

Dennis	29,037
Brennan	26,988
Blake	2,136
Hannan	1,100

At this stage an examination of the preferences showed that of Mr. Blake's 2,136 second preferences 1251 were in favor of Mr. Brennan, and 825 in favor of Mr. Dennis. Of Mr. Hannan's preferences 790 went to Mr Brennan, and 296 to Mr. Dennis. These figures made certain the election of Mr. Dennis.

Voting at Last Election

At the last election the figures were:—

Brennan (Lab.)	46,666
Keeley (Nat.)	14,891

THE SENATE

Counting the Senate votes is a complicated process, but figures so far point to the election of Messrs. T. C. Brennan (U.A.P.), Cameron (Lab.), and Guthrie (U.A.P.) for the Victorian Senate.

Maribyrnong Contest

Mr. W. J. Beckett (Lab.), who contested Maribyrnong against Mr. Fenton (U.A.P.), was formerly a member of the Victorian Legislative Council for the Melbourne North Province. He was unseated at the last election by Mr. H. H. Olney, M.L.C. The Melbourne North Province includes Northcote and Preston.

It is unlikely that Mr. Beckett will succeed in wresting the seat from Mr. Fenton, although the figures are very close. Mr. Beckett has applied for a recount.

CR. S. DENNIS

Cr. S. Dennis is well known in Northcote, where has has been a lifelong resident. His late father was a member of the first Roads Board in the district, and later on was a foundation member of the council of the Shire of Jika Jika, and later of the first Northcote Council. Cr. Dennis, the son, has worthily carried on the work so ably begun by his father, and has for 23 years been a member of the Northcote Council. Cr. Dennis has also represented the Northcote Council on the M. and M. Board of Works for a long period, during which he has done a vast amount for the advancement of his city in securing water and sewerage extensions. A tribute was paid to the Dennis family when their name was bestowed upon a railway station on the Heidelberg line. Mrs. Dennis is a tireless social and charity worker. Her many activities embrace the Dorcas Society, of which she is secretary, the Northcote Baby Health Centres, Northcote Trained Nurses' Association, Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society, Infant Welfare Board, and she is the founder and secretary of the Northcote Creche. Mrs. Dennis has spent her lifetime in giving service in her spheres in the same way as Cr. Dennis has given service to his fellow citizens.

MR. R. G. CASEY (CORIO)

Corio will be represented by Mr. R. G. Casey, whose career has been marked by distinction during his military service and later when he served in a diplomatic position as liaison officer in London between the Commonwealth Government and the British Foreign Office. Mr. Casey, who is aged 41 years, was born in Brisbane, and was educated at the Melbourne Grammar School and at Trinity College, later graduating with honors in the engineering school at Cambridge University. He is a son of the late Mr. R. G. Casey, a former chairman of the Victoria Racing Club. At the outset of the war Mr. Casey was appointed orderly officer to the late Major-General Bridges, and he served on Gallipoli and in France. In January, 1918, he was awarded the D.S.O. After the war he took charge of his father's business interests. In 1924 he was selected for the position of liaison officer at Australia House, where his work earned him great praise from the British and the Australian Governments.

(Walter T. Mott, 309 High street, Northcote)

STREET BETTING

FINE OF £30 IMPOSED

MAN PLEADS GUILTY

At the Northcote court on Tuesday Leslie Lawrence Gilmour, Cruickshank street, Port Melbourne, was charged with having been in High street on November 21 for the purpose of street betting.

Constable W. Swingler said at 1.10 p.m. on November 21 he saw Gilmore in High street, near Dundas street, surrounded by a crowd of men. He was taking bets from men, and an official book of weights was being handed round. He admitted having taken about 60/ in bets that day, and said that it was the third day on which he had taken bets. In his possession was found a betting book.

Defendant pleaded guilty, saying "I was there all right."

Gilmore was fined £30, in default two months' imprisonment, together with £2 costs. He was allowed to pay the fine at the rate of £5 a month.

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

TWO MEN INJURED

PETROL FUMES IGNITE

At about 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon two men were injured—one critically—when petrol fumes in a 500 gallon tank exploded. The effects of the explosion were felt within a radius of a few hundred yards of the garage at the corner of High street and Union streets.

The garage, which was closed at the time is owned by Mr. W. Walker, of High street, and repairs were being carried out. Two men, J. McDearmid, 31 years, Hudson grove West Brunswick, and James Jordan, 47 Cornwall street, West Brunswick were repairing a 500 gallon tank which had been used for a petrol pump.

McDearmid was welding a patch on the end of the tank with a blow lamp when the explosion occurred. The end of the tank was torn completely out, and carrying McDearmid was thrown up against the garage wall with terrific force. McDearmid's felt hat was cut to ribbons and practically all his clothes were torn off. He received extensive injuries from the flying metal and also extensive burns from the explosion.

Jordan, who, it is thought was standing at the side of the tank, was unconscious when picked up, but he had escaped the full force of the explosion though he was badly burned and sustained many cuts and bruises. Both men were rushed to the Melbourne Hospital by ambulance and admitted. McDearmid is suffering from serious burns, cuts and bruises to the face and hands and body Jordan sustained burns and bruises to the face and body. McDiarmid's condition is critical, and it is thought that if he does recover he will lose his eyesight.

The explosion broke most of the windows in the building and alarmed business people and residents in the vicinity.

A Merry Christmas to All

The Proprietors of the Leader Publishing Co. wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We Thank our Friends for their help in the past and wish them a Prosperous New Year.

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Goodwill to Men."

PETROL TANK EXPLOSION

Two men were severely injured at Northcote on Monday when an empty petrol tank which they were repairing with a blow-lamp exploded. The damaged tank after it had been blown across the garage.

Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

WESTLEIGH COLLEGE

A large gathering of parents and friends attended the speech night of Westleigh College on Wednesday evening. The mayor of Northcote (Cr. W. Olver, J.P.) presided and spoke of the traditions of Westleigh and the great advantages obtained in having a school of this kind in Northcote, also of the favorable influence of such ladies as those who have had the school from its inception.

The report of the principal, read by Cr. Norris, of Preston, stated that the progress of the school was maintained, although, like many other educational establishments, it had felt the depression. Mrs. Flynn expressed her opinion that girls intending to take up the commercial and other courses should stay at school another year after reaching the merit standard, thus gaining a better and wider knowledge of the work. An example of this was shown by Miss Betty Turner obtaining a full scholarship for three years at the Presbyterian Ladies' College. The attendances of the school were wonderful, as nine pupils attended the whole year, and one pupil (Patricia Hammond) for four years. Great improvements were shown in the special work. An exhibition of art work was held and showed the great talent of the pupils The principal thanked the teachers for the good work of the year, and the parents for their great help and support in such a practical way with donations to the prize fund. She thanked the mayor and mayoress, Cr. Norris and the Rev. T. Cole for their presence.

The following short programme was given by Miss Pauline Abrahams and pupils of the school:—Recitation and monologue, "The Bells," Miss Abrahams; song, Mavis Kruger; recitation, Doris Rice; song, Wilma Wilson; play, "Gollywog in Fairyland," by the school, the following pupils taking part:—B. Turner, N. Young, A. Honeycombe, D. Braley, N. Cock, S. Sharp, B. Stott, D. Brown, J. Ackary, P. Clark, K. Dixon, E. Shaw, D. Smith, E. Flanagan, N. Lowe, D. Rice, R. Hamilton, M. Kruger, N. Acres, N. Hull, R. Sullivan, P. Hammond.

Prize List

Dux of Intermediate Form (gift of Cr. Norris).—B. Turner.

Dux of School (gift of Mr. E. Turner).—D. Braley.

Honour Prizes.—B. Turner, D. Braley (gift of Mr. Norris), N. Young (gift of Mrs. Dixon), A. Honeycombe, S. Sharp

Pass Prizes.—N. Cock, G. Hull, B. Stott.

Vb.—Dux (gift of Mr. Turner).—D. Smith.

Va.—Dux (gift of Cr. Norris), P. Clark. Honours: J. Ackary, E. Shaw. Pass: D. Brown, K. Dixon, J. Hutchinson, E. Flanagan.

IVb.—Pass: D. Rice, N. Lowe.

IVa.—Dux: N. Acres (gift of Mrs. Dixon), D. Harrison, M. Kruger, R. Hamilton.

IIIb.—Dux: B. Davies (gift of Mrs. Dixon). Pass: P. Hammond, N. Hull, R. Sullivan, J. Phillips.

IIa.—Dux (gift of Cr. Norris): V. Bardsley. Pass: J. Cant, M. Main, C. Scott, D. Wilson, E. Parkinson, M. Winder, W. Wilson, G. Wall, S. Edwards, A. Morris, C. Lay, E. Beach.

Preparatory School

Dux (gift of Mrs. Edwards), L. Howse (gift of Mr. Turner), Mac Davies, (gift of Mrs. Dixon) B. Bennett.

Pass.—M. Scott, A. Doggett, J. Nancarrow, F. Hammond, D. McColl, H. Winder, J. Norris, M. Taylor, J. Scott, N. Wakeum, J. Stott, G. Davies, D. Bray, A. Bray, P. Abrahams, K. Morgan, G. Derrett, E. Derrett, V. Scott, S. Kyle, A. Condie, J. Richardson, D. Fyfe, J. Smith.

Conduct.—B. Turner (gift of Miss Rayment), D. Braley, N. Young, A. Honeycombe, S. Sharp, B. Stott, D. Smith, J. Hutchinson, D. Harrison, M. Main, M. Winder, A. Doggett.

Scripture.—D. Braley, P. Clark, B. Davies, R. Hamilton, V. Bardsley, L. Howse.

Music (gifts of Miss Rayment).—D. Smith, J. Cant, D. Bray, D. McColl, A. Parkinson.

Singing (gifts of Miss Sinclair).—S. Sharp, A. Doggett.

Sewing (gifts of Miss Rayment).—N. Lowe, M. Scott, V. Bardsley.

Elocution (gift of Miss Pauline Abrahams).—D. Smith.

Drawing (gifts of Miss Nicholls).—A. Honeycombe, B. Davies.

Attendance.—N. Young, D. Smith, J. Ackary, N. Acres, R. Hamilton, B. Davies, N. Hull, P. Hammond, J. Phillips, S. Edwards, A. Morris, E. Beach, L. Howse, F. Hammond, D. McColl, M. Davies, D. Bray.

Order Prizes (gift of Mrs. W. Wilson.—D. Braley, N. Young, S. Sharp, B. Davies, M. Main, M. Winder, A. Morris, J. Nancarrow, J. Norris, G. Davies.

Physical Culture (gifts of Bjelke Petersen).—D. Braley, D. Brown, D. Rice, R. Hamilton, R. Sullivan, V. Bardsley, S. Sharp, M Scott

Tennis.—D. Brown, D. Braley.

Prefect (gift of Mrs. Hammond).—N. Cock.

TAILOR ROBBED

TWICE WITHIN A FORTNIGHT

FRONT DOOR FORCED

For the second time within a fortnight the premises of Mr. H. Young, tailor, High street, Croxton, were burgled on Sunday night. The thieves forced off the lock on the front door and cleared the window of suits and material.

On the occasion of the previous burglary thieves forced their way into the premises of Mr. J. F. Cooper, printer, which adjoins Mr. Young's shop, and then cut a hole through the wall dividing the two buildings.

Burglaries of this nature point to the urgent necessity of additional police protection.

Activities at Preston

By The Rouseabout.

Good Wishes

"THE Rouseabout," in wishing the readers of this column a peaceful Christmas and prosperous New Year, hopes—"That the clouds of '31 may disappear, and the sun shine on all during the coming New Year."

Mr. Olney Remembers

THE Hon. H. H. Olney, the newly-elected M.L.C. (in succession to Mr. Beckett) has forwarded a nicely-written letter to the Preston council, wishing the members thereof "a merry Christmas and a bright and happy New Year." In Mr. Olney's message is also conveyed a kindly sentiment to the citizens of Preston."

Private Street Construction Fees

PRIVATE street construction payments are coming in to the municipal coffers in a satisfactory manner. Some large amounts are to hand during the past two weeks, including one cheque for £350.

Sergt. Lang Resting

SERGT. Lang, the man who ably controls the Preston police force, is to enjoy a fortnight's rest from his labors. In the meantime Senior Constable Joiner, from Reservoir, will hold the fort.

Albert Madden's Gold Watch

PRESTON police are on the hunt for a gold watch, valued at £10 10, belonging to Albert Madden, a Preston council employe, who is a resident of Flett street, Preston. The robbery took place on Tuesday afternoon.

Off to the Seaside

CR. G. E. Robinson, accompanied by his wife and family, intend taking a spell for the next few weeks at a seaside resort. Cr. Robinson has not enjoyed the best of health for some time, and hopes to recuperate quietly, free from business, municipal and ordinary worries. In the meantime, the "seaside resort" is a secret.

Preston Baths

THE weather has not been too favorable within the last week for patrons of Preston baths to indulge in a dip. Still, £22 was received.

A Recent Death

NEWS has been received in Preston of the death of Mrs. Florence Smith, wife of Cr. Charles Smith, Uralla (N.S.W.). Mrs. Smith who was a daughter of Mrs. M. Wynne, Oakover road, West Preston, was an officer of the Salvation Army, as was also Mrs. Smith's sister, Adjutant Lily Wynne. Mrs. Smith was a niece of Mr. and Mrs. E. McAsker, Frier avenue, East Preston.

News From An Old Friend

A FEW years back Mr. C. Sobey was well known as manager of the Preston branch of the National Bank. Now he occupies an important position Sydney way. Mr. Sobey has not forgotten his Preston friends, to a number of whom he has sent felicitations for the present festive season.

A Good Riddance

FOR quite a long time past Preston people have had a justifiable complaint as to the dog nuisance here, there and everywhere in the streets. Dogs have been perfect pests to shopkeepers and householders, and a raid made on Tuesday against vagrant animals proved quite a success. Forty animals were roped in by the dog cart, which makes a periodical visit to Preston. The cost of the vehicle, it might be mentioned, is £4 for the day, and this amount will be paid by the local municipal authorities.

A Black Cat's Luck

PEDESTRIANS in Bell street, Preston, were treated on Wednesday morning to an exciting race between a black cat and two stray dogs. The former was dozing quietly on the path when the dogs made a sudden attack. The cat had easily the best of it.

Reconstruction of High Street

MR. Scott, engineer to the Preston City Council, will commence the of Bell street, directly after the holireconstruction of High street, south days.

Fireman Kirkland on Leave

ON New Year's Day Fireman Kirkland, a popular member of Preston Fire Brigade, will leave with Mrs. Kirkland on a trip covering Cape Otway, Warrnambool, Hamilton and surrounding parts.

Retrenched

AFTER having been in the employ of Preston council for over twelve months, Mr. Summers has been retired from the staff in the town clerk's office in connection with the retrenchment scheme. Mr. Summers proved himself an efficient officer during his term of engagement.

Clothing Stolen

JACK Broadway, of Raglan street, Preston, had his place broken into during the night of December 18 and clothing to the value of £20 stolen.

After Big Fish

MR. A. F. Deacon, accompanied by a party of local fishermen, will leave on Boxing Day for Jamieson Valley on a fishing expedition. Some big fish will be caught—that is, if the fishermen have any luck.

Vicar Indisposed

OWING to indisposition the vicar of All Saints, Preston (Rev. T. Wilkinson) was unable to conduct evening service last Sunday.

Christmas Tree

THE annual Christmas tree distribution took place in All Saints' parish hall, Preston, on Tuesday [illegible]. There was a large attendance of scholars and parents, and gifts were distributed to the children.

Red Cross Bazaar

A PLEASANT afternoon was held on Thursday, December 17, at the Prince Alfred Hall, South Preston, to augment the funds of the Preston Red Cross bazaar to be held next May. The hostesses were Mesdames [illegible] Vann and E. Bedson. A substantial sum was raised. The mayoress (Mrs. L. Jones) was present. The euchre prize (a hand bag) was won by Miss O. Bricknell; consolation prize, Mrs. Ridgewell; Christmas cake, Mr. Williams. The Christmas pudding went to Mrs. Shaw. A large collection of beautiful flowers, fancy work and cakes was on sale. The next function will be held in the supper room at the town hall in February next to aid the stationery and post office stall. Mesdames Netherton and Duff will be the hostesses.

Those Jokers!

A PROMINENT Preston resident, who is fond of shooting and owns some good gun dogs, was made the recipient of a small toy gun and two celluloid dogs by some of his friends and admirers at a recent function. He is now wondering who advised the police that he had in his possession an "unregistered gun," and why Mr. Iles, the Preston council's inspector, is inquiring about his two "unregistered dogs."

Head Injuries Prove Fatal

ALFRED Dwyer, of Rose street, North Preston, who was riding a motor [illegible] came into collision with a [illegible] High street, Preston, on November [illegible] died in St. Vincent's Hospital last week from head injuries.

Preston District Band Queen Carnival

THE Queen of Melody (Miss G. Nicholls) has a very large and energetic committee working in her interests and a programme of functions has been arranged with a social evening at Menhennitts, Plenty road, every alternate Wednesday until an allnight dance on New Year's Eve at the Prince Alfred Hall, corner High and Showers streets, Preston.

Irish National Foresters

PRESTON branch.—The fortnightly meeting was held on December 16 at the Sacred Heart school room, when a good attendance of officers and brothers adopted the half-yearly balance sheet, which it is gratifying to note, showed an increase of membership and funds. Much praise was given to the secretary (Bro. T. Shortal) for his endeavours to place the branch on a financial basis. Mr. Williams was nominated as a new member. The syllabus item, an impromptu musical evening was carried out, and an enjoyable night was spent, most of the brothers contributing an item. The most outstanding were:—Bros. Leacey, Foxwell, and Downey. The evening closed with the usual seasonal and Irish greetings. The Christmas stocking donated by Bro. Foxwell to provide Christmas cheer for unemployed brothers was won by P.J.B.E., 24 South street, Preston.

South Preston Branch A.N.A.

THE Preston South Branch of the A.N.A. tendered to the children of members a Christmas party on December 17. There was the old-time Christmas tree, laden with toys of all shapes and designs (all made in Australia). Each child received a present from Father Christmas, besides cakes and lollies. Some of the children rendered recitations, songs and dancing, and a happy two hours were spent. After the children's function the parents and friends indulged in old-time dancing. The ladies committee of the branch is to be congratulated on the success achieved.

CENTRAL PRESTON.

The Preston Unemployed girls have arranged a euchre party and dance in the Town Hall.

Several people left it too late to record their votes at the Town Hall polling booth.

The kindergarten Christmas treat at the Church of Christ on Saturday was a big success, about 170 children being present. The Y.W.L. party was also successful, the hall having been specially decorated. The cantata held on Sunday night was heard by a large congregation, the carols being appreciated by all. The C.E. society will not meet for the next two Sundays. The Cricket Club continues at the head of the list, a further victory being obtained on Saturday, the scores were:—Preston, 180 and 3 for 67 (closed) (Sharman 23, Clack 17) d Adelphians, 102 and 91 (Clack 6/61, Polglase 9/75, Brown 2/15, Sharman 1/7, Reddan 1/9).

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BOY SCOUTS.

1st. Northcote Wilkins' Rover Crew

On Thursday the last meeting of the crew before the new year was held. The first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday, January 6.

1st. Croxton Troop

During the year good work has been done by the troop and a spirit of comradeship fostered throughout. In the patrol competition the Magpie patrol was again successful in winning the flag, although only by a small margin. They also won the prize offered for the patrol that sold the most tickets for the recent picture night. Last Friday night we ended the year with a [illegible] and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In the new year the troop will meet on the last Friday in January, when every scout will be expected to be present again.

The position of voting in our Queen competition is as follows:—

Queen of Scouts, Miss L. Flett, 14.774.
Queen of Cubs, Miss A. Smith, 13.701.
Queen of Guides, Miss G. Kellett, 12.785.

1st. Preston Troop

The troop and pack will leave the Scout Hall at 9 a.m. to-morrow morning, for Janefield, where the Christmas camp will be held, and will return on Saturday afternoon, January 2nd. New Year's Day will be recognised as visitors' day, and a van will leave the Scout Hall at 9 a.m. and return from the camp at 8 p.m. The first meeting in the new year will take place early in February.

WHITTLESEA

The annual meeting of the Whittlesea Bush Fire Brigade was held on Monday night with a good attendance. Officers elected were:—President, Mr. D. A. Funston; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Sherwin and J. McDonald; treasurer, Mr. G. Borton. A strong committee was appointed. Captain, Constable J. Crawford; lieutenants, Messrs. McDonald and G. Borton. Mr. J. Sherwin was appointed as representative to the Bush Fire Brigade's Association with which body they are affiliated. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £13 18 9. Equipment is being prepared for use in connection with bush and grass fires which are expected later.

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CRICKET

DISTRICT ELEVENS

Northcote v University

This match was continued on Saturday. Northcote had scored 124 in its first innings to which University replied with five (closed) for 262.

Northcote went in to bat again and the side went cheaply, the only double figure scorers being Morgan 25, Powell 20, Fothergill, not out, 11 and sundries 14. It was just after half past five that the last man went to the crease, and with great doggedness Fothergill and Chivers, the not out men, played out time and avoided an outright defeat. Williams, for University, took four for 41, Kemp, 3/28 and Empey 2/32. University won on the first innings by 138 runs. Scores:

UNIVERSITY
First Innings

C. Woodfull, lbw., b Thorn	11
A. Jackson, c Fothergill, b McSperrin	85
J. Staines, c Thorn, b McSperrin	81
J. Rush, not out	50
L. R. Vollugi, b Fothergill	2
C. Perrett, c Fothergill, b Fleming	29
Sundries	4
Total, five wickets (closed) for	262

Bowling.—McSperrin 2/46; Fothergill, 1/33; Thorn, 1/30; Fleming, 1/36; Chivers, 0/48; Jordon, 0/65.

NORTHCOTE

First Innings	124
Second Innings	
G. Heron, b Empey	6
P. Ellis, c Jackson, b Williams	8
C. Morgan, c Jackson, b Kemp	25
C. W. Powell, c Kroger, b Kemp	20
W. Jordan, b Kemp	3
T. Garrett, b Williams	3
I. Fleming, b Empey	2
A. McSperrin, c Empey, b Williams	4
F. Thorn, c Woodfull, b William	7
H. Fothergill, not out	11
P. Chivers, not out	7
Sundries	14
Total, nine for	115

Bowling.—Williams, 4/41; Kemp, 3/28; Empey, 2/32.

SUB-DISTRICTS

Caulfield v Preston

In reply to Preston's 167 Caulfield, after an exciting finish, managed 195. S. Caddy, the captain, made 45 with good cricket and Caulfield have him to thank for their win. After being 3 for 98 wickets fell fairly fast until the score read 6 for 120. Law and Jones both missed being stumped off Gordon and took the score to 154. When Rayson and Laurie were together they required 14 to win. By stealing singles they gradually reduced the gap. When 7 were needed for a win, it took 9 overs to obtain them. Players and spectators alike were kept up to a great pitch while this struggle for runs was being made, for it only needed one wicket to fall and the last man would have had to do his share. Immediately on passing Preston's total the batsmen hit at anything and managed to get an extra 28 before the side was dismissed. Preston are to be congratulated on dismissing this strong side for this total, as it is the first time this season that Caulfield has been below 6 wickets and also below the 200 mark. With a little more luck the score would not have reached the 150 mark as no fewer than 3 batsmen were given two chances to make runs. F. Lawn, with 5/64, took the bowling honors, having bowled 27 overs for the match. H. Gordon 2/39, L. Spargo 1/36, and G. Bott 1/44 also bowled fairly well.

SUB-DISTRICT SECONDS

After dismissing Preston for 149 Caulfield who had lost 2 for 18, commenced full of confidence last Saturday. Taking no chances yet punishing anything loose, the Caulfield batsmen gradually overhauled the Preston total. After passing Preston's total the batsmen severely dealt with the bowling and at 5.15 the side was dismissed for 262. Although no one player stood out in the Caulfield batting everyone on the side contributed to the score, and gave the Preston bowlers little respite. In Preston's second innings four wickets were lost in getting 28 in the time left to play. F. Downs, with 13, was the only one who shaped anything like a batsman.

On Monday and Tuesday next a combined team from Preston first and second elevens will play the Victorian Teachers at Preston Park. Play will commence at 10 p.m. sharp.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES

A GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians, 128 (G. Duncan 29, G. Williamson 21, J. C. Watson 18, A. Shaw 17; L. Ames 1/19, F. Hatfield 2/22, B. Anthony, 3/31, H. Mathews 4/48) v Northcote Methodists, 35 and 50 (W. George 17, B. Anthony 10, M. Dunn 10; G. Duncan 10/53, H. Jones 3/11 and 3/4, C. Taylor 2/1 and 2/10). Presbyterians won outright by an innings and 43 runs.

B GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians, 197 and 67 (A. Gray 85, W. Robertson [illegible], D. Patterson 33, E. Douglas 21; N. Smith 4/43, R. King 3/2, E. Noel 1/22, B. Mathews 1/28, L. Emmerson 1/21) v All Saints Church of England, 163 and 1 for 15 (L. Emmerson 33, F. Mayfield 22, N. Smith 45; A. Gray 3/57, D. Patterson 0/48, E. Douglas 3/27, W. Walker 1/13, W. Robertson 1/8. Presbyterians won by 34 runs on the first innings.

C.E.B.S.

St. Mary's Preston, 58 and 71 (Wheeler 14, Telfer 12, Smith 13, Waters 11, Tasker 13, Merritt 7/44, Ash 8/35) v St Mark's West Preston, 50 and 9 (Colban 21; Tasker 5/13 Hook 11/20).

Sunday School Section

Thornbury Presbyterians A, 83 and 2 for 16 (E. Baker 17, J. Cheffer 27, S. Crozier 12, A. Logan 11; W. Bott 3/24, L. Bransgrove 3/23) v South Preston Methodists, 152 and 118 (W. Bott 29, A. Curnwood 43, R. Burgis 29; W. Frawley 11/99, L. Wilson 3/61, J. Cheffers 3/25). Methodists won by 69 runs on the first innings.

Thornbury Presbyterians B, 43 and 65 (H. Douglas 18, K. Swale 11, B. Elsworth 8 not out; Beecher, 6/18, R. Craig 4/8, A. Stark 4/37) v Northcote Presbyterians, 136 (R. Craig 44, G. North 38; Glen Forsyth 5/43, B. Elsworth 3/31). Northcote Presbyterians won by an innings and 28 runs outright.

Westgarth Baptists, 75 and 9 for 64 (Baker 2 not out; Rackham 6/24, Davis 5/21) d North Preston Methodists, 90 and 36 (Short 32, Davis; 21 Baker 4/13, Burridge 3/1).

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

I.O.R.—First Grade—North Section
Northcote v Sunshine

Sunshine suffered its first defeat for the season at the hands of Northcote on Saturday. On the first day Northcote scored 243 for 9 wickets and closed its innings. McIntyre and V. Patten opened the visitors' innings to the bowling of Dunn and Creighton but with the score at 18 McIntyre was clean bowled by Creighton, and with the addition of only 5 runs J. Patten, who had partnered his brother, met with the same fate, and with the score still at 23 V. Patten was run out. Four wickets were down for 27 when Taylor skied a ball from Scott to square leg and was caught by Toms. Ellingsen and Penrose then settled down and defied the attack which was changed frequently, but the scoring rate was very slow. When he had made 14 Penrose was caught behind the wicket off Jenkin. The partnership had realised 51, the score being 5 for 78. Dodson made 11 quickly and then fell a victim to Scott's lbw. trap. The game was still full of interest as Sunshine were fighting for a draw, and Ellingsen had risen to the occasion. With uncanny judgment and placing he monopolised the strike, not worrying about the runs. It was not until 10 to 6 that the last wicket fell giving Northcote the victory by 76 runs. Had he had more support, Ellingsen would have probably reached his century. His 93 not out was a wonderful innings. Scores:—Northcote, 9 for 243 (closed) (Mackay 56, Scott 97, Toms 16, Creighton 15, Anderson 11 not out, Dunn 10, Chanter 10; Taylor 3/61, McGrath 4/59, Dodson 1/15, J. Patten 1/20) v Sunshine, 167 (Ellingsen 93 not out, V. Patten 15, Penrose 14, Dodson 11; Creighton 2/29, Scott 4/30, Jenkin 1/18).

Junior Section

Dennis, 89, (Tuttleby 26, Malley 20, Morgan 14, Holmes 10 not out; Butler 5/25 Hill 3/28) d Samuel Mauger 32 and 35 (Butler 13, Mather 12; Bennett 9/22, Williams 7/31) by an innings and 22 runs.

Sons of Temperance

Alpha, 170 and 7 for 90 (closed) (Robinson 97, Craddock 23, F. Pentelow 17, and 12 not out, Hollingsworth 15 not out, Jones 13 not out; Phillips 5/51 Beecroft 6/77) d North Fitzroy, 99 and 6 for 50 (Phillips 24, Jones 20, Smith 18; Hollingsworth 7/41, Hegarty 3/30).

Thornbury, 81 and 8 for 71 (closed) (H. Young 42, and 24 not out; Rasmusen 5/30, Baker 5/24, Kelly 4/37) lost to Coburg, 87 and 5 for 29 (Rasmussen 23, Baker 20; Dunn 7/21, H. Young 6/45).

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

Croxton v Northcote G.U.O.O.F.

The Croxton captain won the toss and sent the Northcote G.U.O.O.F. to the wickets. The innings closed for 108 the principal scorers being Greenbank 19, Wright 15, Pepper 15 not out. Hastings, a left-hand slow bowler obtained 7 for 49. Croxton opened their innings with C. Johnson and W. Hamilton, who put on 45 for the first wicket. Johnson was well caught by Bernstein at first slip for 26. C Hamilton joined his brother, W. Hamilton, and the score was carried to 145. C. Hamilton was out lbw., for 40. The innings was declared closed with 6 down for 210. W. Hamilton was 100 not out and did not give a chance. On going in to bat again Northcote G.U.O.O.F. lost 9 for 33 the bowling was shared between F. Kitteringham, 5 for 9 and Hastings 3 for 16.

NORTHERN DISTRICT CLUB

Northfield v Albion Juniors

Northfield, 132, (P. Sands 57, K. Bolitho 23, E. Williams 17; Dennis 5/42, Shakespeare 1/1) v Albion Juniors 48 and 55 (Prior 12 and 11, Fox 12; P. Sands 6/18, K Bolitho 2/6, L. Wintle 7/12, E. Williams 1/4, N. Crossley 2/13). E. Wight was the best fielder of the day and also took five catches.

Preston C.Y.M.S. v Preston H.A.C.B.S.

The annual match was played at Eltham on December 13. Winning the toss, Lang sent the C.Y.M.S. to the wickets. Batting confidently, with scant respect for the bowling, B. Monagle, 72, and Naughton, 55, helped the C.Y.M.S. to declare with 9 down for 188. Anxious to win, the Hibernians chased the bowling and Tuttle, 48, Howard, 86, helped the score along to 188 for 7 wickets This critical stage, however, found the batsmen at sea to the spin bowling of W. Monagle, who, by capturing the last three wickets for no runs, caused the match to result in a tie—a fine finish to an exciting match.

Northcote C.Y.M.S. Ramblers v Epping

Northcote met Epping on Saturday. The latter won the toss, and decided to bat. After half-an-hour they were all dismissed for 32 runs. Bowling.—F. Kenneally, 8/13; F. Ously, 2/17. Northcote commenced their innings but met the same fate as Epping, scoring only 35 runs. Epping commenced their second innings and after some vigorous hitting compiled 122. Bowling.—Power, 2/11; O'Connell, 2/14. Northcote commenced their second innings and required 122 runs for an outright win with only 55 minutes to get them in. H. Hayes and J. Howard opened up and scored freely. The runs came quickly and at 6 o'clock Northcote had lost 9 for 119, winning by 2 runs on the first innings. Batting.—H. Hayes 19, F. Kenneally 40, J. Howard 19.

H.A.C.B.S.

Preston, 153, (Pitts 24, O'Meara 21, Wallace 18, Howard 17, Dalton 13, Ryder 12 not out, Lockwood 12, Sharp 10) and 6 for 20 (Wallace 14) v Richmond 101, (Lockwood 4/33, O'Meara 4/21). This was Richmond's first defeat for the season.

WOMEN'S CRICKET

Northcote v Labor Social B

Northcote played Labor Social B on Saturday and the result was as follows:—Labor Social B, 71, (M. Duffy 18, E. McLennan 11 not out and 2/31, Fell 3/34, King 0/7) v Northcote, 5 for 77 (Cannobio 2, and 4/15, S. Wilson 1/16, M. Ireland 15 and 1/6, Rowe 2/20, Johnson 2/11, G. Higgs 15). The match proved exciting Northcote requiring 9 to win with 10 minutes to go.

The next match, Northcote v Clifton Hill, will be played on the home ground on January 9.

Preston v Clifton Hill

Preston met Clifton Hill at Bell Park and scored a win on the first innings. Scores:—Clifton Hill, 42, (L. Whitby 10 not out and 6/40, G. Moorehead 12, W. Betts 2/9) v Preston, 6 for 80 (H. Hills 30 H. McKeown 15 and 2/7, E. Burkett 5/10, E. Cornell 11 and 1/0).

Tickets of admission may be obtained from the secretary for the match at Camberwell Cricket Ground on Boxing Day, Pioneer team v the present Victorian team. This match is attracting a great deal of attention as although most of the members of the pre-war team are married women with families, they are very proficient with bat and ball, and are expected to put up a good performance against the younger girls. Two members of the Preston team have been selected to play with the Victorian Girls' team. They are Edna Burkett and Hilda Hills.

OTHER MATCHES

Returned Soldiers

Preston, 75 and 53 (Hughes 1/10, Roberts 13; Perrott 3/18, and 7/22, McAlister 6/12) v Essendon, 92 and 4 for 43 (McAlister 29, Maher 27, Drinkwater 10 Maher 16 not out; Butler 4/19, Liddell 5/20 and 2/26) Essendon won outright by 6 wickets.

Regent Club

The first eleven continued the match against Westgarth (1 for 39) in reply to Regent's 172. The opposing batsmen fared badly and after B. Best, their skipper, was bowled for 27 the remaining batsmen offered litle resistance and the side was out for 67. Westgarth following on, were dismissed for 41, giving Regent an outright win. A feature of the second day was the fine bowling of F. Sansblebe, who in the first innings secured 6/31 and in the second innings 6/21. A. Gosstray took 4/39 and L. Robinson 2/15.

Up to this stage, the end of the sixth round, Regent is undefeated and heads the list.

The second eleven also obtained an outright win from Women's Hospital male staff On the first day the latter made 59 and Regent had lost 5 for 117. The score was carried to 170, W. Duggin knocking up 20 and N. Ross 18 (four 4's). The opponents in their second attempt were dismissed for 70 mainly due to the bowling of L. Langlands and W. Duggin (3/11 and 4/15) The seconds continue to improve and should trouble teams in the remaining matches. The next round of matches commences on January 9 1982.

A large crowd attended the fortnightly social and dance held on December 16 and the prize winners were.—Euchre, Mrs. Glascott and Miss I. Kenneuy; consolations, Mrs. O'Neil and Master Kennedy; lucky number, Miss M. O'Connor. The next social will be held on December 30.

JIKA CRICKET

Notes by "Mid On")

The sixth round was concluded on Saturday and there will be not further play in the Jika competitions until after the holidays The leaders in their respective grades are Gowerville and East Northcote, and both these teams have won all their matches with comparative ease. The most important game in the seventh round and one which will create great interest is the meeting of Gowerville and Prestonite and with fine weather should be a great match. Both sides have been strengthened and both are confident of success. On Christmas Day a social game will be played between teams chosen from the delegates representing the first and second grades in the Jika Association. The match will be played on the Bell Ramblers wicket and is timed to start at 2 o'clock. The results of the last round of matches is given in detail:—

Soccer v Thornbury Socials

Played on Haxby Park. When stumps were drawn the previous week Socials had lost 2 wickets for 3 in reply to Soccers' total of 126. Scores:—

SOCCER

First Innings	126
Second Innings	
McDonald, b Doherty	4
Jessop, c Murray	13
Frazer, run out	5
R. Gray, c and b Doherty	4
Jones, not out	6
Knowles, b Murray	0
R. Gray, b Doherty	3
Don st., b Doherty	0
Fairweather, c and b Muray	2
Colgrave, absent	0
Leek, absent	0
Sundries	1
Total	38

Bowling.—Doherty, 4/18; Muray, 4/19.

THORNBURY SOCIALS

First Innings	64
Second Innings	
Halley, b R. Gray	6
Murray, run out	1
Cunningham, c and b R. Gray	0
Hosking, l.b.w., b Knowles	1
Cass, not out	5
F. Doherty c and b R. Gray	3
Doyle, b Knowles	1
Ewham, b Knowles	0
Gelsham, b R. Gray	0
J. Doherty, b Knowles	1
Gray, b Knowles	0
Total	18

Bowling.—R. Gray 4/11, Knowles 5/7.
Soccer won outright by 82 runs.

Northcote Junior Footballers v. Highview

What looked like certain defeat was turned into an outright victory by the Footballers whose bowling proved too good for Highview Scores.—

HIGHVIEW

First Innings	92
Second Innings	
E. Pike, b Linsey	4
J. Mitchelson, b Emmins	0
V. Pike, c and b Nudl	10
E. Gilbert, b Weate	21
C. Burt, b Emmins	5
L. Leach, b Weate	2
A. Pike, not out	7
Bradford, b Nudl	0
Robinson, l.b.w., b Weate	0
Chalkley, c and b Weate	0
Sundries	7
Total	57

Bowling.—Emmins 2/.., Linsey 1/16, Nudl 3/17, Weate 4/11

NORTHCOTE JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS

First Innings	68
Second Innings	
Davies, c and b A. Pike	12
A. Proposch, b E. Gilbert	5
W. Gilbert, c and b A. Pike	28
H. Proposch, stpd., b A. Pike	7
Martin, c and b J. Gilbert	13
Linsey, c and b A. Pike	1
E. Akers, not out	5
Weate, c and b A. Pike	6
Sundries	11
Total for 7 wickets	88

Northcote won by four wickets outright.
Bowling.—E. Gilbert 1/8, C. Burt 0/14, A. Bradford 0/88, A. Pike 5/16, Leech 0/6, J. Gilbert 1/9.

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Preston District Band

THE band will finish their social evenings as the Bradford hall on Saturday December 26 and ask their large following to support the five queens in their efforts which will be held at Menhennitt's, Plenty road, opposite Inglis') and Prince Alfred hall, corner Raglan and High streets, Preston. The band had an engagement on Friday last with the Fitzroy Traders and the proceeds were distributed among unemployed bandsmen. A picnic will take place on Boxing Ray to Rickett's Point All conveyances leave the band room at 9 o'clock.

Miss N. Boyle, Queen of Harmony, has a very strong committee working in her interests. There has been a large programme of entertainments arranged with a euchre party and dance on Christmas Eve and an all night dance with euchre till 10 p.m. at Bradford hall on New Year's Eve. The proceeds will be devoted to band funds.

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DEATH

MITCHELL.—At his late residence, 13 Helen St., Northcote, on 16th inst., Charles Mitchell, husband of the late Mary, father of Frederick Charles, Thomas, and Alexander, and brother to the late Polly, Thomas, late Kitty and Harry. Native of Northcote. Aged 74 years.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL

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ABOUT PEOPLE

The death occurred on December 18 at her residence, Martin street, Northcote, of Mrs. Eileen Daly, wife of Mr. William F. Daly, at the age of 38 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg Bartlett, 165 High street, Northcote, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son (John Reginald).

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wall, of Bell street, Heidelberg, celebrated the diamond jubilee of their wedding on December 24.

Present at the meeting of the Northcote council was Major Olver, father of the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. W. Olver, J.P.).

Cr. H. P. Zwar, of Preston, and Ex-Cr. H. F. Mitchell were welcomed by Mayor Olver at the Northcote council meeting on Monday.

At Grange road, Alphington, on December 15, there passed away Mrs. Jean Key, relict of the late Mr. Frederick Key. Mrs. W. Harless, Grange road, Alphington is a daughter.

Mr. Robert Knox, who has been station master at Mernda and Thomastown for many years, is retiring from the railway service after over 40 years' service. He intends to reside locally.

XMAS HOLIDAYS

The offices of the "Leader" at 309 High street, Northcote, and 298 High street, Preston, will be closed from Thursday night, December 24, till 9 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 1932.

Last week Mrs. Meakin, of Thornbury, a regular attendant and frequent soloist at the Northcote community singing, was successful at the Melbourne Town Hall where she competed in the solo for aged singers.

Mr. Norman Newton, son of Cr. and Mrs. Albert E. Newton, of Preston, has passed the necessary examination and has become an associate of the Institute of Automobile Engineers.

The Town Clerk of Northcote (Mr. J. A. Thomson) has been granted his annual leave from January 4 to 23. Mr. H. C. Ferguson, assistant Town Clerk will act during the absence of the town clerk.

There passed away on Tuesday at the residence of her daughter (Mrs. Robbs, Maribyrnong) Mrs. Mabel Lawrence, late of 21 Shaftesbury parade, Thornbury, at the age of 50 years. Her husband predeceased her, and a family of six survive. The interment was made at Heidelberg cemetery on Wednesday.

There passed away at the residence of her daughter, at Kitchener grove, Preston, on December 18 Mrs. Rose Ann White, wife of Mr. Thomas Robert White, at the age of 69 years. Members of the family are Ethel (deceased), Arthur, Alice, (deceased), Mabel (deceased), Ella (Mrs. G. Worthington), Louie (deceased), Albert Olive (Mrs. Gluyas, Oakleigh), and Robert.

A small group of friends gathered at St. Luke's Church of England, North Fitzroy, last Saturday afternoon to witness the baptism of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tribe, of Blackburn, who have many friends in Preston. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. F. A. Ray, TH.L., grandfather of the baby, who was christened Norma Margaret. The godparents were Miss Winnie Powell and Mr. Fred Tucker.

Mrs. Cora Blanche Sarjent, 51 years of age, Young street, Preston, wife of Mr. William Sarjent, electrician, died on Tuesday last. She left one daughter Eveline (Mrs. Austwick, East Preston). Mrs. Sarjent received a stroke about 17 weeks ago. Her remains were interred in Strathallan cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Parsons, vicar of St. Mary's, Preston, officiated at the graveside. The mortuary arrangements were well carried out by Mr. Ern. Jensen, undertaker, High street, Preston.

Mr. P. J. Mitchell has been appointed secretary of the Northcote Football Club. This appointment was made by the committee. Mr. Mitchell has been a keen follower of football for many years. He has held the position of secretary in the East Brunswick club in the Sub-District Association. He has also had experience as a field umpire having acted in League matches for the three past seasons. Football and cricket clubs have been Mr. Mitchell's hobby and during the last 15 years he has held office and acted in an advisory capacity in many clubs. Northcote is indeed fortunate in securing the services of one so capable, conscientious and a man who holds the goodwill and esteem of all who come into contact with him. Mr. Mitchell is well-known in Northcote in connection with the Northcote and District Ice and Cold Storage Works.

A "Fair Issue"

Solicitor (examining witness about the number of drinks he had had).—Do you know what a fair issue is?

Witness.—No. I do not know what you would consider a "fair issue." (Laughter.)

CHURCH NEWS

James Street Presbyterian Church

Special Christmas services were held on Sunday, the congregations being large. In the morning the anthem was "Blessed be the Lord." The soloists were Mrs. Muir, and Mr. J. Thomson. The Rev. A. T. Jones delivered special Christmas addresses. In the evening Mr. Muir sang "The Star of Bethlehem." The anthem was "Sing to God," and the soloists were Mesdames Burroughs and Paull.

Church of the Epiphany

There was a large congregation on Sunday when a carol service was held after the evening service. Rev. T. Cole delivered an impressive address from the text "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son." A special feature was the singing of the boys (unaccompanied) of "Away in a Manger." Other beautiful numbers were "Across the Snow," and "Come to the Saviour, the children's King."

Croxton Methodist Church

The speaker at the Croxton Methodist Young Men's class last Sunday afternoon was Dr. Judkins, who gave an interesting address on mission work in Papua, its people and their mode of life and customs. Dr. Judkins opened medical missionary work among the natives, and now a fine hospital has been established. Miss A. Birchdolt and Miss A. Broadbent expressed to Dr. Judkins the appreciation of the members for his fine address.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church

Special Christmas choral services were held last Sunday. The Rev. F. J. Jennings preached in the morning to a large congregation. A special feature was the singing of old English carols. The evening service was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Duggleby, who spoke of the angels' message to the shepherds at Bethlehem. A full choir rendered the anthems "Ring Out Wild Bells" and "Sweetly through the Night." Mrs. Hounslow, Miss Edna Jones and Messrs. Langfield and Alex. Oates sang "Silent Night." The carols "Peace on Earth" and "Sleep Holy Babe" were also rendered by the choir. The floral decorations were provided by members, and most tastefully arranged by Mrs. W. Firth. The Christmas tree for kindergarten scholars was a wonderful success.

St. Aidan's Church

At Evensong on Sunday, 20th. inst., a banner, presented by Mr. and Mrs. C. Schwaebsch, of Kellett street, to the Girls' Friendly Society, was received by the Rev. J. O. Hughes. The presentation of Sunday School prizes was made by the Rev. T. Cole. A programme of songs and recitations was rendered. Presentations were made by the pupils to Mrs. Blackman and Mr. Hughes. The boys club presented Mr. Ziebell with a handsome gift in recognition of his services as instructor. Mr. Hughes is taking a holiday at Flinders for the next fortnight, and the Sunday School is going into recess until January 17. Christmas carols were rendered at Evensong on Thursday, Christmas Eve.

Church of the Epiphany

Last Tuesday evening the choir tendered a presentation social to Miss A. Noar and Mr. S. Jackson, on the occasion of their approaching marriage. Both have been members of the choir for a considerable time. Mr Emery, on behalf of the choir, spoke appreciatively.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

At evensong on Sunday last two Christmas carols were rendered by the choir. The vicar officiated and discoursed on "The significance of the doubt of St. Thomas." This Friday being Christmas Day, there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; the latter service being choral. The vicar (the Rev. W. H. Chamberlain) will celebrate and preach on Christmas Day, and also on Sunday next, December 27, when services commence at 8 a.m. with a celebration of Holy Communion, followed at 11 a.m. by choral eucharist. At 4.15 p.m. Holy Baptism will be administered and at 7 p.m. evensong will follow. During the absence of the vicar on holidays the services will be conducted by visiting clergymen. The Rev. H. J. Gauntlett will officiate on Sundays January 3 and 17 while the Rev. B. N. White will celebrate and preach on January 10.

St. Aidan's Church

On Saturday afternoon the usual Christmas tree was held for the kindergarten classes. A number of items were given and tea was served, after which Father Christmas (Mr. White) appeared. He distributed the gifts from the tree and Mr. J. Blackney presided.

On Sunday evening a Christmas musical service was held which was well attended. Mr. J. E. Blackney gave an inspiring address.

All Saints' Church

A successful Christmas tree children's party was held in the Parish Hall last Tuesday. When Father Christmas appeared there was great excitement. Each child received a present. The ladies who organised the effort are to be congratulated.

P.G.F. and O.B.B. Annual Banquet

The annual banquet of the Thornbury Presbyterian Girls' Fellowship was held on 15th inst. The Thornbury Order of the Burning Bush, begun only a few months previously held their final meeting in the form of a banquet and combined with the P.G.F. to form one effort and social evening. There was a good attendance. The visitors included Mrs. C. Jones (Ladies' Guild), Mrs. T. Lambe and Mrs. J. Watson (P.W.M.U.), also Messrs. Franks and Stonehill (Scouts), A. McDonald (Congregation), B. Sellars and F. Fenwick (Bible Class) and L. Sellars (Junior Bible Class). Rev. S. C. Hadley presided and an enjoyable evening was spent by everybody present. The following toasts were honored:—"The King" (in silence); "The Church," proposed by Mr. T. Pepper, responded to by Mr. A. McDonald; "The P.G.F.," proposed by Mr. G. McDonald, responded to by Miss E. Nelson; "The Scouts," proposed by Miss E. Culliss, responded to by S.M. Franks and A.S.M. Stonehill; "The O.B.B.," proposed by Mrs. Hadley, responded to by Mr. J. Kiel; "Ladies' Guild," proposed by Miss A. Nelson, responded to by Mrs. C. Jones; "Press," proposed by Mr. E. Laming, responded to by Mr. J. Hooper; "Parliament," proposed by Mr. E. Douglas, responded to Mr. G. Jones; "Visitors," proposed by Miss C. Waycott, responded to by Mrs. T. Lambe. Between the toasts popular songs were played by the pianiste, Miss E. Garcia.

Preston Church of Christ

The Christmas activities of the Preston Church of Christ have been exceedingly varied this year and have also taken a very practical turn. The various Young Peoples' auxiliaries such as the clubs and Y.W.L. have held Christmas parties. The J.C.E. are sending a gift to the Burwood Boys' Home. The kindergarten children were given a party, with a visit by Father Christmas, this all being arranged by the Mothers' Club. But the best activity has been the preparation and distribution of over 80 hampers to homes connected with the church and school, where distress is felt through unemployment.

On Sunday the minister (Mr. A. J. Fisher) preached an appropriate Christmas sermon in the morning while at night a pictorial carol service was conducted, there being a crowded congregation. The choir, under the baton of Mr. J. Lang, rendered several Christmas anthems.

St. Mary's Church of England

Carols were rendered by the choir last Saturday evening and were much appreciated by a large congregation and several solos were sung. The preacher for the evening was Mr. E. C. Tribe, a churchwarden of the church, who has also been a lay reader. He took the place of the vicar, who was called away to take a service. An excellent address was given when he urged those present to have the Christmas spirit of kindness and forgiveness. The C.E.M.S. entertained the Boys' Club to a social last Saturday evening.

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Northcote Council

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

The last meeting of the Northcote council for the year was held on Monday. Present were the mayor (Cr. W. Olver, J.P.) and Crs. J. O. Hughes, B. E. Johnson, A. H. Oldis, W. Glanfield, S. Pinkney, S. Dennis, J. H. Green, A. Bird, W. Turner, M. C. Jones, W. Hayes, J. Sutch, A. E. Peters and A. J. Cornish.

Q.M.I.D. Hospital.—Council's quarterly contribution is £191/18/7, a reduction of £13.

Electricity Charges. — Minutes of conference of metropolitan municipalities convened by Brunswick council re charges of State Electricity Commission for bulk supply of current, recommending the formation of a permanent conference of two councillors and electrical engineer of each council concerned.

Cr. Turner moved that the recommendation be agreed to, and that the recommendation of the E.L. Committee that Crs. Oldis and Turner be appointed be adopted.

Cr. Turner said that from time to time as the contracts of the various councils who had their own undertakings expired, the commission made new contracts. It was the object of the conference to bring all bulk charges into line, and not allow the commission to force up the price. The commission had tried to increase the charge for electricity to Brunswick to the extent of almost 100 per cent. on the load. If a conference representing the metropolitan electric light undertakings was formed it could keep a close eye on the doings of the commission.

The recommendation was adopted.

Private Street Construction.—The Municipal Association advised that the State Parliament had passed a Bill to permit a temporary reduction of interest payable in respect to moneys due for private street construction from 6 per cent. to an amount not lower than 5 per cent.

Electrical Interruptions.—J. Pitt Pty. Ltd. expressed gratification at the prompt attention given by the council's electrical staff to slight electrical stoppages.

Cr. Turner said that no municipal undertaking had a staff as efficient, courteous and prompt as Northcote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Committee.—Street construction accounts £121/9/4 and general accounts £2113/19/9 were paid.

Indicator Boards. — The engineer was authorised to erect indicator boards in Westgarth street showing Ross street as an alternative route to the city instead of via the corner of High and Westgarth streets.

Cr. Johnson said that if this were done it would divert traffic from High street. The only times there would be congestion at the Westgarth gates would number about six per year. The council received a lot of its revenue from High street, and should do all it could to foster the interests of the High street traders.

Cr. Green said the ratepayers had asked that the indicator boards be installed and the council should give consideration to their wishes.

Cr. Cornish said whatever expense would be incurred would be borne by the South Ward. Westgarth street would carry the traffic, whereas Ross street would need attention if it had to carry extra traffic.

Cr. Pinkney: It will be a waste of money to erect the boards, for the number of people who will use the alternative route. The expenditure of £5 would be sheer waste.

The recommendation was agreed to.

R. Lang was granted permission to erect a garage at rear of property, 80 Victoria road.

Electric Light Committee. — Accounts totalling £3,088/9/1 were paid.

Hartingdon street.—The cost of installing centre lighting would be £14, and extra maintenance would cost £4/5/ per year.

Cr. Cornish said the council was centre lighting almost every chainwide street, and Hartingdon street should receive the same consideration. The work would be done by the council staff. The present lighting was of little use as the lamps were obscured by the foliage of trees. If better lighting could not be given the trees might be removed.

Cr. Jones said the street was adjacent to the station and should be well lighted.

A recommendation that no action be taken was adopted.

Parks and Baths Committee.—Accounts totalling £159/7/4 were paid.

Finance Committee.—Additional accounts to the foregoing totalling £4639 12/6 were paid. This amount includes £4105/12/10 interest and redemption on loans.

Interest on private street Construction Instalments.—Legislation having been passed to permit of a reduction of interest from 6 per cent to 5 per cent. on street construction charges, the town clerk was instructed to decrease the interest charges as from January 1 next.

Cr. Cornish said interest had been remitted to the council, and the reduction was being passed on to people whose streets had been made.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Cr. Glanfield moved that poor lighting in Main street be the subject of a report by the electrical engineer. —Carried.

Cr. Oldis said lighting in Hillside avenue needed attention. The current supply seemed to be poor.—Report to be obtained.

Cr. Glanfield said pipe cut in Northcote street needed attention.—To be done. Man hole opposite 30 Oxford street was worn down.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Glanfield voiced complaints that decayed fish were dumped in the East Ward park to the intense annoyance of residents.—Health officer to give attention.

Cr. Green said a ratepayer of Charles street had said that three pipes had been burst during re-sheeting operations.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Green said a dead tree in Cunningham street, east of the railway, needed replacing.—Parks Committee.

Cr. Oldis moved that channel in Mitchell street, near Thames street, be the subject of a report by the engineer. Water lay in the channels for considerable periods.—P.W. Committee. Steel crossing over channel in Thames street installed by the council was loose.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Oldis asked if garbage was being tipped at the Fitzroy tip.

The Engineer: Yes. Less than 5 per cent. of the garbage collected is being tipped at Melot's tip. As methods of collection are altered ratepayers have to be notified, and it takes a long time.

Cr. Oldis said it was a pity that Northcote was tipping at the Fitzroy (Melot's) tip, as the more garbage tipped in the East Ward, the sooner it would be filled. The sooner this was done the better it would be for everyone.

The engineer was instructed to report.

Cr. Peters moved that thistles at Merri Park be attended to.

The engineer said the park was very uneven, and to do any cutting of thistles would be a waste of money as there were depressions everywhere. The only way to deal with the park would be to place a coating of soil 4 or 5 inches deep on the park.

Cr. Peters: All I ask is that the thistles around the cricket pitches should be cut.

Cr. Turner: These are star thistles. The council forces ratepayers to cut these thistles and should itself cut the thistles on its own parks.

Cr. Jones: The cricketers should cut their own thistles. Cr. Peters is a cricketer.

The Mayor: Leave the matter in Cr. Peters' hands. (Laughter).

Cr. Cornish said broken pavement in Hawthorn road was dangerous.—Engineer to give attention if necessary.

Cr. Jones said the corner of High street and Darebin road had been the scene of many accidents. A danger light should be installed there.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Cornish said that there were washaways a foot deep on the rise at the west end of Hawthorn road. The road was very rough.—P.W. Committee.

POINTED PROVERBS

THE SCAFFOLDING

As we write the finial stone of St. Paul's Cathedral is being placed in position by Archbishop Head. It marks the completion of a long-sustained work and crowns with beauty a striking building. But it will yet be some time before this beauty is manifest, for the scaffolding still hides the spire. Carlyle draws an interesting thought from such an event when he quotes an appropriate proverb which says:—"The house that is a-building looks not as the house that is built." Says Carlyle:—"Environed with rubbish and mortar heaps, with scaffold-poles, hodmen, dust-clouds, some rudiments only of the thing that is to be, can to the most observant disclose themselves through the mean tumult of the thing that hitherto is. How true is this same with regard to all works and facts whatsoever in our world; emphatically true in regard to the highest fact and work which our world witnesses—the Life of what we call an Original Man."

Christmas Festivities

A happy gathering of councillors of Northcote and leading citizens, together with their wives, assembled at the Northcote town hall on Monday evening at the invitation of the mayor of Northcote and Mrs W. Olver to exchange the season's greetings. The ladies attended whilst the council was in session, and, being accommodated in the chamber, were able to gain an insight into the way the business of the city is conducted. Possibly having some knowledge in this direction will in some way compensate them for the absence of their husbands for so many nights during the year whilst conducting council business.

It was noticed that after the advent of the ladies many items, which on ordinary nights would have been decided with but little discussion, brought forth their champions, who waxed eloquent.

The council business paper disposed of, an adjournment was soon made to the mayor's room, which was taxed to accommodate the assemblage. The mayor and mayoress proved genial hosts, and the evening passed all too quickly. A programme of musical items was appreciated, and speeches were interspersed throughout. Depression and all troubles were forgotten for the nonce, the keynote of the evening being a manifestation of the Christmass spirit, with peace and good will to all. To the programme Mr. W. Townsend, Miss Stella Guerroro and the Alexandra Quartette Party contributed, their efforts going towards making the evening a success. Amongst the visitors were Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., Minister for Railways, Mr. H. H. Olney, M.L.C., and Mrs. Olney, Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., and Mrs. Zwar (Preston, and leading and representative citizens of Northcote and their ladies. Speeches, which are oftimes tiring, were limited to time, the time-honored toasts being honored to the satisfaction of everyone. It was a happy gathering which broke up with Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem, and each and everyone present was loud in praise of the evening's entertainment, and in thanking the mayor and mayoress, and Miss Gwen Olver for their hospitality.

Sacred Heart School, Preston

The following are the results of the above school for 1931. Scholarship to St. Coleman's Central College, George Norwood. Free places at St. Coleman's and St. Ida's Central Colleges, John Woodhouse; Kathleen McMahon.

Merit Certificate.—George Norwood, Michael Donahoo, Neil Dwyer, William Fyfe, Albert Cunningham, William Moloney, John Woodhouse, William Peters, Ronald Kelly, Peter Moran, Patricia Hall, Mary Dornan, Molly Handley, Eileen Hackett, Dorothy Taylor, Mary Brooker, Mary Tannock, Kathleen McMahon.

The following obtained part scholarships to Bradshaw's Business College, Eileen Hackett, Dorothy Taylor, Mary Dornom.

Music Results, University of Melbourne —Pianoforte, Constance Hyland (honors) Elizabeth Mair (honors); Dorothy Dalgleish (honors); Melva Pooley (credit); Gwen Rainford (credit); Joan Keating (credit).

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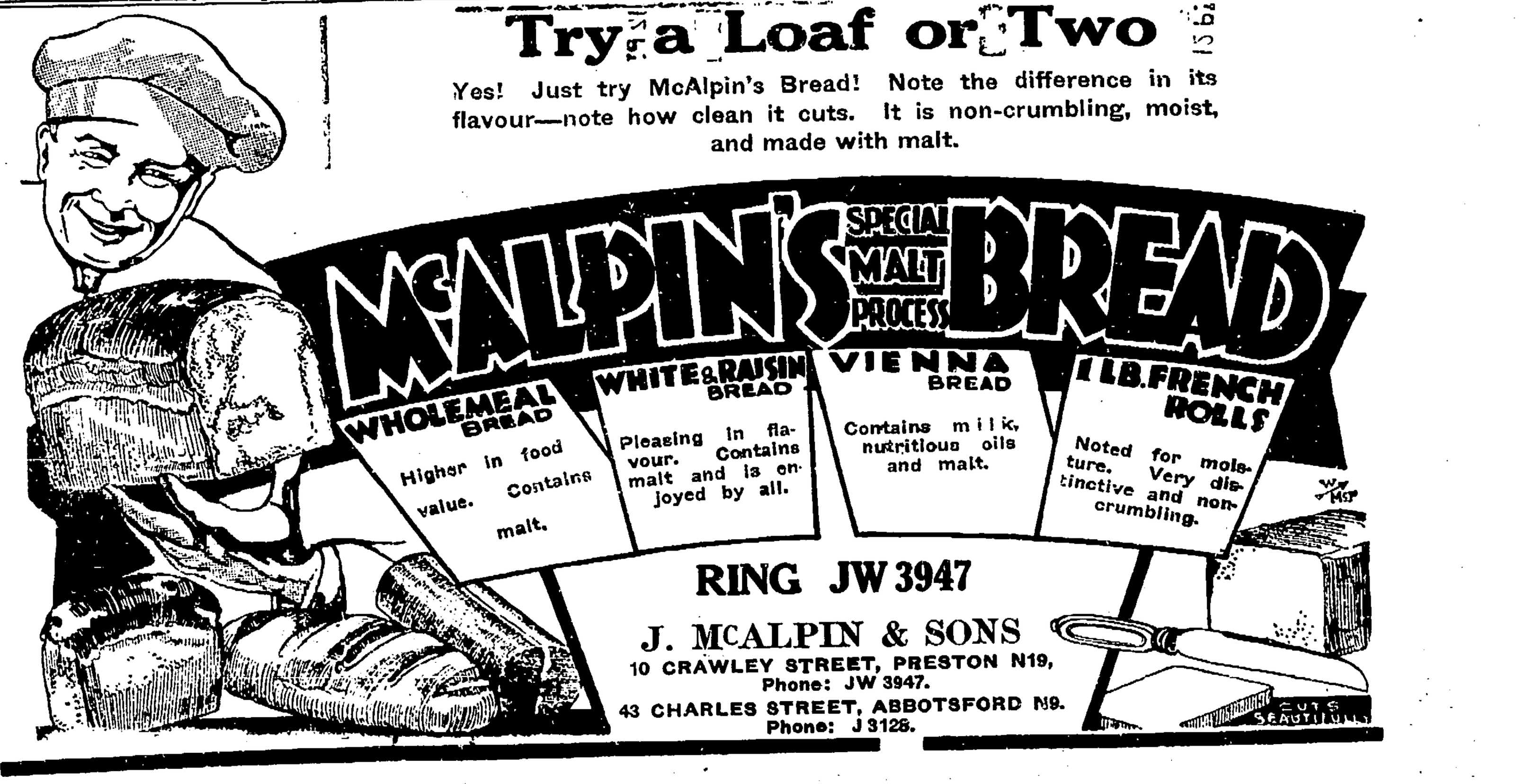

THE BAILIFF

Our Complete Story

By J. P. LOUGHNAN

Plot within plot centred round the man in possession

"THERE'S a dragon in the kitchen!" whispered Mick O'Malley.

"What do you mean " gasped Rosemary, peeping towards the tiny kitchenette that adjoined Mick's studio.

"Nip into the studio before he bites you, and I'll explain."

Rosemary darted into the big, bare room with its top light, perched herself on the edge of the model's throne, and turned a dainty, inquisitive face to Mick.

"Now," she breathed, "who, what, and how's this dragon of yours ?"

"He's a baliff, put in by some idiot creditors who won't wait till I've finished your portrait and made my name'," Michael explained. "It's my belief this has been wangled by Cousin Martin."

"But why ?" demanded the girl.

"Ah, that's the point ! I got a letter this morning from an uncle of mine who's just home after 25 years in China. Uncle Peter's coming along here; he may arrive at any minute. In his letter he says that Cousin Martin has given a pretty poor report about me, so he's calling to see if I'm as bad as Martin makes out. What'll he say when he finds a bailiff in possession ?"

Rosemary knitted her delicate brows.

"Tell me," she asked, "what sort of a man is your dragon ?"

"Large, tough-looking sort of customer, with a hard, grey eye. Not a bad chap so long as you keep the right side of him, I imagine. Why?"

"I think I'll go and interview him, Mick. I've got an idea."

"Won't you tell me what it is ?"

"Yes, if you like," smiled Rosemary. "Listen. Why shouldn't we get your dragon to help us with Uncle Peter ? Then the old chap might pay off your debts."

"How could he help ?"

"By helping you to appear successful." Rosemary began to bubble with laughter. "Here are you, the rising young artist engaged on an important portrait, with your manservant, James in attendance ! The bailiff shall be James I'll go and ask him now. Meanwhile, arrange your canvases around the room."

She slipped into the kitchenette, while Mick hastened to obey her instructions. As he finished arranging the pictures, back came Rosemary, accompanied by a big, clean-shaven man whose grey eyes now twinkled with a touch of humor.

"This is James, your old family retainer," she gravely announced.

"Pleased to be of any assistance, sir," agreed James. "As a rule this is a dull kind of job. If I can help you raise some money from your rich uncle I shall be forwarding the interests of them as sent me here, besides enjoying the harmless deception. What lovely picshere——"

A sharp knock interrupted him; he wheeled about and marched out of the studio. Next minute he was back, announcing in best butler fashion:

"Mr. Peter O'Malley !"

Mick advanced to shake hands with a short, thick-set man, with grey hair and moustache, who wore an expensive-looking fur-lined overcoat.

"How do you do uncle ? Let me introduce you to Miss Rosemary Childers."

Uncle Peter's welcome comprised two grunts. Then his keen eyes flew to the paintings.

"Humph !" he grunted again. "Glad to see you've been working: but are those things worth money ? That's the question."

"Why, of course they are !" declared Michael. "I expect every one of 'em will be sold before the week's out. That's almost a cert, isn't it James ?"

"Undoubtedly, sir."

"Who may you be ?" snapped Uncle Peter.

"Master Michael's servant and friend, sir," replied James gravely.

"I don't understand this," growled Uncle Peter. "But I soon shall," he went on grimly. "Martin is meeting me here this morning. When he arrives I mean to find out the truth. Ah, here he is!"

James hastened to answer the knock, and came back with a pale, rather overdressed young man, who rushed at Uncle Peter.

"My dear uncle, welcome home !" gushed Martin. "Now you must come along to my club for lunch. I expect you've already seen enough of Michael, and want to get away from this sort of thing, eh ?"

"What sort of thing ?" sharply demanded Uncle Peter. "He seems to be doing well enough—got a manservant."

"He's trying to fool you," returned Martin smoothly. "I happen to know his creditors have got a judgement summons against him. This man's not a servant. He's a bailiff. Come along."

Uncle Peter crossed to Martin and took his arm.

"The truth at last !" he muttered. "Yes, come on, my boy. I could do with a bit of lunch at your club." Without so much as a glance at Michael he marched out of the studio, arm in arm with Martin.

"Snookered !" groaned Micky. "Thanks to that smug cousin of mine. Never mind. Can't be helped. You did splendidly, James. We're grateful."

"I'd like to do more, sir,' James declared. "Perhaps I can. Now, these picshers have plenty of pep. These two, f'r'instance—both picshers with punch ! Look here, sir ! If you like to lend me them two canvases for an hour I believe I know a bloke who might buy 'em."

"Take 'em for two hours James, and good luck go with you !"

"Very well, sir. I'll do my best, if you'll give me your word not to leave the studio or try to dispose of your assets in my absence "

"I give you my word. And I'll give you a commission on any sale you can make. So long for the present. You're a sportsman, James."

When they were alone, Rosemary hurried to take her pose and Michael was soon at work.

"I have a feeling James will turn out to be our mascot," Rosemary presently announced.

"He shall come to our wedding," declared Micky.

A little later the treble knock of a telegraph boy sent Michael to the door. He dashed back.

"You're right about James !" he cried. "Listen to this Call Universal Polish Comany, 10, Gerard street, E.C., immediately. Will await you at studio. James"

Within half an hour Micky was in the City, listening to Mr. Greer, the advertise ment manager of Universal Polish.

"Every poster of ours must possess punch, Mr. O'Malley. That's what your pictures have. With a little alteration, these two would suit us very well. We'll give you five guineas a time, and you can submit some more."

Michael returned to Chelsea feeling a trifle dazed. He found Rosemary and James seated on either side of the model's throne in excited conversation. They broke off sharp as he entered the room, and listened while he told them what had happened. James nodded and chuckled.

"A contract, that's what you must ask for," he advised. "Then you can marry this charming young lady, hey ?"

"You've absolutely struck the nail on the head "

James rubbed his hands together and turned to Rosemary with a very charming smile. A change had come over the man which puzzled Michael. The official manner had disappeared: he seemed to thaw and become more genial each moment. There was also an air of dignity about him that Micky had not observed till now. When next James spoke it was as an equal.

"Tell him the story, my dear," he invited Rosemary.

She looked at Michael with laughing eyes.

"The baliff ought to have been here at ten o'clock this morning," she said. "Do you know why he was late ?"

"I haven't the faintest idea, darling. Why ?"

"Because he met your Uncle Peter outside these studios and they had a talk. The bailiff told your uncle how things were with you. When the old gentleman heard, he at once decided to pay the bailiff off, because it seems your dad used to be your uncle's favorite brother."

"Jolly decent of him to settle up for me before we met. But I wish you'd told me the truth, James."

"Couldn't do that. It would have spoilt the plot."

"I see what you mean. He was prepared to do one good turn before he compared me with Martin and chose which nephew he liked best. Well, Martin scored that time."

"I don't agree," contradicted Rosemary. "The fact is you haven't quite got the hang of your Uncle Peter's little plot yet. For instance, it was he who arranged with the Universal Polish people to take your pictures. He's a director of the company."

Michael still looked troubled.

"I'm jolly grateful," he muttered. "All the same, I would have liked to be treated as a pal by Uncle Peter. He has been a bit contemptuous hasn't he ?"

"There you're wrong once more," maintained Rosemary; "because you haven't yet tumbled to what has happened."

Her pretty face was alight with mischief as she went on slowly:

"Your Uncle Peter got the bailiff to play a part to-day. He coached him up a bit, gave him a fee in advance for his performance, and even got him to dress the part. But that was simple."

"How simple ?" inquired the mystified Michael.

"Your Uncle Peter and the bailiff swapped coats and hats this morning outside this studio door," answered Rosemary.

Michael dew a deep breath and stared hard at the man on the other side of the throne. What a cheery, hard-bitten old chap he was when he really allowed himself to smile. Slowly the delicious truth percolated through Micky's mind.

"Do you mean——" he gasped. "Do you mean to say—my Cousin Martin—went off from here—with—with—the bailiff ?"

"He did indeed, my dear," crooned Rosemary. "And this—this is you, Uncle Peter."

A knock broke the dramatic silence.

"The bailiff's come back for his hat and coat," chuckled Uncle Peter.

Excelsior Boys' Band, Preston

The report of the committee of the above band, which was started five months ago, is as follows:—

It was surprising to find out that although some of the boys had been members of other bands for periods of one, two and three years, they had no idea of reading music, but, thanks to the system introduced by the bandmaster, Mr. Phil Hines, each boy now knows something about music, and, irrespective of what part he takes in the band, he is taught to play a solo. It is not claimed that the band is perfect. It was found that when the boys came to this band faults were numerous, but they are being corrected, and the results to date are satisfactory to all concerned. Such good progress has been made in the five months that the band has been formed that the committee saw fit to buy uniforms, and the type adopted is somewhat different to the usual run of uniform. The public are quite taken with it, and the boys are known throughout Preston as the "boys in blue." The parents are all ratepayers of Preston. Many calls have been made for the services of the band, and it is pleasing to think that there are others who recognise that they are worthy of the name of a band. The committee approached the Preston Traders' Association some time ago with a proposition to play on Friday nights on behalf of its members, which suggestion the traders have adopted. The discipline is very strict, but up to the present it has not been necessary to reprimand one boy for misconduct. The band has fulfilled the following engagements: — Miller street shopkeepers, Northcote, Friday nights, with a request to come again; the All Nations Fair, Regent, December 4 and 11, High street, Preston; December 18, on behalf of the Traders' Association, from Bell street in front of the various shops to Murray road: December 19, The Palms, Alexander avenue. Engagements to follow:—December 24, Carols, Traders, High street, Preston; Black Rock carnival, December 26 and 29, and New Year's Day; Exhibition Oval, every Saturday afternoon commencing January 9 to the end of March; Tramways Bay picnic, February 23. These are paid engagements, so the finances of the band should benefit substantially within the next four months. Social evenings have been held at regular intervals, all being financial successes. The next social will take place on New Year's Eve.

One of life's little ironies is when a man is released from Pentridge and his wife meets him at the door.

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RIFLE SHOOTING

Preston Club's Christmas Shoot

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—Such a sunshiny week and how the Pets revelled in the warmth, especially Jacko. He hates the cold days and they have both been as busy as bees arranging for our Christmas entertainment. Fluffy has decided to decorate the table with holly and tinsel and she says we simply must have a bunch of mistletoe. I don't know whatever for, maybe to remind her of her days among the woods and gum trees.

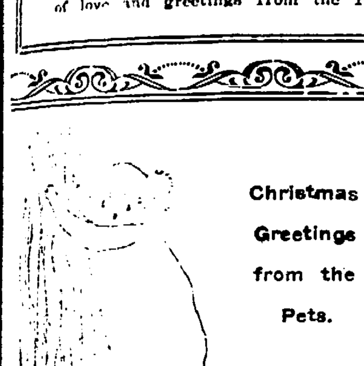
All the presents go on a beautiful Christmas tree, which Grandpa has illuminated with tiny colored electric globes shaped like candles which make the tinsel glisten. Father Christmas will be there to hand out the presents from the tree and altogether we expect to have a very jolly time. Several friends (for the Pets play jokes on) will be present so fun and frolic will be our watchword.

For New Year's night Grandpa has promised to give us a treat and after Friday we will be wondering just what that programme will be.

The Pets have been feverishly shopping all the week, and we visited Santa Claus and were delighted with his presents. It was just great to shake hands with this white-bearded, red-cloaked man who had a cheery word for us all.

We will be away after Friday, so will wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. There will be no corner till January 8, 1932. Heaps of love and greetings from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Happiest and Brightest Christmas and Best Thoughts and Joys in the coming year are the Christmas Wishes and Greetings to every Cobber from the Pets and Uncle Phil.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Heartiest and Happiest Birthday Wishes and Greetings to James Hartnell (Dec. 26); Alan Dyte (Dec. 27); Lilian Rolfe, Gladys Clements, Hazel Smith (Dec. 28); Nellie Bain (Dec. 29); Ivan Miller (Dec. 30); Sidney Froude (Jan. 1); Frank Power and Alf Haughton (Jan. 3); Keith Newman (Jan. 4); Hilda Foote and Irene Gifford (Jan. 5); Lilian Craig (Jan. 7).

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

THE FIREFLY

The firefly is a native of the West Indies, and South America. In the night it appears on bushes, like a glittering diamond, and in the sky as a small ball of gleaming fire. When seen at close quarters, the light is more brilliant than that of a small taper, and much more beautiful for it has a bluish color of great intensity. This light is more like that reflected from a jewel than from a flame of fire.

(GOOD) P. Power.

POOR BOB

"No! I don't want a boy," snapped the shop owner shaply. Poor Bob! He had received answers like that all the morning, and now it was evening. Slowly he wandered away from the big shop with tears in his eyes. "I did want to go home wth a job to start to-morrow, perhaps," he said. "Home! who could call that miserable attic home." Bob looked a pathetic little picture as he trudged along. Suddenly he heard a shrill scream, a small girl stood in the middle of the road, trembling. Bob saw the reason why. An old country waggon drawn by horses was rumbling along, almost on to of her. Evidently the horses were bolting as from some monster. The poor child was terrified as the cart came nearer and nearer. Bob quickly made up his mind and made all the people gasp by rushing into the road and pushing the little girl right away into safety. But he could not save himself. The horses came dashing along and then he knew nothing more. When he came to himself he was lying upon a snow-white bed alongside which stood a doctor, a nurse and the little girl—and the man who had turned him away from the shop only that morning. "My boy," said the man, whose name was Mr. Wright, "How can I thank you?" and where did you get this from?" He held up a gold locket with a small picture of a lady on it. "Please sir, that's my mother. She gave it to me before she died," said Bob. "And would you please give me a job?" The man gasped. "Your mother? Then you are my nphew, for she was my sister." And so Bob went to live with his uncle and little cousin in their lovely house. And you can guess Bob got the job.

A MATCH BOX HOLDER

To make this holder you will need a nice long cork. Then draw a man or lady on on the cork. Next cut one small circle of thick cardboard that will fit exactly over the top of the cork. Pierce this piece of cardboard all over with a thick nail, so that it will be covered with holes. Then you stick it on to the head of the little figure and in each hole place a safety match. These matches will give the figure the appearance of having a strange crop of spikey hair. Stick your finished holder to a piece of cardboard and then gum a piece of striking board taken from the match box inside the figure.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

FEEDING THE BIRDS IN COLD WEATHER

Do you feed the birds in your garden in the cold weather? If you are fond of birds you will enjoy doing it. If you can, make a bird table by placing a board on an old tree stump or on a box so that it is above the ground and out of the way of cats. Have your bird table near a window so that you can watch the birds, but not so near as to frighten them. Save all the crumbs from the table, and ask your mother to let you have the scraps of bread, suet, bacon rinds porridge &c., Spread them all neatly on the table and have a shallow bowl—an earthenware seed pan does beautifully—filled with fresh water daily for the birds to drink out of and bathe in. They love their daily baths even in the coldest weather. Monkeynuts pierced and strung on a stout piece of string, stretched from branch to branch of a tree, will attract them, too. Other birds will like canary seed scattered on the ground.

(GOOD) Cyril Macs.

BANBURY FAIR

As I was going to Banbury
My dame had butter, eggs, and fruit;
And I had corn and hay;
Joe drove the ox, and Tom the swine,
Dick took the foal and mare,
I sold them all then home to dine,
From famous Banbury Fair.

(GOOD) Hazel Norris.

CHRISTMAS AND SANTA CLAUS

Christmas morning the 25th. of December is the morning to which all people look forward; for it is the day of gifts and pleasures as well as the keeping up of the birth of Christ. The small children can hardly wait for the day to come for they are thinking of Santa Claus and the toys which he is going to bring them. Santa Claus is a dear old man always smiling and joining in the laughter and gaiety of the children. But for old Santa Claus the world would be a dull place for the grown-ups as well as the children.

(GOOD) Jean Doggett.

SANTA'S JOURNEY

Oh dear! Christmas here again says dear old Santa Claus. I must work very hard now to get my sleigh all packed up with toys for good girls and boys. I have such a long long way to go and must be ready to start early. Now away I go across the house tops and down the chimneys. Oh! there is old Jack Frost waiting to freeze my fingers. He will not come near me as he thinks my red cloak is a fire and he would melt and be no more. So off again to sunny sunshine land where all the little girls and boys are sleeping and dreaming of dear old Santa Claus. Now what is this I see? A big chimney all swept so nice and clean and ah! a ladder inside. Well here I am at last and all the socks and stockings in a row. Now then a doll for Baby, a horse for Ted, and a scout knife for Billy and what can I find for Mabel? Oh a nice little doll's machine. Oh well it's a merry life for Santa Claus and I do hope he will live for ever.

(GOOD) Ruby Keele

PUZZLE TRICK

Ask your friend to write down three difficulty figures. Then tell him to reverse the figures and take the smaller from the bigger. What is the left hand figure of the answer. If he says 4 you can tell him at once that his answer is 495. To find out this all you have to do is to subtract the figure he gives you from nine. Put nine between them and you have his answer. To give an example:—

582
285
———
297

No matter what number you take you will find the centre number of the answer is 9.

(GOOD) Lily Watts.

I FORGOT

Once there was a little boy called George. He was a nice little boy but for one reason. When mother asked him to do anything and it was not done he always said, "I forgot." George had just turned 9 years and now thought himself too big to bring milk home after school. It was near Christmas and his mother told him that if he kept forgetting he would wake up on Christmas morning to find Santa Claus had forgotten too. Christmas eve came and he hung up his stocking between those of his two sisters. Off to bed he went and was up before anybody else next morning. But he was very unhappy when he discovered his stocking was empty and he felt in the foot only to find a note saying, "Sorry but I forgot to bring anything for you. I'll try and remember next year." After that did George ever forget ? No! he soon got rid of his bad habit. Next Christmas his stocking was packed full with good things. So that's what happens when you have that old excuse "I forgot."

(GOOD) Alma Stephens.

CONTRIBUTIONS

A WISH

When the night is cold and fires burn bright
I settle in my nook;
And feel so happy and content
With my big fairy book.
I read of princes, elves and gnomes,
Of giants and ogres, too,
Of witches who did roam the earth
At nights when owl's tu-woo.

(GOOD) Vera Marshall.

WHAT FRUIT

My first is in lair but not in den,
My second's in pencil and also in pen;
My third's in front but not in back,
My fourth is in Bill but not in Jack;
My fifth is in black but not in blue;
My sixth is in one and also in two;
My whole is a fruit that we all like.
My seventh is is tram but not in bike,
Answer.—Apricot.

(GOOD) Winnie Penrose.

CAN YOU DO IT ?

To three-fourths of a cross, add a circle complete.
Let two semi-circles and a perpendicular meet.
Then a triangle that stands on two fleet: two semi-circles and a circle complete.
Answer in next corner.

STORYETTES

Schoolmaster: "Did your father help you with this sum?" Small Boy: "No, I got it wrong myself."

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen.

Mother: "Why did you throw that book into the water?" Tommy: "Daddy said it was too dry for him."

(GOOD) B. Kohn.

Boxer: "Win, lose or draw, I get £500." Reporter: "I see, every cloud has a silver lining."

(GOOD) Don Wells.

Uncle: "Only fools are certain, Tommy. Wise men hesitate." Tommy: "Are you certai of that, Uncle?" Uncle: "Yes, my boy, certain of it."

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen.

A lady's favorite dog having bitten a piece out of a male visitor's leg, the lady said: "Poor dear little creature. I hope it will not make him sick."

(GOOD) Marjorie Wood.

Tommy: "My teacher's got the worst memory in the world." Father: "I suppose he forgets everything, does he?" Tommy: "No, he remembers evrything."

(GOOD) Keith McIntosh.

Bill: "How it your ear going?" John: "Rotten—everything makes a noise but the horn!"

(GOOD) G. Kohn.

Boy: "Is that guy, Henry Williams, really as sick as he thinks he is?" Miss Smith: "He's so full of pills they can't operate on him. He keps rolling off the table."

(GOOD) Muriel Marshall.

Boy: "I want some paper, please?" Shopkeeper: "What sort of paper, lad?" Boy: "I want to make a kite, so you'd better give me fly-paper."

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen.

Uncle (to nephew): "Is there anything you can do at school that no other boy can do?" Nephew: "Yes, I can read my own writing."

(GOOD) Malcolm McIntosh.

RIDDLES

Do you know solution of the sentence inxinxin? You may guess it if you sound the letters?—Ink sinks in.

(GOOD) Allan Love.

What tree is like a donkey?—Yew (you) of course.

When are doors nice to eat?—When they are "jammed."

(GOOD) Joyce Lawrence.

Why do birds in their nests agree?—Because if they didn't they would fall out.

Why is a carpenter uglier than a butcher? —Because he is a deal plainer.

Can you read this—TUCCo.?—After tea you see company.

(GOOD) Enid Love.

The Cobbers' Club

Please enrol me as a member of the COBBERS' CLUB

Name.......................................

Address.......................................

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

28/12/31

Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

The Northcote and Preston Union Flying Squadron visited the special meeting of the recently-formed Westgarth Baptist Y.P. Society on Tuesday evening. The attendance was augmented by members of the church and visitors from other societies. Mr. E. Butler, superintendent of the squadron, took charge and delivered a helpful address. Members of the society formed the choir, and rendered bright singing throughout the evening. The meeting also took the form of a "gift night," and needy homes will receive Christmas cheer as a result.

On Saturday 50 children from the North Melbourne Methodist Mission were entertained with a Christmas treat by the combined Fairfield, Alphington and Ivanhoe Methodist C.E. Societies. During the afternoon games and general merriment in the Alphington Park prepared the children for their tea, which was provided at the Alphington Methodist Sunday School. During the evening Father Christmas arrived, and caps, bags of lollies and bunches of flowers were distributed.

At the meeting of the Ivanhoe Baptist Y.P. Society last week the subject of "Hindrances to Prayer" was capably dealt with by Miss McDonald and was followed by a period of profitable discussion. The Society were pleased to have with them two visiting endeavourers from Canberra Baptist Church.

At the meeting of the Northcote and Preston C.E. Council last Saturday evening at the Church of Christ it was suggested by the secretary that a drive for members early in the new year should take the form of a "blue and gold" competition. The suggestion was received enthusiastically and a committee was empowered to review the details and submit a report

The District Union annual rally and installation will be held on January 19, 1932, at Northcote Baptist Church, when the president-elect, Pastor W. W. Saunders, will speak.

District conventions are being planned again for A.N.A. week-end, January 30 to February 1, at Toora, in South Gippsland, and Benalla in the North-East. Endeavourers wishing to participate are asked to communicate with C.E. headquarters.

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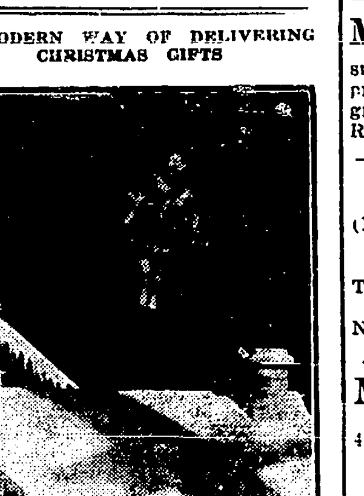

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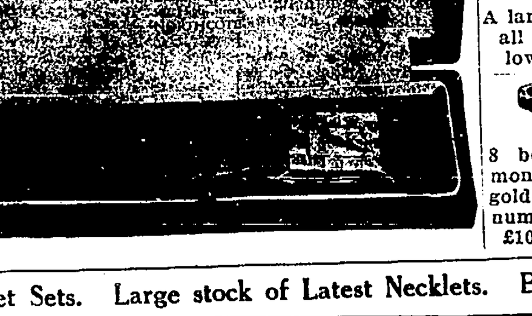

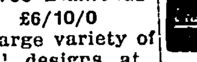

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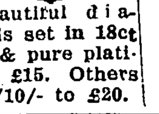

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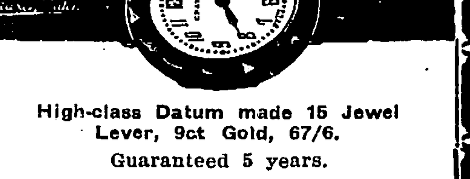

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Preston Girls' School

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING

The annual prize distribution of the Preston Girls' School took place at the Preston City Hall on Friday morning December 18. Cr. Robinson, J.P., presided and addressed the parents and girls, congratulating the pupils on their highly satisfactory progress during the year. He asked parents and citizens to take more interest in the school than they had done in the past, for there were still many improvements to be made. The establishment of an honor leaving class was a real necessity, as students on obtaining their leaving certificates were compelled to leave and travel to Melbourne High School to do the honor leaving course, prior to entering the University. He also mentioned that there was plenty of room for new girls.

The headmistress, Miss Van Nooten, in her report, said the year had been one of steady progress on both the high school and domestic arts side. The high percentages gained were sufficient evidence of that. The intermediate and leaving classes did exceedingly well last year, so much so that the Chief Inspector of Secondary School complimented the school on being as good if not better than any high school. Twenty-one intermediate girls came back to sit for leaving this year, and four went on for leaving honors. Sixty-three qualified for intermediate and leaving certificates this year, results of which are not yet to hand. Many swimming certificates and three medallions for life-saving were won by the school. On the domestic economy side prizes were gained in the Royal Agricultural Show for cooking (adult section). One of the Lady Northcote prizes was won for the school by Dulcie Flagg. The school also had a budding poetess in its midst in Thelma Hill, who won the prize recently offered by the "Australasian" for the best poem. The headmistress encouraged independence and liked to see her pupils getting along by their own efforts. Songs by the school choir were interspersed with the speeches and were a credit to Miss Horton singing mistress.

Cr. H. P. Zwar presented the prizes, which were as follows:—Dux of school, B form (donated by Cr. Robinson), Joyce Billsdon; dux of C form (donated by Cr. Zwar), Ivy Pump, second special, Gwen Sutcliffe; dux of D form donated by Mr. Appleton), Dorothy Coath; Dux Da form, (donated by Robertson and Mullens), Emmie Pascoe dux of form E, Joyce Greenhalgh, second special, Beryl Barker; dux of Ea form, Shirley Grey; dux of form F Phyllis Proposch.

Mr. Railt, member of the committee, presented the sports trophies:—House Shield, Alexandra House; Swimming Pennant, Alexandra House; Cup of House Competitions, Victoria House.

AN EXPENSIVE TRANSACTION

LOST DEPOSIT AND WAS FINED, TOO

An assault charge, arising from unusual circumstances, was heard at the City Court on Saturday. Bernard Roy Provis, junior teacher, living in Northcote, was charged with having on Friday night assaulted Gordon Rupert Anderson, a young salesman employed by the Standard Cycle Works, Elizabeth street, Melbourne.

Anderson said:—Provis paid a deposit of 5/ on a bicycle. He came back and asked for the return of his money. He was told by the manager that as he had decided not to take the bicycle he had lost his deposit. He made a nuisance of himself in the shop for more than an hour. I asked Provis to stand aside, but he gave me a push, and a struggle ensued. Provis held my thumb in his mouth for ten minutes until the arrival of a constable. I had to get my thumb dressed at the hospital.

Provis said that he had not made any contract to purchase a bicycle. He thought it was fair that his deposit should be returned to him. In the struggle in the shop he had merely acted in self-defence. Anderson's thumb had slipped into his mouth, and he had not held it for more than one minute.

Provis was fined £5, in default imprisonment for one month.

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

A Christmas ham, donated by Mr. W. E. Hooper, was competed for in a competition against par, the leading scores being:—5 up, F. F. Atyeo (18); 4 up, A. H. Griffiths (18); 2 up, W. Bell (14); 1 up, F. L. Norris (11); 1 down, C. Holt (12); 1 down, J. H. Knell (6); 1 down, G. O. Youren (11).

MERNDA

At its last meeting the Progress Association and Ratepayers' League decided to write to the electoral officers of the Commonwealth Division of Corio, urging that returned soldiers and unemployed men be engaged as returning officers or poll clerks in the various polling booths of the district which included Epping, Wollert, Woodstock, Yan Yean, Mernda, South Morang and Doreen. The application was too late to become effective, but Cr. C. Gardiner, a returned soldier nominee, was appointed for South Morang as presiding officer.

High Street, Preston, Shopkeepers' Association

A NUMBER of competitions have been run, the latest stunt is a skill competition as to how many shillings will be spent during December. Shopkeepers belonging to the association have a red spot in their windows. Customers are asked to see that they receive coupons. The president, Mr. J. Kirk, is taking every effort to make the competition a success. It is hoped to stimulate the local trade by offering inducements to trade locally. Their motto is 'Shop in Your Own Suburb'"

The Women's Page

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FANCY'S FASHION

For the Sports Girl

THE "IRON OUT FLAT" TUB FROCK

For the girl or woman who is a tennis enthusiast, or who indulges in any other kind of sport, we could not do better than offer for her approval the excellent little frock here depicted, combining charm with utility one of its chief features being the simplicity with which it can be laundered, and opened out flat for ironing.

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The frock is well cut, and is sleeveless. The small sketch shows the way it is laid out flat for ironing. The front is arranged in box pleats, while the neck turns back in a V, with a neat little collar. The dress slips over the head, the back underlapping the front at the sides, and is secured with a strip of elastic, fastened with a hook and eye. The front overlaps the back at the sides, and is fastened with buttons and button-holes. It is fastened at underarm also with buttons. A belt of the material at normal waist makes a nice finish. This is a dainty style, and is very simple to make up. We would suggest crepe de chine, fuji, or spun silk as being perhaps the most suitable materials, though there is a multitude of other fabrics to choose from which are equally suitable, including cotton and linens. The pattern is one of Demaret's (No. 3562, price 11d.) cut in sizes to suit 32 to 34, 36 to 38, and 40 to 42 inch busts, and is obtainable at any of the local agents, as listed in another part of this paper. Ask for free copy of Demaret's Fashions Monthly.

LACES FROM AFAR

KOREAN ART

DROWSING on your hammock, you hear a voice under the window, "Lady wantee lacee ". You summon the lace man. He squats on his haunches before you, his lean face in a charming smile, and unslings the two packages from either end of his bamboo shoulder pole.

He carefully unwraps his wares, displaying them for you one by one, refolding them and setting them aside. Not lace alone, but five o'clock tea cloths daintily embroidered with gateways and pagodas and diminutive figures of Celestials, with serviettes to match, other cloths for nameless inutilities ornate with immense golden dragons, table-runners and cushion covers in blue silken tapestries, long gowns of pongee silk.

You select an article, lay it apart; another; your pile grows; you compare, consider. There is no hurry. Eventually you offer a price.

The lace man breaks into a bright laugh as though at a merry jest, and begins to pack up his goods.

"Then how much ?" you ask.

He doubles your figure. You increase your offer a fraction; he descends a fraction to meet you.

It is now your turn to make a stand. "You too dear," you say; and you pick up a book and assume a complete indifference.

He assails you, shaking the articles at you, crying. "How muchee ? How muchee ? Last price how muchee ?"

You repeat your figure, which he greets with another laugh, but this time edged with scorn. "No can do," he declares. He becomes plaintive: "Me velly poor man. You velly rich lady. You number one rich lady. You plenty money. How muchee ? Last price how muchee ?"

You remain firm. He begins to pack up his goods again, perhaps packs them up, perhaps leaves the house. Bue he returns if not the same day, then the next, and the day after, till the bargain is concluded Concluded, if you are obstinate, at your own terms.

At the end he makes semblance of elaborate calculations, then throws the articles at you with a gesture of despair: "Velly cheap, too cheap. Me lose plenty money"

And the following day you hear his voice again, "Lady wantee lace ?" of course you chide him archly, "But last time you lose plenty money, why you come again ?"

It is an excellent pastime.

If it wasn't for the zebra, makers of animal alphabets for the children would have to go out of business.

ROMANTIC CIRCLE.

JAMES—PRIDHAM

On November 28 in the Methodist Church, High street, Regent, Rev. F. C. Bremer joined in marriage Mr. Albert Victor James and Miss Beryl May Pridham. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. James and the bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pridham. Adorning the church were tasteful decorations of Christmas lilies placed there by the friends of the bride. During the signing of the register Mr. Vivian McGraw rendered "At Dawning." Entering the church with her father, the bride made a charming picture in her long sleeved frock of white georgette and Chantilly lace, the latter falling into a train. Her white tulle veil (lent by a friend of the bride) was surmounted by a silver lace cap with a spray of orange blossom across the back. A rare filigareed silver necklet (the bridegroom's gift) was worn and her flowers were a sheaf of water lilies. Miss Hazel Pridham (bride's sister) and Miss Doris James (groom's sister) were the attendants and wore graceful long frocks of green satin with flared peplum dipping to the back. A smart tricorne hat of green lace with a feather at one side and a sheaf of salmon pink gladioli finished each toilette. The bride groom's gift to each was a pearl and crystal cluster pendant. Messrs John Murray and George James acted as best man and groomsman respectively. The reception and breakfast were held in Normanby Hall, Thornbury, where the bridal table was backed by a floral arch and the catering was handsomely carried out in a lavish style by Mrs. Oorenshaw. Mrs. A. Pridham wore navy georgette under a satin coat, with a small navy hat finished with a feather. She carried Duchess of York pansies. The bridegroom's mother was smartly attired in black ring velvet trimmed with Paris lace, and her black hat carried a white ostrich plume. Red roses formed her bouquet. When the bride left the hall she wore a pink georgette gown with tafeta ruchings and a black chiffon velvet cloak with a rucked collar of pink velvet. The couple will reside at "Vaaitow," Regent street, Preston.

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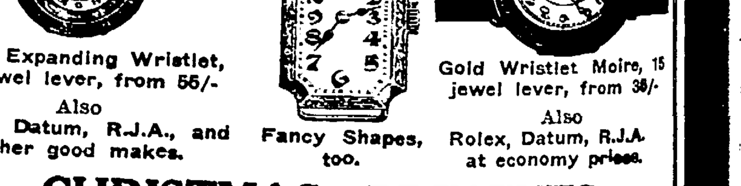

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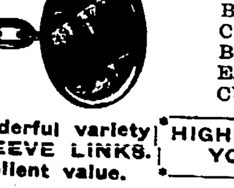

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LATE CRICKET

BAPTIST

A GRADE

G. Naunton batted well on Saturday to make 76 runs including 5 6's. Beves was the best bowler, taking 9/98. Scores: —Regent, 174 (Naunton 76) v Ivanhoe, 110 and 153 (N. Mathews 60, Beves 9/98).

B GRADE

Regent were defeated badly be Reservoir. The only batsman to do anything was W. Grove, who made 10 and 20 runs, Scores:—Reservoir, 159 for 7 (closed) (Williams 3/17, Fisher 62) v Regent B, 63 and 43 (Grove 19 and 20, Fisher 10/34)

Ethel Grove, 132 and 121 (O. Newbegin 68 and 21, P. Baldock 36, T. Dufty 28 not out. T. Cooper 19; R. Hughes 5/23). v Orient, 49 (T. Mence 12, F. Wagstaff 12; D. Nagle 4/18, C Dufty 6/29).

O.S.T. ASSOCIATION

Thornbury v Coburg

This match concluded last Saturday and Coburg (3 for 46) continued their innings in reply to the home side's 81. Wickets fell rapidly, owing to good bowling by Dunn and H. Young, and seven were down for 64, the fifth, sixth and seventh wickets going for the same figure. A tail-enders' stand was made by J. Baker and H. Rowe, who took the score to 83, when Rowe was out. The whole side got together 87, 6 more than Thornbury. The bowling was done by H. Young (6/36) and Dunn (4/14). Thornbury sacrificed wickets to get runs on the board and closed with 8 for 71 in their second innings; Young Urquhart and Eaton being double-figure batsmen with 24 not out, 12 and 11 respectively. Coburg were left 55 minutes to get 65 runs, but a slump set in and at stumps had lost 5 for 29, Dunn taking 3 for 7 off 5.2 overs. The home side was very unlucky in this match, and is now getting together a good side, which will help materially to get them into the four. Thornbury's next match is against Brunswick on the home wicket, commencing on January 9, 1932.

MUNICIPAL MATCH

Preston v Prahran

This match provided fast scoring (90 runs in an hour) and an exciting finish. Preston first innings 56, and Prahran first innings 7 for 52, added six runs to the score, leaving two runs lead over Preston on the first innings. Preston went to the wickets in the second innings at 3.30 and declared at 4.30 at 7 wickets for 90. Tom Griffiths opened with Jack Foster, Griffiths being bowled for none by White. Arnold Storay joined Foster. Both batsmen collared the bowling and pasted the bowlers to the outfield. Foster was bowled by Morgan for 53, made in record time. In his score were two nice hits for 6 and four 4's. Jack is now in his best form. Storay batted well for his 22. Bowling.—Morgan 4/22, White 3/31, MacArthur 0/31. Prahran went to the wickets in their second innings at 4.45 wanting 89 to win, but collapsed owing to the fine bowling of D. Johnson, J. Foster and T. Griffiths, Dick being in splendid form with the ball. Two features of the innings were the brilliant catch, a hard cover drive from MacArthur to Johnson and the other by A. Madden in the outfield when Farrington hit a hard one off Foster to the surprise of everyone as the sun was very strong at the time but he held it. Preston are to be congratulated for their brilliant fielding in the second innings and their popular president, Mr. Fred Bird, was vey pleased with their win. The last wicket fell with only three minutes left for play. Prahran are now second on the premiership, Camberwell topping the list. Bowling.—for Preston—D. Johnson 4/8, J. Foster 3/12, T. Griffiths 2/7

CYCLING

PRESTON CYCLING TRACK

As during the Christmas and New Year week-end racing is suspended on the track owing to many riders going to country meetings, it has been decided to abandon racing on the track next Saturday. Also and with the help of the Preston council the track will be given a spell and put in splendid condition for the new year.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON-NORTHCOTE CLUB

Although listed late on the programme, the Victorian three mile and half-mile championships proved to be the tit bits of the concluding day of the annual Victorian track and field championships at the Amateur Sports Ground last Saturday. The 220 yards event also provided a fine race. The three mile title went to A. J. Hillhouse (University), who won by 50 yards from F. Colman (St. Stephen's) and L. P. Shanahan (Carlton). The time was 14min. 52 1/5 sec.

The half-mile honors were awarded to A. R. Elliston (Glenhuntly), who secured the verdict over R. J. Triado (University) and T. Irwin (Essendon) by inches in 1min. 55 3/5 sec. This not only broke his Victorian record of 1min. 56sec. made last year, but also the Australasian record of 1min. 55 4/5 sec.

Several members of the Preston and Northcote Club took part in the 100 yards handicap. There was a following wind, which helped competitors, but was of little assistance to competitors in the other events on the circular track.

Among other outstanding events was that of Geo. A. Bronder, the American field exponent. He had little difficulty in retaining the Victorian title. H. B. Gardiner (Moreland) retained his title won last year in the one mile walking championship. He secured an easy victory from his club mate, Cummins. J. Mulcahy (Malvern), who last week won the three miles title, filled third place. Bert Gardiner's time for the four lap walking event was 6min. 45sec.—the best registered in Victoria for a number of years. To see Gardiner train would open the eyes of many a runner. He is what they call a "sticker." Gardiner trains at the Preston ground.

Club Notes

Owing to the Christmas holidays members of the Preston Club are on leave. Inter-club events will start again on January 8, when Preston meet Y.M.C.A. in D Grade, and Fern Tree Gully in E Grade. All members are asked to attend training on Tuesday, January 5, when they will settle down to hard training for the club championships, which will begin next month.

Members of the Preston Athletic Club held a picnic to Sandringham on Sunday. It was one of the finest days the club has had for a picnic. The social side of the club tried to make it a record and looked well on the way up to Saturday, but when Sunday came there also came a "thud," for only 40 odd made the trip. Those members that failed to go, it is hoped, will turn out and help to make the next picnic a bigger and brighter turn-out.

PRESTON-NORTHCOTE WOMEN'S CLUB

The above club, which met Melbourne No. 3 team on December 19, were defeated by 40 points to 33. The first event of the day, the combined two mile walk, was won by V.R.I. M. King (P.-N.), who came in third, did not press for first position, but was content to keep well ahead of her opponent. Mary Carey, the other entrant, although at the back of the field, put up a gallant effort to overtake Melbourne's second representative, and was just beaten by inches at the finish. Preston-Northcote had their usual good luck in the field games, but the sprinters found the weather conditions rather trying. M. Carey again headed the list with a discus throw of 61ft. 9in., and S. Jones, with a leap of 11ft. 4½ in. in the broad jump, beat the Melbourne girl. In the 220 yards Nancy McWilliams, the club's captain, looked like a winner, but when about 20 yards from the tape she became affected by the heat and dropped back into fourth place. Sheila Jones filled second place, and Phyl Kimber, who has been gradually improving and is fitted for long distance, came in fifth. The placings for Preston in the 75 yards were S. Jones 2, P. Lowery 4. Nell Cameron, with a good run over the hurdles, was just beaten by Melbourne for first place. N. McWilliams was third. The relay team, consisting of P. Lowery, N. Cameron, P. Kimber and N. McWilliams, put up a good performance, but Melbourne proved to be superior.

The inter-club competitions will be resumed on January 9, when Preston-Northcote meet V.R.I.

The club would like to hear from new members, and anyone desirous of joining should get in touch with the captain at Preston Park on training nights (Mondays and Wednesdays).

TENNIS.

Church of England Association

A Grade.—Holy Trinity, Thornbury (59) d St. Andrew's, Clifton Hill (58).

B Grade.—Holy Trinity, Thornbury (66), d Holy Trinity, Coburg (60).

C Grade.—Holy Trinity, Thornbury (61), d Holy Trinity, Coburg (60); St. Saviour's, Collingwood, d St. Mary's, Preston.

Catholic Association

B Grade.—Men's Division—Hawthorn, 3-4-41, d Ivanhoe, 1-2-26.

Reserve Section.—Brighton, 3-7-52, d Fairfield, 1-3-40; Hampton, 3-6-43, d Preston, 1-2-22.

Women's Division.—Reserve Section—Essendon, 4-8-52, d Preston, 0-1-23; Flemington No. 2, 4-8-48, d Fairfield, 0-0-26; West Brunswick, 4-8-52, d Ivanhoe, 0-1-32.

BOWLS.

A, B AND C TROPHIES

The third round of the competitions for the trophies presented by the president and vice-presidents of the V.B.A. was continued last Saturday. A number of teams had been eliminated in the first and second rounds.

A Grade.—At Glenhuntly Ivanhoe (39) defeated Mentone (38), but in the fourth round Ivanhoe (35) fell a victom to Canterbury (36). The teams left to contest the final are Elsternwick, City of Hawthorn, Moreland and Canterbury.

B Grade.—At Moreland, Fairfield (40) d Princes Park (33), and went on to win against Coburg in the fourth round by 47 to 23. The finalists are Brighton, Armadale, Fitzroy and Fairfield.

C Grade.—Three of the finalists in this section are Caulfield Park, Elwood and Melbourne.

NORTHCOTE RINK FINALS

Final games in the Northcote rink tournament were played on Tuesday night. The winning rink was skipped by Boyd (Fairfield), the runners-up being captained by A. Walker (Ivanhoe).

The mayor of Northcote (Cr. Olver) and the president of the club (Mr. P. A. Young) presented the trophies. Results:—

Semi-final Game.—Walker (Ivan.), 15, d M. Shelley (Carl.), 5.

For First and Second.—Leahy, Goodall, Graham, Boyd (Fairfield), 21, d Stansbury, Sanders, J. Williams, A. Walker (Ivanhoe), 14.

For Third and Fourth.—Jenkins, Solomon, Stanton, Shelley (Carlton), 21, d Sims, P. Hibbert, McIntyre, C. Hibbert (Coll.), 12.

THORNBURY LADIES' CLUB

Mrs. L. Roberts, president of the Ladies' Club, gave a pleasant afternoon to the ladies. The table was beautifully decorated with blue hydrangea, Christmas lilies and gladioli, with streamers of blue and gold ribbon (the club colors). Each lady received a small gift with a number attached. Mrs. Kelly, being the lucky one, received a nice box of chocolates. It was expected to have Mrs. Williams present, but members were sorry to hear that she was back in Epworth hospital. Mrs. Harris paid her a visit on behalf of the members and presented her with a fancy basket of chocolates. A telegram was received from Mrs. Williams wishing all club members the compliments of the season. Mrs. Harvie, an old member, cut the Christmas cake and presented Mrs. Glanville with a trophy that she had won, given by Mrs. Harvie. Mrs. Smith (vice-president) thanked Mrs. Roberts for the pleasant afternoon and for all the good work she had done for the club, and hoped that every member would support her. Apologies were received from Mrs. W. Holden, jun., and Miss Finn.

"THE LEADER"

There will be no issue of "The Leader" on January 1, 1932.

PRESTON CLUB

As a diversion from the usual spoon competition four fine geese were competed for on Saturday afternoon in a mixed rink progressive game of six ends against each team. In view of a good contribution towards the Christmas dinner, the games were keenly contested, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. The green was in fine order, and an excellent afternoon tea was provided by the lady members.

The members of the winning rinks were:—J. McIntyre, Mrs. Carthew, H. McIntosh, Crawford, Condie (skipper). The runners-up were W. Lewis, Mrs. Dahl, A. B. Carthew, R. Broadhurst (skipper). Rink scores are as follow:—Condie 42, Broadhurst 36, Joiner 27, Ross 25, Sinclair 30, R. Lewis 21, Neville 19, Siddons 17, Henshaw 15, Straede 12.

The members of the Ladies' Bowling Club are unsparing in their efforts to further the interests of the club and are to be congratulated upon the enthusiasm they are showing. At the last committee meeting a letter from Mrs. Henshaw, hon. secretary of the Ladies' Club, was received, which stated that a cheque for £60 had been paid into the club's banking account. (Applause.)

On New Year's Day a mixed rink tournament will be conducted by the Ladies' Club. An excellent day's sport is anticipated. Entries from outside clubs are invited.

In the club's championship trophy several interesting games have been played in which some of our past champions have met their Waterloo. Geo. Atyeo has two good victories to his credit by his defeat of G. Nevill and Alf. Appleton; and F. G. Morgan defeated H. Lang.

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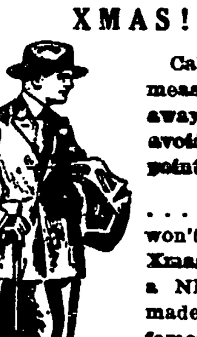

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RESUME OF YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

The annual meeting of the committee of delegates on the Preston U.F.S. Dispensary was held in the library hall last Saturday evening, Mr. Chas. Pile presiding over a large attendance. The main business of the evening was the presentation of the financial statement by the secretary (Mr. A. J. S. Wilson). After due consideration of the balance sheet, combined with a resume of the year's activities, the finances revealed the institution to be in a sound position despite the severe strain that was placed on the resources of the dispensary during the winter months. In moving the adoption of the secretary's balance sheet and auditor's report, the president (Mr. Pile) said the committee had every reason to be proud of the financial statement after having experienced a severe winter when extra assistance had to be requisitioned to meet the heavy demands being placed on the dispensary. The statement and report was adopted unanimously. The dispensary has a membership of over 3,000 whilst for the half-year ending November 30, no less than 40,582 prescriptions were dispensed, 10,055 being dispensed during the month of October. The ordinary business having been disposed of, the annual election of officers was preceeded with resulting as follows:—President, Mr J. J. McDonald; vice-president, Mr. W. J. Bott; treasurer, Mr Fowler; whilst the secretary is Mr. A. J. S. Wilson.

Turf Notes

(By "LUTEPLAYER")

This Week's Hint To Backers

Fatalists may argue against luck as a factor in the fluctuating fortunes of man, but punters know only too well that success and misfortune on the turf come in cycles. Whether "it is written" to be so does not concern the punter: to him it is a spell of luck good or bad. The lesson of this is: When the wheel of fortune is turning in your favor you should take full advantage of it, but when you are having a "trot of outs" you should reduce your wager. In short, bet **with your luck—not against it.**

Mixed Luck

"Leader" selections had mixed luck at Ascot last Saturday. Our first selections won two races (Miss Pat and Borcian), and on four occasions were beaten into third place. Our second choice won three races (Protea, Kaoota and Bettoda). Jean Mac, a third choice, was another winner. For the second heat of the Purse we named the three placed horses in their correct order, viz:—Borcian 1, Gracfuss 2, Etalon 3. We also gave the three placed horses in the Ascot £500, the principal race on the programme, but not in the correct order. Graewin, our first pick, was beaten into third place, the winner being Kaoota, who was named as second best; while Blematic, whom we mentioned third, filled second place.

Blematic Finished Well

Last week the fear was expressed in these columns that the five and a half furlongs of the Ascot £500 Handicap would prove too short for Blematic, and it did. The Emblematic gelding did not shape too kindly in the first two furlongs of Saturday's race, this being on a down grade, but he is the type of sprinter who must be given a couple of furlongs to settle down, and this type of horse rarely meets with success over short distances at Ascot. Blematic, however, came home strongly and at the finish he was two lengths behind the winner, to whom he conceded ten lengths at the home turn. Blematic is now at the top of his form and should soon have a winning turn.

Promises To Be Useful

Pink Lady, winner of the third heat of the Ascot Purse, promises to be useful. One of the leaders from the barrier rise, she drew away entering the straight, and was not fully extended to win by two lengths. Pink Lady is a three-year-old filly by Chrysolaus from Miss Pinkerton. Chrysolaus has sired many good sprinters, and Miss Pinkerton was a good performer on the turf. She was raced by Mr. C. B. Kellow, and in many of her races was ridden by George Harrison. The last-named races Pink Lady.

Will Win More Races

Protea spreadeagled her four opponents in the Juvenile Handicap at Ascot on Saturday and won pulling up by six lengths. In turf parlance, Protea had "nothing to beat," but there was a good deal of merit in her performance, and it is clear that she is improving with each run and will win more races. She is a nicely bred filly, being by imported Equator from Lady Swinton.

Brother To Kaftan

Entered for two-year-old races during the holiday racing season is Civilian, a brother to Kaftan, a Debutant Stakes winner. It will be remembered that Civilian was backed to favoritism for a division of this year's Debutant Stakes, but he failed to run out the race. He has not sported silk since, but in the last couple of weeks he has been improving in his track work. Recent efforts in this direction include five furlongs on the grass in 1.3½. Civilian will bear watching in forthcoming engagements.

Related to Cape Borda

Regular turf followers expected Borcian to be at a very short price for the second division of the Ascot Purse, therefore the early offer of 6 to 4 was freely taken. To the surprise of the majority of backers, and to the disgust of early bettors, Borcian eased in the betting, and at starting time 7 to 2 was on offer. Borcian, however, proved that earlier opinion was right by taking the lead at the end of a furlong and winning comfortably. Borcian is a three-year-old gelding who, when properly developed, should be capable of winning in better company. He is by Cistercian from Borda, therefore is a half-brother to Cape Borda.

Standish and Bagot

There was a time when the Standish and Bagot Handicaps, run at Flemington on New Year's Day, provided spirited ante-post betting, but there has been a decline in this direction in recent years. There remain, however, the important holiday events in Melbourne. Weights for these races were issued on Monday. Racing at Caulfield on Boxing Day will have a big influence on the results of these events, but at the moment the most likely half-dozen in the Standish Handicap appear to be Zanibar, Umbertana, Blematic, Binna, Bold Bid and St. Valour. The winner of the Bagot Handicap may come from the following six candidates:—Galenist, Mira Donna, Cimbrian, Lampra, Sir Roy and Whitsome.

Selections for Caulfield (Saturday)

Hurdle Race
Calfiy 1
Skirmish 2
Reddatch 3

Juvenile Stakes
Cetowaik 1
Civilian 2
Kallash 3

Malvern Handicap
Donace 1
The Guide 2
David Garrick 3

Christmas Handicap
Binna 1
Blematic 2
Green Moth 3

Hopetoun Handicap
Mira Donna 1
Spear Star 2
Lampra 3

Koonang Trial
Distant 1
Godwin King 2
Majestic Bridge 3

OBITUARY

DEATH OF MR. S. T. STEVENS

An Interesting Character Sketch

The death occurred suddenly on December 7 of Mr. Samuel Thomas Stevens, at South Melbourne, late of "Lonesome Pine" 31 Woolhouse street, Northcote, aged 80 years, after an illness of over two years, following a stroke of paralysis. The late Mr. Stevens was twice married, by his first marriage he had two sons and two daughters. The two latter died in infancy the former Ernest and Albert, eldest and second are still living and are grandparents themselves, so he was great-grandfather. His second marriage took place in 1879, from which he leaves a widow (Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Stevens) and eight sons and daughters out of a family of ten. Two sons predeceased him.

The late Mr. Stevens was born at Bowden, Adelaide, South Australia, on August 7, 1851. His father, Samuel Stevens, of Manchester and mother formerly of Devonshire, England migrated to South Australia, some little time before. In 1853 when about two years of age, his parents trecked by bullock waggon to the Castlemaine gold diggings, so he has been a colonist of Victoria for 78 years. Mrs. Stevens, his widow, was born at Clunes, Victoria, in 1861, so is also an old Victorian resident.

On arrival at the diggings the late Mr. and Mrs. Stevens commenced in business brewing their own hop beer and other drinks, also providing lodgings. They made many friends on the gold fields, who advised them to open up a guest house. Eventually they erected the first hotel or guest house in Campbell's Creek, Castlemaine, known as the "Hope Inn". In later years it was destroyed by fire and in visiting Castlemaine some years ago, the late deceased said portions of the old cellar still remain. He attached to it a greengrocer's butcher's and bakers businesses controlled by themselves, also a large ball room in which a band of 12 was engaged each evening. This became a well-patronised house of call and had very commodious stables, as horse and bullock drawn vehicles were then the main mode of travel.

Owing to an unforseen circumstance, i.e., a shortage of fodder in the stables (this was, of course, a serious offence at that time) the licence was withdrawn.

It was explained that owing to severe floods, supplies had been delayed in transit. Six months later, Burke, of Burke and Wills, the Australian explorers (who was then Sergeant or Superintendent of Police for the District, and who was very friendly with them) returned from Melbourne where he had been on police business. On finding out the facts he regained the licence, but the six months closing down had ruined them, as the main population had moved two miles further on to the new gold fields at Forest Creek. The Stevens were compelled to sell out at a loss and go into a different and smaller business. Some years later they moved to Melbourne, where their son, the present deceased, had preceded them.

The late Mr. Stevens often related how he used to go about the streets after rain, filling match boxes with gold and giving them to his father without any thought of its value. The Chinese used to keep tins of boiled rice outside their tents for any passer-by to eat. Other incidents referred to how they diverted the course of a creek to re-wash the earth in the bed, already gone over by the white man. The latter looked only **for big results**, whereas the Chinaman did not pass any by; also of his father one wet night, falling down a shaft and being half immersed in water. He was only supported by his umbrella (which was caught at the top) throughout the night and was found in the morning unconscious and with his hands frozen to the handle of the umbrella! Truly these were wonderful days!

The late Mr. Stevens was apprenticed under Mr. C. E. Glass, of Castlemaine, to the printing trade in 1864 at the age of 12¾ years, for six years. The wages per week for each year were 3/, 4/6, 6/, 9/, 14/, and 20/. Before completing his apprenticeship, with still three years to run, his employer failed in business, consequently ending his indentures. He then went to another office as improver and owing to his capabilities and quickness he was given most of the display advertisements to set up. Just before completing his sixth year and being barely 19 he obtained employment at the "Age" office then in Elizabeth street. He helped to fight many battles to obtain better conditions and wages for his work-mates and others in the printing industry and possessed badges for walking in the Eight Hours processions as a member of the Typographical Society of which he was secretary for three or four years and "Father of the Chapel." He commenced a paper known as the "Trades and Labor Journal" but it did not receive sufficient support and had to be abandoned. After filling various other positions he rejoined the "Age" staff on which he served for about 54 years. Unfortunately he had been handicapped with shortsightedness throughout his life and to make it worse, lost the sight of one eye several years ago.

He has been a resident of Northcote and Preston for close on 40 years and was a writer of many articles in the "Age," and the Northcote and Preston "Leader". He suggested the purchase by the council and the filling up of quarries on the north side of Arthurton road, the formation of streets there and selling the land. This was not proceeded with by the council but has since been carried out in a slightly different manner by private enterprise. He was associated with the late Ex-Cr. Pearl, late J. E. Beresford (president), and W. H. Glanville (secretary) and various others of the former Central and West Ward Ratepayers' Association in bringing the East and West Preston electric trams into existence. He also suggested or initiated many forward public movements. He was well-known to and esteemed by many former councillors, especially the older ones, as Ex-Cr. Tharratt, Cr. Dennis, the late Ex-Crs. Pearl, Marks, &c., and the Ex-Town Clerk, Mr. Swift, the Ex-Engineer, Mr. Howitt, also many of the present councillors and officers of the council.

The deceased saw vast changes in Northcote during his long residence there and in pioneering his home in Woolhouse street, he put up with numerous hardships through lack of water, gas electric light and unmade streets, having to fight hard to obtain same.

RATE APPEALS

AGREEMENTS REACHED AT NORTHCOTE

At the Northcote court on Tuesday a number of rate appeals were presented before Mr. E. C. Tibb, P.M., for ratification. They were cases in which the mayor, councillors and the citizens of Northcote were cited as respondents, and the following reductions were made by consent:—

(George Keech, £100 to £90; Arthur Ribbaud, £50 to £45; M. Callaghan (Harper street), £25 to £23; do. (Andrew street), £37 to £35; do. (Bridge street), £35 to £30; Mrs. A. M. Brown, £57 to £52; F. E. Girling, £46 to £30; W. H. Drummond, £47 to £35; Cullin and Drummond (Charles street), £41 to £37; do. (162 Clarke street), £32 to £30; do. (162a Clarke street), £40 to £35; David S. Jenkins, £37 to £32; Leon Gorr (226 High street), £85 to £80; do. (302 High street), £105 to £100; do. (228 High street), £120 to £100; S. Gorr, £75 to £70; Albert J. Cornish, £115 to £95; Charles Harrison, £43 to £35; Roy J. Morris (10 Andrew street), £41 to £37; do. (12 Andrew street), £41 to £37; S. L. Wilmott and Co., £90 to £80; E. R. Spencer (20 Gordon grove), £37 to £31; do. (21 Gordon grove), £29 to £28; do. (23 Gordon grove), £34 to £28; do. (44 Gladstone avenue), £32 to £28; do. (46 Gladstone avenue), £34 to £32; J. S. Whalley (30 Helen street), £53 to £45; do. (32 Helen street), £51 to £45; do. (311 High street), £100 to £85, do. (4 Normanby avenue), £37 to £33; G. H. Smithson, £45 to £35; John Humphries, £56 to £50; J. S. Langaard, £52 to £36; M. Willison, £33 to £30; Sarah Jobson, £46 to £35; W. J. Greer, £55 to £47; Amelia White, £23 to £20; D. Campbell, £30 to £25; L. Sharpe, £42 to £38; A. Vining (82 Raleigh street), £30 to £28; do. (86 Raleigh street), £30 to £28; C. H. Price, £47 to £40; J. E. Newell, £47 to £36; M. L. Hauser, £58 to £45; G. A. Rundle, £18 to £15; W. T. Rowe (921 High street), £130 to £100; do. (927 High street), £230 to £160; Bert Saunders, £74 to £65; C. W. Burnham, £20 to £18; A. Edwards (591 High street), £155 to £135; do. (631 High street), £160 to £100; do. (Kellett street), £5 to £4; do. (Wilmott street), £5 to £4; William Murray, £32 to £25; J. A. Ballantyne, £51 to £45; W. Thomas, £25 to £24; W. Joynson, £140 to £120; John L. Fitzsimons, £35 to £30; W. Forrest, £35 to £32; Mrs. F. Nelder (Jessie street), £40 to £36; do. (Andrew street), £34 to £30; Trustees Executors Agency Co. Ltd., £95 to £70; William Burge, £60 to £55; D. McMenamin (Swift street), £11 to £8; do. (Swift street), £10 to £8; A. F. Grundy, £36 to £34; C. Knight, £37 to £34; J. E. Taylor (three properties, Miller street, £42 to £36, £40 to £36, £46 to £36; A. Ramage, £49 to £35; C. A. Batt, £52 to £40; and E. T. Johnson, £53 to £48.

Community Singing

The final session for this year was held at the Northcote Town Hall on December 17 when the Unemployed Professional Orchestra delighted with selections. Mr. Will Nicoll conducted the singing, and later presented to Messrs Thomas, Jones, Ryan and Hood (valuable helpers) a gift as a memento. Mr. Ryan acknowledged the presentation. Mr. Thomas then presented a shaving set to Mr. Nicoll, and to Mrs. Nicoll a tea set. Bouquets were presented by Mesdames McIntosh and Barnett. Mr. Nicoll suitably responded, thanking those present for their loyal patronage. The Three Derrels gave vocal and instrumental items, after which dancing was indulged in, and supper was provided in the small hall.

Application for Relief Refused

NOT FILED IN TIME

At the Northcote court on Tuesday Elizabeth Ann Hannah, married woman, a mortgagor, made an application for protection under the Financial Emergency Act. John Pigdon, of Tatura, is the mortgagee.

Mrs. Hannah, McCracken avenue, Northcote, said:—"I seek a protection order in respect to the house in which I live, the mortgagee being John Pigdon, of Tatura. I owe interest for two quarters to July 1 and October 1 last. The interest has not been paid because my husband (Martin Hannah) has been out of work. He obtained a little work last week and I may be able to pay some interest in January.

Cross-examined: Your husband is stated in the application to be a manufacturer?—Yes.

The P.M. (Mr. E. C. Tibb) said that the Act provided that application had to be made for a protection order within two months of getting into arrears with interest or within two months after the commencement of the Act, which came into operation on September 24. The order would have to be refused.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

SEQUEL TO EPPING ROAD COLLISION

Complainant Obtains a Verdict

At the Northcote court on Tuesday John Kimber Isworth, of Coburg, brought a claim against Joseph William Bretherton, Jenkins street, Northcote, for £22/8/ damages in respect to an accident on Epping road.

The evidence of the complainant was that a car was standing in the centre of the road with dazzling headlights, not far from the Reservoir station. As the complainant approached he dimmed his lights and as he passed the stationary car with the dazzling lights a collision occurred between the complainant's truck and a horse vehicle driven by the defendant, which did not have a light.

Isworth said:—After the accident I spoke to defendant, who said, "I saw the accident coming. I saw you dimming your lights and I cried out but you could not hear me. The man in the stationary car with his lights full on is the one to blame for the accident."

The cost of repairing the damage amounted to £22/8/10.

It was submitted for the defence that the collision was a pure accident, and that it would not have occurred had the stationary car not been standing with dazzling lights in the centre of the road.

Bretherton said:—I obtained a load from Woodstock lane, Woodstock and set out for home at about 1 p.m. The collision took place about half a mile from the hotel. It was then dark and I had no light, so I pulled up as near to a street light as possible when I saw Isworth's truck coming. My father cried out, "Jump. We're gone!" and he jumped. I was thrown on to the road when the truck hit my cart. The horse was forced into the gutter and the cart was smashed.

Cross-examined: The horse had stopped and was stationary at the time?—Yes.

The car which was stationary came along after you stopped?—Yes.

An order was made for £22/8/10 with £11/2/- costs. A stay of 14 days was granted.

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WESTGARTH NEWS

At midday on Thursday, 17th, portion of the roadway on the south side of Westgarth street, near McLachlan street, collapsed, forming a hole about two feet square. It was found that the 24 inch steel feed main, which carries water to the eastern suburbs, had developed a leak. It had probably been leaking for two weeks and had undermined the road over an area of about nine square yards to a depth of six feet. The Metro. Board's oxy-welding plant had the repairs completed by Friday morning. Fortunately no traffic was passing at the time.

At the music examinations in September a number of Westgarth teachers presented successful pupils. A. G. Perkins passed in Pianoforte, Grade V.; W. R. Eaton and G. A. Turner, pupils of Mr. Basil Farrell, passed in Violin, Grade IV.; O. J. Leckie, honors in Pianoforte, Grade VI. Riss Rita Pearson presented the following successful candidates:—Pianoforte — B. Bardwell, honors, Grade IV.; L. Fisher, credit, Grade IV.; M. Hall, credit, Grade V.; M. Meyer, honors, Grade IV.; M. Shewan, honors, Grade VI.; M. Tomkins, honors, Grade V.; S. Tomkins, credit, Grade IV. Theory—B. Bardwell, honors, Grade IV.; B. Hall, honors, Grade V.; Mary Lavery, credit, Grade IV.; J. D. Clancy, honors, Grade IV.; Miss Jean McLennan, of Westgarth street, a pupil of the Good Samaritan **Convent, Northcote, secured honors in Pianoforte, Grade III.**, and Theory, Grade V.

At Xavier College speech night Harold McLennan, of Westgarth, was awarded the second term prize for essays in the leaving certificate class.

BELL STATE SCHOOL

At the recent examinations of the Education Department at the Bell State school very successful results were achieved, which reflect great credit on the staff, and particularly on Mr. R. O'Brien, the head teacher. Out of 19 pupils who sat for the merit certificate examination 17 passed outright, and another missed by 1 point only and will therefore be able to sit again with every possibility of passing. For the qualifying certificate 86 pupils sat, and of this number 73 secured the certificate, whilst six have qualified to attend high school. The above result should be very gratifying to the whole of the staff at this young school, which has made wonderful progress since it was opened three years back.

Owing to the fact that the attendance now greatly exceeds the capacity of the building, and that outside accommodation has to be provided, the committee is striving to have the additions to the buildings (authorised early this year) carried out, and a deputation will wait on the Minister for Education at an early date with a request that this work should be put in hand immediately, and by this means help to absorb some of the local unemployed, as well as carrying out an absolutely necessary work.

The committee desires to take this opportunity of thanking all parents and friends, who have so generously supported the different functions during the year at the school, and would wish one and all the compliments of the season, with the hope that the New Year will wipe away all the depression, and that happiness and prosperity will be the lot of all.

Recognisances Forfeited

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CONDITIONS NOT OBSERVED

At the Northcote court on Tuesday George William Lynde was called upon to show cause why two recognisances of £25 each, entered into on November 11, 1930, that he would be of good behaviour for 12 months, should not be forfeited.

Plain-clothes Constable Ball said that Lynde had been sentenced to three months' imprisonment on each of two charges, the sentences being suspended on bonds to be of good behaviour for 12 moths.

Plainclothes Constable Veness said:—On June 23 last Lynde was convicted at Northcote court on a charge of vagrancy and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

The bench ordered the forfeiture of the two bonds of £25 each, and Lynde was ordered to be imprisoned on two sentences of three months' imprisonment, the sentences to be concurrent.

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JIKA CRICKET

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East Preston v. Broadhursts

With 8 wickets down for 175 against 53 scored by East Preston, Broadhursts' captain declared and dismissed East for 83 runs, winning the match outright by one innings and 39 runs. Scores.—

EAST PRESTON
First Innings ... 53
Second Innings
Tivey b Fuller ... 16
T. A. Jacobs, c Howard, b Wawn ... 25
J. Huxley, c Howard, b Hollowood ... 12
L. White, l.b.w. b Monagle ... 14
Kelcher, c Wallington, b Wawn ... 2
A White, c Tuohy, b Hollowood ... 1
S. Jacobs, c and b Monagle ... 4
Stephens, c Fuller, b Monagle ... 2
Levandt, b Monagle ... 0
Warner, b Wawn ... 4
R. Jacobs, not out ... 1
Sundries ... 2
Total ... 83
Bowling.—Wawn 3/2.., A. Fuller 1/29, Hollowood 2/10, Monagle [illegible]

Preston United v. Thornbury West

United were 67 runs behind on their first innings and taking a sporting risk decided to force the scoring with the result that though the game was made interesting they were beaten outright by seven wickets. Scores:—

PRESTON UNITED
First Innings ... 27
SECOND INNINGS
L. McLaren, b Cohen ... 14
W. Dewar, c and b Cohen ... 4
H. Earp, b Moseley ... 0
R. Smythe, st., b Buck ... 18
Pears, run out ... 4
Hargreaves, not out ... 34
Short, thrown out ... 9
Sherriff, thrown out ... 1
Fitzsimmons, b Cohen ... 0
Hill, run out ... 1
Grierson, thrown out ... 1
Sundries ... 9
Total ... 94
Bowling:—L. Cohen, 2/19; Herbstreet, 0/16; Moseley, 1/13; Barthlam, 0/9; Buck, 1/12; A. Cohen, 1/8; Randall, 0/9.

THORNBURY WEST
First Innings ... 94
Second Innings
Peters, hit wkt, b Pears ... 0
Moseley, b Pears ... 3
Kendall, run out ... 6
L. Cohen, not out ... 9
A. Cohen, not out ... 16
Sundries ... 1
Total, three wickets for ... 35
Bowling.—Pears, 2/19; Fitzsimmons, 0/6; Hargreaves, 0/2; Grierson 0/7.

Preston Footballers v Prestonite

When play was resumed last Saturday Prestonite were 9 runs ahead with 8 wickets in hand. When the total reached 167 for 7 wickets the innings was closed. In their second attempt the Footballers did much better, and, at the close of the day had scored 100 runs for three wickets, showing much better form and looked like making a big score. Scores:—

PRESTON FOOTBALLERS
First Innings ... 66
Second Innings
Lane, c Foley, b Forde ... 21
Petchall, c Leake, b Forde ... 20
L. Punch, hit wicket, b Gilchrist ... 13
Hannan, not out ... 30
Monahan, not out ... 9
Sundries ... 7
Total, for three wickets ... 100
Bowling.—Featherstone, 0/12; Temple, 0/33; Forde, 2/23; Gilchrist, 1/16; Barklem, 0/9;

PRESEONITE
First Innings
Temple, b Moffatt ... 17
Foley, not out ... 43
Allender, c Petchall, b Moffatt ... 0
Grierson, c Monahan, b Hannah ... 54
Forde, c Punch, b Luckman ... 12
Featherstone, b Kupsch ... 1
Colthrup, c and b L. Punch ... 1
Barklem, st., Jobson, b Lane ... 5
Leake, not out ... 12
Sundries ... 22
Total, 7 wickets for ... 167
Bowling.—Hannah, 1/34; Moffatt, 2/39; Monahan, 0/11; Kupsch, 1/25; Lane, 1/11; Luckman, 1/18; L. Punch 1/5.

West Preston v Gowerville

Played on Crispe Park, and resulted in a win for Gowerville by one innings and 46 runs. Brand played a very good knock for 68 runs. He was well supported by Grogan 26. P. Masland, 25. In West's second innings which produced 69 runs, Jack Marotte batted right through the innings for 23 not out. Grogan bowled well in securing 6/21. Scores:—

WEST PRESTON PROGRESS
First Innings ... 76
Second Innings
Marotte, not out ... 23
Merritt, c and b Campbell ... 7
Slements, c and b Grogan ... 6
Ely, b Grogan ... 11
McNamara, b Grogan ... 8
Trenoweth, c and b Hollowood ... 4
Hesline, st., b E. Clarkson ... 0
Grierson, st., b Grogan ... 0
Hurley, c, b Grogan, ... 0
Delaney, c, b E. Clarkson ... 6
Lancaster, b Grogan ... 3
Sundries ... 1
Total ... 69
Bowling.—Kinsella, 1/12; Grogan, 6/21; Campbell, 2/36; E. Clarkson, 5/26; Hollowood 5/40.

GOWERVILLE
First Innings
H. Clarkson, st Lugton, b Grierson ... 33
Gleeson, lbw. b Grierson ... 8
Prince, b Ely ... 1
Kinsella, c, b Lancaster ... 23
Brand, c, b Trenoweth ... 68
Grogan, b Ely ... 26
Marsland, c, b McNamara ... 25
Campbell, run out ... 0
Bahen, not out ... 5
E. Clarkson, b McNamara ... 0
Hollowood, absent ... 0
Sundries ... 7
Total ... 191
Bowling.—Marotte, 0/28; Ely, 2/52; McNamara, 2/3; Threnoweth, 1/4; Grierson, 2/43; Hesline, 0/15; Hurley, 0/18; Lancaster, 1/24.

Bell Ramblers v Scouts

This game resulted in a win by 9 wickets and 1 run for the Ramblers who have run into third position on the premiership list. Scores:—

BELL RAMBLERS
First Innings ... 138
Second Innings
Lonsdale, not out ... 6
Watkins, not out ... 12
Duff, b Sayers ... 5
Total, 1 for ... 23
Bowling.—Albinson, 1/37; Dickens, 1/26; R. Underhill, 0/9; Sayers, 2/27; King, 0/34; Floyd, 4/26.

SCOUTS
Second Innings
Goujon, st., b Duff ... 10
Albinson, c, b Fullarton ... 25
S. Underhill, c, b Duff ... 0
Dickens, c, b Duff ... 6
R. Underhill, c, b Fullarton ... 5
Sayers, b Fullarton ... 0
King, st., b Gillespie ... 10
Jukes, b Duff ... 16
Hall, b Fullarton ... 9
Sone, c, b Duff ... 0
Floyd, not out ... 0
Sundries ... 3
Total ... 84
Bowling.—Gillespie, 1/0; Steel, 0/7; Watkins, 0/4; Duff 5/64; Kaufman, 0/27; Fullar, 8/50.

Thornbury v Reservoir

This match was responsible for some rather tall scoring, being naturally a fast scoring ground. It was not unexpected that sooner or later the batsmen would score heavily. In this case the three innings played produced three figures scores. Scores:—

THORNBURY
First Innings ... 128
Second Innings
E. Nance, retired, ... 64
J. Bruce, not out ... 20
D. Kruse, b Woollard ... 28
A. Ryan, not out ... 2
E. Miller, c, b Manchester ... 17
W. Woods, b Earp ... 19
Sundries ... 13
Total, 5 wickets for ... 133
Bowling.—Dyer, 1/41; Woollard, 5/59; Judson, 0/12; Hicks, 0/21; Manchester, 6/51; Gore, 0/47; Earp, 1/26.

RESERVOIR
First Innings
Dyer, b Woods ... 26
Hicks, b Lovelace ... 49
Woollard, c b Gough ... 13
Judson, c, b Gough ... 3
S. Hicks st. b Lovelace ... 1
Manchester, c, b Woods ... 23
Earp, c, b Seymour ... 0
Marie, b Woods ... 0
Esnouf, c, b Kruse ... 3
O'Brien, run out ... 0
Sundries ... 26
Total ... 161
Bowling.—Nance, 0/38; Kruse, 1/5; Gough, 2/22; Woods, 3/24; Lovelace, 2/29; Seymour, 1/12. Reservoir won by 33 runs on the first innings.

Pender's Grove v Bell

Bell, who have succeeded in inducing Col. Bassett and G. Smith to return to their ranks, won this game on the first innings by 49 runs. Scores:—

PENDER'S GROVE
First Innings ... 84
Second Innings
Alexander, lbw., b Smith ... 21
Wakefield, c, b Hughes ... 20
Alford, b Smith ... 4
F. Birchall, st., Basett, b Smith ... 0
Gutheridge, run out ... 1
Wise, b Bassett ... 22
Mathers, not out ... 0
Kenney, b Hughes ... 14
Rowe, absent ... 0
Ramsden, c, b Bassett ... 8
Pitts, b Elms ... 0
Sundries ... 9
Eotal ... 99
Bowling.—Hughes, 2/28; Smith, 6/48; Elms, 3/31; Marchant, 2/49; Goodluck, 0/3; Bassett, 2/11.

BELL
First Innings
A. Bassett, st., b Mathers ... 48
Goodluck, b Birchall ... 18
Hughes, run out ... 19
C. Bassett, b Alford ... 11
Smith, b Alford ... 8
Burns, not out ... 18
Jones, run out ... 3
Senior, c, b Alford ... 2
Thompson, b Alford ... 2
Elms, c, b Alford ... 1
Marchant, b Gutheridge ... 0
Sundries ... 4
Total ... 132
Bowling.—F. Birchall, 1/36; Mathers, 1/34; Wise, 0/6; Rowe, 0/9; Ramsden, 0/26; Alford, 5/12; Gutheridg, 1/13.

East Northcote v Croxton United

By defeating Croxton by 105 runs on the first innings East have maintained their position at the head of affairs in the second grade. Against the score of 225 made by the home team, Croxton United made a plucky fight. After the early dismissal of their champion (Gracie) who was unlucky in hitting his wicket after scoring 15, the Croxton side endeavoured to play out time but were all out for 130, with 30 minutes to play. Gilkes, the fast bowler, played a good innings for 62. Scores:—

EAST NORTHCOTE
First Innings ... 225
Second Innings
Latta, not out ... 1
Shields, c, b Grimmer ... 25
McCausland, not out ... 16
Sundries ... 4
Total, 1 for ... 46
Bowling.—De Granoi, 0/52; Gracie, 2/60; Gilkes, 1/38; Grimmer, 3/65; Pangbourne, 0/4; Mooney, 0/16; Nawton, 1/29.

CROXTON UNITED
First Innings
De Grandi, c, b Ludlow ... 0
Gracie, hot wicket, b R. Colson ... 15
Gilkes, b Ludlow ... 62
Grimmer, c, b R. Colson ... 6
Davies, b Ludlow ... 1
Pangbourne, b Ludlow ... 3
Ford, lbw., b Bassett ... 5
Mooney, b Ludlow ... 11
Newton, c, b R. Colson ... 4
Schobel, st., b Ludlow ... 7
Whitehead, not out ... 10
Sundries ... 6
Total ... 130
Bowling.—Ludlow, 6/31; Bassett, 1/6; Colson, 3/74; Murcutt, 0/17; Lloyd, 0/2.

General Notes

At a social evening held under the auspices of the Prestonite Club the "Leather Coat" was drawn for and ticket No. 130—held by Mr. R. N. Pears, of Youngman street, Preston, became the lucky possessor of the coat, which will be made to order.

The Bell Ramblers Club held a most successful house party at the residence of Mr. Fullarton, on Saturday evening last, and was attended by about 50 persons. The chief item was a Christmas tree for the children. Musical and vocal items were interspersed by games whilst there in groups discussed the political situation as results came through.

In the game between Preston United and Thornbury West, a record for batsmen being run out was established; no fewer than 12 failed to gain their creases before having their wickets disturbed in this manner. It was a quaint mixture of keen fielding and bad running betwen wickets which caused so many to be run out.

Steve Howard, who returned to Broadhursts after quite a lengthy absence, distinguished himself in the match against East Preston by scoring 31 in good style. He also took two splendid catches in the field.

There will be the usual vacation at Christmas time, during which Jika cricketers will have the opportunity of seeing the test match played on the Melbourne ground. Unless otherwise aranged the next round will be commenced on January 9.

The invincible Rainbows added another scalp to their belt during the week-end. This time Preston United were their opponents Rainbow scored 172 to which United replied with 115, L. McLaren 25, T. Forde 34 not out, O. Forde 37. Following on, United lost 8 wickets for 82. Tom Grogan bowled well taking 3/4; G. Smith, 2/10, Hughie McMahon, the club's president, surprised the club mates and the opposing batsmen with a fine bowling turn, taking 3/14. His entry into the game and the success which he achieved delighted the Rainbows. A match is being arranged with Prestonite to be played after the holidays.

West Preston Progress held a very successful evening at Mr. Delany's residence last Saturday. Cards, singing, and competitive games were indulged in, the winners being Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Hesline, for the ladies; whilst Messrs. Harper and Merritt were the successful gents. Songs were contributed by Miss Irwin and Messrs. Cochrane and Harper. The winning number for the Christmas hamper were 499 first; 703 second; and 596 third. The secretary desires assistance in the club's social affairs and extends the season's greetings. Their next match will be played against East Preston. Practice will be resumed on January 5.

In the Fotballers-Prestonite match some splendid fielding was witnessed and the catches taken by L. Punch and Phil Leake were great efforts. J. Petchell, the popular skipper o fthe Footballers, excelled in general work throughout the game.

On account of the South Africans playing in Melbourne during the holidays the V.J.C.U. decided that there would be no inter-association games this season. There will be an inter-state colts' match however and Len Gleeson has been chosen to represent the Jika in this game. It will be remembered that he played against South Australia and was one of the most successful batsmen in the match. He has the congratulations of the Jika on his selection and the best wishes for a successful time.

Northcote Junior Footballers are holding a house party at Mr. A. Proposch's residence, High street, Northcote, on January 9, which will be followed by a picnic on December 24. The supporters will journey by motor bus to Rickett's Point, leaving the corner of High and Dennis streets at 10 p.m. sharp. During the interval at the last match Mr. S. Bolt made a presentation to Mr. N. Proposch and Miss A. Carter in honor of their mariage.

During a lull in the festivities at the house party of the Bell Ramblers a very handsome and appropriate presentation was made to Mr. Feltham, one of the club's friends. It took the form of a toilet set and was greatly appreciated.

Bell Ramblers played Pastrycooks Ltd. last week-end and the pie merchants were declared the winners. Scores were:—Bell Ramblers, 82 (Steel 10, Hooker 13, Duff 15, Gonbley 10 not out, R. Jones 12; Collier 3/27, Saunders 2/18, Cronin 2/5, Ireland 3/22) v Pastrycooks, 7 for 92 (Collier 31, Saunders 29, J. Saunders 16; Fullarton 2/18, Jones 1/18, Steel 3/12, Wawn 1/2).

The Thornbury Socials held their usual Christmas treat for children of the club's members and it proved a great success. Mr. Hosking took the role of Father Christmas and carried out his part admirably. The club hold a picnic every alternate Sunday and with a house party at regular intervals, are catering well for the social desires of its members.

UMPIRES FOR SEVENTH ROUND

The following umpires have been appointed for the seventh round, to be played on January 9 and 16, 1932.

A GRADE

Preston v Gowerville, on Pender's grove wicket, Newman and Freeman.

Bell v Preston Footballers, on Gowerville wicket, Rooney and Cavanagh.

Broadhursts v Thornbury, Dean and Jutson.

Reservoir v Pender's Grove, Pratt and Fisher.

East Preston v West Preston Progress, Oaten and Feltham.

B GRADE

Thornbury West v Croxton United, Howard and Hellings.

Thornbury Socials v Preston United, Sergeant and Harrigan.

Scouts v Northcote Junior Footballers, Car and Richey.

Highview v Soccer, Johns and Patrick.

Bell Ramblers v East Northcote, Loughlan and Lack.

Reserves, Fothergill and Cohen.

LIST OF POINTS SCORED

The points list is as follows, including the sixth round:—

A GRADE

Gowerville, 27; Prestonite, 24; Broadhursts, 21; Preston Footballers, 16; Bell, 70; West Preston Progress, 8; East Preston, 8; Pender's Grove, 6; Reservoir, 5; Thornbury 2.

B GRADE

East Northcote, 24; Northcote Junior Footballers, 21; Bell Ramblers, 18; Highview, 17; Thornbury West, 11; Croxton United, 11; Soccer, 8; Preston United 7; Scouts 7; Thornbury Socials 0.

Church Notices

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE

December 27.—First Sunday after Christmas.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Usual Services.
Rev. A. H. Constable, Vicar.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
(Bayview Street)

Christmas Day
Holy Communion, 7, 8, and 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Vicar.
Dec. 27.—Sunday after Christmas
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Matins, 11 a.m.
Evensong, 7 p.m.
Preacher: The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
(Shaftesbury Parade)

Christmas Day
7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar (Rev. W. H. Chamberlain)
Sunday, December 27.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.
4 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar
Jan. 3, 1932.—Second Sunday after Christmas.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins and Intercessions.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. H. J. Gauntlett.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.

CHRISTMAS DAY
Holy Communion.—8 and 11.
SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Holy Communion.—8 a.m.
Morning Prayer.—11 a.m.
Evensong.—7 p.m.
Rev. F. Parsons, Vicar.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES
December 27
Northcote
11 a.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby.
7 p.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
St. George's Road
11 a.m.—Mr. S. Murden.
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
Croxton
11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
7 p.m.—Pastor Perkins.
January 3, 1932
Northcote
11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.—Mr. P. R. Bock.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby.
St. George's Road
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby.
7 p.m.—Sister Edith.
Croxton
11 a.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
7 p.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.

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3 p.m.—Bible School.
7 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
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W. E. FINDLAY,
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For all particulars apply to A. E. Garside, sec., 9 Stewart St., Regent.

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Notices

19 George V., No. 3632, Sec. 106.
19 George V., No. 3792, Sec. 27

NOTICE

A RULE to administer the Estate of CATHERINE LOUISA VOLK, also known as Catherine Volk, late of Number 140 St. George's road, Northcote, domestic servant, deceased, intestate, who died on 17th August, 1931, has been granted to me, and Creditors, Next of Kin, and all others having claims against the Estate are required to send in particulars of their claims to the Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, No. 267 Queen street, Melbourne, on or before the 12th February, 1932, or they may be excluded from the distribution of the Estate when the assets are being distributed.

J. A. ROSS.
Curator of the Estates of Deceased persons.
Melbourne, 9th December, 1931.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

Annual Statement of Accounts in Abstract

RATES

Total amount due	£71505	7 3
Arrears carried forward	8916	10 11

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Expenditure—			
Overdraft 30/9/30	£10841	2 6	
Year's expenditure	£121120	14 1	
	£131961	16 7	
Total Receipts			£130260 19 3
Bank Overdraft			1700 17 4
			£131961 16 7

LOAN LIABILITY

Total of Loans	£492881	15 0
Less repaid	99264	8 8
Balance due	£393617	6 4

STREET CONSTRUCTION

Expenditure—			
Overdraft 30/9/1930	£10027	1 7	
Loan Repayments	24039	0 8	
Works	9832	0 4	
Total	£43898	2 7	
Total Receipts	37390	2 1	
Bank Overdraft 30/9/31	£6508	0 6	

ASSETS

Due by Owners	£107802	18 4

ELECTRIC LIGHT ACCOUNT

Receipts—			
Balance 30/9/1930	£6439	19 5	
Consumers, etc.	58477	14 2	
	£64917	13 7	
Expenditure—			
Purchase of current, etc.	£55661	11 8	
Cr. Balance 30/9/31	£9256	1 11	

The accounts were certified as correct by the Government Municipal Auditor, Mr. H. J. Mudford, and finally settled, found just, true and allowed at a meeting of the Council held on the 21st day of December, 1931.

A copy of the statement may be inspected at the Municipal Offices.

J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Before Mr. E. C. Tibb, P.M., and Messrs P. Carney and A. E. Williams, J.'sP.

Rate Appeal Withdrawn

J. O'Keefe v City of Northcote, appeal against a valuation of £40 in respect to land corner Victoria road and Separation street, Northcote.

Mr. A. M. Lonie (Maddock, Jamieson and Lonie) said that O'Keefe had given notice of appeal, and he now wished to withdraw. The council has been put to the expense of making a second valuation.

O'Keefe said he wished to withdraw. He thought he had a buyer when he gave notice of withdrawal five days ago but the sale had not gone through.

The case was dismissed with £3/3/ costs against O'Keefe.

No Lights

Sydney Harold Jenson, Andrew street, Northcote, who on November 17 rode a cycle without a light was fined 20/. Others fined were Leslie Martin, Taplin street, North Fitzroy, 20/.

Motor Cyclists' Speed

Stanley P. Coath, Gilbert road, West Preston, charged with having, on November 21 driven a motor cycle along St. George's road, Miller street and Gilbert road, at a speed dangerous to the public.

Traffic Constable Norbury said: "I followed Coath in the streets mentioned and he was travelling between 50 and 55 m.p.h. He was followed from the racecourse in St. George's road to Bell street, West Preston, and the only time Coath slowed down was when he turned from St. George's road to Miller street, and from Miller street into Gilbert road. In all he passed 24 side streets and five cross streets.

Coath said he had no speedometer on his machine and did not know he was travelling so fast.

Fined £7 in default distress.

No Registration

Victor Nankervis, Marshall street, Ivanhoe, charged that on November 25 he drove an unregistered motor car in Heidelberg road, was fined £7.

Nankervis said the car had been dismantled for several months, and he was testing it after having overhauled it.

John Gilbert Steele, Eliza street, Black Rock, who pleaded guilty to a charge of having driven an unregistered motor cycle in High street, Thornbury, on December 6 was fined £2.

Steele said he had borrowed the machine to go to a hill climb and did not know until after the police had stopped him that the machine was not registered.

Unlicenced Motor Cyclist

William J. Campbell, Eunson avenue, Northcote, who on December 6 rode a motor cycle without being licenced, was fined £3. Constable Cunningham said that when stopped Campbell said that he had had five tries for his licence but the police would not grant it, as the machine was not fitted with a proper silencer.

Motorists' 55 to 60 m.p.h.

Robert Suchitono, High street, Northcote, was charged that on December 2 he drove a motor car in Queen's parade, Clifton Hill in a manner dangerous to the public, pleaded guilty.

Traffic Constable Pearce said "Defendant travelled between 55 to 60 m.p.h. along Queen's parade, passing side streets and safety zones. When stopped defendant said he was in a hurry to put some people on a train. I accompanied him to the station and the passengers caught the train. When questioned Suchitono said: "I thought I was doing 30 to 35 m.p.h."

Fined £7.

Manufacturer Fined

Glen Cave, High St., Northcote charged that being the occupier of a factory between July 1 and September 23 he failed to furnish a return to the government statistian when requested to do so.

Constable McCormack said that he left a form with Cave to complete on July 1, but it had not been supplied until December 21. A final notice was served at Cave's private address in August, the factory having been closed.

Fined £2.

FEDERAL ELECTION

DIVISION OF BATMAN

I DESIRE to sincerely THANK all those voters who, by casting their votes in my favor on polling day, were responsible for my return by such a handsome majority.

To those members of my Committee, both ladies and gentlemen, I tender my deepest gratitude. I particularly thank all those friends and supporters who made the success at the polls possible.

As Federal Member for Batman, I will endeavour to justify to the full that confidence which the residents of Batman have imposed in me.

Yours faithfully,

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NORTHCOTE NOTES

Fire News

On the 21st. inst. the firemen attended two fires. At 2.52 a.m. they were called to the Salvation Army barracks, Mitchell street, where rooms at the rear were alight. Four rooms with their contents were severely damaged and smoke and heat slightly scorched the main building. One of the rear rooms contained a number of instruments used by the bands. The cause of the outbreak is unknown. At 11.32 on the morning of the same day a wood and iron hopper at the factory of J. Porta and Sons, Pty. Ltd., was severely damaged and a quantity of sawdust was destroyed. This loss is covered by insurance in the Patriotic Office.

Nortncote Council

The next meeting of the Northcote council will be held on Monday February 15. The first committee meeting for the new year will be held on February 8.

The offices of the council will be closed between December 25 and January 1, both dates inclusive, for the Christmas holidays.

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

The annual meeting of the Northcote branch was held in the Memorial Hall on December 14 and the attendance was the largest for six years. The election of officers was conducted by the Dads' Association, their president (Mr. Phil McDonald) being in charge. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. H. S. W. Marshall (unopposed); vice-presidents, Geo. Ransom and A. E. Trim; hon. treasurer, S. McColl (unopposed); hon. secretary, J. A. Fagan (unopposed); assistant-secretary, A. Allie; board of management, R. Edwards, F. Humphries, F. Higgins, T. Munro, W. Coulthard.

Northcote Branch A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting on December 17, was presided over by Mr. Brasker. There was an excellent attendance. After the meeting a social evening was held. An invitation had been sent to the A.W.A. of whom a large number attended and dancing and games were indulged in interspersed with items well rendered by Miss Jean Preston. The president welcomed the visitors and extended to all the best wishes and compliments of the season and expressed the hope that the new year would be a much brighter and more prosperous one for all. Mr. Turnbull was presented with a past president's certificate by the lady president of the A.N.A. in a well-chosen speech. Refreshments were partaken of and everyone went home happy after a pleasant evening. The next meeting will be held on Thursday and those who can possibly attend are urged to do so. Falling on New Year's Eve many members will be on holidays.

Northcote Choral Society

The above society held a successful evening in Austral Hall, on December 15 when about 80 attended. Competitions and games were indulged in, the winners being—Lighting candles, Miss Hutchinson; sewing on buttons, Mr. Barker; noisiest member, Mr. Harris. Mr. Neilson was given a memento for his capable services and although surprised, replied suitably. Mr. Beckerman entertained with humorous items. After supper dacing was resumed.

High Street Methodist Church

A combined Chistmas service of the churches of the district is to be held at the above church at half-past 10 on Christmas Day.

The usual Christmas Sunday afternoon was held in the Sunday school last Sunday. A number of Christmas items were rendered and a short address given by the Rev. F. J. Jennings. The hon. J. G. Membrey was the chairman. A special choral service was held last Sunday evening, the preacher being Rev. F. J. Jennings.

Church of the Epiphany Sunday School

The following is the list of prizetkers:—Church Attendance:—Ernest Pickering; Nancy Maidstone, Laurel Austin, Lila McIntyre, Edna Gibaud, Thelma Gibaud, Vivienne Bates, Edna Niehoff, Pattie Bowen.

Morning Sunday School.—First class junior girls, Lila McIntrye 1; Vivienne Bates, 2; 2nd class junior girls, Dorothy Moseley 1; Gwen Parsons 2; 1st. class intermediate girls, Effie Austin 1, Dulcie Phayer 2; 2nd. class intermediate girls, Laurel Austin 1, Alma Gray 2; 3rd. class intermediate girls, Isobel Scott 1, Irene Dunstan 2; 4th. class intermediate girls, Hazel Main, Alma Stephens. First class junior boys, Albert Ziebell 1, Stanley Chidley 2; 2nd. class junior boys, George Skelly 1, Ronnie Phayer 2; 1st. class intermediate boys, Jack Skelly 1, Robert Skelly 2; 2nd. class intermediate boys, George Pollard 1, Alf Body 2; choirboys, Eric Trotman 1, Keith Kemp 2.

Afternoon Sunday School.—First class junior girls, Joyce Tipton 1, Edna Gibaud 2; 2nd. class junior girls, Lila McIntyre 1, Mavis Tipton 2; 1st. class intermediate girls, Jean Ardley 1, Alma Stephens 2; 2nd. class intermediate girls, Margaret Gough 1, Thelma Gibaud 2; senior girls, Nancy Seedsman 1, Florence Brewer 2. Junior Boys, Albert Woodroffe 1, Reg Brewer 2; special prize, Colin Campbell; choirboys, Eric Trotman and Charlie Kemp equal 1; 1st. class intermediate, George Sanders 1, Roy Bartlett 2; 2nd. class intermediate, George Drury 1, Charlie Reid 2; senior boys, Sidney Singleton 1, Ken Gough 2.

Certificates for Diocesan Examination, Lorna Kirton, Owen Davies, William Quemalt, Albert Williams.

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