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Railway Accident at Wattle Glen

TRAIN DERAILED IN LEVEL CROSSING ACCIDENT

MOTOR CAR TORN TO PIECES

OCCUPANTS HAVE MARVELLOUS ESCAPES

A sensation went through the district when it became known that there had been a railway accident at Wattle Glen on Good Friday morning. All sorts of alarming rumors were current, and it was a relieved community which learned that, although the train had been derailed and a motor car almost torn to pieces, all the persons who were in the train and car escaped with comparatively minor injuries.

Traffic on the line was completely disorganised for some time as a section of the line had been torn up by the train when it left the rails, and until the line was repaired and the necessary repairs made, a fleet of taxis and a railway bus were used to carry on.

The accident occurred about 11.40 a.m., when the 11.10 a.m. "up" train was travelling from Hurstbridge to Melbourne. The train was almost entering the Wattle Glen station when the mishap occurred.

Mr. Donald F. Paterson, manager of the Bank of Australasia at Cobram, with his wife and two children, had arrived from Cobram on the day before, and had spent the night with Mrs. Paterson's mother (Mrs. Herbert), whose home is near the station.

Set Out for the Beach

They had decided to visit the beach, and were on their way to reach the Hurstbridge–Melbourne road.

Waited for Another Car

At the railway crossing Mr. Paterson waited a while to allow another car travelling in the opposite direction, to negotiate the crossing first, and then proceeded. When his car was on the crossing it was struck broadside on by the train.

Hurled Over Culvert

The car was dragged broadside on for some distance, and was then hurled over into a culvert on the west side of the line.

The train, the two leading carriages of which had left the line, continued on, lurching sickeningly as the derailed wheels ploughed up the permanent way.

Post Snapped Like a Reed

The head of the train wobbled from side to side, carrying before it an 18-inch post used to support the overhead electrical equipment. This pole was snapped like a reed, and did not decrease the speed of the runaway train to any appreciable extent.

All this time the air brakes had been applied, and when the train eventually came to a standstill the leading carriages were canted over at a dangerous angle.

The Injured

The injured were:—

Donald Fary Paterson, aged 36 years, manager of the Bank of Australasia, Cobram. Bruises and shock.

Mary Winifred Paterson, his wife, aged 32 years. Broken bone in right foot and shock.

Richard Paterson, aged 6 years, and Betty Paterson, aged 2 years, their children. Slight abrasions and shock.

J. Howse, driver of the train.—Shock.

Mrs. M. Barnes, Hurstbridge, passenger on the train.—Shock.

After the Accident

An inspection of the site revealed a mass of torn up line, whilst the car was literally a mass of twisted scrap iron. The culvert over which the car had been hurled, and where there is a drop of about 12 feet, was badly splintered, and it is a wonder that the train did not follow the car when it went over the culvert.

To the Rescue!

Mr. James McCannon, who was working in his garden nearby, heard the crash and rushed over to give what assistance he could. There were others also in the neighborhood who hurried to the scene.

Mrs. Paterson was limping about, searching frantically for her two children, completely ignoring the terrible pain from her injured foot. Searchers found Mr. Paterson pinned beneath the wreckage of the car, and across his knees was his son, Richard. The daughter Beatrice was found on the road at the crossing, she apparently having been thrown clear of the car at the time of the impact.

In the train were only the driver (Motorman Howse), the guard, and one passenger (Mrs. Barnes, of Hurstbridge).

Driver's Escape

The driver had a marvellous escape, his cabin being splintered when it struck the pole carrying the overhead gear, but he escaped with bruises and a few lacerations caused by glass from the broken windscreen of his cabin. The roof of the driver's compartment had been splintered, and the front crushed.

Passenger's Experience

Mrs. Barnes had a nerve-wracking experience. She was tossed from side to side as the train lurched on its way after leaving the track, sustaining shock and considerable bruising. She was taken to a nearby residence, and after resting awhile recovered sufficiently to return home.

Motorists took Mr. and Mrs. Paterson to the Eltham Hospital, where they were admitted for treatment, and their two children were taken to the home of Mr. Paterson's mother at Greensborough.

Traffic Interruption

Passengers to Eltham, Diamond Creek on the trains following heard all sorts of sensational rumors of what had happened. At Heidelberg passengers were told that the train was not going any further, but after some time all got aboard again, and the train proceeded to Eltham, where all passengers were again told to get out. They finally re-embarked and were taken to Diamond Creek, from which station they continued their interrupted journeys by taxis and a railways motor bus, which continued the interrupted service. Passengers who left Melbourne for Hurstbridge at about 11 a.m. finally reached their destination at about 3 p.m.

Restoring the Damage

The railways officials were soon on the spot, and immediately work was started to rebuild the tracks and restore the overhead gear. Work continued throughout the day and all Friday night, normal running being resumed about midday on Saturday.

The derailed carriages were not replaced on the rails until a quarter to 6 o'clock on Friday evening. During this operaton one of the large hooks of the steam crane pierced the woodwork of a carriage, causing considerable damage.

Mr. Paterson said he did not see the train until it was almost on his car, his attention having been occupied in seeing that another car got clear of the crossing before he negotiated it. Had he not waited for that car he would have cleared the crossing in ample time.

Motorman House said that at this spot the line curved. He was emphatic that he sounded his siren as he aproached the spot. His view of the crossing was obscured by saplings at the curve and he saw the first car get clear, but did not see Paterson's car as it was on the "blind" side of his cabin.

Mrs. Barnes, who is staying at Cr. J. Ryan's house, is still suffering very much from shock. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan were in Sale at the time of the accident, but returned as soon as they heard of it.

Mr. J. House has been off duty since the accident.

The sub-station at Greensborough was also damaged on account of the heavy surge of current which blew the fuses and damaged the switches. It is expected that the damage to the railways will amount to over £1,000.

It is understood that the insurance on the motor car that was smashed expired the previous week.

Early Selections for Epsom (Saturday)

(Subject to scratchings)

Two-Year-Old Handicap

STAR WATCH	1
SWEET LYRA	2
GREENLAW	3

Trial Handicap

FULL FORCE	1
GALIBROOK	2
VEN DIGHTON	3

Plate

TENTERDEN	1
TRISTAN	2
BINNA	3

Purse

BARBADIAN	1
WILTS	2
WAYBACK	3

Brush Stetple

HONORIUM	1
CALELY	2
WA HOAX	3

Epsom Handicap

LIQUID CRY	1
KAROMIN	2
PENDENNIS	3

£80 TURF COMPETITION

One reader, L. Scobie, 44 Devon avenue, West Coburg, selected six placed horses last week. He receives £30. The £5 for the Jockey competition went to E. Clayton, 57 Cromwell street, Collingwood.

Read conditions on page 12.

EJECTMENT ORDERS AT PRESTON

SEQUEL TO CUTHBERT ROAD HAPPENINGS

At the Preston court on Thursday an application was made by Federal Estates Pty. Ltd. for a warrant of ejectment against John Duffield in respect to a property at Cuthbert road, Reservoir.

Mr. D. M. Little (for the complainants) said that some time ago the company had obtained a warrant of ejectment against Duffield, and there had been a distruhance when the police went to execute it; with the result that after negotiations the warrant was withdrawn on an undertaking being given by Duffield that the property would be vacated within fourteen days. That undertaking had not been carried out, and an order for immediate possession was requested.

The bench made an order that a warrant of ejectment be issued forth with.

Federal Estates Pty. Ltd also obtained warrants of ejectment against Robert Bower, of Broadway, Reservoir (stay of fourteen days granted); and Thomas Jackson, Lane crescent, Reservoir.

At Preston court on Thursday there was an attendance of five justices, Messrs. O. A. Walker, L. Jones (Mayor), T. J. McMahon, E. Lewis and R. H. E. Maynard. This is the largest attendance of justices for some time.

THE SCENE AFTER THE WATTLE GLEN SMASH

THE BREAKDOWN GANG AT WORK.—The scene at the Wattle Glen railway station, while many people watched the efforts of the breakdown gang to raise the two derailed carriages of the train which "jumped" the line after it had struck a motor car. The permanent way was torn up for a considerable distance, and the line was bent into a semi-circle. The two carriages plunged down the embankment. They were eventually restored to the line.

Courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

Activities at Preston

By The Rouseabout.

Miss Cotchin's Recital

A BRILLIANT and successful recital was given by Miss Mildred Cotchin in the Preston city hall on March 23 to a very appreciative audience. Miss Cotchin gave no less than 35 items, including six national dances, a physical culture demonstration of free arm and plastique exercises, posing and natural dancing, club swinging, four recitations, two pianoforte solos and a dialogue, in which she was ably assisted by Miss Poppy Broatnall. The assisting artists were Miss Vera Carew (soprano) and Miss de Saxe (flautiste). Both were heartily applauded. Miss L. Parsons was accompaniste. At the close of the programme Cr. G. E. Robinson presented Miss Cotchin with many beautiful floral tributes. In his remarks he said that Miss Cotchin deserved credit for her versatile talents, which had been excellently presented. "God Save the King" concluded a pleasant evening.

Preston South Branch, A.N.A. Flower Show

THE autumn flower show on March 24 in the Rechabite Hall was easily the best ever held. The wealth of blooms and the numerous entries were a sight to behold. So keen was the competition that the judges had no light task in awarding the honors. The seating accommodation was taxed to the utmost, which goes to prove that the society's flower shows are gaining in popularity. In the dahlia section Master Goodfellow obtained prizes for the champion bloom, 3 best decoratives, and bunch of dahlias; Mr. Telfer for 3 best cactus dahlias; Mr. F. Brace for the best 3 poms; and Mr. Johnson for hybrid cactus. In the rose section Mr. Frawley was the successful exhibitor. For cut flowers (distinct), Mr. F. Brace (mixed), Mrs. Gilmore (buttonhole), Mr. Brace and Master Goodfellow divided. The judges were Messrs. Dunallan and Gibson, of Northcote, who were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mr. H. Drew, vice-president, Board of Directors, and Director G. Holland paid a visit, and were amazed at the splendid show staged by the branch.

Sailors' and Soldiers' Fathers' Association (Preston Branch)

THE usual monthly meeting was held on March 22, and was opened by President G. Stevens, who asked the members to stand in silence in memory of the fallen; also announcing that since last meeting one of our active members, Dad A. Harding, had been fatally injured in a motor collision. He had sent a letter of condolence on behalf of the branch to the widow and family. After disposing of the business the feature of the evening was a travel talk by Cr. W. J. Hemburrow on his recent holiday visit to Java, Singapore and the Malay States. He described lucidly the different living conditions of the people, the climates, boat conditions and means of travel. Java being a small island with 45 million inhabitants meant that there were practically no waste spaces. Even the hard rocky cuttings through which the railway passes were terraced one above the other and planted with rice. The meeting, which comprised ladies, Diggers and Dads passed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer for the comprehensive way he had described this most interesting tour.

Community Singing

COMMUNITY singing was held on Thursday night last week on account of the holidays. The hall was comfortably filled. Mr. Rowe and Miss McDonald and her brother were well received, also a special novelty item by Mr. A. Clarke.

On Friday night the Preston Professional cyclists will hold the first heat of a one mile championship on the rollers, which will take four nights to complete.

A return night by the "Gay Sparks" Costume Comedy Company has been announced.

Preston Mayoral Ball

THERE is every prospect of a mayoral ball being held in Preston during the coming season probably the second week in July.

Fishing Parties

MESSRS. D. McIntyre, P. Daft and party proceeded to Stony Point during the holidays, and as a result of one day's fishing secured 32 schnapper, 12 whiting and four dozen flathead. The day was a mixture of sunshine and rain, the latter predominating.

Mr. A. F. Deacon and family tried their luck at Breakaway, Goulburn. The fishing return was poor, and the weather bleak and wintry. The Country Roads Board has taken over the road from Fernshaw to Taggerty, and the work of reconstruction is about half completed. Mr. Deacon says that the result promises to be a very fine roadway, which will be greatly appreciated by travellers.

Some Pumpkin!

THERE is to be seen in the shop window of Mr. Child, High street, Preston, a pumpkin which turned the scales at 62lbs. The huge vegetable grown in the garden of Mr. Don Aitken, East Preston, is 34 inches in length and 44 inches in circumference.

Fire Brigade Items

FIREMAN L. Hoober has returned from a month's holiday spent at Mt. Martha.

On Sunday last the firemen were called to the corner of Dundas and St. David streets, Preston. The alarm proved to be a false one, as was also the case on Monday, when a run to the corner of High and Regent streets was a useless errand. There was a second call to Reservoir gates, but when the brigade arrived at the spot there was no sign of a fire, nor of the idiotic individual who senselessly broke the alarm.

A call to Rosebank Estate, Reservoir, proved to be a genuine one, when a house and contents were destroyed by fire. The property, consisting of four rooms, and the furniture were insured for £150. As usual, the cause of the outbreak is unknown.

A Bicycle Stolen

MR. Laurie Jones had an unpleasant experience on Tuesday evening. He left his bicycle, valued at £14 10 in the side drive at the office of his father (Cr. L. Jones) in High street. Although only absent a short time there was no sign of the machine when the owner went to obtain it.

A Trip to Milloo

CR. H. P. Zwar and Mrs. and Miss Zwar, also Mr. Husband spent the Easter holidays at the home of the firstnamed's son-in-law at Milloo. A very enjoyable time was spent. As the result of shooting excursions the party secured 130 quail, duck, hares and rabbits. Shooting operations came to an untimely end owing to the supply of cartridges running out.

Ball for Medicine Fund

AT the meeting of the mayor's committee it was decided to hold a ball in aid of the medicine fund.

West Preston State School

DURING the recent wet spell 109 points of rain were registered by the school gauge.

Sixty-five junior and 12 senior certificates have been issued to boys and girls attending the school. These certificates were forwarded by the Education Department, and are for efficiency in swimming, etc.

The Mothers' and Fathers' Clubs have decided to hold a bazaar in the local town hall at the end of the month to raise funds to carry on various school activities. Mr. D. Paterson is acting as bazaar secretary.

Noisy Motor Cycles

PRESTON is blessed—or rather cursed—with more than its share of noisy motor cycles. Day in and day out, particularly in High street, the drivers of these useful but ill-used machines proceed at a break-neck pace, and unearthly, nervewracking noises are emitted, to the annoyance of business people and pedestrians. Such sounds are totally unnecessary, and perhaps Sergt. Lang will make a note of the well-founded complaint.

Leap Year Club

ARRANGEMENTS are well in hand for holding the Leap Year Club dance. A general meeting of the club committee will take place.

Grass-Grown Streets

SEVERAL streets in and around Preston are over-run with all sorts of weeds and undesirable growths. Even in portions of High street milk thistles, marshmallows and weeds grow in luxuriance. In Murray road, from High street to Preston railway station, there abounds a profusion of lanky, rank weeds, which are an eyesore to passers-by. A general clean-up of quite a number of thoroughfares in the direction indicated is desirable.

Preston Branch, R.S.S.I.L.A.

ON Wednesday evening, March 29, members and friends of the branch were entertained by Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P. (a life guest of the branch), to a descriptive narrative of his recent tour abroad. The speaker carried his audience through his travels, and, mingling his description with a sense of humor, kept them extremely interested for over two hours. In relating incidents that occurred and describing scenes and towns and villages in what was the war zone, listeners were taken back 13 years ago, when they themselves were there, but under vastly different conditions. Cr. Zwar was warmly thanked for his address, and reference was made to the unabated interest he manifested in the welfare of the returned man and his dependants. This great work has been carried on ever since the cessation of hostilities and is keenly appreciated by the members.

The usual euchre party and social evening will be held on Saturday night next.

On Wednesday evening we are to be favored with a visit from Coburg branch in connection with the interbranch billiards tournament, and a social evening will be indulged in. A euchre tournament will also be held, and as the proceeds are to be devoted to the mayor's medicine fund for the benefit of the unemployed a good muster of members and friends is desired. The object of the fund is a most worthy one, and deserving of patronage.

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The Present Position

According to Mr. Davis, the energetic secretary to the local relief movement, the position is a shade worse than at the same period last year. The exact number on the unemployed register is 2,000, and there is no diminution in the number of applications for sustenance. There are now 1412 on the list.

For the week ending March 23 the number of renewals was 657, this being an increase of 16 on the previous week. The total expenditure for the last two weeks amounted to £767 19/6.

Before the proposed new work scheme comes into force a member of the local relief committee says it will mean the expenditure of much money in order to "boot" and clothe the men to be employed.

FENCES AROUND CHURCHES

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I noticed in a recent issue of your esteemed journal that it is proposed to place a brick fence around the newly-erected Anglican Church in High street, Preston. Might I be permitted to point out that it is the invariable custom nowadays to do away, as much as possible, with fences surrounding churches, halls and public buildings generally. In almost every suburb of Melbourne this practice is being followed, and in place of walls of brick, paling fences and such like, plots of ground in which flowers are planted are made use of, adding greatly to the surroundings of churches, etc. Take, as instances, St. Paul's Cathedral, city; St. Patrick's, East Melbourne; St. John's, Toorak; Congregational Church, Collins St., and elsewhere. There lawns, grass plots and flower beds are to be seen. And is there any reason why the examples referred to might not be followed with advantage in the city of Preston?—Yours, etc.,

PARISHIONER OF PRESTON.

EASTER CARNIVAL AT PRESTON

A "back to the horse" procession through the streets of Preston was a feature of Easter Monday morning of the carnival which is being conducted by the Preston band committee at Bell Park to augment the funds for the relief of unemployment. The carnival was officially opened in the afternoon by the Assistant Minister for Labor (Mr. Webber), who is the member for Heidelberg. Displays of buckjumping and wood-chopping were given. Highland dancing awards were:—Strathspey Reel, under 12: G. James. Hornpipe, under 10: M. Russell. Sword Dance, under 12: J. Hamilton. Highland Fling, under 10: M. Russell. Highland Fling, under 12: S. Wanless.

The bad weather marred the progress of the first two days, but the attendance was very large under the circumstances. The procession was made spectacular by the appearance of 80 children of Mrs. Ralph's in fancy dress. The procession was led by the horsemen who attended. The first prize was donated to Mr. Bradford (Australian horseman); second, Mr. Potter. The best decorated tradesman's vehicle went to Preston Ice Works; second, Callander's No. 1 cart. Best tableau was won by the Queen of Dancing, and second, Miss G. Nicholls. Best decorated truck was won by Master Jameson (Our Bridge).

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PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

GOWERVILLE DEFEATS PRESTON

In the first grade final the Gowerville club met and surprised all and sundry by defeating the redoubtable Prestonite team by 24 runs. The second day's play commenced at 10.15 on Friday with Gowerville showing a deficit of 35 runs on the first innings. Batting doggedly, and taking no risks whatever, the batsmen waited for the runs and, assisted by poor fielding on the part of Prestonite, they were able to put up the good score of 179 runs before the last wicket fell. The Clarkson's set their team a great example by their determination.

Large Attendance

The day was fine, and several hundred people attended to witness what proved to be a good struggle. It was the largest crowd ever present at a Jika final, the importance of the game drawing spectators from far and near. There is no question of the growing popularity of the Jika Cricket and scouts were out from Preston Sub-District and other teams and several players were invited to play in higher grade cricket next year. Had the Preston ground been available for this match quite a good "gate" would have been taken

Good Cricket in Good Spirit

The game was played in excellent spirit and both winners and losers are to be complimented on their performances. At the conclusion of the game the Gowerville supporters were delighted and carried some of their champions shoulder high from the field. The fielding of the winning team was wonderful; Tom Grogan, in particular, did great work and in taking four brilliant catches on the boundary, was chiefly responsible for his team winning the premisrship.

The Winners Congratulated

After the match was over, when the excitement had died down, in the absence of Cr. H. P. Zwar (the president) for whom an apology was received, Mr. Short congratulated the winning team on its success. Mr. Temple, on behalf of Prestinite, supported his remarks and though disappointed at losing the game, in a truly sporting manner, called for three cheers for the premier team. Mr. H. Clarkson, Gowerville's captain, responded with a few well-chosen remarks.

Gowerville's First Success

This is the first time in the history of the Gowerville club that it has been successful in winning a final match, and all credit is due to them. They are a young side and performed particularly well to defeat such a strong team as Prestonite. Prestonite team is naturally disappointed, but makes no excuses.

Prestonite Player Injured

Shortly after the game started on Good Friday J. Calthrop, the Prestonite wicket-keeper, received a terrific blow from the ball, which was thrown in from the field. He was struck between the eyes, and had to be taken away for medical treatment. So serious did the injury appear that the local doctor ordered his removal to his home, where the family physician took over the care of the injured man. It was found that the nose is badly fractured and for a time it was feared that more serious complications would result. However, on inquiring later, it was learned that, although it would be some days before the full extent of his injuries would be known Calthrop's condition had much improved. It was decidedly unfortunate for his team to lose his services just at a time when they were so valuable.

East Northcote Win Second Grade Premiership

One of the first teams to compete in the Jika Competition was East Northcote, who have been under the leadership of George Armstrong for ten consecutive seasons and during that time has missed playing in only about five games. Like Gowerville, although they have reached the semi-final stage previously, they were never able to get any further, so their win is particularly popular. Year after year they have battled on with varying success, but always played the game according to the best traditions.

Teams Will Be Promoted

In being placed in the second grade this season they made every post a winning one, and came out with a glorious victory. The runners-up—Bell Ramblers deserve great credit for the manner in which they have performed, this being their first year in the Jika Competition. Being a young side with every prospect of improvement, they will go into the first grade with great hopes of a successful season.

Both Teams Congratulated

At the conclusion of the game Mr. Carr, on behalf of the Association, congratulated both clubs on their success and suggested that they try and improve their teams. Mr. Duff, the Bell Ramblers' captain, followed by his team, visited the winners and congratulated them on their victory and the sporting nature of their play. Mr. Armstrong responding jocularly, remarked that it would not be quite "the thing" for Bell Ramblers to win, when they took into consideration the fact that East had to battle ten years for their first premiership. It had been a good clean game and greatly enjoyed by all.

FIRST GRADE

GOWERVILLE V PRESTONITE

Precisely at 10.15 on Good Friday Prestonite took the field. H. Clarkson and L. Gleeson were the opening pair. Although suffering from an injured finger, sustained on the previous day of the match, Gleeson pluckily played. It was evident from the start that Gowerville intended playing the rock. Facing a deficit of 35 runs Gowerville started slowly and had 28 on when Temple relieved Barklem. His fourth ball proved fatal to Gleeson, being caught by Foley 1—10—28. R. Clarkson followed and after scoring 6 singles, was stumped by Calthrop off Gilchrist 2—6—43. The next wicket fell without any addition to the total, J. Bahen being nicely caught by Earp off Gilchrist. Grogan and Clarkson carried the score to 78 when Gilchrist bowled the former for 13. E. Clarkson was next and immediately dug himself in. Shortly after, Leake caught H. Clarkson off Temple 5—40—80. Brand followed and was immediately missed from the easiest of catches, by Jarvis at point—Jarvis was fielding sub. for Calthrop, Parker putting on the gloves. This was an expensive miss as this pair put on over 50 and batted for 1½ hours. Brand was eventually out lbw., to Gilchrist for a valuable 15. C. Bahen adopted the stone wall principle and again the bowlers were held up. Bahen was at last tempted to hit at a ball from Temple—missed and was stumped by Parker. Marsland, the next batsman, made no attempt to play the ball with his bat, he simply stood in front of his wicket and allowed the ball to strike his pads. The inevitable straight ball quickly came along from Temple and Marsland retired lbw after a most ridiculous display. S. Clarkson, when he had scored 49, was well caught by Leake off Temple. He had played a dogged innings and gave two chances. The remaining batsmen failed and the total was 179—included 30 sundries whichshows how Prestonite missed their wicket-keeper. Strange to say the two leading bowlers in the team (Barklem and Forde) failed to take a wicket. Temple and Gilchrist each captured five wickets; Gilchrist's bowling feat was worth recording. He bowled 26 overs off which 40 runs were scored for five wickets. Temple took 5/55 off 19 overs, Barklem bowled 12 overs and Forde 13 overs. Gowerville's batting was exceptionally slow and in the 179 runs scored there were only five boundary shots. Requiring 145 runs to win, Prestonite sent Grierson and Foley to the wickets. Clarkson and Grogan being the bowlers. Both batsmen started cautionsly and at the tea adjournment were going well and had 31 runs on the board. After tea Clarkson immediately troubled them and clean bowled Foley. The first wicket fell at 33 of which Foley had scored 14. Leake followed but after scoring 3 played a ball on from Hollowood and retired. Grierson, after making 12, jumped in and hit Clarkson in to the outfield—a splendid drive. However, Grogan throwing himself at the ball, took a brilliant catch which brought applause from the crowd. Next ball Waller fell to the same trap, the scoring book reading 4—0—44. Temple was next, but was never comfortable and after making 8 was caught off a weak shot to leg off Clarkson. Gilchrist and Barklem then produced some good batting and added 37 runs for the next wicket. In dismissing Gilchrist Grogan again took a fine catch. He shortly afterwards caught Barklem. Gilchrist was batting well and looked like pulling the game out of the fire. His score of 29 included four 4's. Forde and Parker carried the score to 115 when the former had his stumps shattered by Clarkson, who was bowling grandly. Earp was bowled by a shooter from Hollowood after making 3 and as Calthrop was unable to bat, the innings closed for 121 runs. Gowerville won by 24. The bowling of Clarkson was splendid and supported by the extraordinary catching of Grogan, was the deciding factor in Prestonite's defeat. Clarkson's seven wickets cost 55 runs. Hollowood bowled well and took 2/48. Scores:—

PRESTONITE

First Innings	120
Second Innings	
Foley, b Clarkson	14
Grierson, c Grogan, b Clarkson	21
Leake, b Hollowood	3
Waller, c Grogan, b Clarkson	0
Temple, c H. Clarkson, b E. Clarkson	8
Gilchrist, c Grogan, b Clarkson	29
Barklem, c Grogan, b Clarkson	14
Forde, b Clarkson	13
Earp, b Hollowood	3
Parker, not out	3
Calthrop, absent	0
Sundries	7
Total	121

Bowling.—Clarkson, 7/55; Hollowood, 2/48; Grogan, 0/12.

GOWERVILLE

First Innings	85
Second Innings	
H. Clarkson, c Leake, b Temple	40
L. Gleeson, c Foley, b Temple	10
R. Clarkson, st Calthrop, b Gilchrist	6
J. Bahen, c Earp, b Gilchrist	0
Grogan, b Gilchrist	13
E. Clarkson, c Leake, b Temple	49
Brand, lbw, b Gilchrist	15
Bahen, st Parker, b Temple	13
Marsland, lbw, b Temple	0
Campbell, not out	2
Hollowood, c Leake, b Gilchrist	1
Sundries	30
Total	179

Bowling.—Barklem, 0/26; Gilchrist 5/40; Forde, 0/28; Temple, 5/55.

SECOND GRADE

EAST NORTHCOTE DEFEAT BELL RAMBLERS

On the previous Saturday East had scored 170 and the Ramblers had lost two wickets for 17 runs. Jones and Duff resumed and runs came slowly. With the score at 31, Duff, attempting a big hit, was caught off Ludlow, 3—4—31. Gillespie was out 2 runs later without scoring, 4—0—33. Steele did not add any, being well caught by Bassett close to the wicket and five were down for 38. The Ramblers were failing badly with the bat and when Morgan was caught by Ludlow off Shields with the book showing 7—0—47, it looked as though they would be forced to follow on. Kaufman then went for a duck with the score at 47. The ninth wicket fell at 64 and Cookman, the last man in, scored 5 which took the total to 69. Jones, who went in first wicket down, carried out his bat for a well-made 36 but did not receive much help from the other batsmen. The East Northcote bowlers were all in good form. East Northcote's position looked bright being 101 runs ahead. Batting again, Bassett and Armstrong were the first pair and with the score at 8 Armstrong was bowled by Duff. Colson followed and after scoring 6 was badly run out, 2—6—26. Spain joined Bassett but the latter, in attempting a big hit, was nicely caught by Cookman off Duff. Bassett had scored 21 which included two 6's, 3—21—27. Ludlow and Spain took the score to 37 when Duff captured Ludlow's wicket after he had scored 2. Shields and Spain became associated and the score reached 45 when Duff's fast ball tricked Shields and bowled him for six. The innings ended with Hamilton being caught by Lonsdale off Duff, the total being 90 leaving Bell Ramblers 192 runs to get to win. Duff bowled well in taking 6/26. The task of making close on 200 runs did not dismay the Bell Ramblers. Morgan and Jones took up the batting to the bowling of Shields and Colson. Both batsmen shaped confidently but when the score had reached 19 Jones was well caught in the slips by Lloyd off Ludlow's bowling, 1—9—19. Lonsdale followed, but was caught by Ludlow off his own bowling without scoring. Duff followed but soon lost Morgan, Ludlow securing the wicket, 3—8—26. Gillespie joined Duff and a good partnership resulted, so well were they batting that the Ramblers had great hopes that they would yet make a fight of it. However, a full toss from Shields was mis-timed by Duff, who was caught at cover point. His score of 30 included two 6's. Steele was bowled without scoring by Colson, 5—0—72. Gillespie was run out after scoring 17, with the total of 101. The remaining batsmen did not offer much resistance and the innings closed for 107 leaving East Northcote premiers by 84 runs. Scores:—

EAST NORTHCOTE

First Innings	
G. Armstrong, c Duff, b Kaufman	8
W. Bassett, c Kaufman, b Gillespie	32
W. Ludlow, not out	45
R. Colson, lbw., Cookman	24
S. Spain, run out	5
D. Shields, c Kaufman, b Duff	15
H. McDonald, b Duff	10
R. McCausland, c Morgan, b Fullarton	1
E. Lloyd, lbw., Duff	3
J. Murcutt, b Gillespie	11
M. Hamilton, b Duff	4
Sundries	12
Total	170

Bowling.—Kaufman, 1/32; Fullarton, 1/36; Gillespie, 2/25; Duff, 4/46; Cookman, 1/17.

Second Innings	
G. Armstrong, b Duff	0
W. Bassett, c Cookman, b Duff	21
R. Colson, run out	6
S. Spain, c Steele, b Lonsdale	16
W. Ludlow, b Duff	2
D. Shields, b Duff	6
H. McDonald, b Fullarton	20
R. McCausland, b Fullarton	5
J. Murcutt, c Jones, b Duff	0
E. Lloyd, not out	3
M. Hamilton, c Lonsdale, b Duff	0
Sundries	11
Total	90

Bowling.—Kaufman, 0/39; Duff, 6/26; Gillespie, 0/5; Lonsdale, 1/4; Fullarton, 2/5.

BELL RAMBLERS

First Innings	
H. Morgan, b Colson	7
H. Lonsdale, c McDonald, b Lloyd	6
D. Jones, not out	36
W. Duff, c Colson, b Ludlow	4
T. Gillespie, b Lloyd	0
A. Steele, c Bassett, b Ludlow	0
F. Humphries, b Shields	3
J. Morgan, c Ludlow, b Shields	0
H. Kaufman, b Shields	0
A. Fullarton, c and b Colson	6
C. Cookman, b Murcutt	5
Sundries	2
Total	69

Bowling.—Lloyd, 2/25; Shields, 3/13; Colson, 2/6; Ludlow, 2/21; Murcutt, 1/2.

Second Innings	
H. Morgan, c Lloyd, b Ludlow	8
D. Jones, c Lloyd, b Ludlow	9
H. Lonsdale, c and b Ludlow	0
W. Duff, c Ludlow, b Shields	30
T. Gillespie, run out	17
A. Steele, b Colson	0
F. Humphries, c Spain, b Lloyd	12
J. Morgan, b Ludlow	8
A. Fullarton, b Ludlow	2
H. Kaufman, not out	0
C. Cookman, b Lloyd	4
Sundries	17
Total	107

Bowling.—Shields, 1/10; Solson, 1/33; Ludlow, 5/24; Lloyd, 2/10; Bassett, 0/17.

GOWERVILLE CLUB AVERAGES 1931-32.

Batting.—H. Clarkson, innings 16, not out 4, highest score 44, total runs 274, average, 22.8; L. Gleeson, 19, 4, 54, 255, 17.0; E. Clarkson, 15, 2, 49, 214, 16.8; W. Brand, 11, 0, 68, 169, 15.3; R. Marsland, 11, 0, 49, 112, 10.2; T. Grogan, 21, 2, 37, 191, 10.0; R. Clarkson, 17, 3, 34, 136, 9.7.

Bowling.—E. Clarkson, No. of wickets, 97, runs, 680, average, 7.0; T. Grogan, 35, 278, 7.9; C. Hollowood 44, 388, 8.8, C. Bahen, 20, 261, 13.0.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES

A GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians, 142 and 103, (H. Jones 20 and 15, J. C. Watson 23 and 22, A. Gray 28 and 16, C. Taylor 28 and 10; G. Hill 3/62, C. Turner 3/32, J. Frawley 8/81)v Westgarth Baptists, 196 and 105, (C. Turner 17, H. Horman 27, J. Frawley 40 n.o. G. Hill 52, A. Frawley 41, A. Horman 30; A. Gray 3/21, H. Jones 2/52, G. Duncan 2/67 and 6/31, J. Goulett 1/7 and 1/2, C. Taylor 1/8). Westgarth Baptists won by 56 runs outright.

Westgarth Baptists, who won their first semi-final on Monday have had a wonderful run of success this season. Using about half the original Sunday School team they built up a strong side by including G. Hill (All Saints'), H. Horman (Church of Christ), H. Woods (Club Eleven), J. Orr (Alphington), C. Hexter (Brunswick street Methodists), J. Frawley (Club eleven), P. Pilard (Baptist Union). Some indication of their strength is shown by the scoring of approximately 2,400 runs to date, also the fact that they have been the only team to beat last year's premiers (Thornbury Presbyterians) a wonderfully strong combination, by 57 runs outright. If they can hold their form against Regent Presbyterians, who also have a well-balanced side, the

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PERSONAL

The Editor invites readers to forward contributions for this column. They should be written plainly and sent in as early as possible to the Editor. All paragraphs should be endorsed by the writer as a guarantee of good faith.

In the death of Mrs. Maria Sullivan of Cremorne street, Richmond, Mrs. C. Lemon, of Baylis street, Preston, has lost her mother.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Smirl, of Bartlett street, Preston, will regret to learn of the death of their daughter, Joan, aged 5½ years, which occurred at the Fairfield Hospital on March 22.

There passed suddenly away on March 24 at his residence, Jessie street, Northcote, Mr. William Henry Morris, at the age of 70 years. He leaves a widow and members of the family are Norman (deceased), Eileen (deceased), Charles, Pearl, Edgar, Clarence, Elsie, Bert and Colin. The interment was made at the Coburg Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ohlson, 22 Murphy grove, Preston, received many congratulations when they celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding on March 15. The wedding was celebrated at St. Philip's Church of England at Collingwood in 1882.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Clements and son, of No. 2 Collins street, Preston, spent Easter holidays at "Arkona," Bonbeach. The holiday was thoroughly enjoyed in spite of the weather conditions.

The engagement is announced of Phyllis, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Tidswell, 134 Reynards road, Coburg, to Howard, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. Knight, of 23 Normanby avenue, Croxton.

Constable Ballard, a member of the Preston police force, is absent on leave.

Mr. A. E. Appleton, manager of the State Savings Bank, High street, Preston, leaves on Wednesday next, in company with his wife, by the Balranald for a trip which will extend over nine months to England, Scotland, France and Italy. Mr. Appleton's presence will be missed in Preston, especially in bowling circles. He is a member of the local bowling club, and was champion of the green on two occasions. Mr. Appleton is also a foundation member of Heidelberg Golf Club, and was captain of the pennant team of that club. During his absence abroad the management of the bank at Preston will be entrusted to the care of Mr. D. Brockett, of headquarters staff. Mr. and Mrs. Appleton spent the Easter holidays at the residence of their daughter, Mrs. Basil McDonald, "Wallaringa," Victoria parade, Geelong.

Mr. Keith McIntyre, B.A., a member of the teaching staff at West Preston State School, visited Hamilton during the recent holidays. The trip was not an altogether enjoyable one, as the heavens told a story, and told it well in rain, for four days and four nights in Mr. McIntyre's home town.

Miss Ruth Jones, a daughter of the mayor and mayoress of Preston, has received a senior swimming certificate from the Education Department. The recipient is a pupil at the South Preston State school. The certificate was awarded for efficiency in swimming, Ruth being the only girl in the school to receive such an award.

The death of Mrs. Kate Ingoldby, Paterson street, Preston, occurred last Tuesday, the cause being dropsy. Mrs. Ingoldby was a widow. The interment took place in St. Kilda Cemetery on Wednesday, Father Durkin conducting the service at the graveside. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Ern Jensen.

Mr. J. F. Roe, headmaster at West Preston State school, enjoyed a brief holiday at Melton, where he was formerly in charge of the local school.

Mr. Prowse, clerk of courts at Preston, spent portion of the Easter holidays in Gippsland. Unpropitious weather marred the enjoyment of the outing.

Mr. Don Mackay, a well-known parishioner of St. Mary's, Tyler street, Preston, will return shortly from New Guinea, where he has spent three years, and will be given a welcome home social on Thursday evening, April 17, by fellow parishioners.

Mrs. Hosking, of 151 Clarke street, Northcote, with her family, spent the Easter vacation at Launching Place.

Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Bennetts, Plenty road, Preston, who have returned after spending a fortnight's holiday in Albury, N.S.W., brought back with them for the Easter vacation Miss Jessie Roach.

Re. A. T. Jones, of the Presbyterian Church, James street, Northcote, will again occupy the pulpit on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Rev Jones has recovered after a serious illness and has been absent on sick leave for six weeks.

At Preston court on Thursday, prior to the commencement of business, a welcome was extended by the Mayor (Cr. L. Jones, J.P.) to Cr. R. H. E. Maynard, J.P., who took his seat on the bench for the first time. The Mayor said that he had sat with Cr. Maynard in the Preston council for a number of years and he felt that Cr. Maynard would be a fitting addition to the Preston judiciary. Mr. R. T. Cahir (for the bar) and Sergeant Lang (police) also extended a welcome to Cr. Maynard, who, in responding, said that he would always endeavour to administer the law justly and fairly.

CHURCH NEWS

High Street Northcote Methodist Church

Hon. Samuel Mauger is to adderss the meeting of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society next Sunday afternoon on "The Kingdom of God."

All Saints,' Northcote

Services were held on Thursday evening when Rev. E. G. Veal preached and administered the Holy Communion and on Good Friday and Easter Day.

The vicar was absent throughout Easter, at the C.E.B.S. camp at Frankston, where he acted as chaplain, to the sixty boys in camp. The weather was very wet and stormy, and exciting times were experienced in keeping the tents intact. All were sorry when camp was struck on Tuesday afternoon.

Croxton Methodist

The preacher last Sunday (Mr. J. E. Blackney) took for his subject "The Easter Message," with special Easter hymns. Mr. Blackney has accepted an invitation to remain as pastor for the next connexional year.

St. Aidan's, Northcote

On Easter Day Rev. T. Cole conducted the morning service and celebration of Holy Communion. The evening service was taken by Mr. Aubrey Singleton, who also conducted the service on Good Friday.

Church of Epiphany, Northcote

The morning and evening services on Good Friday were conducted by Rev. T. Cole. Rev. R. Long conducted a devotional service in the afternoon and spoke on the Seven words from the Cross. On Easter Day four services were held, and a large number of communicants attended. The church was beautifully decorated and appropriate music was rendered. At the evening service the anthem "They have taken away the Lord" was sung by the choir.

On Wednesday evening Stainer's "Crucifixion" was rendered by the choir, the soloists being Messrs. Emery, Ramsden (2), and Blair.

St. Mary's Church of England

The church was beautifully decorated last Sunday for the Easter services, Easter daisies and white dahlias predominating. The choir rendered two anthems followed by an inspiring address by the vicar (Rev. F. Parsons). Next Sunday Miss Maude Bennett will occupy the pulpit in connection with the League of Youth. Miss Bennett has the reputation of being a good speaker and should be well worth hearing.

Higt Street Methodist S.S. Concert

The annual scholars' concert was held on Wednesday, 23rd inst, when the school hall was well filled to capacity. The Rev. F. J. Jennings opened with prayer and the Superintendent (Mr. Laity) presided. The following programme was rendered:—Action song, "The Old-Fashioned Locket,"; action song, "The Rainbow," by the kindergartens; dialogue "The New Sunday School Scholar,"; song, "The Second Minuet," Miss Joyce Munday, encore "Little Boy Blue"; dialogue, "Trials of a School Mistress"; action song, "Busy Little Housemaids"; recitation, "Grandpa's Spectacles," Miss Trixie Brodie; action song, "Tying Apples on the Lilac Tree"; dialogue in three scenes, "A Perfect Holiday"; action song, "The Sleepytown Express"; dialogue, "A Brown Paper Parcel"; recitation, Miss Mavis Lowther; dialogue, "The Injured"; and a sketch, "Sir. Conan's College." Presentations were made to the Misses Weeks, Drew, and Durston in recognition of their services in training the children. Proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

Good Friday Services

On Good Friday morning a well-attended United Service was held in the High street Methodist Church. The Rev. F. J. Jennings opened with prayer and the congregation sang several appropriate hymns. Rev. A. W. Guy, a missionary from Papua, preached a telling sermon on the words "Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the World." The collection is to be used to assist the Northcote fund for the relief of unemployment.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

"By the Roadside," was the title of the subject dealt with by the vicar during the special lantern service on Good Friday night. In spite of the difficulties under which the service was conducted, and although the weather was not congenial, seating capacity was taxed and the service was an undoubted success. During the morning the vicar officiated at a special one hour service. On Easter Day at the celebrations of Holy Communion at 6 a.m., 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. and choral eucharist at 11 a.m. there were excellent attendances, particularly at the choral eucharist. Easter this year was by no means favored by the elements, and when this, together with the present inadequate equipment at Holy Trinity is considered the enthusiasm manifested by the large gatherings is indeed praiseworthy. Captain Cowland the chief missioner of the Church Army Cursaders, preached at evensong. Captain Cowland was eloquent and in his inimitable manner forcibly declared the message of the glorious resurrection to the present century.

At the conclusion of the service a retiring offertory was given to the Church Army and Captain Cowland was agreeably surprised by the excellent response. "In view of the difficult position at Holy Trinity following the fire the magnanimity of the adherents is truly Christian. My visit to this parish will always be among my treasured memories," he said.

The vicar will officiate at all services on Sunday next when there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., followed by matins at 11 a.m. At 7 p.m. evensong will be said. All those who, because of the inclement weather, or because of ill health, were unable to make their Easter communion on Easter Day are requested to do so if possible on Sunday next. Now that the self-denial period of Lent has passed, social activities will commence with additional vigor and the regular patronage of all past patrons is this year especially looked for. Social functions both novel and entertaining will be announced from time to time and readers are asked to respond if possible. It is understood that concerts, dramatic entertainments, and picture nights are being arranged by parishes outside Northcote to assist Holy Trinity. At present all activities are taking place in the extended kindergarten hall—the only structure not ravaged by the recent fire. In a few days tenders will be called for the rebuilding of the properties and it is hoped that building operations will commence very soon.

Thornbury Presbyterian

A well-attended united service was held on Good Friday morning, conducted by the Rev. C. E. Hadley, assisted by the Rev. J. T. Duggleby, and Mr. Perkins. The sermon was preached by the Rev. D. E. Reeves, of the Baptist Church.

The cricket team connected with the church has had a successful year. In the first grade competition for church teams last year it was unbeaten, and this year was victorious till the last match when the team from the Westgarth Baptists defeated it. In the second grade the B team defeated All Saints' team last Saturday.

MERNDA

The Methodist Church Sunday School anniversary services concluded on Thursday evening with a most successful concert given by the scholars. There was a crowded attendance and it was announced during the evening that the building of the new Sunday School was to be put in hand immediately. Plans were being prepared and there was over £1,000 in the building fund. The present school room was originally the church and is over 75 years old. It is showing signs of wear and tear and the teachers will be glad to work in the new hall which will be a brick structure in keeping with the present church. Owing to the efficiency of the school, Presbyterian and Anglican parents send their children for instruction so that the school is really a united one, as none of the various churches of the district have Sunday Schools.

A popular feature in the year's programme in the township is the united lantern service on Good Friday evening. The service was largely attended on Friday. "The Story of the Cross," illustrated by many beautiful pictures was told by Padre H. E. E. Hayes. The inspiring atmosphere of the service was enhanced by the appropriate hymns sweetly sung under the direction of the Anglican Church organist, Mrs. J. G. Orgill.

CENTRAL PRESTON.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Raysom, of 218 Murray road, have been presented with a son (Kenneth).

The Preston and District Division of St. John Ambulance Brigade are to hold a dance with the object of improving the funds.

Activities of the Preston United Football Club will soon be in full swing, as most of last season's players are gradually commencing training, while others are training with the Preston seniors and juniors. A picture night is to be held.

The Preston Church of Christ K.S.P. club will shortly repeat its last concert at the West Preston Baptist Church.

WEST PRESTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL SMOKE NIGHT

The first annual smoke night was held in the Progress Hall on Wednesday evening. The president (Mr. C. P. Chapman) occupied the chair.

The toast of the Association was proposed by Mr. F. J. McDonald, who traced the short life of the association from its inception six years ago. From small beginnings a strong association had been formed, and they were now the proud possessors of a fine hall. A good deal of pessimism was apparent when the hall building had been mooted, but at the present time they had a hall on which £1200 had been spent, to which must be added the value of voluntary labor.

There was only a small debt of between £300 and £400 owing, and this was fast being liquidated. A special tribute was paid to the assistance given by Cr. Llewellyn Jones in the finding and financing of the land. The good work of the caretaker (Mr. O'Brien) was also commented upon.

Mr. Chapman, in responding on behalf of the association, appealed to all to put the association first.

Small differences had from time to time arisen, and some members had even left the association. It was a matter of the district and the association and progress first and self afterwards. All those who were not members were appealed to to add their weight and swell the size and importance of the association, which prided itself on placing before the council only matters which were urgent and 100 per cent. genuine. They had earned the respect of councillors.

Mr. N. Clarke, in proposing the toast of the State Parliament, coupled with the name of Mr. Gordon Webber, referred in a non-party way to the difficult task confronting not only the individual, the progress associations and councils, but the State Parliaments. We all appreciated the efforts of our Parliamentary representative, but the difficulties, no matter however great, were surmountable, and we were confident our Parliament of Victoria was a fine governing body and had the respect of the community.

Mr. Gordon Webber said the depression and financial trouble was world wide: Germany, France, Great Britain, U.S.A. and most other countries had their problems, the U.S.A despite their gold hoardings. Many theories had been put forward for rectifying the trouble,. but all the people of Australia asked was the right to live, and to say we were carrying out our various duties. He had confidence in the future and thought that Victoria compared more than favorably with other Australian States.

Mr. Alf. Hagger proposed the toast of the Council. He said directly a man became a councillor he was a target for all. It was difficult for the council to meet one-tenth of the requirements of the ratepayers. The councils and progress associations were often bitter enemies, but such was not the case in Preston, where harmony between the bodies prevailed. He (Mr. Hagger) was proud to live in Victoria and Preston. After returning from a trip to N.S.W. and Queensland recently he was still prouder of the State than before, and regarded it as the first State of Australia.

Mayor Jones said, in reply, he had travelled a good deal recently and attended many council meetings in other districts. After what he had seen he was proud to live in Preston and proud to be a councillor of the city.

Cr. Robeson said the council was doing its very best in the interests of the 30,000 residents of the city. Preston had an area of 13½ square miles, and the difficulties which confronted the civic fathers were colossal. Preston had the largest area of any city around Melbourne, and there were miles of unmade streets. This city was going through the stage now which Melbourne, Fitzroy, Collingwood and other inner cities had faced 50 years ago.

Cr. Hemburrow said councillors generally had a difficult task. They had their differences, but outside the council meetings all differences were forgotten. He was vitally interested in the West Preston Progress Association as a trustee of the hall. The ideals of the association had been big, but he thought to accomplish anything there was nothing like aiming high. The West Preston Progress Association was highly respected by the council, and its requests always received a great measure of consideration.

The toast of the Visitors and Press was proposed by Mr. Breen, and responded to by Messrs. Upton and Andrews (Visitors) and G. H. Mot (Press).

During the evening items were rendered by Mr. Noel Bunker and Mr. N Byron. Community singing brought a happy evening to a close.

The arrangements for the evening reflected credit on the smoke night committee:—Messrs. W. T. Robeson, F. J. McDonald, A. Crowe and J Meadows.

The feminine touch was noticeable in the lay-out and decoration of the tables. This added to the festive appearance and was duly appreciated.

STATE ELECTIONS

THE HEIDELBERG SEAT

Cr. W. J. Hemburrow, a candi[date] for the coming State elections, [held] another meeting at the Masonic [Hall], Buckland street, Heidelberg, on M[arch] 23, when a very interesting and [in]structive lecture was given by M[r.] J. Smith. His subject was "The [Psy]chology of the Present Economic S[itu]ation and Its Remedy." The lect[urer] dealt fully with the many cause[s of] unemployment, and pointed out [that] by a close study of character an[aly]sis a great amount of the tro[uble] would be overcome. He illustr[ated] his lecture by means of charts.

Cr. Hemburrow dealt with the [ne]cessity for vocational guidance in [the] educational system so that we m[ight] guide our young people into the [pro]per channels. He took the view [that] to-day our young people are drift[ing] and something must be done and d[one] quickly to avoid disaster as far [as] our youth is concerned. Cr. H[em]burrow also spoke briefly on the b[asic] wage question, stressing the need [for] an alteration in the methods of ar[riv]ing at same.

Cr. Hemburrow continued his se[ries] of educational lectures at the Iv[an]hoe Hall on March 31 dealing w[ith] the same subjects.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS

PRESTON-NORTHCOTE CLUB

At last! Next Saturday all me[m]bers are asked to meet at St. Mar[y's], Tyler street, at 3 p.m. sharp, wh[en] the first pack run will take place. [A] large gathering is expected. T[he] club would be pleased to see any n[ew] members who wish to join th[e] ranks, and to make themselves kno[wn] to either Messrs. McEachen [and] Thorne.

Club Dances

The club will hold select danc[es] every Saturday night, the first be[ing] on April 9. The subscription to the[se] nights will be 2/-, including tax. T[he] finest band ever heard in Preston h[as] been engaged for these dances. Wa[tch] this paper next week.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

FRUSTRATED BY NEIGHBOR

An attempt was made on Good F[ri]day evening to rob the residence [of] Mr. Ivorey, 30 Park street, Northco[te], but it fortunately failed. Mr. a[nd] Mrs. Ivorey were absent on a holid[ay] trip and had arranged with a neig[h]bor to keep an eye on the premis[es]. This neighbor noticed an open wi[n]dow, and on investigating was met [at] the house by two men, whom [he] promptly arrested and took to the p[o]lice station, where they were detai[n]ed. They will be brought before t[he] bench. It is believed a third man w[as] involved. The place was made secu[re] as the men were taken away, but im[me]diately afterwards a window w[as] found to have been again opened. E[n]trance had been effected by prising [a] window with a jemmy. The intrude[rs] had evidently ransacked the buildin[g] as the interior was in great disorde[r]. It was fortunate the detection w[as] made so early, as in the yard was [a] motor van. The neighbor who fru[s]trated the intended robbery is to b[e] commended for his pluck in singl[e] handed having secured and hande[d] the two men over to the authoritie[s], but his modesty is so great that a[t] present he does not desire his ind[i]viduality disclosed.

Boat Trip

On Easter Monday, despite the ad[verse] weather, a good many member[s] of the Northcote and Preston Scottis[h] Society enjoyed a motor boat ex[cursion] up the Maribyrnong river.

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NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

Owing to the Easter holidays the attendance was not quite up to the standard at the last meeting.

The president (Mr. Deslandes) reported having attended the monthly meeting of the Central Council of Progress Associations with Mr. C. Thomas

Several items in the report were discussed, chief among which was the proposal of the Central Council to forward a petition to the State Government protesting against the erection of the proposed oil refinery at Port Melbourne. Without discussing the merits or demerits of the petition, exception was taken to the action of the Central Council in not first circularising all affiliated bodies of their intentions, and thereby ascertaining the opinions of those bodies.

Amongst the correspondence was a letter received through the town clerk from the Railway Commissioners, replying to a request by this association for the installation of hygienic drinking fountains on stations on the Reservoir line. The reply states that the said stations have been included in a list where these fountains are to be installed, but owing to unsatisfactory finances, funds cannot be made available at present, but the matter will receive further consideration at the beginning of the next financial year.

At the request of this association an inspection was made of the corner of Beaconsfield parade and Leicester grove by members of the council, and as a result it is expected that some safety device will be placed at this corner.

The matter of tar-paving the crossing over St. George's Reserve at Shaftesbury parade has again been forwarded to the council, as it is claimed that this crossing is used extensively by persons attending the Croxton Methodist Church, and during the wet season some improvements are needed.

A social effort was made on Easter Saturday night towards raising the association's quota of £10 for the Central Relief Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Hovendon, of Hutton street, arranged a house party, and after an enormous amount of hard work, inconvenience and expense, their effort was crowned with a great measure of success. It was most disconcerting when rain began to fall early in the evening. If the rain had held off our full quota was within fairly easy reach. Valuable assistance was rendered by Mr. Chas. Rose, through Mr. Clarke; also Mr. G. Robb, in supplying tarpaulins, which were used as marquees. Mr. C. Lack also put in some good work. Offers of assistance were forthcoming from other members, but as there are likely to be other functions in the future, these services will be availed of to the full.

The next meeting will be held on April 7, when it is hoped to announce the date of the euchre party and dance with a view to making up the balance required by the Relief Committee.

POINTED PROVERBS

"SWEET OR SOUR?"

The negroes have a proverb which says, "A pint of molasses will catch more flies than a gallon of vinegar." It may not, in itself, signify much to us, but it reminds us of the value of tact. If the fisherman wishes to catch fish he must use the right bait. That is tact. The motorist mus tuse the right spirit to get the best result. That is tact. The motorist must use the right tools to do the best work. So in daily life when we mingle with others, we need tact to get the best out of life. The principle of the proverb is embodied in the words, "A soft answer turneth away wrath." Where one man may seek to ride rough shod over all whom he meets, he causes trouble. He is trying to catch vinegar, and though he be aggressive, forceful and energetic, he will not gain the friendship of others. Another man's life is known by his thoughtful kindness, his unselfishness, his spirit of co-operation. He is always a friend to others. His life will succeed by the very sweetness and nobility of his character and many will delight to call him "friend."

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

NORTHCOTE BRANCH

Final arrangements have been made for the commemoration service at the Memorial Hall on Anzac morning (April 25). Lieut.-Col. Dexter, D.S.O., M.C., D.C.M., will deliver the address. Arrangements are being made to conduct community singing at the Memorial Hall.

The branch billiards team has won two games in the interbranch billiard tournament. The Thornbury Car Club has offered to convey a number of the branch members to Bundoora this month on the occasion of the branch's visit to their comrades at that institution. The old time dance conducted by the social committee every Wednesday is proving a success. It is proposed to tender a smoke night to members and their wives at an early date.

HOUSES FOR SALE

The Improved Value of the Home

(By Norman H. Wollett)

WHEN comparing the outward design and construction of present day houses with those of the last few decades there appears to be little difference. One finds, of course, certain outstanding examples of revolutionary architecture, but these cannot however be taken as representative of an ultramodern trend.

Whilst on the whole, very little outward change is evident, interior decoration shows very real contrasts and particularly with regard to lighting is a difference evident.

Lighting has, in but a few years, experienced much variation—it has been improved to that stage when the illumination scheme in a home ten years old cannot other than be out-of-date, if not attended to during that period.

The realisation of the importance of correct lighting is comparatively new. It is not long since the bare type of lamp was used in all rooms with shades—a practice which to-day is not only regarded by visitors as a show of ignorance but also of bad taste, when they visit homes with such out-of-date equipment.

There are now available to the householder lamps with opal glass and also frosted types. These are the ones to use with shades. Clear lamps have their definite use in bowls and enclosed fittings, which have also been modernised to secure maximum illumination absorption of the light from the lamp. So we see that the detail of lighting has come to be recognised as of paramount importance and houses which are not equipped with up-to-date lighting can only be appraised with critical eye by prospective buyers.

The householder's aim should always be for the creation of a perfect home. The improvement of home lighting, whilst offering greater convenience, also builds up its value as an asset to a great degree.

Now let us run through the most common faults in lighting systems. Apart from the use of modern lighting units for purely aesthetic reasons, the new equipment has been designed to eliminate as many of the disadvantages of old types as possible.

First there is the question of illumination efficiency. The high absorption of old type bowls (fly-traps, they have been termed) has been eliminated by the use of glassware which, although much thinner than that used in old type units, is stronger and has a minimum absorption factor. Philips, well known makers of home lighting units, state that their newest units absorb less than 10 per cent of the illumination radiated from the amp. The glassware is of triple ply with two clear skins, and one opal. The strength is, of course secured by the use of ply glass. Such modern fittings are designed also to be easily cleansed and are dust proof.

So much for the new units which are gradually replacing the old as central lighting units is the important rooms of the home. Subsidiary lighting is also desirable in the modern house either for utility or decorative purpose. A lampstand with shade is necessary for the drawing room and library for reading, and this should be equipped with an "Arlita" inside frosted lamp. Wall brackets are used in many rooms and some schemes allow for wall brackets in practically every place, including the corridors. That is all a matter for individual tasts, but wherever the brackets are used the correct lamps should be observed.

In the place of ordinary wall brackets indirect lighting units are sometimes used, and are becoming more and more popular because they allow for the unostentatious use of colored lamps which radiate a cosy glow sufficient for decorative illumination when the central unit is not required. Natural color gasfilled lamps are correct for the purpose and the most tasteful units are those created from some of the very fine glass designs which are available today.

Altogether, the lighting of the home is an engrossing study, and one of the first essentials of good interior decoration. That which cannot be decided by the householder can be determined with the local electrical dealer who can demonstrate what effects are possible and what improvements can be made if desired.

It is worth a little thought, and the expenditure required to effect improvement is more than repaid in the improved value which it adds to the home as a capital asset.

BOY SCOUTS.

1ST CROXTON TROOP

Easter Camp

Leaving the scout hall at 7 a.m. on Friday we arrived at South Morang at 8.30. We spent the morning pitching our tents and making everything shipshape. After lunch we participated in swimming and water sports, retiring early to bed. On Saturday morning we had a treasure hunt and played games in the afternoon. At night we had a camp fire until the rain started, when we retired to bed. Sunday was a very dull day, spoilt by intermittent showers, but the boys made the best of a bad job and played games within the camp boundaries. On Monday morning after inspection we started to evacuate by pulling down the tents and cleaning the grounds up. The afternoon was spent playing games and swimming. We left for home at 6 p.m. and arrived about 7.15, tired but happy after an excellent and enjoyable camp. The inter-tent competition was won by the Wallaby Patrol, who gained the hat trick for three days.

In our recent queen carnival we raised £301/6/5. The troop will again meet on Friday night at 7.45 sharp.

NEW LEVEL CROSSING WARNING SIGNAL

The first of a new type of railway level crossing warning signal has now been installed by the Railways Department at the Moorabbin road crossing, near Mentone station. It comprises two hooded red lamps, somewhat similar in appearance to the street traffic signals at city intersections. These lamps commence flashing some time before a train reaches the crossing, and at the same time a warning bell rings. The lamps are set side by side on a white mast surmounted by the usual white cross, bearing the inscription in black "Railway Crossing." While the bell is sounding and the red lights are flashing their warning to road-users, a white light facing the approaching train is simultaneously displayed to the train driver. This flashing light type of warning signal has recently been adopted as the standard level crossing for the Australian and New Zealand railways. In future, it will be erected instead of the wig-wag signal now in use on the Victorian Railways system, although the wig-wags which have already been installed will not be removed. The flashing lights of the new type resemble the motion of a swinging light, which is the night indication of the wig-wag signal warning, so that no confusion will result from the change. A second crossing will shortly be equipped with the flashing light device—the Ballarat road crossing near Bungaree.

CONSTABLE'S THUMB TORN OFF.

Swerving to avoid a tramcar in High street, Northcote, on Tuesday afternoon, a police motor cycle ridden by Constable Robert Smith, of Victoria road, Northcote, came into collision with a motor car. Constable Smith's hand was jammed between the motor cycle and the motor car. His right thumb was torn off. A tendon in his arm was injured, and his scalp was lacerated. After having received treatment at the Melbourne Hospital, Constable Smith was admitted to the police hospital, St Kilda road.

HAIRPINS DISCARDED

A HAIRPIN-LESS coiffure has been devised by Miriam Hopkins, who enacts one of the strange characters in Paramount's romance-mystery "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Miss Hopkins wears her hair in a long, loose bob, which is cut to wave back from her forhead and cheeks and remain in place without the assistance of a single pin.

GOLF

THE HEIDELBERG CLUB

Saturday's trophy, which was presented by Mr. F. F. Atyeo, was won by L. C. Lumley, who was 5 up on par, and Monday's stroke event for Mr. G. Sheffield's trophy resulted in a win for J. S. Jenkins, who returned a net 58 off the 27 mark.

Saturday's scores:—5 up, L. C. Lumley (18); 3 up, P. S. Renn (18); 2 up, G. S. Gay (7); 1 down, H. S. Hart (18); 2 down, J. E. Gosney (17); 2 down, T. S. Lingford (17); 3 down, V. Bell (7).

Monday's scores:—58, J. S. Jenkins (27); 65, I. M. Pizzey (27); 70, V. Wolland (21); 72, J. E. Gosney (23); 72, W. Sevier (20); 72, N. S. Thomas; 73, R. Duff (21); 73, A. J. Ferguson (16).

On Saturday (visitors' day) a competition will be held for trophies presented by the president (Mr. W. E. Hooper).

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KILLED BY BUS

Fatality at Reservoir

Whilst crossing the intersection of George and Edwardes streets, Reservoir, on Sunday morning Frank Mathieson, 27 years, of George street, Reservoir, was knocked down by a motor omnibus and sustained fatal injuries.

The bus was one of those plying on the Dundas street—Reservoir route, and was driven by Robert C. B…age, of Northcote.

Mathieson was hurried to the Melbourne Hospital, but on arrival he was found to have succumbed to his injuries.

Mr. Mathieson was widely known and respected in Reservoir. He took a great interest in rowing, and was one of the Preston Rowing Club's delegates to the Victorian Rowing Council.

ROWING

PRESTON REGATTA

M. C. Davies Cup Goes to Hawthorn

ESSENDON HAS DOUBLE WIN

The Preston Rowing Clubs held the annual regatta at the Edwardes Lake on Monday. Despite the rough weather there was a good attendance, and interest in the racing was keen. There was a good representation of visiting clubs.

The M. C. Davies cup for open pairs was won outright by Hawthorn, this being their third win. The Essendon Club had a day out, annexing both the women's events—senior and junior fours.

Keen regret was expressed at the death of Mr. F. R. Mathieson, the Preston Club's delegate to the Victorian Rowing Council, and this cast quite a gloom over the day's activities.

Results:

Challenge Fours (Gunst Cup).—Preston d. South Melbourne by one length; Richmond d. Footscray No. 1 by three-quarters of a length; Hawthorn d. Preston No. 2 by half a length; Footscray No. 2 d. Preston No. 1 by one-third of a length after a dead-heat. Semi-finals:—Richmond d. Preston by half a length; Footscray d. Hawthorn by half a length. Final, Richmond (R. Kirby, bow; J. Dixon, M. Brady, J. Martin, stroke; J. Baird, cox) d. Footscray by half a length.

Open Pairs (M. C. Davies Cup).—Hawthorn d. Yarra Yarra by three-quarters of a length; Albert Park, row-over; Footscray, scratched; Preston No. 1 d. Mercantile by two lengths; Preston No. 2 d. Footscray No. 2 by three lengths. Semi-finals: —Hawthorn d. Albert Park by half a length; Preston No. 2 d Preston No. 1 by a length and a half. Final.—Hawthorn (L. Scully, stroke; J. Murphy, bow; W. Beauchamp, cox) d. Preston No. 2 by three-quarters of a length and won the cup outight.

Women's Events

Maiden Fours.—Preston (M. Woodward, bow; I. Pew, E. Williams, E. Thomas, stroke; V. Allender, cox), 1; Essendon, 2; Bendigo, 3. Won comfortably.

Junior Fours.—Essendon (M. Smith, bow; I. Lisle, W. Chivel, G. Spiller, stroke; R. Cahir, cox), 1; Bendigo, 2; Preston, 3. Preston crabbed. Won easily.

Senior Fours.—Essendon (J Doolan, bow; E. Matthews, E. Barlow, M. Anderson, stroke; R. Cahir, cox), 1; Albert Park, 2. Won by a length and a half.

TAXI DRIVER ASSAULTED

Attacked By "Fares"

Refusing to pay the fare for a taxicab seven young men attacked the driver on Good Friday night. They had engaged the taxi at St George's road, North Fitzroy, and were driven to an hotel at Northcote. When the driver—James Kean, aged 26 years, of Dennis street, Northcote—asked for his fare, he asserts, he was attacked. He fell dazed, and the men ran away. Kean's head was cut and his face was severely bruised. He drove to the Melbourne Hospital for treatment.

THORNBURY ASSAULT CASE

Defendant's Non-Appearance Due to Misunderstanding

In regard to the non-appearance of defendant in a case at Northcote court on March 22, Mr. Geoffrey F. Wright, counsel for the defendant, Mrs. V. Baker, states his client believed that the information for assault was returnable on the same date as the civil proceedings in respect of the same matter, namely, April 5. It had since been arranged with counsel for the informant, however, under the Justices Act, that the information should be reheard on April 5, when a defence would be presented. Mrs. Baker was fined £5, with £4/5/6 costs.

Bill Gets The Bird

By ROWAN GLEN

Only a canary—but he cleared the way to happiness.

WHEN Bill Tarrant heard that he had won the canary which, for some good cause or other, had been raffled in Mellam's Stores, where he worked, he was perplexed rather than pleased. His carelessly invested sixpence had been forgotten—and now possession of the little yellow songster presented certain adfficulties.

"What am I to do with it?" he asked his particular friend Smedley. "I don't understand birds, and Mrs. Tuke, my landlady, may object to having it in the house."

"You forget," Smedley pointed out "that Bobby isn't an ordinary canary. He's a champion prize-winner and worth no end of money—a good fifty pounds they say. You're getting married one of these days, aren't you? Well, what about him as a wedding present for the bride? Or if you don't fancy that idea, what about putting him up for auction here in the Stores right away?"

It was on the second suggestion that Bill acted, but with an entire lack of success. Mellam's employees had apparently ceased to be interested in canaries. No bid of any kind was made for Bobby, who remained unconcerned and tuneful.

"I'll tell you what I'll do, young fellow," Bill addressed him, holding the cage high. "I'll take you along and introduce you to Fay and her mother. You won't like the old lady—not if you're as wise as you look; but, after all, you won't be spending your life with her. I'll see to that, even if Fay decides to keep you.

"I won't tell you how much you're worth—not at first, anyhow. She thinks a bit too much about money, does Fay. I'll hand you over, just as a little gift, see? Later, I can explain you're worth a houseful of furniture. Fifty quid—an' maybe more! Bless us, what I could do with that! Fay'll have a fit when she hears!"

It is to be admitted that Bill did not approach the Warren household with that joy and buoyancy of mood which would have been proper to a young man all but openly engaged to be married, and bearing a love-token to his future wife. On the contrary, his steps lagged slightly and more than once he frowned.

"I got no right to be feeling this way, Bobby," he told his new friend in the gold cage. "Her an' me have been walking out now for more'n a year, an 'everything's settled, as you might say. Mustn't think about anybody else—not now. Still, she's been a bit queer herself lately, Fay has. Well, maybe it's her mother as is to blame. Maybe when Fay an' me set up on our own it will be O.K."

A man of about his own age, and to whom he had come to know by sight, passed him while he was still a score of yards from his objective, but on this day Bill regarded the other through indifferent eyes. He was busy rehearsing his speech to his almost betrothed; was picturing how she would look when at length he announced that Bobby was not merely a great singer, but a potential provider of goods which would not need to be purchased on the hire purchase system.

When Fay, tall, dark, and somewhat bold of eye, greeted her caller she did so with scarcely any of the enthusiasm she had shown in the earlier days of their courtship.

"What are you doing with that canary?" she asked after she and Bill were seated on the bumpily springed sofa, and Bobby's cage had been set on the floor. "Been taking it for a walk to oblige your landlady?"

"Matter of fact, Mrs. Tuke hasn't seen him, and isn't likely to," he returned. "He's for you. A present. He's not singing at the moment, because he's shy, but you wait till he starts, and he'll bring the house down."

"Not in this house," said Fay. "I've no fancy for canaries, and neither has mother. Useless things they are, and noisy! You must have gone peculiar or something, to think of bringing the beast to me and you can just hand him on to somebody else."

"It was a kind thought, anyway," Bill defended himself. "I'm disappointed, Fay—that's what I am. You might have said thank you."

Fay moved her plump shoulders; put her plump finger tips to her lips

"Why be silly about it?" she asked. "Where's the sense of thanking a person for something you don't want and aren't going to take?"

"But supposing, for instance, that Bobby yonder was worth money—real money, I mean? Some canaries are, y'know. I'll admit this one didn't cost me much, but——"

"'Sh!" she warned him. "Here's mother coming. I expect she'll order you to put the thing out in the lobby. Anyway, he isn't staying here. If it had been chocolates, now, or gloves, or——"

What Mrs. Warren had to say about Bill's proffered and rejected present is perhaps of no very great importance, save in so far as it had the effect of further ruffling the feathers, not of the canary, but of Bill and Fay. What had been no more than a slight breeze developed into a gale, and half-an-hour later after entering the house Bill went from it for the last time. Technically, he had been jilted, but, it must be confessed, he was glad to be free.

"I've seen this coming on for some time," his ex-sweetheart told him, not bitterly, but with dignity. "It's quite true John Humphries has been coming to see me and trying to change my mind about you. I don't know as I'd ever have let him do that, but you have managed it—you and that fool canary of yours!"

(To be Concluded)

PERSISTENT ATTEMPTS AT ARSON

A MAN ARRESTED

FOUR ATTEMPTS MADE

Our last two issues have contained particulars of three attempts to destroy by fire the premires of Mrs. Hatfield, 10 Mitchell street, Northcote. This week we have to record that on Good Friday another attempt was made. The person this time had taken precautions to prevent his design being defeated. He had tied a gate with rope, and placed two large bluestone pitchers, such as are used for stone channelling, at the gate so that entrance would be delayed. Another rope was stretched across another gate so that persons entering would be trpiped. The usual rubbish and rags had been placed at the bottom of the wall, but before any damage was done the intruder was detected and placed under arrest. He was brought before a magistrate and formally remanded to appear before the City bench. He was admitted to bail of £100 to appear to answer the charge of being illegally on the premises.

A GIRL'S DEATH

TWO WOMEN SENT FOR TRIAL

At the morgue on March 24 Catherine Masterton, nurse, of Mary street, Richmond, and Sarah Elizabeth Clarke, married woman, of Miller street, Thornbury, were committed for trial by the coroner (Mr D. Grant, P.M.), on a charge of having murdered Mary Draper, aged 17 years, factory employee, of Miller street, Thornbury, who died on March 9.

The finding was that Draper died from peritonitis and shock following an illegal operation performed by Masterton between March 2 and 9, and that Clarke was an accessory before the fact.

Bail of £500 was granted in each case, with a surety of a like amount. It was stated that Clarke was the mother of Draper.

MOTOR CYCLING

East Preston Club

The above club will hold a sports meeting in Bell street park on Saturday afternoon, April 2, in conjunction with the Preston District Band's carnival. Members will assemble at the club rooms at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

The next run is via Mt. Dandenong and Belgrave on Sunday, April 10. The points competition is in operation and competition will be keen.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PHIL)

Dear Cobbers,—Did you have a happy holiday? It was so wet where we were that we couldn't do much, although Jacko and Fluffy, armed with big mackintoshes and southwester hats dragged us out for a walk every day. Otherwise we played ping ping or told yarns round a big fire. We went mushrooming and found some beauties which Fluffy insisted on cooking.

Are you having a bonfire on April Fool's day? The Pets have been tidying up the garden and have found enough rubbish for one, so we're going to have crackers and a Guy Fawkes if it keeps fine. Don't forget to pin a tail on someone. The Pets seem to have some secret scheme on hand over which they are giggling quite a lot We expect it to mature on Friday so both Grandpa and I are keeping our eyes and ears open very wide.

A new Competition begins to-day and we want all the Cobbers to enter for it and send your entries in by April 23.

One new Cobber this week and Jacko sends a special welcome to Alan Williamson. Remember the Tria Competition. Heaps of love and best wishes from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL

NEW COMPETITION

BIRDS

Pick out all the names of birds in their correct order in the following passage and send your answer in by April 23. Results on April 29. Uncle Phil's decision is final

Jack assisted by Elsie carried overtly a metallic rowle. A shaggy Jew rendering them aid, saw the silver, eyed it with a harsh awkward movement, it was his. Elsie wept and for a lark he led her on and made Jack follow later to the gala house-party, but distinctly relieved Jack's mind by robing him in barbaric fashion. Later he escaped them using a spar, rowing against the tide. Ruth rushed down to the shore and waved him "Goodbye."

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Happiest and Heartiest of Birthday Wishes and Greetings to Cyril Webb and Jack Fitzgerald (April 4); Joy Leeming (April 5); Vera Keele and George Blanks (April 6); Dorothy Raine, Marjorie Watson, Dorothy Butler, Zillah Deempster, Mavis Madgwick and Albert Hayson (April 8); and Muriel Swift, (April 9).

OUR MAIL BAG

6 Dalgetty street, Preston.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am sending the slip from the paper to join the Cobbers' Club. I am 11 years old and I am in the sixth grade at school. You will find a joke at the bottom of this letter for the Corner.

(GOOD) Alan Williamson

Welcome to the Clubs Alan and will you send us a snap of yourself for our Cobber's Album. Jacko asks if you have a dog for a pet? We'll use the joke next week. Send in some more and try the Competition. Love and greetings.—U.P.

Coleen Mahony.—I can't understand how they missed sending you a certificate. However, I'll send one on now. Try the new Competition. Love and greetings from the Pets and U.P.

Thelma Hill.—We are printing your story this week, but next time you send entries please write on one side of the paper only. If you don't do this the W.P.B. will take your contributions instead of the Corner. Have a try at the new Competition. Love—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

Trias are a class of their own, and three constitute a prize. Trias cannot be included in your ordinary 100 marks. Each entry must be marked on the top "Tria Entry," so I will know they are for this competition. The subjects chosen give a wide range of things of interest—holidays, sports, camping, motoring, about the beach or country, anything about hobbies, games to play, about your gardens, and things that can be made by Cobbers. The best each week will receive a special mark, a "Tria" while the other entries just get the ordinary mark. 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 the meaning clear. Trias, if original, should be marked 'original' in one corner.

TRIAS

A Day in the Bush

(Original)

In the cool shade of a fern-grown valley I lie, the fresh breeze fanning my face. In the branches above I hear the sweet warble of a magpie, or the mocking laugh of a kookaburra, while below me the bracken fern crackles in everlasting cheerfulness. Soon the bush air conquers me and I drift into slumber. However, one cannot sleep long in the bush, for along comes a little Willie Wagtail, peering up at me as if wondering why I was sleeping when I could be playing with him. Being so distrubed by such an enticing intruder, I arose and followed the little chap into a small gully. Oh! how lovely it was, I drew a deep breath and intoxicated with the sweetness of it all, I sank to the ground. I saw with dream-veiled eyes a little brooklet by which was standing a magnificent old tree. Suddenly I thought no more of my willing guide. I was filled with the beauty of this gully. There rose before me the figure of a fairy clad in white, with silvery wings. After her stepped—surely you can guess?—Why Oberon, a wonderful fellow, much sterner than Mab of course—but—. The vision faded and I was left staring at the astonished figure of my would-be playmate. He chirped something unintelligible; I suppose he thought I was stupid, but one has to let oneself go sometime. Leaving the bird I made my way to a mountain, which was about a quarter-of-a mile away. The wagtail seemed somewhat offended by my departure but he made no attempt to follow me. Reaching the foot of the mountain, I proceeded to climb it. I found the task rather hard, but the reward on reaching the top, was well worth it. I am a lover of Nature and the beautiful panorama made me appreciate more than ever the work of Nature. I saw before me all the gullys, valleys and hills which I had visited during my stay in the bush. I had to laugh when I saw "Little Willie," looking at me with a very indignant mien. I must finish now as old Father Time will not allow me to use any more of his precious minutes. This description of my day in the bush may seem rather exaggerated, but we cannot exaggerate the work of Nature, even half as much as we should.

(TRIA) Thelma Hill.

The Okapi

Until recent years the giraffe was thought to be the only animal of its kind. This new animal, which had the head of a giraffe, the body of an antelope, and the striped legs of a zebra, was first heard of by Sir H. M. Stanley, the explorer. Sir H. Johnson went to Africa to find this animal but was unsuccessful. He was then sent a skin and two skulls of the animal from which it was proved to be of the giraffe family. Bones were made to fit the skin and it is now at the Natural History Museum at South Kensington in London under the name of Okapi.

(BETTER) Leonard White.

The Crow and the Owl

Long ago when crows were white, a crow and an owl sat on a log, talking together. "I do not like my colour," said the crow. "I don't like being white." And the owl said: "I wish I had some pretty spots on my back." "So do I," said the crow. "Let us paint each other with the oil of the lamp." "Too-whit, too-whoo," said the owl, "what fun that would be." Now when a clay lamp gets old there is a lot of thick black oil in it. The crow took one of the owl's feathers and dipped it into the oil then painted the beautiful spots all over the owl's body, but when the owl's turn came, his painting was not nearly as successful.

(GOOD) June Jones.

Why Does a Kite Keep Still at a Great Height?

As you read this you may be looking out across a sea bay. Here and there along the coast you may see the water being distrubed in small patches by the guests of wind blowing off the shore. Farther out to sea the water is all in the same state, not patchy. This means that the wind near the shore is blowing in little bits at a time, and if you were in a small boat you would feel it quite strong at one moment and not at all a few yards farther on. If you were flying a kite close to the ground, it would dive quite steadily. But it would not if it got high up in the air. The reason is that the surface of the ground is very uneven, broken up by hills and valleys and trees and houses and bays and promontories, round all of which the gusts blow at intervals. This is why boating is dangerous on lakes and in similar places, and the same thing accounts for some of the accidents which happen to airships. Flying men prefer to be at a great height because, like a kite, their airships go more steadily higher up than near the surface of the earth.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

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(GOOD) Cyril Maes.

My Pet Kitten

I have a little Persian kitten and he is very playful. His name is Tiger and he has been very sick. We have been giving him medicines and feeding him with a spoon. My little kitten is just starting to run about and he chases the other cat.

(GOOD) Hazel Morris.

CONTRIBUTIONS

About a Little Creek

(Concluded)

Then one day, as it became a river, a ship was launched upon it; a pretty graceful ship with a tall mast and brown sails. The river looked at it, then gasped, for it was her old enemy the tree, built into a ship. "Hullo, you don't know me, do you?" said the river. "I am the little creek." The ship looked at the river, then recognition dawned upon her. "Oh," she whispered, "you are stronger than me now, little creek. I am sorry for those unkind words." "Forget them," said the river, 'let us be friends." "Gladly," said the ship. "I see now that you did not dream of impossible things. Why, only last week when I had docked at your mouth to be repaired, I admired your width and beauty, and thought of the little creek. I did not think it was you." And chattering together, the ship and the river went slowly towards the open sea.

(GOOD) Enid Love.

The Little Sailor

A tiny little sailing boat is setting
out to sea,
The boat is just a walnut shell, the
sailor is a bee.
He sails along the river banks.
A-humming in his dreams,
The river is a sea to him so broad and
deep it seems.
He alights just every now and
then,
Sweet honey for to sip.
He calls on all the bluest flowers,
And enters by the lip.

(GOOD) Lesley Jacobs

For England

The bugles of England were blowing
over the sea,
As they had called a thousand years
calling now to me.
They woke me from dreaming in
the dawning of the day,
The bugles of England—and how
could I stay?

(GOOD) Alice Southam.

STORYETTES

Jack: "Mother, may I change my name?" Mother: "Whatever for?" Jack: "Well, you see, Father said that he'd spank me as sure as my name is Jack."

(GOOD) Jean Skipper.

Maid: "I will see if Mistress is at home." Coming back: "I am sorry, Mistress is not a home." Lady Visitor: "What a shame! I have unfortunately forgotten my visiting cards." Maid: "That does not matter I told Mistress who you were."

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas.

Manager: "Why did you argue with that customer? In this business, the customer is always right." Salesman: "I will remember in future. The lady said this was a firm of swindlers."

(GOOD) Allan Love.

"Mummie, I do hope a Dutchman marries me when I grow up," said Joan. "But why a Dutchman?" her mother cried. "Well, because I want to be a duchess," said Joan.

(GOOD) Bruce Burr.

The Refrain.—The conductor of the amateur orchestra was white with rage: "Why," he bellowed at the meek little cornet player, "do you stop playing every time we get to the chorus?" "Well," said the offender, "it says on my music 'refrain' and I did so."

(GOOD) Ruby Kupsch.

Small Boy: "Ouch! there's a train being held up." Policeman: "Where?" S.B.: "Round the corner at a wedding."

"It took eight sittings." "What were you having, your portrait painted?" "No. Learning to skate."

(GOOD) Jack Power.

Migg, the milkman, put this notice on his cart: "Milk from contented cows." Next day, Timson, the butcher, had the following sign on his window: "Pork sausages from a pig that died happy."

(GOOD) Stan Eaton.

Mrs. Stork: "I don't like the long wait I always have in this shop." Mr. Pelican: "Why, ma'am, only yesterday you were complaining about the short weight!"

(GOOD) F. Power.

Schoolmaster: "Now boys, the word 'with' is a very bad word to end a sentence with.'

(GOOD) June Burr.

Bobby (on holiday at farm): "I saw a mouse in the milk pail Uncle." Uncle: "Well, did you take it out Bobby?" Bobby (proudly): "No. I threw the cat in."

(GOOD) Jim Arthur.

The doctor's little daughter watched her father testing the heart and lungs of her brother. At last she asked: "Getting any new stations daddy?"

(GOOD) Terence Jenner.

The Reason.—"Do you know old Brown?" "Slightly." "Well though he is ninety years of age he has never listened in and is not deaf at all." "I expect that is the reason why he can hear so well."

(GOOD) Lily Southam.

The Chance of a Lifetime.—Jamie McPherson came into the house in a state of great alarm. "Dad," he said, "there's a cow in the yard." "Well," shouted his father, "Dinna stand there wasting time; get out and milk it before it gets awa'"

(GOOD) Keith McIntosh.

Same Thing.—Teacher: "Now then what's all this quarrelling about?" Jim: "Please sir, he said I was wooden-headed." Joe: "No I didn't sir, I only told him to keep his hat on as there was a wood pecker about."

(GOOD) Willie Eaton.

RIDDLES

When was the breadboard (bored)? —When it saw the knife box.

(GOOD) Harold White.

Charlie: "What is the difference between a sailor, and a broken watch? Freddy: "One goes to sea, and the other ceases to go."

(GOOD) Jean Moylan.

Why is a postage stamp like a naughty schoolboy? — Because you must lick their backs before they will stick to their letters.

(GOOD) Joyce Norris.

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Star of Northcote, I.O.R

The fortnightly meeting on March 17 was largely attended, Bro. C. J. Creighton, C.R., presiding. A welcome was extended to Bro. Jim Hamilton on his attendance after a long and serious illness. One clearance was granted. Members learned with regret of the passing of Bro. E. V. Shanahan, and a motion of condolence to the relatives was carried, the members standing in silence. In response to an appeal by the Northcote Central Relief Committee it was decided to donate £5/5/-. Bro. J. Woodgate was elected delegate to the State conference of the Prohibition League on April 12. The cricket club reported having been defeated by Sunshine in the semi-final. The balance sheet, showing the total funds of the tent to be £10,347/18/10, was adopted, together with the auditors' report. In connection with this year's I.O.R. indoor bowls competiton Bros. G. Greenland (A team) and G. Gange (B team) were appointed organisers. Reports of the junior tents and the junior indoor games competition were received. It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Bro. Percy Pavey (Caulfield Tent) on his achievement in winning his fourth King's Prize recently.

After the meeting the annual games championships (bowls, quoits, crib and euchre) drew large entries in each section. Many close and exciting games were played, and at the close of the evening the lists had been narrowed down considerably.

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McHENRY—FRY

A beautifully cut gown of crepe satin was worn by Miss Esther Fry at her marriage to Mr. Herbert McHenry in the Methodist church, High street, Northcote, on March 19, when the Rev. F. J Jennings officiated. The bride walked down the aisle on the arm of her mother, and the bridal gown was cut on severely plain lines, tightly moulded to the hips, from which the skirt fell in graceful folds. The veil was mounted on tulle, and held by orange blossom. A sheaf of gladioli completed her toilet. A frock of pale green georgette was worn by the bridesmaid, Miss Lorna Ferguson; a picture straw hat with a spray of pink flowers, matched her bouquet of pink carnations. Mr. M. Abbot (nephew of the groom) was best man. The bride's mother was gowned in grey crepe de chene lace and grey felt hat. She carried cornflowers. The bridegroom's mother was robed in dark blue wool crepe de chene trimmed in fawn, with a black hat. Mrs. Lawrence Fry chose a smart gown of black and tangerine marocain, and a black felt hat.

HOPE—ARNOLD

A pretty wedding was celebrated at the High street Methodist Church, Northcote, on March 26, the contracting parties being William Hope (second youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Hope, of Footscray) and Winifred J. Arnold (youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Eli Arnold). The bride wore a white crepe de chene gown, trimmed with white lace, brilliants and orange blossom. The train was of cream georgette lined with shell pink crepe de chene, heavily beaded and embossed with lovers' knots and orange blossom. Her veil was of white tulle, embroidered with baskets and wedding bells, and was held by a wreath of orange blossom. White cactus dahlias and pale pink rose buds formed her shower bouquet. The bridesmaid was Miss Meryl Armstrong (niece of the bride), who was frocked in pink rayon lace and satin, and carried a shower bouquet of pale pink carnations. The little trainbearer was Miss Audrey Hope (niece of the bridegroom), who was daintily dressed in pink rayon lace and satin. Each wore a black velvet head-band with tiny posies of pink flowers, and the bridegroom's present to each was a gold armulet. Mr. William Smith was best man, and Mr. W. H. B. Arnold (her brother) gave the bride away. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. F. J. Jennings. During the signing of the register Mrs. Wm. Armstrong (sister of the bride) sang exquisitely "A May Morning" and "Because." Miss Ida Parkes played the Wedding March and accompanied the singer on the organ. After the wedding an adjournment was made to "Winville," Bent street, Northcote, where 50 guests sat down to tables. They were received by the bride's mother and Mr. W. H. B. Arnold. Mrs. Arnold wore a suit of black silk, trimmed with lace and apricot crepe de chene vest, black crepe de chene coat and black hat trimmed with feathers. Wall flowers and primulas moulded into an 1830 posy were her flowers. At the breakfast the usual toasts were honored. That of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. Sparks, who presided; the bridesmaid and trainbearer, proposed by the groom, was responded to by the best man; the mother of the bride, proposed by Mr. Wm. Armstrong, was replied to by her son, Mr. W. Arnold; Rev. Jennings, proposed by Mr. W. Arnold, was replied to by Rev. Jennings. The evening was spent in dancing, interspersed with vocal and elocutionary items by Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Edna Sparkes, Mr. Smith, Miss Hope, Misses Armstrong, Miss Laura Arnold, Miss McIver and Mr. M. Heenin. Mr. McDonald, sen., gave an exhibition of step dancing. Mr. and Mrs. William Hope will make their future home in Ballarat. The numerous presents received were handsome, including many cheques.

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of too ample proportions. This dress is sure to find favor, as it is both graceful and stylish, besides being extremely simple to reproduce. Any of the new season's frockings now on show are suitable for making this dress, including velvets, either plain or figured. The pattern is No. 3453 (price 11d.), cut in sizes to suit women of medium, out-size and extra out-size (40 to 50 inch bust) fittings. These patterns are manufactured by Demaret's, Collingwood, and can be purchased from any of the local agents as listed in another part of this paper.

TEA TIME PYJAMAS

TEA time pyjamas in chartreuse, yellow and grey are worn by Lilyan Tashman, the Paramount player of "Girls About Town."

The circular trousers display circles of chartreuse and yellow on a background of dull grey, and are finished at the waistline with a front hip-yoke, gathered into a large bow, while the blouse carries out the chartreuse tones, and has a splash bow of self material on the shoulder.

AN AFTERNOON ENSEMBLE

AN afternoon ensemble in black silk crepe, silver metal cloth and silver fox is worn by Tallulah Bankhead in Paramount's picture "The Cheat."

An Afternoon Ensemble featured by Tallulah Bankhead in the Paramount Picture "The Cheat"

The upper part of the frock is created in silver cloth brocaded with tiny silver flowers. The coat is the new chic wrist-length, and the hat, also of silk crepe, is made along the new crushed and draped turban lines, and is worn entirely over the right side of the head.

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NORTHCOTE NOTES

Northcote-Clifton Hill Car Club

Members of the newly-formed Northcote-Clifton Hill car club will hold their first outing on Sunday next. The meeting place is Yarra Falls Motor Garage, 103 Queen's parade, Clifton Hill, and the time 9.30 a.m. The run will be to Kinglake. An invitation is extended to prospective members and motorists interested to take part.

Northcote Branch A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting was held on March 24. Reports were received from the delegates on the Mayor's Appeal Committee for the unemployed. In addition to Messrs. Turnbull and Frawley Messrs. Williams, Keenan and Preston were elected to the committee to work with a similar one from the A.W.A. in connection with the Queen Carnival. Miss Barnett has been chosen as Queen of the A.W.A. and A.N.A. and members are urged to help in some way to make the effort a success. A social evening will be held next Thursday to celebrate the rifle team's success in winning the shield which will be formally presented to the branch. An invitation has been sent to the A.W.A. All that is needed to make this night a huge success is a good attendance.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

Members of the Northcote-Thornbury and Preston branches are notified that the annual meeting of the Central Executive has been postponed from April 4 to April 18. The meeting will be held in the Brosnan Hall, St. Vincent's Hospital, at 8 p.m., and all executive officers, members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Wimble Workingmen's Club

A dance is to be held in the Northcote town hall under the auspices of the above club to augment the funds of the mayor's appeal for the Central Relief Committee. A committee was appointed to further the interest in the queen carnival.

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Northcote-Thornbury Branch. — A social evening and card party arranged by Mesdames J. J. Ryan and P. Ryan will be held at the Memorial Hall, High street, Northcote, on April 5. All members and friends will be welcome. There will be good prizes for cards, and an enjoyable night for all.

Thornbury Younger Set

On Saturday, April 2, the Thornbury Younger Set will hold a Dance Jeunesse in Normanby Hall, Thornbury. The social committee has worked industriously and as a result a tremendous success, even greater than that of the first dance, is anticipated. An excellent supper will be provided and a dance band of the highest calibre has been obtained for the night. A hearty welcome is extended to all those interested.

The next monthly meeting will be held in Normanby Hall on April 12 and a ball has been arranged for Tuesday, May 10, to take place in the Northcote Town Hall.

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PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF TO MUSIC

MANY FAMOUS MEN ARE NOT MUSIC CONSCIOUS

(From Philips Radio Press Service)

IT is an unheard of thing for a distinguished man to admit publicly that he cannot enjoy a good book, remains wholly unmoved by a fine painting and is quite unable to appreciate the wonders of a landscape. After all we do not advertise our misfortunes, says Herbert S. Greenhalch in "Music Masterpieces." But such confessions are made freely in the case of music.

It will be remembered that a short time ago Lord Birkenhead stated that, though he was a poor man, he would rather pay £50 than sit through any classical concert. "It has been said," he added, "that it is the food of love, but even for that I am too old."

More recently, Mr. Justive Eve has, in milder terms, made it clear that he is not a musical enthusiast. Then there is the case of Dean Inge, who is practically unable to distinguish one tune from another. He has stated that he only knows two "God Save the King" and "Ye ken John Peel." He is known as the "Gloomy Dean." Going back a little, there was another Dean who was equally tuneless. This was Dr. Stanley, Dean of Westminster. He was a man of great culture in other directions, but music left him cold, and this in spite of the fact that he must have heard it in one of its most entrancing forms from the magnificent organ of the abbey.

Celebrated Poets Who Could Not Appreciate Music

All these cases are, of course, understandable, for, unfortunately it is not given to everybody to be able to appreciate music. But one would imagine poets to be in a different category. Their art requires a strong sense of rythm, and it is common knowledge that rythm is the very basis of music. Yet Robert Southey, who wrote some of the most beautiful poems in the English language, and was at one time Poet Laureate, was utterly unable to develop a love for music. The great Tennyson was another example. It is related that, after hearing someone play a musical setting of one of his lyrics, he left the room in a state of fearful irritation, declaring that he had no wish to hear his beautiful work ruined in such a manner.

Charles Lamb was completely lacking in musical capacity, though there is evidence that he deplored the fact and would have given a good deal to be able to sing even a simple tune. Sir Landon Ronald has told the story of a well-known peer who was listening to a famous band in a number of classical selections. Asked if he was enjoying himself he replied: "Good heavens, no. I agree with Dr. Johnson, and wish that music was impossible."

North of England a Great Musical Stronghold

It may be argued that a large proportion of the public desires only to hear the commoner types of gramophone music. But is not the same true of books, or paintings or any other form of art? What has the average librarian to say about the class of literature that is usually demanded? There is no doubt whatever that the ,appreciation of music is more widespread now than it has ever been. Broadcasting would probably have failed but for that fact, and certainly scores of thousands of people would not have found employment in making radio receivers. But it is among the masses that one finds the love of music most general. In Wales and the north of England it is there—particularly, perhaps, in the industrial districts—that the real musical enthusiasm exists. In many cases, it reaches an extraordinary degree of intensity, and few Southerners who come into contact with it for the first time fail to be astonished by it. It is comparatively rare in these regions to find people who are deaf to music.

The reason is that music is largely a matter of tradition and environment. Children brought up in homes in which music is frequently heard develop naturally into music lovers. England's musical reputation is not of the best, but it is improving and the day may even dawn when distinguished men will no longer consider it good form to boast of their musical shortcomings.

Are Music Haters Born or Made?

It is perfectly clear that, just as one learns to speak so one must learn to appreciate music. The whole matter devolves upon the sensitiveness of the mind to appreciate the melody and it is beyond question that those people who dislike music are simply people who have chosen to shut their ears to the beauty of it.

Perhaps in early life it commenced as a pose and the pose has become a habit. Surely no other construction can be put upon the matter. No doubt someone will come forward soon and explain the peculiar phenomen of people whose ears are so fashioned that music to them has no charm.

It is seldom that one finds a musician who does not like either pictures or good books. How comes it then that an artist in some other branch of art cannot appreciate the glory of some wonderful theme ?

OBITUARY

DEATH OF MR. MATHIESON

The death of Mr. Mathieson came as a great blow to the members of the Preston Rowing Club, of which body he was a foundation member and also assistant secretary at the time of his death. He was a keen enthusiast for rowing and his presence will be greatly missed. The funeral took place last Tuesday at the new Melbourne Cemetery, Fawkner, the service at the home and the graveside being conducted by the Rev. Powell, of the Church of England. The pall bearers were members of the Preston Rowing Club including Messrs. A. Freeman and C. R. James (vice-presidents), F. Hannaford (hon treas.), and A. James (hon. sec.). Beautiful floral wreaths were received from the Preston Rowing Club, the employees of P. C. Groffer and Preston Ladies' Rowing Club. The funeral was largely attended by members of the club who paid their final tribute to a member who had merited their esteem.

The officials and members of the Preston Ladies' Rowing Club extend their deepest sympathy with the family of the late Frank Mathieson also to Miss M. Brown in this time of such great sorrow. The young man was at one time our assistant coach, and at all times did he give of his best in a way that made him beloved by us all, and his memory will last fondly for ever in the Ladies' Rowing Club. He was a most pleasant and lovable young man in sport or away from it. His kind we don't like to part with.

Further reference appears on page 6 of this issue.

FAIRFIELD CANOE CLUB

The Three Mile Pairs event will take place at Elwood on Saturday and Fairfield's representatives will be F. Taylor and G. Wild, and R. Burgin with either R. Brown or Les Turner. Last year this event had to be abandoned owing to the roughness of the weather.

The active canoeing season is now drawing to a close the only events in addition to the Three Mile being left for decision being the Fours Championship on April 9 and the Five Miles on April 16. The committee is now preparing a syllabus of winter events.

LARCENY CHARGE DISMISSED

Milkcarter Gets Benefit of Doubt

At Preston court on Thursday, Francis Drake, Station street, Regent, was charged that between March 6 and 14, being the servant of Matthew Young, he stole 14 gallons of milk, valued at 9/4, the property of his employer.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for Drake

The evidence showed that Drake had been instructed not to supply milk to other milkmen, and that he had been in Young's employ for three years and had been found an honest employee.

Plainclothes Constable Egerton said that on the morning of March 14 he kept Drake's house under observation and saw him take two cans of milk into the house. Later a man named Lehmann entered the house, and he was leaving. He interrogated him and said to Drake "It is alleged you are selling milk to this man." Drake said: "I gave him milk. He did not pay for it." Told that Lehmann had on one previous occasion paid 1/ when supplied with milk, Drake said, "Yes. I thought he gave me that as a gratuity." He added that he thought the milk he had lent Lehmann would be returned.

Mr. Cahir submitted that there was no case to answer.

After much consideration the bench intimated that there was a doubt and Drake would get the benefit of it. The case was dismissed.

Receiving Charge Withdrawn

Following on this decision Sergeant Lang intimated that he would withdraw a charge of having received 14 gallons of milk, knowing it to have been stolen, which had been preferred against Harold Lehmann, of Nyoee street, Preston.

1ST PRESTON TROOP

The football team will meet for practice to-morrow afternoon, and all Scouts who intend to play should be at the Scout Hall at 2.30 p.m. The Saturday night dances have become popular, and will be continued to-morrow night. The court of honor will meet on Sunday. Scouts on Wednesday and cubs on Thursday. Last Wednesday night Mr. Ince gave an interesting talk on his experiences as a frontiersman in South Africa.

Electric Supply Interruption

A NOTICE appears elsewhere by the Preston City Council Electric Supply Department that the supply of electricity will be interrupted between 4 a.m. and 7.30 a.m. on Sunday next (April 3). This is to enable maintenance works to be carried out on the power lines.

Sister Voss, of St. Margaret's private hospital, 47 Regent St., Regent, has special facilities for attending medical, surgical and midwifery cases. Cleanliness and service will be found in this well-equipped building.

EXCELSIOR BOYS' BAND, PRESTON

OUTING MARRED BY TRAGEDY

On Easter Monday the band set off to attend the sports meeting at Beaconsfield. A halt was made near Hallam, where a regrettable accident occurred. One of the lads, George William Hancock, aged 9 years, while passing round the front of the truck and attempting to cross the road, was knocked down by an oncoming motor car. He was immediately rushed to the nearest doctor, but died on arriving there. The funeral, which took place on Wednesday at the Fawkner Cemetery, was very impressive. The appearance of the procession passing along High street, Preston, gave one the impression of a miniature military funeral. His little comrades of the Excelsior Band led the procession, headed by their bandmaster. They were followed by the Preston City Boys' Band. The little fellow's side drum and uniform cap had been placed on the coffin. The large attendance of boys and adults, and also the floral tributes showed the esteem in which this little lad was held by all who knew him.

Cr. Hemburrow happened to be on his way to Beaconsfield on Easter Monday, and seeing the band halted at Berwick, immediately offered his assistance on being told about the tragedy. Cr. Hemburrow was asked to attend the funeral as a representative of the Preston City Council, which he did. He also expressed his sympathy by means of a fine floral tribute.

As an expression of sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Handcock, and also to the Excelsior Boys' Band in the loss of a member, the band, during practice on Tuesday evening, rendered the Dead March in Saul, which was most impressive. This kindly spirit, we are sure, goes far to soften the blow to the stricken parents and comrades of the band.

The funeral was carried out by Rayboulds Pty. Ltd., under the supervision of Mr. Chas. P. Frilay, manager, Preston branch, 172 High street, Preston.

THE PROBLEM OF EXCHANGE

(By J. E. V. Chubb, Lecturer, National Credit Association.)

"Exchange is against Australia," "New York is proposing to extend so many millions of short term credits, etc.," "The high cost of exchange," "The money market in London was dull," "The rectification of the exchange," "Sterling weakened to-day." What do these phrases mean? In the first place they mean that the financial expert is "blinding us with science." In the second, that the newsagencies who flash these messages around the world, the newspaper men who receive and print them, and the politicians who repeat them with all their proper emphasis, know no more of what they imply than do the uninitiated public, upon whose eyes these words impinge, without making the least impression on their understanding. If they did know what they mean, some of our leaders might explain, and a large number might stop talking nonsense.

A man without any mechanical sense can understand very well the working of an internal combustion engine, if he is taught no more than the movement of the pistons, and the cycle of induction, compression, explosion and exhaust. So also the man in the street can have this similar miracle of exchange made plain by the exposition of the simple fundamentals.

Australia comprises two classes — importers and exporters. The exporter sends his goods to England, say. They are there sold, and to the credit of Mr. Farmer, exporter, there stands in an English bank a sum of English money. Now English money can be used in England, but not in Australia. Likewise, Australian money can be used in Australia, but not in England. The importer, to sell goods in Australia, must buy them in England, and for this he must have English money. Mr. Farmer, the exporter, is without Australian money, and his debts must be paid and his new purchases made, and for these Australian money must be got. Both exporter and importer can be suited by agreeing to exchange their Australian and English money. The relative strength of their wants, and the quantities of English and Australian money available, fix the values of one relative to the other. That the Australian pound has the same name as the English sovereign does not matter except as it serves to confuse the public. They are two quite different coins, and that they both are "pounds" is no more to the point than that a Shetland and a Clydesdale are both horses.

If little English money is available belonging to Australians, and the number of Australians requiring it is large, then, of course, the price of English money to these latter is high. At present we have importers, tourists in England, Australian absentee owners wanting their dividends, and last and very important, the Government wishing to meet its obligations and bidding for the farmers' English money. The utmost they can afford to give for it now works out at about £130 Australian for £100 English. Some will give more.

A new loan floated in England will result in the Government becoming a seller instead of a buyer; and in the quantity of English money being increased. The farmer once again will suffer his customary reverse.

The true basis of exchange, where it is unmodified by borrowing and lending abroad, is found in the interrelated costs of production, and must always be normal (no matter how the figures fluctuate). These costs, in the final analysis, are costs of labour. The costs of labour are, in the final analysis, the costs in terms of energy of all the articles and commodities consumed in the production of the exported goods. These, of course, make up the standard of living. And it becomes clear that without borrowing or lending abroad, exchange must always be normal; that is, it must always reflect the relative standards of life of the nations under consideration. Thus at present an Australian can live as well on £130 (Australian) as an Englishman on £100 (English), and a wage of £3/5/ (Australian) is the same as that of an Englishman receiving £2/10/ (English), as it has been while the exchange was rigged during the past 10 years.

To make it so that a wage of £2/10/ (Australian) will keep an Australian as fat and cheerful as an Englishman on £2/10/ (English) may be a laudable ambition, though rather hard on those paying off properties. But the true equalisation of the exchange will not be effected by any rectification by means of "credits," "loans," or "confidence." What they will do is this. They will bid against the exporter's money in England and make certain that the true world value of his product shall never reach him. At the Australian port of entry 27 per cent. of his return will be clipped from his payments and used to maintain the importer, the absentee owner abroad, and those fortunates who produce for internal consumption. The wage will not fall to £2/10/; in fact, it may very well rise, and the only benefit, if any, will be the expedient payment of government interest abroad with the farmers' earnings.

The great Pitt said: "I will show you a way to tax the shirts from the people's backs, and they shall not know that their pockets are being touched." This manipulation of exchange by means of foreign loans constitutes a method superior to Pitt's—a method which the people who are to suffer it urge upon their leaders to adopt.

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TURF NOTES

(By "LUTEPLAYER")

Good Finishing Efforts

Some good finishing efforts were witnessed at Williamstown on Easter Monday. Slow to leave the mark in the Easter Cup, Prince Dayton was practically last at the mile post, but he made up ground in such great style that he had the race won before heads were turned for home, and scored with a lot in hand. The performance suggests that the Cyklon gelding has returned to his best form and he may be expected to score again before long.

Idle Banter recorded a remarkably well sustained run to win the Three-year-old Handicap. Usually a smart beginner, the colt on this occasion dwelt at the barrier, and at the end of a couple of furlongs he was second last of a fairly well strung out field. His rider then sent him in pursuit of the leaders, a seemingly impossible task, but Idle Banter made up his ground in great style, and entering the straight he was second, but still three lengths behind the pacemaker, Iskander. Sticking to his task in bull-dog fashion, Idle Banter gradually wore down Iskander and beat him home by half a length. This exhibition of stamina is what one would expect from a colt by the Melbourne Cup winner, Windbag. The dam of Idle Banter, Poetaster, was a smart galloper in her day.

A particularly brilliant finishing effort was staged by Foursome in the Federal Handicap. He appeared to be standing flat-footed when the barrier lifted, with the result that he was the tail ender when the field settled down. Entering the straight he was still last but one, and apparently had no chance. But his rider took him to the outside of the field, in fact, very wide out on the course, and the gelding then gave a dazzling exhibition of brilliance. He fairly mowed down the opposition and got up in the last stride to defeat Ibrani by a head. It was the best finishing effort that has been seen in a sprint race for some time. Foursome is a four-year-old gelding by Two from Ethie, and hails from Adelaide.

Two other good finishing efforts that were not, however, attended with success were given by Taciturn and Median. The first-named competed in the Seaholm Hurdle, and a mile from home he was a good 20 lengths behind the leaders; yet at the finish he was only two lengths behind the winner—a performance that speaks for itself. Median lost a lot of ground at the start of the Juvenile Handicap through N. Percival having to check him to prevent a collision with Devonie. Median put in a great run from the three furlongs, and although he had played himself out at the distance, in the circumstances he did rather well to gain third place. Median has been the unlucky youngster this autumn.

Sandhurst Pleases

Although Sandhurst finished only a moderate third in the Williamstown Steeple, his performance made it clear that he is far from being a back number. On the contrary he can be expected to be prominent in the winter jumping campaign, particularly at Flemington, where the country is most to his liking. In Monday's race Sandhurst was the early leader, but his rider allowed him to settle down in third place, which he maintained to the finish. The race will considerably improve him.

Some Likely Improvers

Having his first race since December, King Mart showed that he is capable of an early win by finishing last in second place in the Easter Stakes, only half a length behind Dominant.

For the same race Gainist was quietly fancied, but she began rather too well, and after following Dominant into the straight, petered out to finish seventh. The race is bound to improve her, and it should not be long before she makes amends.

Although his starting price was 10 to 1, Peragoon was strongly fancied for the Trial Hurdle. Usually a slow beginner, Peragoon on this occasion took up a handy position early. He was going extra well until he hit heavily at the hurdle near the mile post, which took a lot of the steam out of him. He struggled on gamely to gain third place, and although he was some six lengths behind the winner there is little doubt that if he had escaped that blunder a mile from home he would have made the finish interesting. He is worth keeping in mind for a future event.

One to be ticked off for a forthcoming race is Periander. He had some backing for the Point Cook Trial, and in the hands of an experienced rider may have been in the money instead of finishing fifth. He had about eight horses in front of him until five furlongs from home, where his apprentice rider rushed him up as though the finishing post was only a furlong off. That Periander failed to run out the full distance is hardly surprising, but the performance drew attention to his galloping ability.

Tristan, an outsider for the Federal Handicap, ran a surprisingly good race. One of the leaders all the way, he fought out a good finish and was a close fourth crossing the line, a performance that entitled him to consideration in a coming race.

When Tenterden won at Moonee Valley recently he did not greatly impress many racegoers, but his display in the Federal Stakes at Williamstown on Monday is likely to cause them to revise their opinion. He appeared to be hemmed in for a long way, and it was not until late in the proceedings that he got a run on the rails. He then put in a fast run and finished a close third. It looks as though the New Zealander has just struck his best form.

FOOTBALL

PRESTON CLUB

The interest being displayed is unprecedented in the history of the club. At the practice match last Monday there were more than 1000 spectators, which was most encouraging to the officials. To meet the demand for membership tickets a fresh supply has been ordered.

The scratch match was arranged against the Reservoir team, and although the seniors had a fair margin at the end of the game the contest was interesting throughout. Most conspicuous amongst the new men in the first half were Pike, who pleased the supporters, Grierson, who kicked six goals, and Dineen. W. Davies (from the South Preston Methodist K.S.P.), Dunlop (St Kevin's) and Townsend (Tasmania).

In the second half Len Stott and his brother, A. Stott (from Heidelberg), Walsh (Richmond), Anderson (Prahran) and Cunningham (Nar-nar-goon) were the most impressive.

Of the old brigade Hughson, Cameron, Monahan, Dowling and Reichman apparently had lost none of their old form, as they were always conspicuous.

Another try out will take place tomorrow, when a batch of recruits will be given a run.

NORTHCOTE JOTTINGS

Finding the number of recruits seeking admission to Northcote too unwieldly, the officials have been compelled to considerably reduce their training list. The club is fortunate in having available the services of a number of promising aspirants. Two practice games were played on Monday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Bray, the former clever Brunswick rover, and Wilson (East Brunswick) showed excellent form, being the best of a pleasing batch of recruits. Of the old brigade, Ross, Woods and R. Humphries performed well.

The officials are working assiduously to maintain the high standard of efficiency displayed by the club and feel confident that they will have a strong representative combination when the season opens against their neighbors on the Preston Park on April 23.

At a meeting of the Victorian Football Association on Wednesday evening the permit and umpire committee committee dealt with applications for reregistration from three Northcote players, whose periods of disqualification had expired. C. R. Milne was granted reregistration after twelve months' disqualification. J. F. Perkins, who was disqualified for a season after a match with Oakleigh last year, admitted two previous disqualifications. Consideration of granting the application was deferred until April 27, after the first match of the season. An application by G. Wilson for reregistration after twelve months' disqualification was adjourned pending inquiries by the secretary of previous disqualifications in the League.

An application by G. Stockdale for a clearance from Northcote to Coburg was held over.

"I Will Give Whilst I am Alive"

Mr. T. Pollock, resident manager of Wardrop House, the Y.M.C.A. Hostel in Northcote, writes:—"The residents of Northcote will regret to hear of the death of Mr. George Wardrop, who passed away at his daughter's house in Sydney on Monday, March 28. The late gentleman endeared himself to all who came in contact with him. The gift of Wardrop House was made during his lifetime to the Y.M.C.A. for the benefit of young lads from the country districts. This splendid and generous action is one of the many good traits of Mr. Wardrop's character, and is a living monument which will perpetuate his memory.

Some people are inclined to mind their own business, but lack the ability to do so.

BOWLS.

Greenkeepers' Association

In the greenkeepers' single-handed championship concluded last Thursday, Connor (Heidelberg) was placed first. Weir (Fairfield) was in the consolation.

Never judge a man by the silk umbrella he carries: he may have left a cotton one in its place.

CRICKET

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final, which starts next Saturday, should be a well contested game. Following is the Westgarth Baptist team to meet Regent Presbyterians in the final:—W. S. Johnstone (C), A. Horman (vice c.), C. Turner, G. Hill, A. Frawley, J. Frawley, H. Horman, H. Woods, J. Orr, C. Hexter, L. Young, P. Pilard.

B GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians, 132 and 97 (E. Douglas 38, A. James 18, E. Nicholls 19, W. Walker 39; L. Emmerson 3/11, S. J. Mathews 7/73, N. Smith 7/55, B. W. Mathews 2/25) v All Saint's Church of England Northcote, 156 and 48 (B. W. Mathews 68 and 13, Thistlewaite 22, F. Hocking 16 n.o.; D. Patterson 4/51, H. Clayton, 4/53, W. Walker 6/54, W. Robertson 2/4). Presbyterians won outright by 25 runs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECTION

INTERSTATE CONTEST AT ADELAIDE

On Easter Saturday the combined team of the Northcote and Preston Sunday Schools met a representative side of the South Australian United Churches Association at Adelaide. The local team declared with nine wickets down for 274. C. Rosewarne, who plays pennant cricket with Adelaide Colts, batting brilliantly, unconquered, for 101. Heavy rain fell soon after the Victorians went in and the match was postponed when they lost eight wickets for 107. Scores:—

S. A. UNITED

W. Hoskings, c Pegram, b Stark	10
L. Austin (c), b Beecher	28
C. Rosewarre, retired	101
F. Jaucken, st Trudgeon, b Harding	19
R. Hancock, b Stark	47
K. Campbell, not out	15
E. Blackmore, lbw., b Stark	0
G. Bice, st. Trudgeon, b Wintle	23
R. McDonaid, b Wintle	0
A. Mason, st. Trudgeon, b Stark	1
D. Henry, not out	9
Sundries	20
Total, nine (closed) for	274

Bowling.—L. Pegram, 0/22; A. Stark, 4/66; L. Beecher, 1/37; W. Harding, 1/40; A. McKenzie, 0/22; A. Burridge, 0/19; W. Bott, 0/23; R. Wintle, 2/17.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

E. Winslade, st Henry, b Rosewarne	10
A. Stark, st Henry b Rosewarne	27
L. Beecher, b Blackmore	8
V. Trudgeon, c Henry, b Rosewarne	5
W. Bott, lbw., b Rosewarne	8
A. McKenzie, c Rosewarne, b Blackmore	3
L. Pegram, b Blackmore	2
A. Fisher (C), run out	0
W. Harding, not out	7
A. Burridge, not out	13
Sundries	24
Total, for eight	107

Bowling.—A. Mason 0/19; R. Hancock, 0/19; C. Rosewarne, 4/40; E. Blackmore, 3/5.

The match was played on a concrete wicket.

On Easter Sunday the visitors were taken for a motor tour through the Mount Lofty ranges and in the evening attended a church parade at the Pirie street Methodist Church, when reference was made to their presence by the preacher, the Rev. John Jenkins, who extended a hearty welcome to them.

The team returned on Tuesday after a most enjoyable trip, each of the players spoke in the highest praise of the excellent manner in which they had been received and the hospitality extended to them by the South Australians. The Manager of the team (Mr. Geo. Keller) on behalf of his association, has forwarded a congratulatory letter to the South Australian United Church Association expressing appreciation for the elaborate preparations which had been made for their enjoyment and comfort.

The team was met on arrival in Adelaide on Good Friday by officials of the Association and throughout their brief stay were excellently catered for. It is likely that the South Australian team will visit Melbourne next cricket season probably during Christmas when the Northcote and Preston Association hopes to repay the hospitality which was extended to them.

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Preston, 134 (Liddell 43, Butler 32, Rabey 12, Sims 10; Eason 5/50, Grant 2/31) v Sunshine, 0 for 5.

TENNIS.

PRESTON LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The following matches take place on Saturday:—A Grade semi-final:—Cooma v Numurray I. at East Preston. B Grade semi-finals:—Reservoir II. v Hill, at Regent Park; Oakover I. v Reservoir I., at Numurray. A high standard of tennis is anticipated and good games are assured. All the teams are keen, and enthusiasts will enjoy good tennis at any of the above courts.

WORLD RECONSTRUCTION

LECTURE BY MAJOR CASEY

I don't think any apology is needed for returning again to the subject of the world depression.

Although in the past the actions of Governments have no doubt influenced business, I don't think there has ever been a time when the business life of the world was so dependent on the actions of the politicians.

At present the whole business machinery of the world is intact and capable of working satisfactorily, and supplying the demands of the world for goods, but owing to the lack of confidence in currencies and in the actions of Governments generally, the ordinary process of supply and demand has ceased to be the principal factor in the life of the world. I submit that what we are all waiting for, and what the world needs to put it on its feet again, is action on the part of the Governments of the principal countries designed to create confidence in the future.

Politics are influencing business, and are overwhelmingly more important than any business considerations at present. No matter what a business man does at present he cannot do right, he cannot necessarily make his business pay, in the absence of confidence on the part of the public, and that confidence cannot be brought about except by the action of Governments.

Although the facts of the present world situation, and of the European situation in particular, can, if looked squarely in the face, give rise to nothing but pessimism, I am not by any means a pessimist. The situation as I see it is this. The world depression could, it is fairly generally admitted, be lifted by two or three simple actions on the part of Governments. These actions are:—

(1) Some definite alleviation of the conditions imposed on Germany and the Powers defeated in the War.

(2) Some reconsideration and scaling down of war debt and reparation payments arising out of the the war, and

(3) Some definite move towards disarmament.

These are all decisions that are within the powers of certain Governments to take. They are not impossible decisions to reach. They all involve some apparent sacrifices in principle. If these things are not done it is possible that disaster will take place in which all countries will be involved—even the great gold holding countries, France and America. These countries had hoped that the world depression would have lifted before it got so bad that these sacrifices were called for. But it has not—and these countries are well aware of the consequences of further postponement of the action that it is in their power to take. In consequence I think that these actions will shortly be taken, and that they will mark the beginning of recovery.

I am particularly impressed with the fact that Hoover, the President of the United States, and Laval, the French Premier, are shortly to meet face to face and discuss things. Now, I don't know anything about M. Laval—he is more or less an unknown factor in international relations; but Hoover is a very well known factor. He is a hard-headed, sensible, practical man, of great experience and of good judgment. His only difficulty is that the presidential election is to be held next year, which unfortunately limits his powers to act with complete freedom.

This visit of the French Premier to America is an event likely to be of the greatest importance. I think I am right in saying that never before in history has the Prime Minister of France gone across the Atlantic during his term of office to visit the American President at Washington.

It is, however, quite natural that the political heads of these two great countries, that between them hold two-thirds of the world's gold, should want to confer on the situation arising due to their gold holdings.

I don't know who made the first move to bring about this meeting between the French Premier and the American President, but I can well believe that it was Hoover. And although nobody knows the subjects that they are going to discuss, I can make a good guess that they will be three:—

(1) The question of the extension of the period beyond 12 months of the war debts and reparations holiday.

(2) The question of the granting of long term loans by France and America to countries short of gold and credit; and

(3) The question of disarmament in Europe.

The French Premier has already been to Berlin—a most unusual journey for a French Premier—and before he goes to Washington he is to confer with Lord Reading, the British Foreign Secretary. Out of these momentous meetings one can only hope that an international conference to deal positively with the great questions that I have referred to will emerge.

The economic and political situation in Germany seems to have got suddenly worse. The economy measures that have to be carried through are so drastic that the present German Government seems unlikely to be able to command a majority in their Parliament—so that President Hindenburg has again, for the second time in a year, thought fit to use the dictatorial powers of government by decree that the constitution provides for in times of national emergency. I think the German Parliament is due to meet at the end of this month. It looks like a race against time—whether some real relief for the world will come from the meeting between the French Premier and the American President, before the winter adds fresh chance of revolution in Germany.

It is rather a calamity that the American presidency election comes about next year, as local politics and the manoeuvring for position of the Republican and Democratic parties will cramp the style of Mr. Hoover in the present crisis.

Mr. Hoover is a Republican, and it will undoubtedly be necessary for his party to nominate him again for a second term of office—it has become almost automatic that a party nominates the retiring President for a second term. The Republican Party cannot "point with pride" to their administration, unless they can also "point with pride" to their chief administrator.

The Democratic Party is now tooth-combing possible candidates, amongst whom are Mr. Al. Smith, lately Governor of New York; Mr. Franklin Roosevelt, the present Governor of New York, and a relative of the famous President; and Mr. Owen Young, an eminent lawyer, whose name is associated with the Young Plan for the solution of the German reparations problem.

Prohibition, or as it is known in American politics, "the Repeal of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution," or, more popularly, the battle of the "Wets" and the "Drys"; the height of the tariff wall, the treatment of the war debts, and the part that America plays in world policy—these will be the questions at issue.

From the point of view of sound co-operation with the rest of the world, one can only hope that Mr. Hoover will be re-elected. This is far from certain, however, for two main reasons. Hoover was elected on the "prosperity ticket"—at a time of prosperity he was going to produce the golden age, and the very reverse has happened. And secondly, the Democrats got a majority in the House of Representatives in the Parliamentary elections last year, which rather points to a swing away from Republicanism at the presidential election. And Hoover, as you know, is a Republican.

There has been a great deal of irresponsible talk about the system of private enterprise having broken down, and that we should make haste to change our whole system to some new and untried system of wholesale socialism, whereby we should presumably put all the machinery of production and banking into the hands of politically chosen amateurs. My personal experience of Governmental control has led me to think that this would result in waste and confusion and jobbery.

Politically, radical elements all over the world are trying to use this unfortunate depression for their own ends. This depression is a direct outcome of the war. Whatever the immediate cause—whether it was precipitated by overproduction and under-consumption, or the uneven distribution of gold or other monetary reasons—all analyses get you back to the war as the original disturbing element that threw the world off its balance.

The system of private enterprise was not responsible for the war, and I maintain that the troubles from which we are suffering are not these that Socialism would cure. Let us beware of those who are trying to foist some quack remedy on us without proper diagnosis of our disease.

I am led to say this because of the recent news that a section of the British Labour Party has been trying to raise the cry that international financiers and the banks have engineered this depression, and that Ramsay McDonald has sold the country and the workers at the dictation of the money power.

We have had a good deal of this patriotic invective against international finance and the banks in the last year, and it seems to me that those who indulge in it must be singularly ignorant of the way the world works, or they have a poor opinion of the intelligence of the people.

I reject as ludicrously distorted the notion that the present crisis was engineered by the banks for the purpose of destroying social services in any country, and reducing its standard of living and wages. Such an explanation is an easy one to give to a meeting of unemployed workers, naturally and excusably angered by their miseries—it is the sort of explanation that one expects from what Mr. Theodore has called "leatherlunged low-brows" on soap boxes; but it will not stand unbiassed examination.

Now, I would like to say a few words about the position of Australia relative to Great Britain. The position seems to me to be this:—

In the past we have borrowed very heavily from the public of Great Britain, who have never at any time questioned the fact that we were borrowing within our means. They lent freely to us whatever we asked. They did not know, and we did not realise, that we were amassing a volume of indebtedness that we could only meet if the prices of our exported products remained high. Then, when the tide turned, and our income from wool and wheat declined sharply, we found ourselves in the position that the money going out of Australia to meet our imports and loan interest was much greater than the money coming into Australia from the sale of our exports.

This unfortunate situation was reflected in our exchange in London going against us to the extent of 30 per cent. In order to try and rectify this adverse balance of trade, the Scullin Government drastically raised our tariff wall in order to discourage imports. In other words, it was found that we could either continue to buy British and other imported goods on the scale of a few years ago, or pay our loan interest to the people of Great Britain, but we could not do both.

Either alternative would have been a blow to Britain—either default of our interest payments, or the necessity of cutting down imports of British goods.

We have chosen the latter course. The sudden contraction of our imports from Britain has been a blow to British manufacturing industries in that their market in Australia has been contracted to the extent of probably some tens of millions of pounds a year; or, in other words, we have been responsible for throwing some tens of thousands of men in Britain out of work.

But, unfortunate as this is, it cannot be said to be our fault. We were faced with a simple choice—that of paying the interest bill on money we had borrowed, which entailed buying less goods from Britain, or of going on importing, which would have meant defaulting on those who had lent us their savings. We chose the lesser of the two evils.

Although the subject is rather outside the usual run of these talks, I would like to say a few words tonight about Sir John Monash, whose passing we have all so much deplored.

I served on his staff for the last few months of the war, and had many opportunities of personal contact with him. I was present on several occasions at conferences with the Commander-in-Chief and other highly placed officers, and there was no doubt whatever of his outstanding ability. He had one of those rare minds that could visualise the situation on a wide front, and had an uncanny instinct of being able to put first things first, and to disregard what was not essential. In other words, he had rare judgment, combined with the ability to think constructively, and he, personally, was in no small degree responsible for the successes of the Australian Corps in the last year of the war.

General Monash, in the many contacts that I had with him, made me proud to be an Australian. He was a great man in the real sense. We have, and we have had, very few great men. Many people have been surprised to hear that, although he was born in Australia, he came from Polish-Jewish parents. This should make us more tolerant of other races.

£5 REWARD

NORTHCOTE TRADERS' ASSOCIATION EASTER EFFORT

At the Northcote Traders' meeting on Wednesday the Foreign Article Competition was finalised, and the £5 in prizes allocated as follow:—W. Milton, first prize, £3; Mrs. Prowse, second prize, £1; W. Howe, 5/-; Mrs. Edmund, 5/-; Miss McDonald, 5/-; Mrs. Watt, 5/-.

Following is a correct list of articles as shown in windows during the competition: J. W. French, 252 High St., packet cigarettes; M. Wegner, 219 High St., pot plant; J. Kirkby, 230 High St., paint brush; F. Fettling, 231 High St., pair motor goggles; "The Leader," 309 High St., reel cotton; G. Burton, 315 High St., thimble; F. G. Smith, 319 High St., tin jam, bar soap; H. Clack, 383-5 High St., box powder; E. H. Cohen, 253 High St., packet bird seed; A. R. Downes, 227 High St., toy balloons; Macks and Co., 243 High St., cigar; C. S. Low, 367 High St., reel Campbell's linen; Gardiner and McMullin, 287 High St., soap rabbit; W. E. Ladner, 369 High St., bottle scent; Ezywalkin, 280 High St., cork screw; W. F. Pridgeon, 391 High St., bottle olive oil; Power Bros., 303 High St., packet safety razor blades; O. Sharam, 310 High St., bike outfit; Sam Avison, 269 High St., tin sild; Edments, packet cigarettes; G. J. Coles and Co., 353 High St., packet Thoro plate cleaner; J. H. Coles, 339 High St., man's coat shirt; R. White and Co., 243 High St., dozen matches; McIntosh Ltd., 379 High St., pen knife; Rooks Shoe Co., 329 High St., reel of cotton; "Hazelle," 297 High St., string red beads; Mrs. Pearce, 302 High St., cork lift; E. M. Edmonds, 240 High St., sheet of music; M. Graffen, 317 High St., tin Nugget; M. C. Lewin, 292 High St., tooth brush.

IF I HAD A SON

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7 p.m.—Evening Prayer.—Rev. A. H. Constable.
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EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
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April 3—1st Sunday after Easter.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Choral Communion and Sermon.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Preacher: The Vicar.

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April 3—1st Sunday after Easter.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
4.15 p.m. Holy Baptism.
7 pm. Evensong and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar (The Rev. W. H. Chamberlain)

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.
Tyler Street
Sunday, April 3—Easter Services Continued.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Choral Communion.
4 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7 p.m.—Speaker, Miss Maud Bennett (League of Youth).

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3 p.m.—Mr. Barrie, of B. and F. Bible Society.
7 p.m.—Rev. Glynn Jones.
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Personal

Mr. A. V. Wood, of Yan Yean, has been appointed a member of the executive of the Dairy Producers' Association.

Mr. Geo. Arnell, formerly of the railway staff, Whittlesea, has been transferred to the Treasury as a sustenance officer.

The Rev. R. J. Rowell, temporarily in charge of Christ Church Whittlesea, has been appointed vicar of Berwick.

The Rev. A. E. Freeman, vicar of St. Andrew's Church of England, Aberfeldie, has been appointed vicar of Christ Church, Whittlesea. The induction service will be held on April 12.

Wor. Bro. Scott, prior to his departure from the district, was the recipient of a set of crystal from the Whittlesea Masonic Lodge.

Mr. A. Mitchell, who is in charge of the district Presbyterian Churches, has entered Ormond Theological Hall

General

The Whittlesea C of E. flower show on March 21, was well atended. The principal awards were:—Best rose. Mrs. B. Dobson; bowl of roses, Mrs. B. Dobson; three roses, Mrs. B. Dobson; six roses, Mrs. B. Dobson; collection gladioli, Mr. C. Smith; best gladioli, Mr. C. Smith; cactus dahlia, Mr. C. Smith; decorative dahlia, Mr. C. Smith; paeony, do., Mr. C. Smith; pompone do., Mr. J. Owen; zinnias, Mr. A. Day; petunias, Mrs. C. Howell; marigolds, Miss J. Dobson; penstemons, Mr. A. Day; cut flowers, Mrs. Jolley; basket flowers, Mrs. W. B. Campbell; french beans, Mr. Andrewartha; onions, Mr. Burton; tomatoes, Mr. Andrewartha; marrow, Mrs. Dobson; pumpkin, Mr. Batten; rhubarb, Mr. Winward; parsnips, Miss Mirrielees; collection of vegetables, Mr. A Day.

Heavy rain was experienced over the Easter week-end. A thunderstorm on Saturday night was responsible for 103 points.

Master Les Funston, who sustained a broken leg some time ago, is now about again on crutches.

Mr. Carthew Hall, of Bruce's Creek, while gathering wood on Thursday afternoon, was bitten on the leg by a snake. He immediately tied the limb and incised the portion and made for home, where he applied Condy's crystals. He was then taken to a doctor at Whittlesea and is quite recovered.

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Whittlesea Football Club are President, Mr. W. B. Campbell; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Kelly and W. Draper; secretary, Mr. C. McDonald; treasurer, Mr. J. Kelly; delegates, Messrs. C. McDonald and H. Beney. The balance sheet showed £21/14/6 in hand. It was decided to compete in the Bourke-Evelyn Association.

The Whittlesea Revue Co., is rehearsing for another revue performance in May. Mr. J. Gingles has been appointed secretary.

Cricket—Whittlesea Shire Association

Strathewen, seven for 156 (A. Brain 75, J. McKimmie 18, J. Brennan 18; T. Draper 3/21) v Humevale.

Glenvale, 96, (J. Armstrong 27 n.o.,) v Mernda, six for 70.

The final four to compete in the semi-finals are Epping, Humevale, Strathewen and Whittlesea.

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POINTS—Winner 3, Second 2, Third 1. Dead-heat for first divide 5 points, that is, 2½ points each. Dead-heat for second divide 3 points, that is, 1½ points each. Dead-heat for third divide 1 point, that is ½ point each.

Readers will notice the conditions regarding the selecting the winners are unaltered.

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SELECT YOUR FOUR JOCKEYS

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WIFE SAYS LIGHTED PAPERS WERE PUT UNDER HER BED

A TALE OF DRINK AND THREATS

HUSBAND DENIES ALLEGATIONS

A Maintenance Order Made

When appearing for a wife at Northcote court on Tuesday, Mrs. Rosanove related how on one occasion the wife had been locked out of the house at night, and in order to effect an entrance, she smashed in the door with an axe. When she did get in, she was thrown out again. Another episode alleged was when the wife, after being threatened invoked the aid of the police, and was then allowed to enter the home. As soon as the police went the wife went to bed, and when ordered by her husband to "get out" refused to go. The husband is then alleged to have lighted some newspapers under the bed threatening "If you don't get out I'll burn you out." The wife got up, extinguished the flames, and left the house. Mrs. Rosanove said that these incidents had occurred as a result of the husband's drinking habits.

The Parties

The case was one in which Lily Isabel Morrison, Union street, Northcote, sought a maintenance order against her husband, Donald Albert Morrison, of Gladstone avenue, Croxton, in respect to her child aged 10 years, and herself.

Mrs. Rosanove appeared for the wife and Mr. Frank Brennan for the husband.

Wife's Story

Mrs. Morrison said: I was married in 1920 and there is one child living. Trouble developed as far back as 1923.

In 1929 when I was in a delicate state of health my husband came home under the influence of liquor one Saturday night and dragged me about. Since that time, his behaviour when under the influence of drink, has been most detestable. At other times his conduct was all that could be desired.

Dishes Thrown About

In September last one night I prepared his tea, and as he was not home by a fairly late hour, I went to his mother's to look for him. He was not there, but when I got home again he was there, and had thrown the dishes all over the place. He threatened me and told me to "get out."

Police Aid

I went to the police, and two constables went to the house with me. I knocked at the door but there was no response until one of the constables cried out "police." The constables reasoned with my husband.

Lighted Papers Under the Bed

When they left, I went to bed. My husband began to "sling off" at me and told me to leave the house. I refused to do so, and he said "If you do not go, I will burn you out," and with that he screwed up some newspapers, and lighting them, placed them under the bed. I extinguished the flames, and later left the house.

A Reconciliation

Soon after that I issued a summons against him claiming maintenance, but we became reconciled, and I returned to the home.

Last Cup Day, though we were then on sustenance, my husband came home drunk. On this occasion he was not abusive. From that time, on and off, he was all right.

The Last Scene

The climax was reached in March when he started to work again, as soon as he got his first pay, he got horribly drunk" and when he got home was most abusive.

On March 19 (a Saturday) he did not get home till fairly late, and was then in a vile temper. He told me to clear out, and added as he went out, that I would be wise to be gone when he returned. I stayed. He came home more drunk than before, and putting his clenched fist under my nose said: "You'll get out and stay out. You have until 8.30 tonight to collect your things and go." I left.

Mr. Brennan:—You and your husband have been paying off the home for some years?—Yes.

He was regular in his allowance every week?—Yes.

You had the misfortune to lose your baby?—Yes.

Since then you have desired to leave that house?—Yes.

When you left on the last occasion did you say where you were going to or give him your address?—No.

You concealed your whereabouts?—Yes.

If he had wanted to send you money how could he have sent it if he did not know where you were?—Through my solicitor.

He has offered a reconciliation?—Yes. I won't accept it.

Did he ever strike you?—Yes. Once six years ago when he was drunk.

For about 12 months after that there was no serious trouble between you?—No.

When was the next trouble?—About 12 months later. I was doing some sewing and he seized the scissors and threatened to cut my throat.

He did not touch you then?—No.

After that when was the next incident?—Two or three years later.

You lived happily together with the exception of an incident now and again?—Yes. He never took me out though. I always had to seek my own pleasure.

You spoke of a razor incident. When was that?—About three years after the scissors threat.

What happened?—He chased me along the street with a razor.

He is industrious?—None better.

Since the last reconciliation how has he behaved?—For three months he was all that could be desired. Then he began to drink again.

Neighbour's Evidence

Jean Nicol, married, Gladstone avenue, Northcote, said: "I have lived next to the Morrisons for 10 years. I cannot say that I have ever seen the husband drunk, but I saw Mrs. Morrison with a cut face and a black eye on one occasion."

Constable McGuinness said: "In September last I was called to the home of the Morrisons. The wife alleged that her husband had threatened her, but she would not give him in charge. I left after the husband gave an undertaking that there would be no further trouble."

Ada Louisa Bennets, married, Walter street, Northcote, said: "I formerly lived near the Morrisons in Gladstone avenue. In 1929 I saw Morrison handle his wife roughly when she was in a delicate state of health."

Isolated Incidents in Tabloid Form

Mr. Brennan (for the husband) said that in a long married life it was quite easy for a number of isolated incidents to be picked out and presented to the court in tabloid form, and in such a way as to make the lot of a wife appear impossible. There was no doubt that the husband in this case took drink occasionally, and at times had talked foolishly. In every household there were domestic differences, and they had occurred in this household. A lot of the trouble had possibly been brought about by the wife's desire to move to another house since the loss of an infant in 1929. Husband and wife had been buying the house for some years, and a sale of the property could not have been effected without considerable loss. This the husband had pointed out.

The Husband's Story

Morrison said: At present I am earning £3/10/9 weekly.

Up to the time my wife left, I regularly gave her an allowance of £3 weekly and have never missed except when unemployed.

My wife has been a good wife and I want her to return.

"Did Not Know Why Wife Went"

I was drunk just before she left me, and I do not know why she went. I went to bed as usual on March 19 and next morning my wife was gone. I have never struck her in my life.

The wife (from the body of the court): That's a lie.

Morrison, continuing, said: "On the last occasion when my wife issued a summons against me she approached me and we became reconciled. At the same time she asked me to move to another house, she having desired to move ever since the death of the second baby.

In all our married life we have only had three or four serious quarrels, but I have never threatened her with a razor."

Fire Incident Denied

Cross-examined:—Did you light newspapers and place them under your wife's bed?—No.

Do you remember the last time she left?—When I woke up on the Sunday morning she was gone. I do not remember any row on the Saturday night.

The house and furniture are in your name?—Yes.

How often do you get drunk?—About three or four times a year. I have a drink every night before I go home.

Court Makes Order

The bench decided to make an order for £1 weekly for the wife and 10/ weekly for the child. Morrison was ordered to find a surety of £25 to comply with the order and to pay £2/7/ costs. The wife was granted legal custody of the child until it reached the age of 16 years.

"BACK TO THE HORSE" GYMKHANA

MEASURING THE DYNAMIC POWER OF THE HORSE.—Not least of many interesting features of the "Back to the Horse" gymkhana on Saturday was the dynamometer, specially constructed under the supervision of the dean of the faculty of agriculture (Professor Wadham), to measure the steady pulling power of a draught horse. This is the completed machine built into a motor truck and displayed outside the Wilson Hall, University. Left to right are:—The president of the Horse Association of Victoria (Dr. S. S. Cameron), Mr. R. R. Blackwood, lecturer in agricultural engineering, and Professor Wadham.
Photo by Courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

Selections for Ascot (Saturday)

PURSE.—First Division (1.0)
BLUEWYN ... 1
PACIFIC FLIGHT ... 2
MISS PAT ... 3

Second Division (1.30)
CAMOLIN ... 1
WANDEET ... 2
STAROSTA ... 3

JUVENILE HANDICAP (2.0)
CHETOWAIK ... 1
GREENFUSS ... 2
WATCHFUL ... 3

RIVER HANDICAP—First Division (2.30)
GOLD BELL ... 1
DOUBLE FAULT ... 2
GOLDEN RONE ... 3

Second Division (3.0)
GLENGOWAN ... 1
JEAN MAC ... 2
ON TOP ... 3

Ascot Five Hundred (3.30)
METAPHOR ... 1
KAROMIN ... 2
KING MART ... 3

Ascot Plate (4.0)
ALANOR ... 1
TRISTAN ... 2
MORE CYLLENE ... 3

ESSENDON HANDICAP—First Division (4.30)
HOME LOVE ... 1
MARSHDALE ... 2
LUGELEIA ... 3

Second Division (5.0)
KAWEEN ... 1
LILLE VARDEN ... 2
PATSY STARE ... 3

Trial Handicap (5.30)
AVARICE ... 1
QUEANBEYAN ... 2
CYLIGHT ... 3

BEST BETS

The best bets at Ascot to-morrow may be Gold Bell, Glengowan and Metaphor.

Mr. A. E. Towers notifies that he will open a branch of his up-to-date grocery store at 649 High street, Regent, on April 14. A special notice with regard to low prices on opening day appears in another column.

HEIDELBERG STATE ELECTORATE

Cr. W. J. Hemburrow was gratified to find in response to an advertisement appearing in the "Leader" on March 18 a large number of friends rallied to his support from all parts of the electorate. A general committee meeting was held on Tuesday, April 5 when nearly 100 friends were present. Cr. Hemburrow addressed the gathering on the present political situation and Mr. L. J. Smith delivered an address on the interesting subject of psychology.

Flower Show

A flower show at the Croxton Methodist Church on April 2 was opened by the Mayor (Cr. Olver). The entries were double those of last year and some excellent flowers were exhibited, especially dahlias. There were many entries in the cookery section. The music was provided by Messrs. C. Trotman (violin) A. E. Smith (piano), and the "Hilo" Quartette Party. Miss Mavis Tulloch enlivened the afternoon session.

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ACTIVITIES AT NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL

School life is once more in full swing, and the greater part of the first term has elapsed. The Easter holdiays are over, and we have once more settled down to hard work until the end of the term. The school had many successes in the public examinations last December, 13 candidates gaining leaving and 45 intermediate certificates. We are all looking forward to the time when honors will be taken at the school.

Before leaving on the Easter vacation, the 1932 season's prefects were installed—twelve in number—at an impressive ceremony presided over by the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. W. Olver).

Mr. Johnston, who has been ill for many months, visited tthe school and is expected to return permanently in the near future. Mr. Forster has been in hospital for a week, and as we hope, is due to return to school in a fortnight, after a successful operation.

Swimming.—The school swimming carnival was held shortly after resuming school at the beginning of the year, and resulted thus: Plenty 1st, Merri 2nd, Diamond 3rd, Darebin 4th, while the school ran into fifth place in the combined carnival.

Cricket.—The first eleven met Coburg at Coburg on Wednesday, March 30, and the match resulted in an easy win for Northcote, scores being: Coburg 10/81, Northcote 2/106. Bennett and B. Matthews scored 46 not out and 44 not out respectively, while S. Matthews took 5/12.

The school contested against Williamstown at Williamstown on Wednesday.

Dramatic Work.—The school intend to produce, in the near future, a repetition of Gilbert and Sullivan's short operetta, "Trial by Jury" which was, as will be remembered, rendered at the annual speech night, and proved very successful. The play is to be produced at the Northcote Town Hall.

BAND NEWS

NORTHCOTE JUVENILE BRASS BAND

For a long time lads have been leaving the schools in which there have been brass bands. Mr. King, bandmaster of Northcote, Pender's Grove and Abbotsford School Bands, has decided to commence a juvenile band for Northcote with the old lads, many of whom he has trained. The first meeting was held on Sunday morning, the band room being 604 High street, Northcote. Seventeen lads turned up, and next Sunday morning it is hoped the number will be increased to 30. This band will be self-supporting, and will not call for subscriptions. Their object will be to play in the city the same as other bands. When the band is complete it will be registered with the Victorian Band League.

Visit to Malvern

Northcote State School Boys' Band left the Helen street State school early on Easter Saturday and were entertained at lunch by the Castlemaine school committee. They then journeyed on to Maldon and were met by the local committee and entertained. In the evening the boys gave the whole programme in the shire hall. On Sunday afternoon they played a programme in the A.N.A. Hall, then marched to the hospital and rendered a programme. After church on Sunday evening they gave a sacred concert, the hall being packed. Bandmaster King led the community singing. On Monday morning the band led the procession and played selections, quick step and fancy marching on the arena during the sports. In the evening the band gave the second half of the programme. The most popular pieces were "Springtime in the Rockies," "Ida and Dot," "Colonel Bogey," "I'm Happy When I'm Hiking," "You Will Remember Vienna." The Maldon people expressed themselves as very satisfied with the boys. The band was responsible for a large collection for the hospital on Tuesday morning. The lads left for Melbourne laden with all sorts of relics from Maldon—a trip that will never be forgotten. They played again in Castlemaine and Kyneton, to the satisfaction of everyone. The band has still several invitations to other country districts, and is booked right up to September next. A band boys' race for a silver cup was won by Albert Davis, the cup being given by the Maldon committee.

Northcote - Clifton Hill Car Club

Members of the Northcote-Clifton Hill Car Club held their initial run last Sunday, Kinglake being the destination chosen. In all there were some 40 who attended and the run proved most enjoyable, taking the form of a pic[illegible]ting. At the Kinglake Centra[illegible] ground races were conducted for the children, all of whom received a prize. Members are looking forward to the next run which will be held in about three weeks' time.

NORTHCOTE CENTRAL RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Many Activities

The appeal on behalf of the above committee is meeting with much support. Reference to advertising column of this issue will show a number of functions which have been authorised.

The dance arranged by the Wimble Workingmen's Club, held on Monday evening at the Town Hall was attended by over 400 and the financial result will be approximately £25.

The Queen Competition is in full swing, queens haviing been appointed by the A.W.A. and A.N.A. (Miss Barnett) Unemployed Association (Miss Brooks), Wimble Workingmen's Club (Miss Dean) Many smaller functions have Numerous smaller functions have been arranged such as house parties, picture nights and card parties and the committees are displaying much enthusiasm in favor of their respective queens.

The carnival committee is endeavouring to arrange for a gymkhana to be held in the racecaurse on King's Birthday, comprising horse events, foot running, wood chopping and whippet racing. Further particulars of this function will be made public later.

All bands in the city are combining for a monster demonstration in the Northcote Park on Sunday afternoon, May 8. These bands have been competing in competitions throughout Victoria in recent months and have been most successful, consequently a fine programme will be presented.

On the evening of April 20 at the Town Hall a novel and interesting entertainment will be supplied by the Model Aero Club, which will give a display of model aeroplanes. Admission to this function is 9d. and the whole proceeds will be made available to the committee.

An acknowledgement is made of a donation of £2/2/ from Mr. F. W. Johnson.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

Northcote-Thornbury Branch

A largely-attended and highly successful social and card evening arranged by Mesdames J. J. Ryan and P. Ryan, was held in the Memorial Hall Northcote, on Tuesday. Amongst those present were the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. Olver) and representatives of other local auxiliaries.

The hall and card rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion. While the card party (euchre and bridge) was in progress dancing, interspersed with vocal and elocutionary items was carried on in the main hall in the presence of an appreciative gathering. Vocal items were contributed by Misses Kelly, McDonald, Evelyn Morgan, and Mr. H. Hillman. Recitations by Miss M. Doherty.

Excellent music for dancing was supplied gratuitously by the Harmony Orchestra, conducted by Miss Mitchell, and left nothing to be desired. Prize winners for cards were—Euchre Miss Bantock and Mr. W. O'Connor; bridge.—Miss Ostberg and Miss Costigan. Other competitions resulted—Miss Costigan (box of confectionery), Miss Gladys Morgan (box of stationery); and Miss G. Dewar (silk stockings).

After a dainty supper a cordial welcome was extended to the Mayor and Mayoress, and other visitors and patrons, and appreciation expressed for their co-operation. The Mayor congratulated the organisers of the function on the success achieved and referred to the valuable work being carried out by the auxiliary. The Mayor also expressed pleasure at the intention of the auxiliary in arranging a function to assist local unemployed.

The hostesses desire to thank all who assisted in connection with the function, including the artists and orchestra. The next auxiliary meeting will be at the Northcote Town Hall on Thursday, April 14, at 2.30 p.m.

W.C.T.U.

The monthly meeting of the Northcote branch of the W.C.T.U. was held at the Church of Christ, High street, on Tuesday, April 5. The pastor (Mr. W. W. Saunders) gave an address. The vice-president (Mrs. Cornish) occupied the chair and there was a fair attendance. Solos were rendered by Miss Hocking and recitations by Miss Mavis Buzzard.

Northcote Younger Set Auxiliary

The usual monthly meeting was held last Tuesday evening in the small town hall. Arrangements were finalised for holding a ball in aid of the local unemployed relief fund on April 27. Tickets may be obtained from the secretary (Miss G. Olver) or members. It was decided to nominate a queen in connection with the Mayor's Appeal for the unemployed, and Miss Maisie Goold was selected to represent the auxiliary Many promises were made to support her candidature, and a picture night will be held in May in furtherance of this object.

UNEMPLOYMENT

NORTHCOTE UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

(To the Editor)

Sir,—The above organisation holds meetings twice weekly.—Mondays at 10 a.m.; Fridays at 1.30 p.m.—at the small hall attached to the Town Hall in Westbourne grove. A cordial invitation is extended to all unemployed to join this association, the only true organisation working in the interests of the unemployed. The president, Mr. J. F. McGivern, secretary, Mr. A. Wilson, and committee can be seen at regular intervals at the old A.N.A. hall, kindly lent to our organisation by the Northcote council. We take this opportunity, on behalf of the N.U.A. to thank the council for granting us permission to use their small hall and also the old A.N.A. hall. Our greatest problem at the moment is to find houses for the unemployed. When not able to pay rent they get notice to quit. I must say that the majority of estate agents and owners of houses have dealt with us in a kindly manner, and our representation has, in most cases, once the facts have been disclosed, resulted in a further extension of time to the unfortunate tenant. We appeal to agents and owners to take the same kindly view of the rent question during the coming winter. The Mayor (Cr. Olver), along with the town clerk (Mr. Thomson) and the Central Relief Committee, have given valuable assistance to our organisation and the unemployed in general on all matters affecting the unemployed. We also thank all those tradespeople who have assisted us in the past and hope for their co-operation during the cold weather. We thank the proprietors of the Northcote "Leader" for past favors.

—Yours &c.,
F. J. McGIVERN, President.
A. WILSON, Hon. Secretary.
Northcote, April 5/32.

WIMBLE QUEEN CARNIVAL

In response to the Mayor's Appeal on behalf of the Central Relief Committee, the Wimble Workingmen's Club, in the interest of the Queen of Wimble (Miss May Deans) gave a successful plain and fancy dance on Monday at the Northcote Town Hall. By 9 p.m. the hall was packed. The fancy costumes were many and various and presented the judges with a difficult task. The Hon. John Cain introduced the Mayor, the Mayoress and the Queen of Wimble. At the conclusion of the judging the Mayoress presented the trophies to the winning characters. The committee desire to express their thanks to the donors for valuable prizes also to those who assisted and the Scouts band in bringing this function to a successful issue. Further functions of a similar character will be held in the near future.

Mother Withdraws Assault Charge

MAN FINED FOR INSULTING WORDS

When Frederick Hahne, Westgarth street, Northcote, was charged at the Northcote court on Tuesday with having assaulted Mabel Mary Hahne on March 26, the complainant (who is the defendant's mother) requested the bench to allow her to withdraw the charge.

Senior-Constable Matthews said the police left the matter entirely in the hands of the bench.

After some consideration the P.M. (Mr. Wade) intimated that the bench would allow the charge to be withdrawn.

Hahne was then charged with having used insulting words on March 26 within the hearing of persons in Westgarth street.

Constable McCormack said:—About 8 p.m. on March 26 I went to a house in Westgarth street, and on a verandah I saw Hahne being held by three men. When I came on the scene defendant called out to his brother, "You ——, you are the cause of this." Hahne also used the same expression when looking towards his mother. The man was drunk at the time."

A fine of £2 was imposed.

Loyal Temperance Union

The Northcote branch held their annual picnic in the Heidelberg Park under the supervision of Miss Hazeldine, on April 2. Owing to bad weather in the morning the attendance was not as large as could have been desired, but those who attended enjoyed themselves very much. Results of the races: Girls under 16, Ruby Arrowsmith; do Boys, George Ames. Boys over 16, Keith Junor; Girls long jump under 16, Ruby Arrowsmith; Boys do., Tom Robertson; Boys over 16, Les Stevens. Siamese race was won by Evelyn Anderson and George Stevens. At the conclusion of the sports tea was served and prizes presented. The picnic was brought to a happy end by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Star of Northcote, I.O.R.

At the fortnightly meeting on March 31 Bro. C. J. Creighton, C.R., presided over a fair attendance. Two new members were welcomed, and two clearances granted. Reports of all the junior tents showed that progress was being maintained. After a short business meeting the annual games championships were decided. The concluding rounds in each section were evenly contested, the finals of the quoits and crib especially being very closely contested throughout. The ultimate winners of each section were:—Quoits, Bro. C. Boyd; euchre, Bro. L. R. Reid; crib, Bro. J. Coombes; bowls, Bro. R. H. Lobbe (runner-up, Bro. Coombes). The syllabus item for next meeting (April 14) is a mixed euchre tournament.

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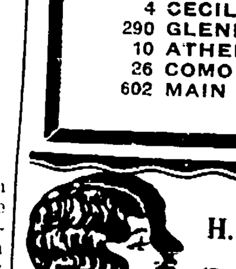

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CRICKET

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES

B GRADE

Final Match

Thornbury Presbyterians, 71 (E. Douglas 15, A. James 13, D. Paterson 10, W. Walker 10; C. Broadhurst 0/20, D. Baxter 5/36, L. Taylor 3/10) v Northcote East Baptists, five for 51 (K. Shewan 29 n.o., L. Taylor 8; D. Paterson 0/4, H. Clayton 1/13, W. Walker 0/6, A. James 0/6, J. Walker 4/18,).

A GRADE

Regent Presbyterians and Westgarth Baptists Meet

The Scouts wicket, which staged the Jika final game, was chosen by the Northcote and Preston Churches for their premiership match which commenced on Saturday last. Despite the fact that so much rain had fallen on Friday night and again on Saturday morning, the wicket rolled out well, and was in perfect order for batting. There was quite a large attendance, and many Jika supporters were present. Several players, who in the past have done well in Jika cricket, were participants in the match viz:—Tom Patterson, M. Lovelace and A. Underhill in the Presbyterians and Frawley, of the Baptists, played with East Northcote last season. The Baptists, who were successful in winning four successive premierships in the Sunday School grade, have done well to win their way into the final their first season in the first grade and by batting all day for 169 runs have given their opponents something to think about. However, the Presbyterians are a strong batting side, with men like Patterson, Frobel, Huntington, Tuppen and Campbell in form. They should make a big score in this match which is to be played to a finish and may last a long time.

The Play

Winning the toss, Skipper Johnson, of the Baptists, had no hesitation in batting. A. Frawley and A. Horman were the opening pair and they faced Froebel and Patterson. The first four overs produced only three leg byes, the batsmen being unable to score off the bowling. Patterson, especially, being very accurate. Runs came very slowly and 20 had been put on when the first change in the bowling was made, Lovelace going on in place of Frobel. The change was immediately successful, Horman being well caught by Frobel off Lovelace on the boundary, 1—6—20. Turner was next batsman and very soon lost Frawley who tried to hit a full toss from Lovelace—missed and was out lbw 2—11—22. Hill followed but failed to score, being caught by Underhill off Lovelace. Woods was the next batsmen but Patterson immediately got a fast ball past him which took his bails. The scoring book showing 4—0—39. With four good men gone, the Presbyterians were in great glee. Turner and J. Frawley then became associated in a partnership which realised 30 runs, which was broken by Turner being thrown out by Lovelace by a beautiful bit of fielding, and a successful shot at the wicket, 5—30—69. The advent of J. Orr meant more trouble for the bowlers. Both batsmen were having a "go" and had several narrow escapes from uppish strokes. This partnership put on 35 runs and was broken when Huntington broke through Frawley's defence and bowled him 6—27—104. H. Horman started with a four, and had scored 11 when he was snapped up behind the wicket by Campbell, Frobel was the bowler. Captain Johnson did not reign long being bowled by Patterson for a duck. Young suffered a similar fate to his skipper after making two, 9—2—144. Pitard, the last man in, made things very lively and, treating all the bowlers alike, rattled up 15 in quick time. Orr, who had batted rather luckily, had been scoring fairly quickly and had reached 54 when he put his leg in front to a straight ball from Patterson and retired. The innings closed for 169 runs, Pitard scoring 15 not out.

The Baptists, after losing the first four batsmen cheaply, did well to make 169 runs. Regent Presbyterians bowling was good but the wicket gave them no assistance, being more favorable to the batsmen on account of its slowness—the ball rising easily.

Patterson did well in taking 4/42 off 17 overs, five of which were maidens. Lovelace sent down some good balls in taking 3/30, but bowled too many short ones and did not utilize the slow ball enough. With five minutes left for play, Campbell and A. Tuppen went to the wickets, the former taking strike to Turner. One run was scored off the first ball and then an appeal against the failing light was upheld, and stumps were drawn with the score at none for 1. The match will be resumed on Saturday, play will commence at 2 p.m. sharp. The game is at a most interesting stage and will doubtless be well attended. Scores:—

WESTGARTH BAPTISTS
First Innings

A. Frawley, lbw, b Lovelace	11
A. Horman, c Frobel, b Lovelace	6
Turner, run out	30
Hill, c Underhill, b Lovelace	0
Woods, b Patterson	0
J. Frawley, b Huntington	27
Orr, lbw, b Patterson	54
H. Horman, c Campbell, b Frobel	11
Johnson, b Patterson	0
Young, b Patterson	2
Pitard, not out	15
Sundries	13
Total	169

Bowling.—Frobel, 1/33; Patterson, 4/42; Lovelace, 3/30; Tuppen, 0/15; Huntington, 1/17.

REGENT PRESBYTERIANS
First Innings

Campbell, not out	1
A. Tuppen, not out	0
Total, none for	1

Bowling.—Turner 0/1.

I.O.R.—Junior Final

Dennis (winners of the East Section) v Yarraville (winners of the West Section). The above teams met on the Brunswick wicket at Royal Park to decide the junior premiership. Dennis were represented by Bennett (C.), Williams, Allsop, Tuttleby, Stuchberry, Holmes, Stackpole, Harvey, Foxcroft, Malley and Green. Yarraville won the toss and sent Dennis to the wickets. The outfield and wicket were on the slow side after the heavy rain. Dennis batted all the afternoon, the last wicket falling just on time. In scoring 174 they have made a good start, taking into consideration that the runs were all run (no boundaries) Those who gave Dennis a good start were Malley (56), Williams (35), Tuttleby (26), and Stackpole (17); Bowling.—Blythe 3/16 (hat trick). The match will be continued on Saturday at Royal Park, opposite the Zoo entrance.

SOCIAL MATCHES

Gowerville v Flinders Naval Base

A party of players and supporters of Gowerville Cricket Club spent a happy day on Sunday by journeying to Flinders Naval Depot to play a cricket match with the depot team. The naval men fielded a strong team as several of their players had specially returned from aboard ship to play in the forthcoming interservices matches against the Army and Air Force.

The trip was made by car, and notwithstanding the threatening rain of Friday and Saturday, weather conditions were favorable. On arriving at the depot all signed the visitors' book, in which were seen the names of Australia's leading naval, military commercial, and political personalities After being shown over the main buildings, the party adjourned to lunch in the depot canteen. The match commenced at 2 p.m. but the depot batsmen were found no match for the Jika's premisrship bowlers, who dismissed Depot for 50 by 3.10 p.m. A. B. McKay (21), and Lt.-Commander Irving (12), were the only players to reach double figures. The wickets were obtained by Campbell (3/11), Hollowood (4/15), and E. Clarkson (3/12). Gowerville batsmen settled down early to run-getting and the Depot's score was passed with only two wickets down. Later batsmen, however, had acquired the naval touch, being "all at sea," the innings closed at 101. Marsland (28), C. Bahen (22), and E. Clarkson (21), were the chief run-getters. The ladies and non-players were shown over the entire Depot during the afternoon and acquired a knowledge of sea lore and the traditions of the silent service. During afternoon tea in the Petty Officers' mess, opportunity was taken to thank the Depot staff for their hospitality. The trip was arranged by Mr. Sam Dobson (a brother of Mrs. H. Allchin, of Plenty road, Preston). Mr. Dobson has been selected to play in the representative navy team, and carries Gowerville club's best wishes.

JIKA CRICKET

THE SEASON IN RETROSPECT

(Notes by "Mid-On")

The cricket season of 1931-32 in the Jika Competition produced some very fine games. The finals of the first grade were of exceptional interest. The form displayed by many of the younger players has been such as to cause invitations from senior clubs to be extended to many young players. It should be for exactly that purpose that junior associations are fostered. Unfortunately for the youth of Preston, for many years the senior body has done little or nothing to encourage them. Many lads have, from time to time, tried their luck at Cramer Park but after a few weeks have returned to junior ranks disappointed with the treatment received. Never has there been such a wealth of promising colts as are at present in the Jika Association, and many are aspirants for a place with the seniors. To name a few who should be given a chance I would say.—Foley and Grierson from Prestonite; Monagle, Tuohy and Fuller (Broadhursts); E. Gilbert (Highview); Clarkson (Gowerville); H. Morgan (Bell Ramblers); Alexander (Pender's Grove); Gracie and Gilkes (Croxton United); Marotte (West Preston Progress); L. Fuller (Preston United); Bassett (Bell); Cohen (Thornbury West); Buckley (Thornbury Socials); Jutson (Reservoir). If out of all these boys Preston developed one or two cricketers it would be a great thing for local cricket and would encourage other juniors. Though the Jika Association has never received much encouragement from the Preston Club, there are many young cricketers playing at the present time on the turf who have been recruited from Jika teams viz:—Geo Smith, Roy Smith, Underhill, Dickens, and others. The present committee of the Preston Club is certainly more progressive and there is every chance of young players getting far greater encourage ment in the near future. A reciprocal policy between the Jika Association and the Preston Sub-district club would be a great help and would be for the natural benefit of the bodies. It has been suggested by a prominent Preston official that the Jika Association should be represented on the next committee of the club. This would be a step in the right direction and would probably be the means of fostering a permanent understanding between junior and senior ranks. It is to be hoped that some satisfactory arrangement can be brought about whereby the youth of the district will get the necessary encouragement on the turf.

Failing some such method, there is a possibility of a colts team being formed in connection with the Jika Association under similar conditions which prevail with the V.C.A. Colts team. It has already been mooted and one of the leading Jika cricketers —a man of proved ability and personality—has expressed his approval of the scheme, and also his willingness to act as honorary coach and captain to a colts team. This idea was brought forward a few years ago and was taken up by several of the leading colts in the Jika A meeting was held and arrangements were made to "carry on" but the Jika Cricket Association would not sanction the undertaking and the matter had to be dropped. The time is favorable now and much can be accomplished in the next few months. There is no reason why the Preston district should not be more successful in bigger cricket. The material is here and only wants developing to make the Jika Cricket Association in conjunction with the Preston Cricket Club, a power in the cricket world.

Association Meeting

The next meeting of the Jika Cricket Association will be held in the pavilion, Cramer Park on Tuesday evening, April 12. As there is some very important business to be transacted, it is imperative that all delegates should make a point of being present. This will probably be the wind-up meeting for season 1931-32. It has been a wonderfully successful season and already at least two teams have announced their intention of applying for admission next year. It only rests with the local council now to take some steps to improve Gower Park and a good season's cricket is assured. The council is sure of support and help from the Jika Association in making improvements. The J.C.A. is awaiting a reply to its last note to the council and has great hopes of something being accomplished in regard to the Gower street Park.

Thornbury Club

Although this club has had a rather unsuccessful time on the field this season the club spirit has not diminished, and under the capable management of Mr. F. J. Tebbutt they have finished in a sound position. Social functions from time to time have helped to finance the club, which will hold a monster basket picnic on Sunday, April 10 at Eltham Park. Motor vans have been commissioned for transporting the large crowd of players and supporters and will leave the Thornbury State school Hutton street, at 9.30 a.m. The club has arranged for a bountiful supply of hot water and milk for picnic parties gratis. Sporting events have been set down, for which old and young have been catered, which reflects great credit on the joint secretaries, Messrs. Tebbutt and Cohen. During the afternoon a cricket match will be played, the teams competing will be Players v Supporters, which should provide an interesting contest. The charges for the day's outing are very small and the secretaries will be pleased to furnish prospective picnickers with all information.

All we have to say about some of these backless (and almost frontless) evening gowns that the girls are wearing this season is that they had better be careful that they don't sneeze.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

The Northcote Church of Christ Y.P.S.C.E. held an enjoyable evening last Thursday when Mr. Robinson from the Hartwell Church of Christ brought with him an inspirational message on "Faithfulness to Christ." Pastor W. W. Saunders presided over the meeting, forty-four being present. After the meeting a supper was given to farewell Miss G. Crawford, one of the members who has gone to Tasmania to recuperate.

Croxton Methodist Junior Society reports a membership of 56 with an average attendance of 50

Easter Camp

Several Christian Endeavourers representing at least eight societies spent the Easter vacation at the Conference held at Diamond Creek from Thursday night until Monday night. The two horticultural halls were hired for camping purposes and meals were served at a boarding house which eliminated the necessity of the ladies "cooking under difficulties." The Conference commenced with an early morning prayer meeting on Good Friday; such meetings being held each morning thereafter. The services on Good Friday were conducted by the Diamond Creek Church; the Rev. C. K. Daws being the speaker. On Saturday morning an open conference took place, at which three addresses were given on Junior, Intermediate and Young Peoples' Departments; Pastor W. W. Saunders being the leader. Many interesting facts were discussed. Rev. Duncan E. Reeves delivered a very inspiring address on Saturday night on the subject of "Burying Jesus." The delegates conducted the service at the Diamond Creek Church on Sunday morning when Mr S. Hill addressed the congregation. Services were conducted by delegates in the churches at Research and Panton Hill on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Daws again took the service on Sunday evening which was held in the Mechanics' Institute Hall as a large congregation was well up to expectations, people coming in vanloads congregation was anticipated. This from different quarters. Monday morning again took the form of an open Conference when five addresses were given on Committee Work. Those present gained many helpful hints to take back to their societies. A discussion took place on "Socials in Endeavour," but as no finalisation was reached, the subject is being referred to the next council meeting for discussion. The final and consecration meeting on Monday evening was addressed by Pastor Saunders who took for his text "If any man will come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me." After the address all those present gave a response and told of the blessings they had received during the camp. As the afternoons were free some delegates took the opportunity of viewing the township, whilst others found recreation in tennis. At the tea on Monday night, Mr. Saunders on behalf of the secretary, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Daws for the help they had rendered in making the camp enjoyable. Mr. Daws responded that he had more than enjoyed the company of the Endeavourers. A feature of the fellowship of the camp was the campfires held after the evening meetings, at which all enjoyed toast and coffee. The camp was voted "one of the best." so much so, that it was suggested holding another. This suggestion will materialise over Anzac week-end when twice the number are expected.

PRESTON COUNCIL'S STAFF

NOTICE OF MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER

At the Preston council meeting on Monday Cr. Hemburrow moved that all previous resolutions of the council in regard to the selection of men for the council's outdoor staff by the engineer be rescinded, and, contingent on this being carried, that a full time staff of outdoor regular men be employed, with a maximum of 30, as provided for in the report of the special investigation committee, these 30 to be selected from the 48 previously engaged by the council, and that the men be selected in order of seniority of service with the council.

The mayor (Cr. L. Jones) ruled the motion out of order, as the matters it proposed to deal with were then under consideration by the committee of the council.

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PERSONAL

The death occurred at the Women's Hospital, Melbourne, on March 31 of Mrs. Doris Lilian Rogerson, wife of Mr. Robert Rogerson, of Rene street, Preston. She was the eldest daughter of Elizabeth and the late Charles A. Anderson, of Essendon and she leaves three young children. The funeral took place on April 2, the interment being made at the Fawkner cemetery.

In the death of Mr. John Vincent Kigne, of Derby street, Collingwood, on March 26, Mrs. Gladys Cotton (Preston) and Mrs. Phyllis Glaskin (Greensborough) has lost a parent.

The funeral of the late Mr. George Gavin Wardrop, who died, aged 71 years, in Sydney on Easter Monday, took place at the Cobury Cemetery on the morning of March 31. The chief mourners were the members of his family and relatives. The pallbearers were Messrs. A. Bradley, John May, H. Blackburn, R. Edgar, W. McNabb, T. Morris, R. Duff, and W. J. Fowles. The services at the home of Mr. Wardrop's son (Mr. C. Wardrop), Normanby road, Kew, and at the graveside were conducted by the Rev. Alexander Hardie. Nearly fifty years ago Mr. Wardrop commenced business as a tailor and mercer in Smith street, Collingwood, and in 1914 he opened premises in Elizabeth street. About 12 years ago Mr. Wardrop gave his home at Northcote to the Young Men's Christian Association for use as a hostel for young artisans from country districts. The hostel, which is known as Wardrop House, accomodates forty youths. During the last four years Mr. Wardrop had been living in Sydney. He leaves a widow, two sons, and a daughter. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. John Allison.

Mrs. J. Burke, who has been a resident of Flett street, Preston for about 40 years is an inmate of the Women's Hospital, undergoing treatment for an attack of peritonitis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Appleton, High street, Preston were passengers by the Balranald which left Melbourne for England on Wednesday afternoon. The mayor and mayoress (Cr. L. and Mrs. Jones) and other leading citizens were present to wish the travellers bon voyage. The mayoress handed Mrs. Appleton a beautiful posy of flowers, and there were also other floral tributes from friends. Mr. Appleton has been manager of Preston branch of the State Savings Bank for 12 years, when business was then carried on in the premises now occupied by the National Bank.

Master Basil Penrose, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Penrose, Beachamp street, Preston is making favorable progress in the Eye and Ear Hospital after a recent operation.

The engagement is announced of Lynda, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Auhl, "Port Fairy," High street Preston to Mr. E. O. Lierse, Plenty, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Lierse.

To celebrate the coming-of-age of Miss Frances Jones, a popular personality in Northcote, a pleasant evening was held in the Rifle Club Hall, South Northcote, on the 2nd inst. Dancing and musical items kept the large assemblage in a happy mood. Among those present were the mother and sister of Miss Jones. While participating in a sumptuous supper various citizens of Northcote, Messrs. N. Howard, J. Fogg, J. Stonehill, T. Daley and T. Harper eulogised Miss Jones for her philanthropic work and her valuable assistance in the futherance in the activities of various social and sporting bodies in the district.

The Soldiers' Memorial Hall was a scene of gaiety on Saturday, April 2, the event being a birthday party given by Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, of 9 Harold street to their daughter Iris, on the occasion of her 21st birthday. About 120 guests were present and all were sorry when the evening terminated. The supper room was a picture, and the manner in which the speeches were received, together with the numerous and costly presents, testified to the esteem in which Iris is held by her friends. Sixteen members of the Blue Birds, R.A.A.F. were present and added a background to the beautiful dresses worn by the ladies. At the conclusion all joined in singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" and the National Anthem.

At the meetings of the South Preston S.S. Mothers' Club and the School Committee, held last week, it was decided to place on record in the minutes the appreciation of both bodies of the splendid services rendered to the South Preston State school by Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P., in organising the work of cutting down the tree donated to the school for use as firewood. This tree, which was obtained through the influence of Mr. McDonald, president of the Bundoora School Committee, has provided over 12 tons of firewood for the soup kitchen.

CHURCH NEWS

St. George's Road Methodist

The forty-first anniversary services were held on Sunday when very large congregations attended. In the morning the preacher was the Rev. P. Watsford, who took for his text: "Upon this rock I build my church." The anthem was "Send out Thy Light," and the soloist Mr. R. Bredin. In the evening the Rev. J. H. Cain preached from the text "Lo, I am with you always." The anthems were "O Divine Redeemer," and "By Babylon's Wave." The soloists were Mr. and Mrs. C. Hutchinson, the former rendering "Oh Rest in the Lord" and the latter "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings." The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion and the singing was a feature Mr. Cohen being the conductor and Miss J. Marr presiding at the organ.

Farewell Sermon by Rev. J. T. Duggleby

The Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church was well attended when the Rev. J. T. Duggleby preached his farewell sermon on Sunday evening, prior to his leaving to take charge at South Melbourne. He chose as his text Acts xx, 7 and following verses. The preacher told of the work and travels of Paul, his wish to once more meet the followers of the Lord at Ephesus, and of his exhortation to the elders there. The choir rendered the anthems "Watchman, What of the Night?" and "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God." The soloists were Miss Twyford and Mrs. Hounslow.

James Street Presbyterian

The S.S. anniversary services were held on Sunday and the attendances were exceptionally large. In the morning the service was conducted by the Rev. A. T. Jones after an absence through illness for several weeks. A feature of the services was the singing of the school children the organ being supplemented by a piano and orchestra. The whole of the musical portion was under the baton of Mr. Chas Unwin, who trained the young folk who acquitted themselves admirably. In the afternoon the pulpit was occupied by Mr. Barrie of the British and Foreign Bible Society. In the evening the Rev Glynn Jones occupied the pulpit when another interesting sermon was delivered. During the services solos and duets were rendered by the scholars.

East Northcote Baptist

On Sunday evening, April 10, a special service of song and story will be held in the East Northcote Baptist Church, corner Speight street and Victoria road. From 6.45 to 7 p.m. a song service will take place, followed immediately by a service of song and story when Mr. P. Morris, the Australian hymn writer, will give an address, and will be assisted by Mr. J. Moy Ling, soloist, and members of the church choir.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

As mentioned in our report last week, tenders will be called for the rebuilding of the properties of Holy Trinity in a few days. This venture of necessity must be financed and as this church has been such a measure for good in the city and previously was free of financial obligations, it behoves all those who are benevolent in mind and character to help the vicar and parishioners in their time of need. Many citizens of Northcote have proved their citizenship in their attitude to Holy Trinity in its dilemma but we feel sure there are many who are not seized with the urgency of the position, and have not responded. A fire of such a nature as this is truly tragic and it would be an indictment if the event was allowed to die out as a mere sensation. We urge all those who have not sent their donation to the vicar (The Rev. W. H. Chamberlain), Temporary Vicarage, 58 Stott street, Thornbury, to do so. Following the valiant efforts of the Holy Trinity parishioners, the extended kindergarten hall is now serving as a temporary church and despite the many imperfections has been made reasonably comfortable. During the vicar's absence on Sunday morning next, the Rev. John Carrington, of St. John's, Toorak, will officiate. The vicar will celebrate at the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and will preach at evensong at 7 p.m. The kindergarten staff have arranged a novel event for Saturday afternoon, April 16, when a children's sports meeting will be held. Refreshments are to be provided free but the admission will be 6d. Thanks to the authorities, the function will take place in the Thornbury State school grounds, Hutton street, and the interesting races and the worthiness of the cause are expected to be sufficient to ensure a large gathering.

Church of Epiphany, Northcote

On Sunday evening the vicar, Rev T. Cole, took for his text the commanding words "Follow Thou Me," and preached an interesting sermon. He spoke of the implicit faith of Simon Peter in his Master; his noble services and his tragic but glorious death. The anthem by the choir with baritone solo was excellently rendered.

Preston Church of Christ

Last Sunday was promotion day at the Preston Church of Christ Bible school, when all of the classes were re-graded. Several new scholars were enrolled and new teachers were added to the staff. The school now has the distinction of being the largest but one in the State, connected with the Churches of Christ.

Next Sunday night local Orange Lodges will hold a church parade at the Preston Church of Christ, when the minister (Mr. A. J. Fisher) will preach upon the subject "The Heights of Horeb."

Preston Methodist

Not many years ago a young man preached his first sermon in the Thomastown Methodist Church. A little later he studied for the ministry and was ordained. For some time Rev. C. W. Turner, B.A., Th. L., has been in charge of the English Methodist Church at Suva, Fiji, and a few weeks ago returned to Victoria. The recent Conference appointed Rev. Turner to Dimboola. The Rev. C. W. Turner will conduct the evening service on Sunday next (April 10) May we invite you to worship with use?

St. Aidan's, Northcote

Services on Sunday were taken by Mr. Gunning in the morning and Mr. Sutton in the evening. Rev. J. O. Hughes, who has been absent through illness, has resumed.

The C.E.B.M. Society has commenced activities under Mr. Sutton's management, and will meet fortnightly.

All Saints', Northcote

The Church Army Crusaders will commence a mission campaign on Sunday next, when Captain Dann will preach at all the services. The mission will be continued for a week under Captain Gaden.

St. George's Road Methodist

A united church family gathering was held on Monday under the superintendant of the circuit (Rev. F. J. Jennings) as chairman. Mr. C. Sutherland read the treasurer's report and Mr. E. Eaton the report of the secretary. The musical programme included a pianoforte solo, Miss Lorna Bredin; songs by Miss Vera Booth; song, Miss Risstrom; song, Mr. W. Booth. Supper was served by the ladies.

High Street Methodist

Captain Peters addressed the meeting of the Young Men's M.I. Society last Sunday afternoon and gave an instructive address.

BOY SCOUTS.

2nd Thornbury Troop

A successful, though wet, camp was held at Gillwell Park, Gembrook, at Easter. We were also unfortunate to strike trouble with our motor coming home and arrived eleven hours late. Although considerably inconvenienced, our boys behaved like scouts and wore a happy smile through all, for which we heartily thank and congratulate them. We also have to tender our apologies to their parents for any worry this may have caused. We have to tender our thanks to Mr. T. Paterson for a donation of a ham which was very much appreciated at camp. Also to Mrs. Dumper for a useful stretcher, for first aid work.

A fireman's class will be held at the Northcote Fire Station on Wednesday nights. It is hoped to form a football team to play in the I.O.R. competition. If our hall can be obtained a parents' night will be held on April 23, when Mr. Giles, of the Education Department, will give a talk on "Vocational Guidance." A district parade will be held at Eltham on April 16. A church parade will be held at Thornbury Presbyterian Church on April 24 in the morning, (Anzac Day), also in the afternoon at Batman Park.

1st Preston Troop

The troop spent Easter at its old camp site — Janefield — when 65 scouts and cubs were present. The advance guard left on Thursday and when the troop arrived on Good Friday, most of the tents were up, and the camp was soon snug. During the afternoon swimming and cricket were indulged in, and at night a huge camp-fire concluded the day. On Saturday, some members practised signalling, and others went swimming and played football. During Saturday night and the next morning rain fell, but not enough to damp the high spirits of the boys. On Sunday night an impressive camp-fire service was conducted in which all took part, a short address being given by A.S.M. Hambly. At the conclusion of the service, four scouts were initiated into the troop, and the scouts and cubs repeated their promises. Easter Monday was Visitors' Day when many parents and friends took the opportunity to pay a visit In the afternoon sports were held, and cricket and football were played. The nightly camp-fire concerts proved popular, and the jazz band under P.L. Fitzgerald put on some splendid items. The tent inspection competition was keenly contested, and resulted in a win for the Wolves Patrol under P.L. Fitzgerald by one mark from the Kangaroo Patrol.

Last Saturday the football team met for practice, and will meet tomorrow at the corner of High and Tyler streets at 2 p.m. to play a match at Crispe Park. The weekly dance will be continued to-morrow night.

Preston-Northcote A.A.C.

Dance

Next Saturday, April 9, Preston and Northcote Amateur Athletic Club will hold their first dance at the Preston City Hall. Now that the dancing season has commenced there is no need for young people to leave Preston to enjoy themselves when they have one of the finest dance halls north of the Yarra. The Al Cox Rythm Boys (five in number) have been engaged to help you wear three and a half hours away with their "real hot" numbers. Subscription is 2/; C. G. Thorne (hon. sec.), 493 Gilbert road, Preston or D. McEachern (social sec), 21 Northernhay street, Regent, or tickets may be obtained from any club members. Dates for dances are April 9, 16, 23 and 30.

First Track Run

Last Saturday the Preston and Northcote A.A.C. held their first track run. A big muster attended, including several members from other clubs as well as new members of the Preston Club. Results.—J. Hogben (P & N), 1; D. McEachen (P & N), 2; A. Darbyshire (St. Steph.), 3; J. Tannock (P & N), 4; W. Goller (M'land), 5; L. Murton (C'burg), 6. Won by 15 yds—10 yds

Next Saturday another pack run will take place from St. Mary's Church in Plenty road. There will be no run in at this event, so here is a chance for all track runners as well as cross-country ones to enjoy themselves.

Club Championships

During the week-end the last event of the club championship will be held. Post entry will be taken for this event, which is the javelin throw.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

The Northcote Football Club will conduct a huge gala week from April 8 to 15 at the town hall. There will be boxing and wresrling, roller cycling, Highland dancing, and a bazaar brimfull of attractions. A comprehensive advertisement appears elsewhere.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Membrey and Deane, and E. H. Smith in conjunction, on April 16 on the respective properties. At 3 p.m. at 59 Normanby avenue, Thornbury, five-roomed bungalow on land 55 x 145; at 3.30 at 125 Smith street, six-roomed villa on land 50 x 129 ft as advertised.

By Howgate and Roberts (W. G. Miles, auctioneer) at 3 p.m. on April 9, on the premises, 42 Mitchell street Northcote, six-roomed w.b. villa on land 50 x 135 ft. 5 in. Particulars elsewhere.

Mrs. A. Wright, 522 High street, Northcote notifies that she carries out catering for weddings or social functions in the best possible manner. Bouquets for wedding groups are also tastefully arranged.

A.W.A.

The A.W.A. held their last meet[ing] on April 4. Miss Davis presided o[ver] a large meeting, which was honor[ed] by the presence of the chief pr[esi]dent, Mrs. Kidney, who was heart[ily] welcomed. Mrs. Joan Rosanove h[as] consented to give an interesting l[ec]ture on July 4, and members are as[ked] to keep this night open and bri[ng] their friends. A letter of condolen[ce] was sent to Mrs. Schwaebsch in h[er] sad bereavement. Mrs. Schwaebs[ch] (secretary for Miss Ruby Barnet[t]) stressed the importance of suppor[t]ing the queen (Miss Barnett), who [is] working with an enthusiastic commi[t]tee to raise funds for the Central R[e]lief Fund. The following donatio[ns] have been received:—Ellis' Marv[el] Shoe Store pair slippers; La Vi[n]nette Toilet Salon, Californian com[]pact; Mrs. Hampfhenkel, pure sil[k] hose; Mrs. Stuttevant, worked centre; Mrs. Schwaebsch, worked apron; Miss Barnett, red satin cushion, and iced cake was donated at last meeting. Most of the above will be disposed of. Mention was made of the A.N.A. invitation night on April 7 and a large attendance is requested. Members are asked to be present at the next meeting on April 11, as arrangments will be made for future functions.

C.Y.M.S. Debates

Northcote C.Y.M.S. has decided to nominate debating teams as follows: B Grade, Northcote A and B teams; C Section, Northcote C; D Grade, Northcote D. Fairfield A is in C Grade, and Fairfield B in D Grade. The first round of debates will commence on April 18.

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PRESTON COUNCIL

MONDAY, APRIL 4

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

Correspondence

M. Board of Works sought a renewal for another ten years of a return of 6 per cent. on an outlay of £339/9/ in connection with water extensions in Harold street.—Documents to be completed.

M. Board of Works re an account submitted by the council to the Board for private street construction.—Committee of the Council.

Drainage.—Northcote council wrote re flow of drainage from Preston on to properties in Dundas street, Northcote and asking if there was any prospect of the Preston council constructing drains in the near future to deal with this drainage—Committee of the Council. Engineer to report.

H. G. Johnson, correspondent of West Preston State School, sought use of Cramer street Park from 2.30 to 4 p.m. on Fridays for school sport —Parks Committee.

Preston Boys' Band sought use of High street Park also the Wood street Park for recitals; also the erection of a light at Wood street Park.—Parks Committee.

Reservoir Football Club sought use of City Hall for dances on alternate Thursday nights for £2/10/ per night —Hall Committee to give consideration.

Jika Cricket Association submitting proposals for the improvement of Gower Park (1) that five concrete wicket pitches be constructed and that an annual rental of £1 be charged for same; (2) that the Park be disc ploughed, north and south, and harrowed east and west; (3) hill in the south-west corner be graded; (4) removal of hedges and row of flowering gums to be planted; (5) water service to be laid; (6) grazing of cattle to be prohibited on the park and training horses; (7) that the park be re-named "The Jika Reserve" —Parks Committee.

West Preston Progress Association advised that residents using the Bell street 'bus route desired that the route run terminating at High street should be extended along High street to the tram terminus at Dundas street

Cr. Hemburrow moved That is it desirable in the interests of the ratepayers that the Coburg 'bus route now terminating at Bell street, be extended to Dundas street, and that the member for the district be requested to use his influence with the Minister to secure the extension of this route.

The Mayor said that the High street 'buses were making a precarious living and he did not think it advisable to extend the present route. That would give 'bus passengers a chance to shop in Preston.

The motion was lost.

D. J. Grogan offered to cart metal from Strongman's quarry free of cost and place it in Leamington street, provided he be given the work of distributing it later. It would be possible to get the metal out now but not later on.

It was decided to accept the offer.

West Preston Progress Association (1) re state roadway Stafford street and Park evenue: (2) advising that previous request for attention to footpath in Cramer street, south side, should have been Cramer street, north side.—Referred to P. W. Committe.

A. E. Fairbairn and seven others seeking attention to drainage from houses in Ryde street.—P.W. Committee.

A. Causer, re roadway Rubicon street.—P.W. Committee.

A. Summers, re flooding of property at 52 Pender's street by storm waters from adjoining premises.—Report to be obtained.

T. E. Kerville re state of roadway at intersection of Oakhill avenue and Mendip road.—Enginner to report.

Mrs. L. Block, hon. secretary Unemployed Girls' Club application for use of room at Town Hall buildings for two days in each week for a sewing centre.—The Mayor said that he would have been prepared to make a room available but the ladies did not then know the day when they wanted the room.

Cr. Robeson said there were some 70 girls in the sewing centre.

The matter was left in the hands of the Mayor.

J. Bruce, hon. sec. Preston District Band, (1) seeking a rebate on hall hire for function on March 6; (2) applying for the use of Bell Park for an additional week for carnival.—1 Hall Committee; 2 granted.

East Preston Progress Association. —Asking for further consideration to attention to footpaths in Plenty road, between Bell street and David street. —Committee of the Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE

Accounts, £3,108/15/8 were passed for the month.

In response to a request of the East Preston Progress Association it was decided to trim a tree in Garnet street, the foliage of which obstructed the light. It was further decided that no action be taken in regard to the lighting of Rene street.

It was resolved that a street lamp be erected in Cramer street at the corner of a r-o-w running parallel to High street.

In replying to Cr. Adams, the Mayor said that it would not be against the council's policy to place the street lamp in a main street at the corner of a right of way, but it would be against the council's policy to place the lamp in a r-o-w.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts, £2,654/16/11 were paid.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The sum of £2 is to be spent on giving attention to slabs on north side of Miller street, between St. George's road and Gilbert road.

No action is to be taken in regard to a request of the West Preston Progress Association that a white traffic dome be placed at the corner of Murray and Gilbert roads.

No action is to be taken re drain Cramer street, north side, near Grange road.

No action is being taken by the council in regard to requests of the Regent Central Progress Association re asphalt footpath on north side of Kingwilliam street or re culvert opposite 272 Wood street.

The engineer was instructed to give immediate attention to the Rene street drain, cost not to exceed £1; but no action is to be taken re r-o-w between Livingstone parade and Bell street; and in regard to placing of seats under Memerial Arch.

These were requests from the East Preston Progress Association.

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

Baths Committee.—Crs. Robinson, Adams and Hemburrow were appointed a Baths Committee.

The council agreed to a proposal by the City of Brunswick that there should be a permanent conference on the subject of the tariff for the bulk supply of electricity, and Crs. Zwar and Robinson were appointed as the council's representatives.

P. E. Howard was granted permission to erect a new fowl house in place of present sheds at Orrong avenue, Preston.

FINANCE

Collected for the month £5,810; bank overdraft Dr. £41,555/6/10; E.L. account, Dr. £2,632/9/11.

Ordinary Business

Cr. Maynard sought the definition of the channel on the south side of Rene street so that stagnant water could get away.

The Mayor:—Whilst I am in the chair I will allow no money to be spent on this class of work in private streets. With Cr. Zwar I recently interviewed the chairman of the Commonwealth Bank and gave my word that I would keep down the municipal expenditure. I have consistently ruled against the expenditure of the council's moneys in private streets and this is not the time to start that practice. If a work is not absolutely essential from a health viewpoint or urgent from the viewpoint of public necessity, I must rule it out. At the last meeting I must admit that in view of being upset by the bank closing down on us I let slip through an item of work in a private street, but I do not think it will happen again.

Cr. Maynard:—This work is necessary for the preservation of public health. Water lies stagnant. These people have lived in the street and paid rates for some years and have their rights.

The Mayor:—The council also has its rights. If the council stood on its rights as much as some of the ratepayers stand on what they say are their rights, the council could prosecute every person in the street who runs dirty dish water on to the street —and that is apparently what is causing the trouble complained of.

Cr. Maynard:—Then almost everybody in the street would have to be prosecuted.

The matter was referred to the health officer to disinfect the stagnant water.

Cr. Hemburrow moved that a drain corner Rona street and Birdwood avenue be disinfected.

The Engineer:—That has been already done about half a dozen times so far this year.

At the suggestion of Cr. Robinson the Tramways Board is to be requested to instruct its gardeners to keep in order the nature strip in St. George's road outside the tramways workshops.

Cr. Maynard complained of hawking of milk on Sunday and moved that the Inspector be instructed to take immediate action by means of an Act of the reign of Charles 11, to put a stop to the practice.

Matter referred to the Committee of the Council.

Cr. Zwar drew attention to dangerous holes in Tennyson street.

The Mayor:—This is a private street.

Cr. Zwar spoke of dangerous holes in Preston street.—P.W. Committee.

He also drew attention to Plenty road which had been ploughed up and left, and which was in a dangerous state.

The Mayor:—The council cannot do anything until it has money to re-engage a day labor staff.

Cr. Adams moved that in future no deputations be received at ordinary committee meetings, but special committee meetings be called when necessary to hear deputations.—Committee of Council to give consideration.

Cr. Newton moved that street lighting at corner Bell and Hotham streets be re-adjusted.—Electrical Engineer to report.

Cr. Newton spoke of the drainage from Tyler street which flowed along McColl street and caused a lot of trouble in Rene street. The water might be drained along Tyler street —Engineer to report.

UNWANTED ATTENTIONS

MAN FINED FOR OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR

At the Northcote court on Tuesday Burnett Charles Wetzel, of Westgarth street, Northcote, was fined £2 for having behaved in an offensive manner in High street on March 26.

Louise Rattenberg, single, Strettle street, Thornbury, related how she was about to go into the Westgarth Picture Theatre when Wetzel accosted her, saying, "I'll shout you in." She refused to accept the offer, but when she entered Wetzel followed. At interval time she left the theatre and was walking up High street when Wetzel came after her and put his arm round her neck. Two policemen came along and took charge of Wetzel.

Wetzel.—Do you know me?

Witness.—No.

Did I not take you home on a previous occasion?—No. You followed me home once before, about two months ago.

Constable Breavington said:—I saw defendant put his arm round the woman's waist, and she struggled free. I asked what all the trouble was about, and she said "This man is following me." Wetzel said, "I paid for her to go into the pictures, but the woman denied that that was so. I said, "This man appears to be annoying you," and when she said "Yes," I arrested Wetzel.

In an unsworn statement Wetzel said he went to the pictures with the woman. At interval time the woman began to walk up High street, and he followed and asked where she was going. When she said "Home," he asked her ao go back to the pictures and caught her arm. The police then came up and he was arrested.

A fine of £2 was imposed.

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RIFLE SHOOTING

CLUB MATCHES

Club macthes at Port Melbourne on Saturday resulted:—

Northcote.—Second Stage Captain's Trohpy.—Randall, 47 (5), 50; Kaye, 43 (5), 48; Appleby, 44 (3), 47; McQuienn, 38 (8), 46; Waters, 40 (5), 45; Atkinson, 37 (7), 44.

Preston.—First Stage Perrett Trophy.—Cooper, 41 (12), 50; Bignell, 47 (3), 50; S. Chynoweth, 43 (7), 50; Cromb, 45 (6), 50; L. Chynoweth, 46 (8), 50; Court, 42 (8), 50; Ames, 43 (5), 48.

MILITIA FORCES UNION

57th Battalion (Preston) Win Carlton

At Williamstown on Saturday the 57th Battalion (Preston) No. 1 team completely outclassed all opponents and retained the cup. The winners scored 306 points, their nearest opponents being the 29/22nd Battalion, 266 points. Scores:—57th Battalion, No. 1 (Preston).—C.Q.M.S. Webb 49, Sgt. Dickson 44, Cpl. Windley 42, Sgt. Jordon 39, Lieut. Davey 36, Cadet Newiands 35, C.Q.M.S. Wiltshire 31, Lieut. George 30. Total, 306 points.

Elliott Cup

This is a contest in the B Grade and was won by the 29/22nd Battalion with 276 points. The 57th Battalion (Preston) No. 2 team was second with 270 points. The 57th Battalion marksmen were:—Aldridge 45, Cassidy 38, Bruce 37, Frost 37, Morton 34, Joyce 27, Blackburn 27, Blewitt 25.

BOWLS.

REVERSIONARY GAMES

Northcote To Remain In Division I.

Northcote (92) defeated S.M.C.C. (87) in the final of the games to decide which of the lowest clubs of the five sections should remain in Division I. in the A Pennant games next year. By this victory Northcote will remain in Division I. and S.M.C.C. will go into Division II.

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INTRUDER IN FAIRFIELD HOUSE

MAN CAPTURED AFTER CHASE

Mrs. Watsford, wife of Mr. G. Watsford, of Gillies street, Fairfield got a shock early last Saturday morning when she got out of bed to investigate a noise and found a strange man on his hands and knees in a spare bedroom.

Man Under Bed

Mrs. Watsford called her husband and the man was pulled from under a bed. A violent struggle ensued and Miss Ethel Watsford went to her father's assistance. The man was ejected from the house and ran away.

Later on a hatless man was seen in the street by neighbours and was questioned by Mr. Martin and his son.

The man denied having been at Watsford's house, and whilst being farther questioned he ran away.

Neighbours Give Chase

Mr. Martin and others gave chase and a shot was fired into the air above the fugitive's head, but he did not stop. The pursuers were fleet of foot and captured their quarry in Duncan street and later handed him over to a police patrol.

THORNBURY DISTRICT CAR CLUB

EASTER VISIT TO DAYLESFORD

Seven cars and one a two ton van started at 6.40 a.m. on Good Friday morning. All the cars carried full loads there being 23 adults and ten children. The outing did great service in binding members and prospective members together. Many varieties of campers were passed on the way; there were hikers, push cyclists, motor car and cyclists, also a couple on horse back. All these were loaded up with kit, in some cases the luggage almost hid the vehicle that carried it.

Gisbourne was the first stop, at 7.35. Here is was discovered that one car and the van were missing. While waiting for the late comers some of the party gathered mushrooms. The van arrived at 8.5 and the car followed later. On the trail again at 8.10 the party travelled through the Black Forest, Woodend and Kyneton to Malmsbury. Here Calder highway was left and going through Glenlyon arrived at Daylesford making for Central Springs camping grounds and arriving at 9.52. Everybody was soon busy, the men erected the tents and the ladies made preparations for meals and arranged bedding.

The camp was situated on a hill among trees and the lake could be seen through the trees on the north side. A parking charge for the use of the grounds, in return for which fire wood and tent poles are supplied and water is laid on and conveniences provided, is made. In the afternoon members visited the springs, sampling each of the five in turn.

Grounds Well Patronised

The camping grounds were well patronised, and every imaginable style of camp was represented. There were marquees, bell tents, auto tents and an English style of caravan. Many trailers were also in use as beds.

Tea over at 7 p.m. the younger set made for the open air palais while the elder ones settled around the camp fire until 9.15 when some revisited the springs before turning in. The grounds and paths to the springs are lighted with electric light.

By 7 a.m. the whole camp was up and doing. Breakfast was cooked and served up in a drizzling rain, but this did not spoil our appetites. A visit was made to the township during the morning. The weather was threatening all the morning, and by 11.30 it was raining heavily. This upset arrangements to visit neighbouring springs in the afternoon.

Sunday morning found no improvement in the weather so we started to break camp early. By 12.10 everybody had packed up and we started for home. Many had no breakfast and Kyneton was reached at 1.25 where a stop was made for "eats."

Kyneton was left at 3.10, the sun was then trying hard to shine. The next stop was outside Gisbourne, one of the cars having a "flat." Once more the party collected mushrooms while waiting. Another car developed engine trouble just outside Essendon, but as it proved to be dirty plugs, little time was lost. Essendon was reached at 5.20, the total distance covered while away being 169 miles.

The trip proved a wonderful success in spite of the weather.

STREET BETTING

At Coburg court last week Maurice **Ansell, 29 years, Kelvin grove Northcote, was fined £20 in default three months' imprisonment on a charge of having been in O'Hea street, Coburg on March 26 for the purpose of street betting.**

Bill Gets The Bird

By ROWAN GLEN

Only a canary—but he cle red the way to happiness.

(Concluded)

It was when Bobby had been a tenant of Mrs. Tuke's boarding house for nearly a week that he first looked into the face of Mary Benson—a gentle pretty face, framed in fair hair, and lighted by the bluest and most heart-warming eyes which he, or his owner, for that matter, had ever seen.

"And so this is the wonderful canary!" Mary said to Bill, who had brought the cage from his room by special request. "Well, Bobby, I want you to know you're a darling, and that I simply adore your singing! This house is quite different since you came to it."

"Funny you should say that," Bill commented, and did not realise that he flushed while he spoke. "That's the very thing I said about you when you came here a month or so back. It was true, too."

Mary pretended not to hear him. She was bending over the cage, and Bobby's small, round, and very bright eyes seemed to be winking at her in the most friendly, knowing way.

"I'm glad you like him," Bill went on. "To tell you the truth, I offered him to someone who had no fancy for birds—not his sort, anyhow—and I'm thankful—now he was refused. Maybe you'd take him, would you, as a present. I wish you would. You understand him better'n I do."

"Oh, but I couldn't," she protested. "He belongs to you, and he mightn't sing so well for anyone else. Besides—besides, some of these canaries are worth quite a lot of money."

"So I've heard," said Bill. "But I'll tell you what Bobby cost me—sixpence. That was all. But he's a great little fellow, all right. Well, maybe you'll change your mind and take him later on. And you won't forget you've promised to go to the pictures with me on Saturday? You get off at one, don't you."

"Yes. I'm looking forward to it awfully."

Bill's face lighted and he held up a finger.

"Listen!" he urged. "He's started to sing. He's pleased about something. I expect it's having met you. He'll go on singing right along now."

There came a glad and golden day when Bill asked Mary Benson whether she thought it possible that a time would ever come when she could care enough for him to be his wife. An honest fellow, and a wise one, he had, previous to this, mentioned, in a more or less casual way, that Bobby had helped him to get out of an affair which had become less than an entanglement.

"But weeks before I'd seen him I'd known about my mistake," he explained. "I got to feeling that way the first time I looked at you, Mary. And I'm not much of a chap, and I haven't much of a job yet, but it's enough to get married on—and it'll get better every year. But you won't be thinking about that."

"I'm not," she agreed quietly. "I can't think about jobs. I can't think about anything except you and me—and Bobby. If it hadn't been for him—"

She did not finish the sentence. Instead her hands went up and linked themselves behind Bill's neck.

It was not till she had accepted both him and his bird that Bill referred to the manner in which he had got that bird, and its worth in money. After a preliminary cry of amazement, Mary became very still and thoughtful.

"And you would have given him to me, knowing he was worth that—even before you knew I cared about you, Bill! But now—it seems to me that we've got to be sensible now."

"Meaning?"

"We won't be getting married right away, and we could easily live on here to begin with, or go in for furniture on the hire purchase, but—fifty pounds would be a tremendous lot, wouldn't it? It would be horrible to sell Bobby, but—"

"I know," said Bill. "It would be silly to keep him. After all, it isn't as though he was a dog you'd had for years and got fond of. You couldn't sell him then. Come on; we may as well get this over. We'll take him together—out to the best dealers in London."

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Two hours later they were back in Mrs. Tuke's house—and Bobby was with them.

"Well, there it is," Bill remarked. "Seems as though whoever presented him to Mellam's to be raffled had either been taken in or was pulling our legs. Five bob's your top price, Bobby. Odd, but I can't say I'm sorry, really."

"I'm glad!" Mary exclaimed. "Perhaps we're both crazy, Bill, but I'm glad we're going to have him with us all his life. Think what he did for us!"

So Bobby stays with them to this day, and sings even more blithely than before. It is almost as though he would say: "Being worth a lot of money doesn't matter as against being happy."

LIFE-SAVING AND SWIMMING

NORTHCOTE CLUB

As the Northcote City baths have now been closed for the winter arrangements have been made for members of the Northcote Live-Saving and Swimming Club to visit the Brunswick baths each Thursday evening. 'Buses will leave the corner of Elm and High street at 7.30 p.m. sharp. Members desiring to make this trip are advised to let the secretary know as soon as possible so that sufficient transport can be arranged.

Annual Social Evening

The annual social evening will be held in the Northcote (small) Town Hall on Tuesday evening next, April 12, when trophies won during the recent swimming season will be presented. Members are asked to return all unsold tickets and money on night of social.

Purchase of Season Tickets

In order to assist members to purchase season tickets the committee has decided that members may do so on the "lay-by" system by paying to the treasurer as much as they can afford each week. Members wishing to take advantage of this offer should make arrangements with the treasurer.

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

Visitors' day —four ball best ball v par for trophies donated by the president (Mr. W. E. Hooper). There were 144 entries amongst whom were 48 visitors who had been invited for the afternoon to take part in the competition, which was won by A. J. and F. L. Norris.

Scores:—9 up, A. J. Norris, 17, F. L. Norris, 12; 7 up, A. Chisholm 7, K. Gay 8; 6 up, L. Downs 11, A. J. Ferguson, 12; 5 up, J. E. Gosney 17, T. S. Hart, 17; 5 up, C. Hoit 11, H. Ferguson 18; 5 up, N. S. Thomas 16, J. W. Binney 16; 5 up, G. Dyke 15, C. L. Evans 18; 5 up Dr. L. Neal 14, R. W. Cain 9; 5 up, A. E. Appleton 6 Dr. Walker 18; 4 up, G. O. Youren 11 C. Oakley 8; 4 up, M. E. Daly 5, J. Vickery 18; 4 up, H. W. Jaede 18, R. H. Gee 17.

Next Saturday.—Stroke event for Mr. H. Ferguson's trophy.

THORNBURY ASSAULT CASE

Application for Re-hearing Granted

At the Northcote court on Tuesday application was made by Mr. Geoffrey Wright, solicitor for Mrs. Baker, of Rennie street, Thornbury, for a rehearing of the assault case, Ross Wilson versus Mrs. Baker.

This case was heard by the Northcote court a week or so ago, when by some misunderstanding the defendant was not represented.

The application for a re-hearing was granted, and on the same day the police magistrate (Mr. T. B. Wade) will hear evidence in a special summons issued by Ross Wilson against Mrs. Baker claiming £25 damages.

Mr. A. E. O'Connor is the complainant's solicitor.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PHIL)

Dear Cobbers,—What messy sort of weather it is; but as we've been giving the Baby Austin a thorough overhaul it really hasn't mattered much. Last week we were just going out in it with Jacko at the wheel when Burr—r—bang and we stopped dead with the engine still running. Into gear again and the same grating noise resulted but the "baby" refused to budge. There seemed nothing for it, so out came the big car and we went in that. Next day we proceeded to find the trouble and what a mess there was! Things jammed all over the place, but after an almost endless task we got her to run sweetly. Then Jacko said she needed a thorough clean up so with even Grandpa and Cook called in to assist, Fluffy Jacko, and I cleaned and oiled and polished till you'd have thought we were beautifying an elephant for a parade. But now we've finished, you'd think it was a new car instead of just Jacko's "baby."

We have several entries for the bird competition. Send yours along in time—you all have the same chance of winning. Remember the Trias. Heaps of love and best wishes from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL.

NEW COMPETITION

BIRDS

Pick out all the names of birds in their correct order in the following passage and send your answer in by April 23. Results on April 29. Uncle Phil's decision is final

Jack assisted by Elsie carried overtly a metallic rowle. A shaggy Jew rendering them aid, saw the silver, eyed it with a harsh awkward movement, it was his. Elsie wept and for a lark he led her on and made Jack follow later to the gala house-party, but distinctly relieved Jack's mind by robing him in barbaric fashion. Later he escaped them using a spar, rowing against the tide. Ruth rushed down to the shore and waved him "Goodbye."

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Heartiest and Happiest of Birthday Wishes and Greetings to Myrtle Keeble, Phyllis Murphy and Margaret McIntosh (April 12); Lily Anthonsen and Mavis Baker (April 14); Edna Lynch and Allen Brooks (April 15); Irene Whipp, Jean Doggett, Jack Kettle and Glen Johnston (April 16).

OUR MAIL BAG

90 Bent street, Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Just a few lines, to ask you to enrol me as one of the Cobbers. I read your page every week, and I enjoy it.

(GOOD) Irene Poole.

Welcome to the Clubs Irene and we hope you'll send us a snap of yourself for our Cobbers Album. Try the new bird competition. It's easy, Fluffy says. Send along some contributions. Love from the Pets and U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

Trias are a class of their own, and three constitute a prize. Trias cannot be included in your ordinary 100 marks. Each entry must be marked on the top "Tria Entry," so I will know they are for this competition. The subjects chosen give a wide range of things of interest—holidays, sports, camping, motoring, about the beach or country, anything about hobbies, games to play, about your gardens, and things that can be made by Cobbers. The best each week will receive a special mark, a "Tria" while the other entries just get the ordinary mark. 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 the meaning clear. Trias, if original, should be marked 'original" in one corner.

TRIAS

How I Spent My Easter Holidays

During my Easter holidays I spent most of my time at St. Kilda near the seaside. I stayed at St. Kilda for three days and then went to Bacchus Marsh where my aunt has a farm. When I was at Bacchus Marsh I used to watch the cattle trudging along the roadside and feeding on the beautiful green grass. The cattle dogs were barking their hardest to try and make the cattle go, but they would not move until they had finished what they were eating. It was a very pretty sight indeed from the balcony of the house. When I was staying at St. Kilda I used to get up and go in for a swim before I had my breakfast and often went in of an afternoon too. I went to Luna Park also and it was fine fun going on the different kinds of things that were there. I also went to the Zoo where I saw many kinds of animals from other parts of the world and that was how I spent my holidays this Easter.

(TRIA) Nancy Emmerson

A Remarkable Dog

Passengers on the Brunswick-Melbourne cable trams have been provided in the last few months with a remarkable example of animal endurance on the part of a wiry kelpie dog, with its tireless heart and legs. Almost every day, tail waving and tongue lolling, it may be seen loping along Sydney road from the Brunswick Town Hall to the Haymarket in pace with a cable tram. As soon as it reaches the Haymarket the dog turns round and, without resting, follows another tram back to Brunswick. Tramway employees state that the dog makes ten journeys to the city and back in a day, easily maintaining the average speed of 9.5 miles an hour. As the distance from the Brunswick Town Hall to the Haymarket and back again is about four miles, the dog sometimes covers 40 miles in a day at an average speed of nearly ten miles an hour. Yelping as he runs, the dog seems to enjoy every moment of his self-imposed races. If the dog begins to flag, the gripman of the tram has only to ring his bell twice to evoke a fresh spurt and two defiant yelps.

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen.

The Adventures of a Shilling

I was born on a mountain side near a small villiage called Peru, and made the journey to England in an ingot. I arrived in England and was soon taken out of my habit, refined, naturalised, and put into the British mode, with the head of King George on one side, and the Kangaroo and Emu holding a shield on the other. Being thus equipped, I found that I had an inclination to ramble, and visit all parts of this new world, that I had entered. The people found favor with me, and shifted me so fast from hand to hand that before I was four years old I had travelled into almost every corner of the earth. But in the beginning of my sixth year I found that I had come into contact with a miserable fellow who clapped me into an iron box, where I found 500 of my kind who lay in the same confinement. At last after lying 20 years in this enclosure I was lifted out of it by the heir, who received the money as the old man was dying. Then I was handed to the butcher for some mutton, then I passed to an old lady, who put me into her broken purse. Then I was passed to the conductor, who dropped me on to the tram line and I was all bent up. I was dug into the ground as the men took up the lines and I have lain there ever since.

(GOOD) Jean Angus.

Where Freddie Scored

Freddie was taking father his dinner and on the way he saw a workman emptying a drain. "That drain" said Freddie to the workman, "is one father lost a shilling down." "Oh," said the workman, and his face brightened. "Now, then, youngster, hurry on with that dinner before it gets cold." When Freddie returned half-an-hour later the workman was still working on the same drain, his face flushed and excited, and his hands were black with mud. "Are you sure," he asked, "that this is the drain your father lost the money down?" "Quite sure," piped Freddie "because I saw father get it out myself."

(GOOD) Alan Williamson

His Last Request

The gunman was ready to pay the penalty. He sat there in the electric chair while strong men turned away and a dear old uplifting lady sobbed aloud. "Have you any last request my man," asked the warder. "Sure,' replied the doomed man. "Let me get up and give that old lady my seat.'

(GOOD) George Joyce.

The Cobbers' Club

Please enrol me as a member of the COBBERS' CLUB

Name.......................................

Address.......................................

Date of Birthday........................ Present Age..................

8/4/32.

Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week

He Knew

The village school was being examined in history and the teacher was very anxious that his boys should shine. "Who was it?" said he, who exclaimed in despair, "a horse, a horse! my kingdom for a horse!" There was silence for a moment until a boy put up his hand. "Please Teacher, I know: it was someone who had drawn a blank at a sweepstake."

(GOOD) Reggie Keele

The Big "Dipper"

A Scotchman visiting Melbourne, noticed a huge crowd outside a hotel. He inquired of a bystander the reason and was told that the owner was giving away free beer in cans as big as the people could bring. He immediately started to run away, then the other man asked why he was running away. He replied: "I am going to Luna Park to get the 'big dipper'"

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Around the Camp Fire

Amos Bennett slept fitfully beneath a great elm tree by the roadside. Suddenly the sound of bells and voices raised in song reached his ears. He stirred restlessly and stretched his long legs, and opened his tired eyes. He gazed wonderingly at a band of swarthy gypsies in a caravan on the road, and raised himself upon one elbow to look more closely. A dark beautiful girl danced among them when they pitched their tents on a paddock nearby and as they worked the gypsies cheered her heartily. Amos Bennett riveted his intent gaze on the men, the sturdy, tanned men of Nature's own kin, and then he surveyed himself, a ragged tramp, and an outcast of mankind. "A chorus brothers," the gruff deep-throated cry came from a man who had just driven a stake into the hard ground, and the company lifted their voices in a sweet old melody and unconsciously Amos joined in the singing. But the spell was soon broken for the gypsies heard the strong mellow tone of the tramp and at once they discovered him, standing by the old tree, with his face flushed and his eyes shining.

(To be Concluded)

(GOOD) Thelma Hill.

Where Have the Daisies Gone?

A farmer stood with his sythe one
day,
Glad that his work was done;
When a little maiden came that way
And boldly stood in the sun.
"Where have the daisies gone?" she
said;
"Where have the daisies gone?"
"The daises were in the way," said
he,
"And I've cut them, every one,"
"Oh, I never shall see them again,"
said she,
In her eyes there glittered a tear.
"Oh yes, my little maid," said he;
They will all come back next year."

(GOOD) Ruby Keele.

Rainbow

My heart leaps up when I behold,
A rainbow in the sky;
So was it when my life began,
So be it now I am a man.

(GOOD) Alice Southam.

If They Know

If the birds knew how nice it was
to be me or you,
Wouldn't they want to be like us
too?
Or if once we could fly,
Would we rather choose to be
birds in the sky?

(GOOD) Jean Skipper.

Try This

Think of any number say ...	5
Double it ...	10
Add 5 ...	15
Add 12 ...	27
Take away 3 ...	24
Halve it ...	12
Take away number first thought of (5) ...	–5
The answer will always be ...	7

(GOOD) June Burr.

STORYETTES

Greedy.—"Is—is it true that an apple a day keeps the doctor away?" asked Peggy, who looked a trifle ill, of her Mother. "Yes dear," said Mother. "Well I've kept away ten to-day," said Peggy, "b—but I think one will have to come soon."

(GOOD) Nancy Maidstone.

A motoring enthusiast was recounting his experiences on his latest tour to his aged maiden aunt. "All went well," he related, until we came to a damp inn." "I presume that the er—pin went into one of your tyres," replied the offended aunt severely.

(GOOD) Roy Murphy.

A Scotch traveller who was held up in the Orkney islands by bad storms wired his firm in Aberdeen. "Marooned here by storms, wire instructions." The reply was: "Start summer holidays as from yesterday."

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen

"It's a hard world, ain't it Bill?" said one tramp. "'Ard ain't the word for it," replied the other. "I went up to a house and asked the lady to keep me body and soul together and she gave me some safety pins."

(GOOD) Allan Love.

When is a ship in love?—When she is attached to a buoy.

(GOOD) Alma Stephens.

Vicar (calling on parishioner): "Are you any relation to the Mrs. Smith who live just opposite." Mrs. Smith: "Not a relative, sir, but a sort of connection. You see, her cat is an elder brother of mine."

(GOOD) C. R. Smithwick.

"How many times Bobbie must I tell you that one must keep one's eyes closed during prayers?" "Yes, Mummy, but—er—how do you know I don't?"

(GOOD) Vera P. Keele

Wife: "John dear, baby has begun to talk at last!" Hubby: "Really? What did he say?" Wife: "Well, I took him to the Zoo and as soon as he saw the monkey he called out, 'Daddy, Daddy'!"

(GOOD) Willie Eaton.

"Daddy," said little Angus, "I dreamt last night that you gave me sixpence." "Well as you have been a good boy lately," replied Daddy, "you may keep it."

(GOOD) Norma Minihan.

"You have been to the grocer's twice and have forgotten the fat each time." "Yes, Ma'am, it completely slips my memory."

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

Band Sergeant: "What call would you blow in case of fire? — Band Private: "Lights Out!"

(GOOD) Walter Ward.

Judge: "You've stolen no chickens?" Sam: "No sah." "No geese?" "No sah." "Any turkeys?" "No sah." Judge: "Discharged." Sam (grinning): "Boss, I sure was skeared to death you all'd say ducks."

(GOOD) Lily Scrimes.

Billy: "How did you get that bruise?" Monty: "Dad told me to play on the piano and I fell off!"

(GOOD) F. Power.

Betty: "Have you any green lipstick?" Shop Assistant: "Green lip stick?" "Yes; a railway guard is taking me out to-night."

(GOOD) Bert Moylan.

Debt Collector (through keyhole): "It is no use pretending to be out. Your boots are at the door." Debtor: "That proves nothing. I went out in slippers."

(GOOD) Stan Eaton.

Jackson came home after a visit to friends. "Well?" asked his wife, "did you see the Jones' twins." "Yes." "Oh, George," she went on eagerly, "don't you think the boy is the picture of his father?" "Yes," he said, "I certainly do, and the girl is the talkie of her mother."

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy.

"Why is Bill so fed up?" "He joined the navy to see the world and they put him in a submarine."

(GOOD) Jack Power.

She was sewing a button on her husband's coat, and the lines about her forehead gave evidence of deep thought. Presently she looked up. "It's a perfect shame, the careless way the tailor sewed on this button," she said fretfully. "This is the fifth time I've sewn it on for you."

(GOOD) Enid Love.

Two very very old-fashioned ladies were discussing the modern generation. "Yes," said one, "I don't know what the world is coming to women masquerading as men." "Yes," replied the other, "and everybody is suspected, too. Why, only yesterday I received a letter addressed to 'Dear sir or madam'."

(GOOD) Jean Moylan.

Traveller: "Your firm can't hold a candle to ours." Traveller: "Why what's your firm?" "Oh gunpowder manufacturers."

(GOOD) Len White.

Postmistress: "This letter is too heavy sonny. You'd better ask Mother to put another stamp on it" Sonny: "Oh, no! That would only make it heavier."

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

RIDDLES

Why is the crow the bravest bird in the world?—Because it never shows a white feather.

Why is a mouse like a load of hay?—Because the cat'll eat it.

(GOO) Marjorie Wood.

What smells most in a chemist's shop?—Your nose.

(GOOD) G. Kohn.

Crookie: "When is every child an artist?—Bunny: "I know. When each one draws a long face."

(GOOD) June Jones.

What ailment can you find on a oak?—A Corn.

(GOOD) B. Kohn.

What coat never needs cutting to make it fit?—A coat of paint.

(GOOD) Harold White.

Why is a pulled out tooth like something forgotten?—Because it has gone out of your head.

(GOOD) Bruce Burr.

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COMPETITION CORNER

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

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AN UNFORTUNATE MOTORIST

Registration Had Expired for Two Days

Edward Rayner, of Darebin road, Northcote, was unlucky when he was detected driving an unregistered car on February 22 in High street. The police evidence was that the registration expired on February 20, and was renewed on February 24.

Rayner said that his brother, who attended to the registration of the car, was away in the country at the time, and the matter had been overlooked.

The P.M. (Mr. T. B Wade) considered a fine of 10/- sufficient under the circumstances.

Heatherton Sanatorium Representative.

PRESTON council has decided to again nominate Cr. G. E. Robinson as the representative for the northern group of municipalities to the board of the Heatherton Sanatorium. Cr. Robinson has served in this capacity for several terms.

The World of Women

(Conducted by "PENELOPE")

EASTER WEDDINGS

CLEMENTS—LOADER

The Burnbank Street Methodist Church, Ballarat, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, January 30, when Jessie Violet, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Loader, of Miners' Rest, was married to Alexander M., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clements, of "Flora Vale," Bundoora. The church, which had been tastefully decorated by friends of the bride, made an attractive setting for the bridal group. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. J. Hateley, of Warragul, a former minister of the Burnbank Street Church, and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Cameron Loader, of Wycheproof. The bridal frock was of ivory satin, fashioned with close-fitting bodice, and long flared skirt to the ankles. A tulle veil was arranged to the head cap fashion, and kept in place with a wreath of orange blossom. A beautiful bouquet of palest pink water lilies and cactus dahlias was carried. Miss Jean Clements, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid. Her frock of blue broderie-Anglaise and organdi, cut on mid-Victorian lines, was most attractive. With it she wore a large chip straw hat, and carried a shower bouquet in pink and blue tonings. Little Thelma Williams, niece of the bride, made a dainty flower girl in a blue georgette frock, frilled to the ankles. Like the bridesmaid she carried a bouquet in pink and blue tonings. Mr. Donald Fisher, of Waubra, supported the bride as best man. Miss Nellie Martin presided at the organ, and while the register was being signed Miss Janet Fisher, of Canterbury, pleasingly rendered the solo, "Faded Roses." During the reception and wedding luncheon, which were held at "The Wattle," Miss Nellie Martin sang the very appropriate solo, "All Joy Be Thine." The sisters of the bride, Mrs. Fisher, of Canterbury, and Mrs. H. Williams, of Burrumbeet, acted as hostesses. Mrs. Fisher wore a black georgette frock and smart bowler hat to match, whilst Mrs. Williams chose a navy blue ensemble relieved with beige and matching hat. Mrs. Clements, mother of the bridegroom, was gowned in black marocain relieved with mauve, and black hat. Her bouquet was in shades of mauve. The usual toasts were honored and a sheaf of congratulatory telegrams from many parts of the State was read at the luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Clements left amid showers of confetti and good wishes for Melbourne and Warburton. The bride travelled in a navy suit, and close-fitting navy hat.

HYND—LANGRIDGE

Easter daises, gladioli and dahlias decked St Mary's Church, High street, Thornbury, on March 26, when the Rev. Father Vaughan officiated at the wedding of Mr. William Anthony Hynd and Miss Marjorie Elizabeth Langridge. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Langridge, 54 Emmaline street, Croxton, and the groom is the youngest son of Mr. James Hynd, of 25 Hollywood grove, Carnegie, and the late Mrs. Hynd. Mr. Charles Langridge, the bride's eldest brother, gave her away. Silk lace cut on modish lines with satin bands formed the bridal gown, and pearls and orange blossom were used as an effective trimming. Her lace veil was mounted on pale pink tulle, and tiger lilies tipped with pink formed her beautiful sheaf. Misses Agnes Langridge (sister) and Eileen Danielson attended the bride, and each wore a charming frock of apple green satin designed with flared bands on the ankle-length skirt. Pale pink tiger lilies were arranged in each bouquet. Mr. Frank Langridge was best man, and Mr. Laurie Bailey was groomsman. The reception and wedding tea were held at Normanby Hall, Thornbury, where Mrs. Olorenshaw catered to the full satisfaction of the many guests. The latter portion of the evening was spent socially and in dancing. Black satin worn with a smart peach marocain coatee and black hat was the costume of the bride's mother, and she carried a dainty posy of orange blossom and tiny pink roses. A motor tour to Lorne will be the honeymoon, and the bride's travelling costume was a brown ensemble with hat, shoes, gloves and handbag en suite.

CHIC COLOR COMBINATION

THE combination of black and red, which is carried out in a satin suit worn by Sylvia Sidney in Paramount's "The Miracle Man," is very flattering to her olive-skinned beauty. The skirt and jacket are black and the color of the tie-trimmed blouse is red. The close-fitting hat she wears with this outfit is also black with a band of red to match the blouse.

FANCY'S FASHION

LADY'S MODEL COAT

A wise woman when choosing her new season's wardrobe has to remember that autumn in our State may mean sun to-day, but hail to-morrow, and that she must provide herself with clothes suitable for the quick changes of climate. A tailleur is the most accommodating from this point of view, besides being particularly becoming to the average figure, so with this thought we are offering an exceedingly modish coat, straight from the Continent, and cut on the very latest lines. The model coat shown is in double-breasted effect, with rather wide revers and a collar. The bodice

is nicely fitted to normal waist, with one-piece sleeves and deep gauntlet cuffs. The skirt part is nicely fitting at the hips, and flaring out at the hem. Round brass or bone buttons make a nice finish. The coat is No. 3620, price 11d., and is cut in sizes to suit small women, and medium figures. Patterns can be purchased from district agents (a list of which will be found elsewhere in this issue) or direct from the manufacturers, Demaret and Co., Collingwood, N5. Ask for free copy of the monthly fashion leaflets containing the latest fashions, a complete story, and useful recipes and hints.

How to Care for the Hands

KAY Francis, Paramount player of "The False Madonna," explains that on first thought hands may seem to have little to do with "It." Probably nothing, however, but the eyes are a better index to a girl's personality than the hands.

Well-kept hands, however, denote personal pride and truly beautiful hands are an asset every girl should strive to possess. First of all, explode the myth that house work ruins the hands. A girl does not have to be a "lady of leisure" to have beautifully groomed hands. Just remember to have a lotion, glycerine and rose water is excellent, by the kitchen sink and in the bathroom. Apply this lotion to the hands each time after drying them. Never wash the hands and dry without using the lotion. It is a splendid idea for the business woman to keep a bottle of lotion in her desk at the office and follow the same rule.

Beautifully kept, lustrous finger nails are absolutely essential. A girl with unkempt nails could no more have "It" than could one who wore ill-fitting clothes. The person with brittle nails will find that bathing the finger tips in warm olive oil every night for two weeks is a great tonic for this condition. Then continue the warm oil baths at least once a week. A manicure, either done by yourself or a professional, is essential at least once a week.

Lemon is excellent to remove stains from the hands, and is also a good bleaching aid. The best way to bleach the hands to remove summer sunburn is to mix almond meal with peroxide to form a paste. Apply it to the hands and arms if desired, and leave it for twenty minutes. One or two of these treatments will usually have the desired effect.

Let me stress this point: Don't be afraid to use your hands. Exercise helps to make them graceful, and grace is an inherent part of "It."

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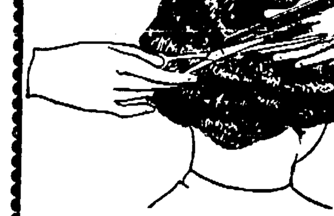
KEEP SMILING

A SMILE radiates happiness and cheer. It acts like a tonic wherever you encounter it. The memory of a bright smile lingers with you throughout the day. It inspires you in your work or undertaking. Smiles are not only disposed to make one affable and obliging, but they raise the same good humor in those who come within their influence. One finds oneself pleased, not knowing why, with the cheerfulness of one's companion. It is like a sudden sunshine that awakens delight in the mind, without her attending to it. The heart rejoices of its own accord and naturally flows out into friendship and benevolence towards the person who has so kindly an effect upon it.

Smiles Universal Remedies.

A smile will often get you out of critical positions and smooth over an ugly circumstance. It can soothe and bring about peace between friends who have become a little heated. A smile to be of any benefit to you and those 'around you, must have the smile-feeling behind it. In other words, the smile must come from the heart and not be merely a facial contortion. Smiles and the smile-feeling are easy to cultivate. Just make up your mind that you will commence the day by smiling, and smile all the way through it. You will find your work will become easier, your worries less, and your burdens lighter. For after all, these upsets and annoyances that we are all experiencing are surely only little things that are sent to try us. Smiles will make friends for us, for the cheery, smiling face draws, like a magnet, others that it smiles upon, and through smiles your life will become enriched, both materially and spiritually. If you look at any of the successful people in life, you will find they smile. If they had not, they would not be where they are to-day. Smiles bid for good health. If you sit down to a meal smiling, you will find that it will do you twice the amount of good than if you sit down with a sour, sullen face. It cures indigestion, headaches, and many nervous disorders. So—"Learn to smile all the while."

"Even gossip writers must live," according to a magistrate. Some people are not sure about it.



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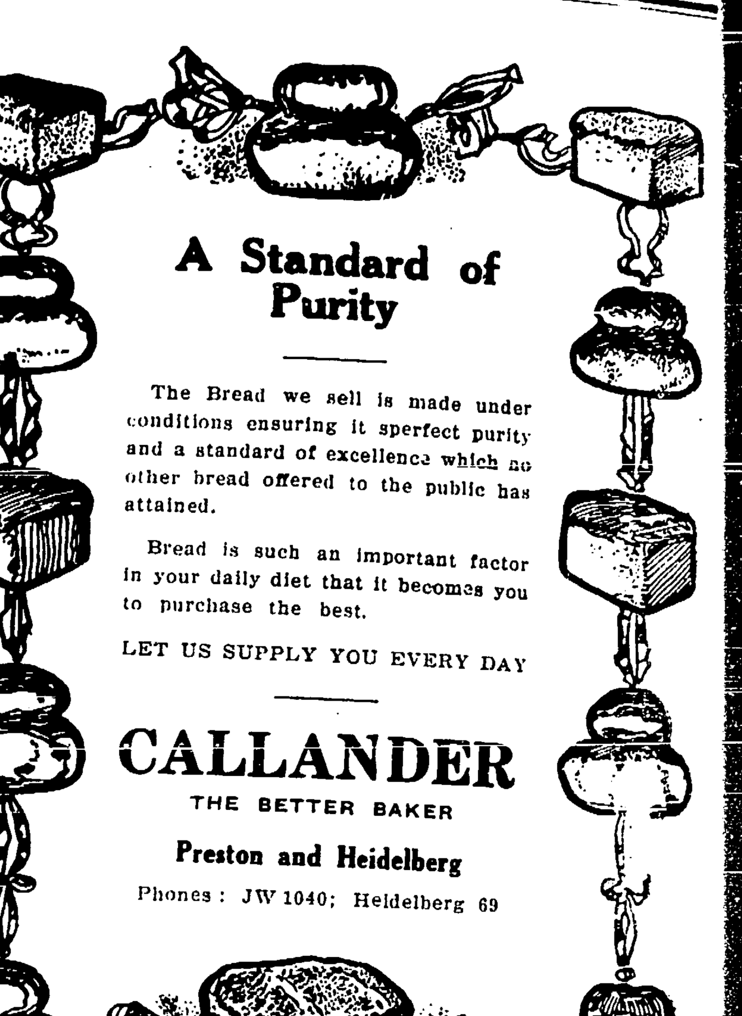

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TWO MEN DETAINED AT PISTOL POINT

The presence of mind of a civilian, Mr. David Houston, of Westbourne grove, Northcote, in calling to his aid two men, "Bill" and "Dave," who only existed in his imagination, was largely responsible for the capture of two men, who it is alleged broke into a house in Park street whilst the owner was away. Mr. Houston entered the house, and when he came face to face with the men he "held them up" with an old pistol, and finally handed them over to the police.

As an outcome of the affair two men, George Frederick Wise, laborer, Rathdown street, Carlton, and Alan Kilpatrick, Station street, Carlton, appeared at the Northcote court on Tuesday charged with having broken into and entered the house of Gordon Ivorey on March 25 with intent to commit a felony.

Gordon Ivorey, case merchant, Park street, Northcote, related how he found fresh jemmy marks on the windows of his home when he returned there on the night of March 25. The house was in disorder as though it had been ransacked, and several articles were missing.

David Houston, renovator, Westbourne grove, Northcote, said:—From something I learned I went to Ivorey's home and saw one of the front windows open. Hearing a noise inside the house I jumped through the window crying out, "Help! Police!"

I then called out, "Smash in the back door, Dave. Quick." Movements in the house suggested that someone was trying to open a window, and I called out, "They are on your side, Bill. Stop them!"

"Put Them Up!"

I was standing in the passage of the house when the two accused came along towards me, and, pointing an old pistol at them cried out, "Put them up!"

The two men made a dive to reach the front door, but I jumped through the window and again presented the pistol at the men, said "Put them up and keep them up." The men raised their hands at once.

I marched Wise and Kilpatrick before me into the street, where I was joined by a man named Staker, and we marched the men into Westbourne grove, where we were joined by Constable McGuiness, the police having been sent for.

Cross-examined.—The men were not out of my sight from the time I first saw them in the house.

To Senior Constable Matthews.—The men to whom I called out as "Bill" and "Dave" were purely imaginary. (Laughter.)

Constable McGuiness said:—I took over the men, Wise and Kilpatrick, from Mr. Houston and removed them to the police station. I said "What were you two men doing in the house?" Wise said, "We were hard up. Give us a chance." Both men admitted having been in the house. Asked why they did it, Wise said, "My family has been living on sustenance for months. My children were starving, and I wanted to get a few shillings to buy food."

On the lawn in front of the house I found a cigarette case, a tyre guage and a chisel, the latter fitting the jemmy marks on the window. Later Constable Buchan said to Kilpatrick, "Is it not a fact that you left home to-night to 'do' a place?" He said, "Yes." To the same question Wise made no reply.

Both men were committed for trial.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Before Mr. T. B. Wade, P.M., Messrs. H. Evans, A. H. Oldis, W. Jones, N. Harry, A. Andrews, P. Kean and Mrs. A. Glanfield J.'s P.

Maintenance Order by Consent

Ivy Victoria Thompson, Grange road, Fairfield, obtained a maintenance order by consent against her husband, Thomas Thompson, Mont Park for £1/12/6 per week. Defendant was ordered to find a surety of £30 to comply with the order and to pay £4/4/ costs.

Debt

Adam Smith obtained an order against James Jury and Dorothy Jury for £4/5/; Alfred Butler jun, and Alfred Butler sen.

No Lights

Hartley Hamilton, Pender street, Thornbury, charged with having ridden a bicycle without a light, was fined 10/.

Aleck Rennie, Grange road, Alphington, was fined 10/ for a similar offence.

Daniel Carmichael, Grange road, Alphington, who drove an unlighted horse vehicle, was fined £1 in default seven days' imprisonment.

Unlicensed Motor Cyclist

Percival Thomas Power, Gold street, Clifton Hill, who, on February 22 drove a motor cycle in Queen's parade, Clifton Hill, without being licensed, was fined 10/.

Power said: "I only took delivery of the machine on the Saturday morning and I was caught on the following Monday night. I have not ridden the machine since.

Shop Open After Appointed Hour

Margaret Watts and Myrtle Watts, Westgarth street, Westgarth were charged that they failed to close their shop on February 4 for the sale of cigarettes at the appointed hour.

Evidence showed that a packet of cigarettes was purshased at 8 p.m. when the shop should have been closed for the sale of cigarettes at 7 p.m.

Each defendant was fined 10/.

Ejectments

William Hodgkinson, as agent for the owner, obtained ejectment orders against the following:—W. H. Maslin Gibson street, Northcote (23 weeks) in arrears); and W. Turner Gibson street (76 weeks in arrears).

Surety Not Found

Thomas Edward Doxford, Fenwick street, Northcote, was called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for failing to find a surety of £20 that he would comply with a maintenance order.

The clerk of courts (Mr. Prowse) said that no surety had been filed.

Defendant, who failed to appear, was ordered to be imprisoned for three months in default of finding the surety and also to pay 6/ costs.

Janefield Presbyterian Church

70TH ANNIVERSARY

The Presbyterian Church at Janefield held one of the largest congregations it has ever known on February 28, the occasion being the 70th anniversary service. The Rev. Jas. Raff, of Cowes, a former minister of the Whittlesea charge, conducted the service, and all were pleased to meet their much-loved minister and friend again. Through the untiring efforts of the present minister, Rev. Michell, and members of the congregation, many of the former members and adherents of the church were communicated with, and the congregation on that evening comprised visitors from many of the suburbs of Melbourne as well as from different parts of the country.

The Rev. Raff, in a helpful and interesting address, emphasised the need for a greater feeling of love and brotherhood amongst the people of the present day. The singing by the Sunday school pupils was a special feature. Three anthems were beautifully rendered, and the Rev. Raff, who started the Sunday school during his ministry in the Whittlesea charge 11 years ago, spoke most appreciatively of the way the work had been carried on since that time. Three instruments—organ, piano and violin—accompanied the singing, the organist and violinist both being grandchildren of one of the members of the first committee of the church in 1861.

The minutes of the first committee meeting were read by the minister. The members of the first committee were Messrs. A. Brock, R. White, R. Slessar, W. Shillinglaw, J. Swan, W. F. Cleeland, A. Stuart, Joseph Duff and J. Peacock. The late Mrs. A. Brock laid the foundation stone of the church in 1861, and the beautiful silver trowel presented to her on that occasion, and now held by her son, Mr. Wm. Brock, was on show.

At the close of the service Mr. Wm. Brock, on behalf of the committee, expressed pleasure at seeing so many old friends back in the Janefield church, and thanked the Rev. Raff for his presence and help.

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Tenders are invited for erection of a Sunday School at Greensborough for All Saints. Details are advertised.

STREET BETTING

Several Charges Heard at Northcote

At the Northcote court on Tuesday three charges of street betting were heard. In one case a fine of £20 was imposed, and the other two charges were dismissed, an alibi being the defence in one case, and in the other the police were short of a witness.

A Fine of £20

Francis Donald Maurice McDonnell, Westgarth street, Northcote, was charged with having been in Hawthorn road on February 6 for the purpose of street betting.

Sergt. Burroughs prosecuted, and Mr. B. T. Cahir appeared for the defence.

The police evidence was that a police agent saw McDonnell outside the Commercial Hotel in Hawthorn road. From one man he took money and a slip of paper, the man saying, "2/- Bon Haven." Other men also handed McDonnell slips and money.

Mr Cahir said McDonnell was unemployed and had endeavoured to make a few shillings by street betting. He would plead guilty, and asked for the imposition of the minimum penalty.

The P.M. said that people would have to learn that it did not pay to break the law. The minimum penalty of £20, with £2/10/ costs, was imposed. Time was allowed to pay the fine at the rate of £1 a month.

A second charge was withdrawn.

A CASE DISMISSED

Alibi Raised by the Defence

Mervyn Finn, Helen street, Northcote, was charged with having been in High street on October 17 for the purpose of street betting. He pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. Cahir.

Constable F. Wright said:—About 12.20 I was in High street and saw a man hand a slip to Finn, together with some coins. I had seen the man write on that slip "5/- Dark Man; if any, half up Einga." Two other men also handed slips and coins to Finn.

Mr. Cahir.—Was that Caulfield Cup day?

Witness.—I could not say.

Can you swear that the slip you saw written was the one handed to Finn? I would say it was.

Are you sure that the incidents you have described did happen?—Yes.

Why did six months elapse between seeing these transactions and bringing Finn to court? At that time I was working under instructions to get evidence. I did not want to disclose my identity as there were several other S.P. bookmakers operating in Northcote at the time.

Constable Faulkner, of Russell street, said: About 12 noon on October 17 I saw a man hand Finn a slip and coins, saying "2/- Gallantic." I also saw another man hand him a slip and coins.

Mr. Cahir. Are you positive that it was Finn to whom the slips were handed? Yes.

If other witnesses say he was elsewhere what will you say?—I am positive of my evidence.

Plain-clothes Constable Franklin produced a race book showing horses which started at Caulfield that day.

Mr. Cahir. You were at the course? Witness. Yes.

You did not see Finn there, did you? No. (Laughter.)

William Saunders, mechanic, Ford street, Ivanhoe, said he picked up Finn on October 17 at the Northcote town hall at 11.30 and drove him to the city and then to the Caulfield races.

Similar evidence was given by Bert Emery, bootmaker, Patterson street, Preston, who said he was in Saunders' car and went with Finn and Saunders to the Caulfield races.

By majority decision the case was dismissed, the P.M. (Mr. Wade) remarking that he did not agree with the majority.

ANOTHER CHARGE FAILS

A second charge was preferred against Finn in respect to February 6.

Sergt. Burroughs (prosecuting) intimated that the police were not in a position to prove what horses raced on that day owing to the absence of a material witness, and he asked for an adjournment.

Mr. Cahir opposed the police application, saying that Finn had been arrested some three weeks ago, and the police should come to court prepared to prove their case.

A majority of the bench was opposed to the granting of an adjournment, and the case was dismissed.

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RESERVOIR NOTES

The St. George's Church of England parishioners tended a valedictory social to the Rev. Binns who has left this parish to take charge of the Greensborough parish. The vicar, Rev. C. Powell made a presentation of books to Mr. Binns voicing the sentiments of regret felt by the parishioners at the transfer. Mr. Binns feelingly and suitably replied. Dancing, games and community singing made an enjoyable evening. The vicar took the opportunity to introduce the new missioner, Mr. Roadknight. Mr. Roadnight preached his first sermon on Sunday night and made a very favorable impression.

The Railways department after a delay of four months has informed the West Reservoir Progress Association that Edwardes Lake views will be included in a proposed booklet but concession fares to Reservoir could not be granted.

The M.M.B.W. has asked for specific instances in cases of water shortage in Epping road. A requisition will be forwarded to the Board. Mr. Beer has the matter in hand.

The Board has informed the Progress Association that the water extensions in Plateau road cannot be granted owing to lack of funds.

The council has informed the association that the residents of Spring street are liable for all the road construction abutting property that faces the Railway Reserve.

Quail have been very plentiful on the Merrilands Estate. Mr. Bill Cleeland's tally is now 40 brace, and Surite (Mr. Edgar Beer) has got 25 brace.

A happy function was held at the home of Mr. Webster, Ashby street when Miss Jessie Webster on the 22nd March celebrated her birthday. Miss Webster received many presents.

A fishing party (Messrs. Webster, Nicol and Lemmon) visited the Tarrego river at Drouin. They brought back some wonderful mushrooms but only stories of fish.

Mr. Joe Ludeman, has been ill and is holidaying at Sale on medical advice.

Constable Marshall of the police patrol, with Mrs. Marshall and family spent the Easter holidays at Euroa.

Mr. Redpath junr. with his mother, Mrs. Redpath, accompanied by Miss Jessie Webster have returned after a holiday at Euroa.

Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield with a party spent the Easter holidays in camp at Toolangi.

Community singing is indulged in each Friday evening at the State School under the baton of Mr. Wright and with Mrs. Croft at the piano. The funds are for the annual picnic. Attendances are very encouraging.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Clinnick with Joan, accompanied by Mrs. A. Pollard and Pattie spent the Easter in camp at Wandong.

Mrs. Wright and Mr. Battye have been added to the School Picnic Committee at the last meeting when, notwithstanding the inclement weather, about 30 attended.

Mr. Standish, of Sydney visited Mr. and Mrs. Lott whilst on his way to Adelaide.

Mr. Tatterson junr., Mrs. Tatterson and Miss Tatterson have returned from Sydney after seeing the opening of the Harbour Bridge.

Meeting of Creditors

The appointment of the liquidator, Mr. E. W. Smail, was confirmed at a meeting of creditors of R. Macks Pty. Ltd (in liquidation), of Northcote. The statement of affairs showed that there was a net deficiency of assets to meet liabilities of £258. Assets were valued at £225; preferential creditors at £65, and unsecured creditors at £448.

In Maryland, U.S.A., it is illegal for a woman to go through her husband's pockets at night. And in our country, these days, it is just a waste of time.

TURF NOTES

(By "LUTEPLAYER")

PREPARING FOR THE JUMPING SEASON

With the conclusion of the autumn racing carnival racegoers' thoughts turn to the jumpers, although it will be three months before the Grand Nationals are run.

Our old friend Mosstrooper, who is entitled to be regarded as one of the best jumpers of all times, has been in work at Caulfield for about two months, and soon will be in racing condition. But, of course, it will be several weeks before he can be expected to show anything like his best form. In all probability it will be at the Birthday meeting at Flemington in June that the Kenilworth gelding will be given a real test.

A pleasing feature of Mosstrooper's work at the moment is that he shows no signs of unsoundness. It will be remembered that in the last G.N. Steeple, when in pursuit of Rakwool, Mosstrooper fell and sustained an injury. If was feared that this mishap might prevent him standing another preparation, but he appears to have fully recovered. Already he has engaged in three National campaigns. He was second to Sandhurst in 1929. Twelve months later he won both the G.N. Hurdle and Steeple, and last year he finished third in the G.N. Hurdle and, as stated above, fell in the big steeple. He also has won the Australian Hurdle, and twice has been successful in the Australian Steeple.

Having completed three strenuous jumping seasons, Mosstrooper is something of a veteran, but actually is only ten years old, and therefore is a young horse, as far as jumpers go. Being a high-class galloper, a genuine stayer and clever jumper, Mosstrooper, is he strikes form, is sure to be prominent in the winter campaign. In the past Mosstrooper has successfully mixed hurdling with steeplechasing, but his efforts this winter probably will be confined to the big timber.

Veteran of the 'Chase

Adit is another 'chaser likely to do well in the winter. His win at Flemington during the Australian Cup carnival proves him to be as good as ever. Another veteran of the 'chase is Sandhurst, who resumed racing at the Williamstown Easter meeting. His form on that occasion points to him winning a minor point event or two, even if he is unequal to winning another National.

Sandhurst is one of the free-going type, therefore he likes to lead the field. Most free-goers lead their fields by virtue of superior pace on the flat, but not so with Sandhurst. He gains his advantage by superior jumping, which explains why he is ever so much better over the stiff country at Flemington than at any other course. P. B. Quinlan has in training at Caulfield a full brother to Sandhurst in Baverlad. This gelding ran a fair race in the Jumpers' Flat at Werribee, and he jumps well in trials. Quinlan holds a good opinion of him, and his efforts during the next few weeks will be watched with interest.

Cockcrow, winner of last year's G.N. Hurdle, and Acceleration, winner of the Australian Steeple, are in training again at Caulfield. Cockcrow has done exceptionally well during his spell, and looks a much better horse than last winter. He may be expected to play a prominent part in the forthcoming season.

Padfield's Methods

A novice hurdler at Caulfield who will bear watching is Llangollen. There was a time when the Rizzio gelding was expected to turn out a fair performer on the flat. On several occasions he ran well in Purse events, showing decided stamina, but he did not make the expected improvement. A couple of months ago he passed into the hands of P. K. Padfield, to be educated as a jumper. At the outset he showed aversion to jumping, but Padfield has had others of the same type to deal with, and rarely has he failed to develop a jumper, for there is no better man with jumpers than Padfield. This trainer believes you can make a jumper of any horse, if you start his education correctly, and have patience. Padfield's method is to start the recruit with the smallest of hurdles, and keep him at them until he has gained full measure of confidence. So we find that Llangollen has got over his early dislike for the battens, and is beginning to jump with real dash. Padfield is confident that the Rizzio—Welsh Maid gelding will be a payable proposition over hurdles.

Jumna, a half-brother by Sarchedon to Mosstrooper, and a stable mate of the last-named, has shown promise in several races, and it will be surprising if he does not earn winning brackets this winter. His owner-trainer, Gus Powell, is very patient, and he has given Jumna plenty of time to become thoroughly seasoned. Another member of Powell's team is Green Don, a Greenstead gelding, whom he expects to prove useful.

In several hunt steeples last winter Jack's Jason showed promising form. This winter he will compete in open company, and as he is now seasoned he may pay his way. He is a fine type of gelding who looks the part of a jumper. His track trials show that he is possessed of more than ordinary pace.

Another who may have to be considered for the big hurdle events is Full Hand. It will be remembered that this imported horse ran fourth in the last Australian Hurdle, rather a creditable performance for a novice hurdler. He was to have been prepared for the Australian Cup, but he hurt himself and had to be spelled. He is, however, all right again, and has resumed training. He is a stable mate of Cockcrow.

Northcote C.Y.M.S. Activities

Cricket

Supporters of the Northcote A cricket team received a rude shock on Saturday when that team received its first setback and incidently lost the chance of being premiers. The game was one in which fortunes see-sawed constantly. At the end of the first day's play Northcote were in a bad position, having lost five for 34 in response to Glen Iris 126. At the conclusion of the first innings Northcote had compiled 113, although the sixth wicket had fallen without addition. Glen Iris, in turn, started well and when play ceased on the 26th inst the score was 3/81. On Monday however, the bowlers were more successful and dismissed Glen Iris for 157, leaving Northcote 171 to win. An excellent start was made and at 5 p.m. rain stopped play for the day with Northcote on top with four for 117. As an hour's play remained these runs would have been obtained and with 54 runs to get stumps were drawn. On last Saturday the match was concluded, the remaining Northcote batsmen being only equal to 22 runs. Northcote were severely handicapped inasmuch as Mithen was unable to bat in either innings. Northcote are runners-up for 1932. The team, however, has put up a sterling performance in being undefeated until the final. Much of the credit is due in no small measure to the untiring efforts of the secretary (Mr. C. Deal) and the team is to be congratulated on possessing such an official.

Mr. Hickey presided over a good muster of members on Monday, April 4. Mr. Peasnell was elected to the branch. The batting average of the A team was won by W. Gartner and J. Buckley carried off the bowling honors. Football practice will now start in earnest. It was decided that the syllabus item be a chairman's competition and the successful members were D. McDonald, 1; W. Gartner, 2; M. Robinson, 3. Mr. Fitzpatrick reported having successfully arranged a trip for the Football team for the King's Birthday. Attention is drawn to an announcement appearing in another column regarding our dance.

Football Notes

Practice will commence at McDonell Park next Saturday. A match has been arranged against Fairfield for 23rd. Several of last year's team are training elsewhere, most important being D. McDonald (Fitzroy), J. Baker (Collingwood), A. Clayden (Preston), and E. Hart (Northcote). The loss of these players will further weaken the team which suffered last year to a greater extent. There are a numbr of recruits who promise to show up. The team will again appear in A grade and will be under the capable secretaryship of C. Deal, assisted by P. McDonald. A trip is being arranged for June 6th week-end. Those interested are asked to hand in their names.

3RD MILITARY DISTRICT SPORTS

On Saturday, April 16, the annual military sports and competition will be held at the Royal Agricultural show grounds. The 3rd Military District comprises the largest portion of the militia troops of the State, and these sports are of a high standard. In the athletics and cycling, leading professional and amateur athletes and cyclists will strive for championship honors. Aeroplanes from Point Cook will zoom overhead, giving displays of formation flying and stunting, and mounted militia men will give thrilling exhibitions of equestrianism, such as pursuit racing, tent pegging and driving, racing with pairs. Artillery and naval troops will rush guns into action and fire blanks, and hands and militiamen will compete in guards, musical contents, physical culture and drill. There will be a wonderful show of color, and of all branches of military training, and it will be well worth while to all who can go to attend.

The secret of polite conversation is never to open your mouth unless you have something to say.

FOOTBALL

JOTTINGS FROM PRESTON

Piper has been granted his clearance to Koroit, where he has been appointed coach.

Cr. Zwar in a new role. The local president officiated in a new role last Saturday acting as official time keeper.

Dowling appears to be quite at home in the mud. Last Saturday he was covered with slush from head to foot, nevertheless it did not act as a deterrent to his efforts.

The conditions were ideal last Saturday. The soaking rain of the morning certainly made the ground soft, but the rays of sunshine in the afternoon and the slight south breeze made the afternoon pleasant.

Very few men of the right tpye are offering. Preston requires bigger men than those presenting themselves at present. The greater percentage of recruits are small men, who will find it difficult to gain a place in the side.

Davies, a lad from the K.S.P., did particularly well. He makes position nicely, kicks well and accurately and is a nippy rover. Last season he captained the South Preston Methodist team which won the premiership, and despite the fact that he was their utility player he was again successful in winning the goal kicking of the competition.

Preston's weakness last season was in the forward position. With the object of strengthening this position invitations have been issued to several players. The most satisfactory to date are Grierson (who played in this position last season with the juniors) and Morgan. The latter quickly makes position and gives every indication of making good, though he plays better on the ball.

Another weakness was the ruck. A junior in Harding was the most conspicuous in this position.

Gall was in his element for his first run and played fairly well.

Monohan captained the red and white's against the blues, who were under the supervision of Hunter. The red and white (composed of last season's players) ran out easy winners against the recruits.

White again played cleverly and looks like regaining his position in the side which he resigned from last season.

Next Saturday most (if not all) of last season's players will be seen in action McEachern, who has been nursing his knee, will strip. Others to take the field will be Smith, Len Stott and P. Spargo. F. Spargo is away in the country and it is doubtful if he will be available.

Having his first run last Saturday, Holliday, colliding with a player in the first quarter, had the misfortune to break his nose.

Piper gave a very steady exhibition, playing for the red and white He was one of the best of the old brigade.

Mooney, who has been "nursed" by for two seasons with the juniors, with the object of filling the full forward position, was given a trial and was not as successful as anticipated.

Cunningham (Nar-nar-goon) Anderson, a small nippy player from Prahran, Dineen (juniors) were the most pleasing of the recruits, though there are not too many vacancies for their style of play.

Davie, Monohan, and Cameron all shaped effectively.

Murphy, a follower and half-back, from Fairfield, has signed up and will be playing to-morrow.

Seebeck (Preston's lofty follower) and Miller have made application to the V.F.A. for positions as umpires.

The scores last Saturday were:—Red and white.—19 goals 14 behinds; Blues.—4 goals 16 behinds. There was little to commend itself in the practice match as the Red and Whites were confronted with weak opposition. This principle helps to dampen the efforts of the recruits when they realise they are hopelessly beaten.

After standing down for a season Grogan re-appeared and felt no effects of his previous injury.

There were again over 1,000 spectators at the match, which was most encouraging to the committee, who are confronted with the somewhat unenviable task of raising the necessary wherewithal to keep a strong representative side in the field.

Summers, as usual, was always in the thick of it. It is doubtful if there is another player in the side who covers the same amount of ground as this irrepressible rover at Preston.

Smith, who also knows how to wield the willow, will take the field for the first time this season. He is about a stone heavier, which should prove of material advantage to him. Smith, who played exceptionally well as full back last season, may be slipped over to a pocket position in defence to permit of Hunter shouldering this responsibility. Smith likes the full back position, though he realises that he is not as good a kick as his captain.

Underhill, who made such a successful debut in the final last season, is getting into his stride and appears likely to hold his place.

It looks as though Campbell will be again called upon to do the shepherding for the ruck men, as at present there are no men available likely to take his place.

An Appeal

The general committee and social committee contemplate selling lucky packets to augment the finances of the club, and with that aim in view, the committees are asking for support from the members and anybody interested in the club's welfare by asking, or a small donation of any useful household article, such as glasses, dishes, ornaments, antiques, &c. The club would be grateful to any donors who could 'phone or write to E. J. Hannah, 124 Elm street, Northcote, JW 3203; P. Clements, 2 Collins street, Preston, JW 1851; or P. Clements, 17 Park avenue, West Preston, JW 2297, who will be pleased to collect any article those interested may feel disposed to donate. Readers remember.—"Your United Support Ensures Success."

IN NORTHCOTE'S CAMP

A scratch match was arranged for last Saturday, after which the officials applied the pruning knife, placing the following new men on their training list:—Bush, Bray, Bracken, Clough, Dowd, T. Fitzgerald, Gough, Hunter, Hull, Hart, Harley, Haysom, Langley, Mullins, Manning, O'Brien, Perry, Thompson, Underhill, Wilson, Willoughby and Williamson.

Cole was in fine form. Apart from bagging 8 goals he played in his true form. Unfortunately he collided with an opponent in the last quarter, necessitating his removal from the ground.

No less than fourteen of the old brigade attended training, the noted absentees being Nicholls (who is travelling with a boxing side show), Seymour, Poulter, Cockram (who is seeking a clearance to Fitzroy), Stockdale (who has been appointed coach at Coburg). Honig, who is training with Melbourne, though he is expected to the old fold, and Brown.

NOTICE TO FOOTBALL CLUB SECRETARIES

The Sporting Editor invites Football Club Secretaries to contribute reports of their club's activities. Reports should be written on one side of the paper only and should reach the Editor AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Northcote officials are quite satisfied with the material at their disposal, and feel confident of fielding a strong representative side.

Various attractions have been launched by the committee, who are confidently anticipating the patronage of their supporters.

Although Cockram has applied for his clearance, Northcote supporters will be pleased to learn that there is a possibility of seeing their reliable full back donning the green and gold guernsey again this season.

Garrett, who was anxious to play for Footscray, has also returned, giving a good account of himself last Saturday.

The Northcote hefty half-back, Briggs, has already revealed his true form by giving a fine display in the scratch match.

Humphries was also a star performer in defence, his dashes being applauded.

Dowd, one of the new blood, was most promising, giving a fine exhibition whilst guarding the entrance to the citadel.

As usual, Ross was in his element, and will be a hard man to beat this season.

Simmonds who has made application for a clearance to Sandringham, played with his customary coolness.

The following recruits were most prominent of those seeking a place in the local 25:—Bracken (half-forward), T. Fitzgerald (wing), Haysom (wing), Manning (half-back), Thompson (rover), Bray (rover), Williamson (following) and Perry (full back).

Smith, who was regarded as one of the star defenders in the V.J.F.A. last season, being awarded the gold medal for the best and fairest player whilst playing for the seconds, is training at Melbourne, and present indications are that his name will be included in the final training list.

Next Saturday another practice match will be held, when strong representative sides will be fielded, after which further reductions to the list is likely to be made.

Rowe, who has again been appointed coach, is settling down to his job early, with the sole object of having his side thoroughly organised and balanced when the ball is bounced on April 23.

Aspirants for inclusion in the side will need to give of their best when the opportunity presents itself, either at training or in the scratch matches. There are not too many vacancies, and they will need to reveal something more than the ordinary if they wish their names to be included in the final selections.

Case of Doug. Nicholls

Mr. T. Coles (Fitzroy) referred to the case of D. Nicholls, the colored player, who had been playing with Northcote and who, he said, was anxious to engage in League football. Suggestions had been made that he was a player disqualified by the Goulburn Valley league, and that he had been accepted by the Association under conditions which rendered him ineligible to become a League player. Correspondence on the subject was read and a motion was agreed to that a permit to play with the League be granted upon Nicholls and officials of the Northcote club furnishing declarations containing the facts relating to his transfer to the Association from Tongala club. It was stipulated that the action of the League was not to be regarded as a precedent.

PRESTON C.Y.M.S. CLUB

The above club has been promoted to A grade in the C.Y.M.S. competition. Although Grogan, White, and Hanrahan are training with Preston seniors they are confident of having a strong team.

Training has commenced at Haxby Park and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday. Intending players are requested to be at the practice match which will be played at Haxby Park.

Any one wishing to join will be welcomed at the Sacred Heart school. room any Monday night when a general meeting is held.

WEST PRESTON CLUB

The committee meeting was held on March 29 at which it was decided to thank the Preston council for granting the use of Crispe Park as their new ground, in conjunction with the Reservoir Club. It was decided to erect a dressing room at the ground. The committee also wish to thank Mr. Hooper, Managing Director of Braithwaite's Pty. Ltd for the assistance he is rendering the club, also Mr. Howe for donation. It was pleasing to the selection committee to see the form shown by the following when training on Wednesday:—W. Cooper, H. Corrie, A. and S. McLaren, E. Pearce, C. Meagher, N. Brooks, A. Catterall and M. Goldstein.

The ladies social committee are holding social evenings weekly in Menhennetts hall in Plenty road. It was also decided to hold a picture night shortly. The West Preston Football Club extends the heartiest invitation to all new players. Training every Monday and Wednesday night at Crispe Park.

THORNBURY CLUB

Training in Full Swing

The above club commenced training at Hayes Park on March 29. New players were E. Cunningham, L. and M. Taaffe, A. Ellis (from Thornbury Sub-District), J. Hughes and H. Kaufman (South Preston Methodists), E. Dunne (Croxton), H. Crocker (Bell Juniors). Several other new men will begin training shortly.

At a meeting the following were elected to the committee:—Messrs. A. E. Bartley, W. Faulkner, G. Clarkson, R. Smith, H. Clack and V. Smith. Mr. J. Cleary (secretary) resigned in favor of Mr. Roy Smith. Mr. H. (Bert) Taylor (late of Collingwood, Northcote and Preston) was appointed coach and is already in charge.

Mr. J. Cleary, last season's captain and coach, was presented with the M.J.F.L. cup for the best full back in the Junior League. It is now being displayed in the window of Mr. Roy Smith, 83 High street, Thornbury.

Following the council's decision in not allotting the club the use of Hayes Park, the club has decided to seek the Fitzroy racecourse. A match will probably be played between old and new players to-morrow. Entries for teams closed on March 29, and the following ten teams will comprise the competition:—Thornbury, Brunswick, West Brunswick, North Melbourne District, Sunshine, Reservoir, South Oakleigh, West St. Kilda, Coburg District and West Richmond.

Mr. H. Porter, the Thornbury jeweler, has donated a medal.

GOLF

THE HEIDELBERG CLUB

All associates were the guests of the president (Mrs. G. F. Atyeo) and the committee to mark the opening of the season. Zinnias, Easter daisies and roses were most artistically arranged by Miss Wippell and Miss Atyeo, making the club house look a picture. The weather in the morning looked far from promising, but the afternoon turned out to be quite hot and the dainty afternoon tea served in the dining room was much appreciated, especially by those who took part in the Canadian foursomes played over 18 holes. Mrs. G. F. Atyeo donated the trophies, which were won by Mrs. J. Cook and Miss L. Day. Committee:—Miss E. Baird (captain), Mrs. F. W. Clarke (hon. secretary), Miss P. Atyeo, Mrs. A. J. Ferguson, Mrs. T. S. Lingford, Mrs. D. J. Stone, Miss A. Wippell, Mrs. G. O. Youren.

Leading scores:—61, Mrs. J. Cook and Miss L. Day (28); 65, Mrs. D. J. Stone and Mrs. E. Sutherland (32); 65, Miss D. Atyeo and Mrs. F. F. Atyeo (32); 65, Mrs. T. S. Lingford and Mrs. G. Balfour (29); 66, Mrs. A. R. Wallis and Mrs. W. Ferguson (27); 66, Mrs. G. O. Youren and Miss I. Bond (34); 67, Mrs. C. L. Evans and Mrs. Krygger (35); 70, Mrs. J. Gray and Mrs. A. J. Norris (36); 70, Mrs. Rhind and Mrs. C. Simpson (35).

FAREWELL SOCIAL AND PRESENTATION

TO POPULAR METHODIST MINISTER

On Monday evening the school hall of the Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church was filled to capacity by members, adherents and friends of the Rev. J. T. Duggleby and family, who are leaving Northcote for South Melbourne. The chair was occupied by the Hon. J. G. Membrey, who read apologies from the Revs. W. H. Chamberlain and S. C. Hadley and Adjutant Quantock.

The chairman spoke of the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Duggleby were held. After his appointment he soon won the hearts of his people, and now they had come to say good-bye to him. Mr. Duggleby had been ably assisted by Mrs. Duggleby, who had identified herself with all the activities of the church. He felt God was leading them and would bless them in the field to which they were going. (Applause).

Mr. J. E. Blackney (Croxton) said he was personally sorry that Mr. Duggleby was leaving. He was a man of large vision and had a thorough grip of all matters. Mr. Murden (Croxton) endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker.

Rev. F. J. Jennings (superintendent of the circuit) felt that Mr. Duggleby was being wrenched away from them, and from his loved work. They had fought against his removal, but Conference would not alter its decision.

Cr. Olver (mayor of Northcote) referred to the good work Mr. Duggleby had done, not only in the church, and to the assistance he had given in civic matters. What he had done had been done ungrudgingly. On behalf of the city council he thanked Mr. Duggleby and wished him success in his new sphere.

Mr. Kellam (High Street Church) endorsed the remarks of previous speakers.

Mr. Archbold (Young Men's Bible Class) also spoke concerning the value of Mr. Duggleby's work. He asked Mr. Duggleby to accept a pair of handsome wooden inlaid vases, the work of a member of the class (Mr. J. Carter).

On behalf of the Church Aid Society and the Young Women's Missionary Movement, Mrs. Sims, in a neat speech, presented Mrs. Duggleby with a gold wristlet watch as an appreciation of love and esteem. Miss Henning ably supported Mrs. Sims.

Mr. Henning, on behalf of the Sunday school, also spoke, and Mr. A. Power presented to Misses Mary and Ruth and Master Duggleby presentation volumes from the Sunday school scholars. Similar presentations were made by Master Keith McLeod, representing the Young Worshippers' League.

Mr. Lavender expressed the loss the circuit would sustain by the removal of Mr. Duggleby.

Mr. Watson (congregation and trustees) said Mr. Duggleby had worked amongst them for four years. Now he has been moved to a higher position, for which he was well qualified. He asked Mr. Duggleby to accept a wallet of notes, and trusted he would be long spared to work in the Master's vineyard. (Applause.)

Rev. S. E. Dorman (Ministers' Fraternal) spoke of the loss the district was sustaining in the removal of Mr. Duggleby, who had always worked in harmony with the other ministers, and had a wonderful influence over the young of the district.

Rev. Duggleby, on rising to respond, was received with long-continued applause. He said he believed the speakers had been sincere in their expressions. The work had grown upon him with the years. He had striven to commend the good, and to alter what he thought was amiss. The church owed a lot to the efforts of the choir, which had worked admirably. He was certain the same help would be given his successor. He would sooner stay at Prince of Wales Park than anywhere, but he looked on his work as being for the Kingdom of God, wherever he might be sent.

Mr. Firth (treasurer) quoted figures illustrating the progress made by the church in recent years. In four years £1202 had been raised, and liabilities had been reduced by £550. In concluding, he thanked the chairman, artists, and all who had assisted to make the function such a success.

The singing of the Doxology and the Benediction concluded a most enthusiastic gathering.

During the evening the following artists contributed: — Vocal duet, "Where My Caravan Has Rested," Misses Meates; recitations, "Old Grime's Masterpiece" and "The Bachelors' Dinner," Mr. Fanning; songs, "My Prayer" and "Here's To Our Next Merry Meeting," Mrs. C. Gardiner.

After refreshments the assemblage took farewell of Mr. and Mrs. Duggleby and family.

TRIBUTES TO MRS. DUGGLEBY

At a farewell gathering to Rev. and Mrs. Duggleby members of the Women's Church Aid, Women's Auxiliary of Foreign Missions and Young Women's Missionary Movement reluctantly bade farewell to their loved and esteemd president, Mrs. Duggleby. Gentle and patient in manner, she endeared herself to one and all and became as one of them. An energetic and enthusiastic worker, she was ever ready and willing to help in any effort put forward in the interest of the church in this corner of the Master's vineyard. As a leader Mrs. Duggleby was always at her post with a bright smile and a cheerful word, winning the love of members, and gaining new members for the family circle. Her readings and social talks were instructive, interesting and helpful to members, and all who heard them. The members wish to thank Mrs. Duggleby for the help and friendship she has so freely given to one and all alike, and can truly say that Mrs. Duggleby proved her love by service to her Master and fellow workers. On behalf of the W.C.A., W.A.F.M. and Y.W.M.M. a wristlet watch was presented, with the hope that Mrs Duggleby would have pleasure in wearing it, that it would be a good time-keeper, and remind her of the many happy associations with the people of Prince of Wales Park.

The members wish Mrs. and Mr. Duggleby every success and happiness in their new circuit, and pray that God's richest blessing will rest upon them in their work, wherever they may be.

POINTED PROVERBS

"NOT YET BANKRUPT"

In spite of what the pessimist may say, we need not be in the forlorn condition of individual bankruptcy yet. Even such a condition financially is not the worst state one can be in. We like the thought of the Spanish proverb, which says:—

"Who loses money, loses much;
Who loses friends, loses more
Who loses hope, loses all."

From our personal experience and observation we can testify to the truth of those words. Even worse than a shortage of ready cash is the tragedy of a friendless life. To be alone in a great city! To be lonely when all around us are those who have abundance of good company! This indeed is poverty. But amid it all, we can keep a brave heart, a cheery face, for even in such an extremity it is possible to look up with hope. This is what sustains so many amid the present conditions. Their simple faith in God is their richest possession, and the message comes to them all:—"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance."

Unemployed Medicine Fund

PRESTON Mothers', Wives' and Sisters' League has forwarded £2/2/ to the fund of the mayor of Preston for medicine for unemployed. A cheque for £5 has also been received from the Preston Boys' Band.

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Church Notices

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE
2nd Sunday after Easter
Preparation for Church Army Mission
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Address.
3 p.m. Sunday School Address.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Address.
Preacher: Captain Dann.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
(Bayview Street)
April 10—2nd Sunday after Easter.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Preacher: The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
Services are being held in the Kindergarten Hall at the rear of the croquet lawn in Shaftesbury Pde.
April 10—2nd Sunday after Easter.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
Preacher: The Rev. J. Carrington, of St. John's, Toorak.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Celebrant and Preacher: The vicar (the Rev. W. H. Chamberlain).

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.
Tyler Street
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Choral Communion.
4 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7 p.m.—Service taken by members of the C.E.M.S. Preacher, Mr. James, chairman, C.E.M.S.

PRESTON CHURCH OF CHRIST
(220 High St., near Bell St.)
SUNDAY SERVICES
11 a.m.—Worship and Communion.
3 p.m.—Bible School Re-union.
7 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
"The Heights of Horeb"
L.O.L. Church Parade
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EAST NORTHCOTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Cnr. Speight St. and Victoria Road.
Sunday, April 10, at 7 p.m.
SPECIAL SERVICE
Of Song and Story by Mr. Fred P. Morris (Australian hymn writer), assisted by Mr. J. Moy Ling (soloist) and members of the Church Choir.
Song Service from 6.45 to 7.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH
Cnr. High and Tyler Sts.
SPECIAL SERVICE
Sunday April 10, at 7 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. C. W. Turner, B.A., Th.L. (recently returned from Fiji).
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Notices

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NOTICE is hereby given that the following functions have been authorised:—
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April 20, 3 p.m.—Musical Afternoon, Town Hall, by Northcote Red Cross and Benevolent Society.
April 20.—Picture Night at Northcote Theatre by Unemployed Association.
April 20, 8 p.m.—Model Aero Display at Town Hall.
May 3 and 4.—Afternoon and Evening, Town Hall, Concert by State School. Four sessions.
May 8.—Massed Bands at Northcote Park.
May 17.—Trial by Jury, Northcote High School, at Town Hall.
The proceeds of the above are in aid of Northcote Relief Funds, therefore the support of the public will be appreciated.
J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk, Honorary Secretary.

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Section 21—(12)
STATEMENT by Clerk of Petty Sessions. I hereby certify that Phillip Patrick Collins, of Gilbert road, Preston, a farmer within the meaning of the Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Act 1931, has made application to the Court of Petty Sessions at Preston for a Protection Certificate. Particulars of applicaton:—
Date of receipt of application.—24th March, 1932.
Full name and address of applicant. —Phillip Patrick Collins, Gilbert road, Preston.
Place where land is situated.—Parish, Jika Jika; part of Crown Portion 187, area 18 acres.
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A MITCHELL STREET FIRE

YOUNG MAN FOR TRIAL ON ARSON CHARGE

RESIDENT'S EARLY MORNING EXPERIENCE

William James Hatfield, of Mitchell street, Northcote, had an alarming experience in the early hours of the morning of March 25, when on getting out of bed to investigate a noise at the rear of his property, he found a kitchenette on fire, and a man standing alongside the burning building. Mr. Hatfield recognised the man, who fled on being disturbed, leaving the premises by means of a ladder set against the fence. Mr. Hatfield ran to the fire station, which is immediately opposite, and obtained the services of the firemen, who quelled the outbreak.

Fourth Fire in Fortnight

In relating his experiences at the Northcote court on Tuesday, Hatfield said this was the fourth fire at his home within a very short period.

Young Man Arrested

Police investigations led to the arrest of Herbert Deane, aged 19 years, who lived with his parents at Mitchell street, Northcote, next to Mr. Hatfield's residence.

Charge of Arson

At the Northcote court on Tuesday Deane was charged with having on March 25 maliciously set fire to a house of William James Hatfield, his wife and two daughters being therein.

Detective-Sergeant Dealey prosecuted, and Mrs. Rosanove appeared for Deane.

Awakened by Noise

William Hatfield, an employe of the Northcote council, said:—On the morning of March 25 I was awakened about 5.15 o'clock, and on investigating I saw a fire burning against a kitchenette at the rear of the house.

Accused Flees

Alongside the fire I saw Deane, whom I have known for about ten years. As I attempted to open a wire door, which is outside the back door, Deane looked round, and, running across the yard, mounted a ladder set against the dividing fence and jumped into the yard at the rear of his home.

I found the wire door difficult to open, as there were some bluestone pitchers and pot plants placed alongside it. As Deane fled across the yard he threw away a tin, which was later found to contain dregs of kerosene.

I rushed to the fire station opposite and obtained the services of firemen, who extinguished the blaze with a chemical extinguisher.

A lattice gate leading to a side passage had been roped up, and across the passage itself a cord had been tied in such a manner as to trip anyone who walked along it.

Evidence of Set Fire

At the seat of the fire was an old broom, some deal and old garments, whilst paint and linseed oil had been spread around. A portion of the wall was burned.

Mrs. Rosanove. You are insured against fire?

Witness.—Yes.

You are certain as to the identity of the man you saw near the fire?—I am positive.

Are you and Mr. Deane unfriendly? —I have had no quarrel with him, but I have not spoken to him for years.

Did he accuse you of breaking his windows?—Yes.

Have you ever threatened to do any harm to Herbert Deane?—No.

Do you sleep soundly?—No. On account of previous fires I have been sleeping "with one eye open."

Det.-Sgt. Deeley.—There have been other fires?—Yes. Four within a fortnight.

Daughter Awakened by Cat

Jessie Florence Hatfield, daughter of the first witness, said:—I was awakened by a cat, and hearing my father go down the passage I followed him.

"There he is! On the ladder!"

My father said, "There he is! On the ladder!" and looking I saw Herbert Deane, whom I could clearly see in the light of the fire and in the bright moonlight.

Cross-examined.—When at the police station you said that Deane was the man you saw on the ladder, did he say, "It is a lie"?

Witness.—Yes.

Fire Officer's Story

Walter Leonard Smythe, station officer at the Northcote Fire Station, said:—At 5.20 a.m. on March 25 I answered a fire call by Hatfield, taking seven men.

Gate Tied With Rope

I found a gate on the side passage tied up with rope, and further down a cord was tied across the passage in such a way as to trip anyone running.

As I was going along the passage I heard a noise as of breaking glass from the direction of Deane's house.

The fire was being extinguished when I got to the yard, Fireman Stewart having gone with Hatfield through the house. About 9 square feet of weatherboards were burned. At the seat of the fire I found an old broom, pieces of deal and some rags as if a fire had been set.

Cross-examined.—There is a lot of shrubbery on the dividing fence between Hatfield's and Deane's?

Witness.—Yes.

Would it be possible for a person to jump across the fence and shrubbery from the top of a ladder?—Yes.

Investigations by Detectives

Detective Banner said:—I examined the scene of the fire about 9 a.m. on March 25. I examined the ladder, and at a spot on Deane's side of the fence, where a person jumping from the ladder was likely to land, there were freshly damaged plants.

Accused Identified

I instructed Hatfield to issue a warrant against Herbert Deane for having been in an enclosed yard without lawful excuse, and, armed with that warrant, I took Herbert Deane to the Northcote police station, where he was identified by William and Jessie Hatfield as the man seen by them in their yard about 5.15 o'clock that morning.

When asked where he had been on the previous night, accused said, "At home," adding that he had gone to bed about 10 p.m., and did not get up until 8 a.m. He denied that he was ever in Hatfield's yard, or that he knew anything about the fire, or the three previous fires at Hatfield's house.

He added, "I have been accused of lighting those fires. I think Hatfield lit them, and he blames me for it." Asked as to what time the windows of his father's house were broken, he said, "About 5.30. That was what woke me up."

Continuing, Det. Banner said:—I asked Deane if it was a fact that he had not left his home much lately, and he replied, "No. They might put something over me."

I asked accused if it was not a fact that he called himself the "Red Terror," and he said, "No. That is what they call me."

Mrs. Rosanove.—You took a pair of trousers from Deane?—Yes.

They were returned when you found that it was not paint that was on them?—They were returned.

Detective Holt gave corroborative evidence.

Committed for Trial

The bench committed Herbert Deane for trial at the Supreme Court on April 16, bail being fixed at £300, with a surety of a like amount.

Det.-Sgt. Deeley.—Might I suggest that it be made a condition of the bond that in the interim the accused should not return to Northcote.

Mrs. Rosanove.—Those tactics are most unfair.

Mr. Hauser, P.M.—We will not make that a condition of the bond, but perhaps the accused would be well advised to stay away from Northcote.

ANOTHER CHARGE ADJOURNED

Herbert Deane was further charged with having on March 25 been found on the premises at Mitchell street, Northcote, without lawful excuse.

After argument this case was adjourned for six weeks, pending the hearing of the case before the Supreme Court.

BREAKING OF WINDOWS

William James Hatfield, Mitchell Mitchell street, Northcote, was charged with having on March 25 wilfully damaged certain windows, the property of Robert Claude Deane.

Mrs. Rosanove made an application that the evidence in this case might affect another charge, and she requested an adjournment.

Mr. R. R. Gray (for Hatfield) opposed the application. He said the informant in this case was not the same man as the defendant in another charge. The charge was a criminal one, and Hatfield had a right to have it disposed of rather than have it hanging over his head.

Glorified Neighbors' Quarrel

Mrs. Rosanove.—The whole thing is really a glorified neighbors' quarrel which had grown to such a vast extent that one of the parties has been charged with arson.

After consideration the P.M. said the feeling of the bench was that the case should be struck out. That would allow the complainant to bring another charge at a later date.

The charge was struck out, Deane being ordered to pay £2/6/0 costs.

FIRE AT TYRE WORKS

WOMAN'S DASH THROUGH FLAMES

£1,000 DAMAGE AT THE INTERNATIONAL WORKS

On Tuesday night a fire occurred at the International Tyre Works, High street, Northcote, which damaged the residence behind and the shop, and stock to a total value of about £1,000.

The International Tyre Works is conducted by Messrs. Thornburn and Davey and the residence at the rear is occupied by Mrs. L. Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson returned home at about 10.30 on Tuesday night, and was in the dwelling at the rear when the telephone rang. On her way to the telephone she knocked over something, and after the telephone call, lit a match to see what it was. The article knocked over was a tin containing solution used in retreading tyres, which solution is very inflammable. The solution caught fire, and Mrs. Anderson was trapped in the shop.

Through the Flames

She made a dash through the flames her hair and dress being singed and reaching her children in the residence behind hurried them to safety.

The fire brigade was called, and soon had the fire under control, but not before the flames had swept up the stairway leading to the upper story, and causing a fair amount of damage. A rack of tyres in the room at the rear of the shop caught fire and the smoke from this issuing in a thick black pall, soiled stocks of tyres in the shop. There is an insurance of about £800 on the contents of the shop, but Mrs. Anderson's furniture was not covered.

The front portion of the building, in which the retreading business is carried on was not damaged except by smoke, and Messrs. Thornburn and Davey expect that business will be in full swing again on Monday. An announcement to that effect appears elsewhere, which also states that special lines of smoke-damaged tyres will be offered at big reductions on list prices.

Preston Girls School Mothers' Club

THE Mothers' Club held their monthly meeting on April 13 when Dr. Mary Thornton gave an interesting address on "The Growing Girl" to about sixty mothers. A special meeting will be held on April 27 at 2.45 to discuss holding a jumble sale in the near future.

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TROUBLES OF THE MAN ON THE LAND

INVESTIGATING THE MOUSE PLAGUE.—Mr. D. Murnane, of the veterinary school, Parkville, is reporting to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research his investigations into the plague of mice. He has under observation mice caught in the wheat stacks at Wedderburn.
Photo by Courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

NORTHCOTE CENTRAL RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The appeal launched by the Mayor is continuing to receive much support The Northcote Younger Set has appointed Miss Maisie Gould to represent it in the Queen Competition and members of the set are working enthusiastically. The committee supporting the ladies representing the Wimble Workingmen's Club, the A.W.A. and the Northcote Unemployed Association are also very busy and good progress is reported from day to day.

The Church of Christ, High street, has raised its quota speedily which is greatly appreciated.

During the coming week several functions are listed. On Wednesday afternoon the Red Cross and the Benevolent Societies will hold a musical afternoon in the Town Hall. A first-class programme will be presented and afternoon tea served. In the evening the Model Aero Club of Victoria will give a display of model 'planes. Exhibitions will be given of various classes of model 'planes. Admission is 9d. Also on the same evening the Unemployed Association is holding a theatre party in the Northcote theatre.

The concerts arranged by the State schools and the High school are well in hand together with other functions information of which will be published later.

Details of the massed band recital in the Northcote Park on May 8 have been finalised, arrangements having been made for the seven bands in the city to give a recital, further particulars of which will be announced later.

A cash donation of £2/2/ from Lawrence Leathers Pty. Ltd is acknowledged.

WESTGARTH

On Saturday afternoon at the University, Miss Eileen Costigan, of South Crescent, Westgarth, a student of Newman College, received the Diploma of Education.

A parlor bowls team has been entered for the 1932 competitions of the Metropolitan Council of the H.A.C.B.S. by the Northcote branch, the team being included in the Northcote section.

ANZAC DAY

CIVIC MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mr. J. A. Thomson, Town Clerk, elsewhere issues an invitation to citizens to attend the Northcote Town Hall on Monday, April 25, at 8 p.m. when a service will be held under the direction of the Mayor and Councillors, R.S.S.I.L.A. Fathers' Association and the local clergy. All are welcome.

Early Selections for Caulfield

(Subject to scratchings)

HURDLE RACE (1.30)	
ISOCRATES	1
TACITURN	2
SKIRMISH	3
TWO-YEAR-OLD (2.30)	
DUTCHIE	1
ROYAL REST	2
SEGATI	3
GLENHUNTLY HANDICAP (3.5)	
DARPUNA	1
PRINCE DAYTON	2
SHADOW KING	3
STEEPLECHASE (3.40)	
PRINCE RADIUM	1
SANDHURST	2
DRAKE	3
GLENFERRIE HANDICAP (4.15)	
MURAL CROWN	1
AMY'S FLIGHT	2
WALTER SCOTT	3
BRIGHTON HANDICAP (4.50)	
BINNA	1
FOURSOME	2
AUTO PAY	3

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Preston Pars.

Regent Central Progress Association Australian Tea

IN connection with the Australian tea organised by the ladies' committee of the Regent Central Progress Association, Mrs. H. P. Zwar has consented to open the function. The proceeds are in aid of the medical appeal.

Preston Court Quarterly Returns

MR. Prowse, assistant clerk of courts, supplies the following particulars for the quarter ending March 31: Cases heard, 278; convictions 69; one committal for trial; 21 dismissals; debt claims £927, £594 being awarded. Ejectment orders were 33, and 51 miscellaneous cases were dealt with. Attendances of justices of the peace:—Mr. O. Walker, 13; Mr. McMahon, 8; Messrs. Zwar, Hooper, Jones and Lewis, 1 each. The police magistrates who attended were Messrs. Wade, Hauser, Stafford and Cunningham.

Baby of the Council

AT a recent social gathering at South Preston, Cr. A. E. Newton, who presided, said during the proceedings, "Let me introduce you to the baby of the Preston council." Then Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., stepped forward to speak to the audience, when Cr. Newton added, "Would any lady present like to nurse the baby?" As to matter of fact, the remarks of Cr. Newton raised a great deal of laughter, in which Cr. Zwar joined heartily. None of the ladies in attendance, however, responded to Cr. Newton's invitation, much as they admired the goodly proportions of "the baby," who made a speech which was frequently applauded by the large audience.

Leap Year Club

A HOUSE party in connection with the Leap Year Club is to take place at the residence of Mrs. S. Gray, Town Hall avenue.

Excelsior Boys' Band

A CONCERT under the auspices of the above band will take place in the Preston town hall. Ten per cent of the proceeds will be handed to the mayor's medicine fund.

Anzac Service

AS Anzac Remembrance service is being arranged for by the Preston branch R.S.S.I.L.A. in Preston town hall.

West Preston State School

MISS Norma Waters, B.A., assistant teacher, has been transferred to Hawthorn West. Miss Waters intends continuing her studies at the Training College in order to secure the Diploma of Education.

A group of pupils from the school will pay a visit to the collection of wild nature drawings, paintings and photographs in Flinders street, City.

Much annoyance was caused on Tuesday evening during the practice by the behaviour of a number of ill-mannered youths, said to be members of another boys' band in Preston, proceeded to the school and threw stones on the building where the practice was proceeding. The police are making inquiries into the matter, and it is possible that summonses will be issued against the alleged offenders.

Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., will open a bazaar in aid of school activities in Preston town hall. Every effort is being put forward by the Mothers' and Fathers' Clubs to ensure success of the bazaar.

Alleged Loitering With Intent

ON Wednesday morning a youth 17 years of age was noticed loitering in High street, Preston, in a suspicious manner. Constable Rosewarne warned the lad to make himself scarce, but he declined to do so. The result was that Rosewarne took the boy to the Preston watchhouse, where he was searched. In his pockets were found a screw driver and a large stone. Questioned as to what he was carrying the articles for, a reply was received to the effect that it was the lad's intention to break an adjacent street window and steal a bicycle, which was on sale. The police decided to prefer a charge of loitering with intent to commit a felony against the boy, who will appear next week in the children's court.

Soccer Football

NEXT Saturday afternoon Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., will kick off the ball at the soccer football match between Preston and St. Kilda clubs. The match will take place in Bransgrove's paddock on the corner of Hotham and Bell streets, Preston.

Valedictory

ON Saturday evening there was a large gathering in the Methodist Church, Yarra street, the occasion being a farewell to Rev. H. Williams, who for three years occupied the pulpit at that place of worship. The chair was occupied by Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P. The following artists contributed to an enjoyable programme:—Miss Daphne Cheesley, piano solo; Mesdames Hughes and Hamilton vocal duet; Miss McGladden, solo; Mr. J. Fanning, recitation. The speakers were:—Messrs. J. Kirkwood, Gray, J.P., T. Fanning, Adjutant Inglis, Mr. Stan Myllus and Mrs. Myllus. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were presented with a cheque from adherents of the church.

Fires

PRESTON firemen were called out on two occasions on Tuesday last. The first call was to an outbreak at the Returned Soldiers' Mental Home at Bundoora. The first fire in the centre of the building was damaged considerably by the fire.

At the motor tyre repairing shop at Thorbury and Davey, High street, Northcote, considerable damage was done by fire and smoke to the stock, owing to rubber solution coming in contact with a naked light. There were insurances amounting to £1260 on the building.

Medical Officer's Annual Report

THE annual report of Dr. W. H. Steel, medical officer to the City of Preston, says the general standard of health has been maintained. The mean population of Preston was 29,850 for 1931, a gain of 690 as compared with 1930. Births were 374 as against 490 last year. The figures given in the Government Statistician's report are 417, showing a large proportion of births in Queen Victoria and the Women's Hospitals. The deaths registered numbered 147. The total number of infectious diseases was 232—a decrease. Sanitation and drainage services had worked well during the year. The report says, "There are always a few people who prefer to sit with folded hands and rusty spades and blame the council for the bronchitis and sore throats of their children." There are 1,000 sanitary pans in use as against 1400 last year. With the greater amount of horse traffic since the depression, there has been little, if any, increase in the dust nuisance. The bathing pool in Frank street is crowded in hot weather, and the chlorination plant has worked as hoped for. Edwardes Park Lake has also been much used and is a big asset to the community. Parks and gardens have been kept in good order. The work of the health inspector has, as usual, been well and conscientiously done in the registration and inspection of eating houses, offensive trades, butchers', bakers' premises, etc. Fines and costs for infringements of the Adulterated Foods Act totalled £114 for the year, and over 116 food samples were taken. The general quality of milk sold has been surprisingly good, though, perhaps, a little "thinner" than in previous years. The Baby Health Centre has had another successful year. Total attendances of mothers and babies number 10,309. The centre is now being carried on single-handed by Sister Holland.

South Preston State School

A SUCCESSFUL euchre party was held at the residence of Mrs. Jenner, Butler street, last Wednesday evening. A fair number of friends were present. The fund is to assist the flower stall at the fete, coming bazaar. The fund is to be used to open a kitchen to supply the children with cocoa and soup during the coming winter.

High Street Traders' Association

FUNDING that it is impossible for the council, owing to the financial position, to install a white way, it has been decided by the above association to ask all shopkeepers in High street to keep their windows lighted until 9.30 each evening.

Women's National League

MEMBERS of the above are reminded that the annual meeting will be held in the Preston town hall (supper room) on Monday, April 18, at 2 p.m. This is a most important meeting and it is hoped that every member will be present and bring their friends and prospective members. A speaker from Central will have something of vital importance to say to every woman who has any interest in the welfare of women and children. Women need to know and understand how and why we are in our present condition, and how we can help to rectify these matters for the benefit of the present and future generations. The Women's National League stands for all that is good, particularly for women and children. Members whose subscriptions have lapsed, and women who wish to join up with this league and help us to help ourselves, are cordially invited to come. If any financial members have been overlooked and have not received a notice, please accept this notice.

Preston Boys' Band

AT the usual monthly meeting of parents on Thursday evening considerable comment was made in reference to the Victorian Bands League, the management being considered anything but satisfactory. As the band's delegates (Messrs. J. W. Christie and C. Frank) have received definite instructions to act upon, a satisfactory improvement should be noticed. On Saturday evening last at the usual weekly social, Mr. Christie, the popular senior vice-president, was overcome by sudden illness. He is now under medical care and is improving. The band assisted the Helidelberg Band last Sunday. This wonderful spirit of helping those in need is to be commended, and is perhaps a modern exposition of the greatest of all men, who, in His time, and in the ways of those times, also went about doing good.

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EVELYN ELECTORATE

OPPOSITION FOR MR. EVERARD

Cr. M. A. Ferguson, President of the Whittlesea Shire Council, who intended contesting the Upper Goulburn seat has decided to contest the seat for Evelyn as a United Australia Party candidate. All Cr. Ferguson's interests are in the Whittlesea district where he is actively engaged in dairy farming. He is a group leader of the Young Nationalist Association and he took a prominent part in the Federal campaign in support of Mr. Casey M.H.R. for Corio. Cr. Ferguson held the rank of captain in the field artillery in the A.I.F. during the great war and was awarded the M.C. and decorated three times for courage and prescience in the field. Mr. W. H. Everard (U.A.P.) is the present member.

General

Interest on the part of football clubs in the district seems to be lacking. At a meeting of the Bourke-Evelyn Association only three teams were represented and it was decided not to form the association this year. Whittlesea has secured admission to the Panton Hall Association. There are six teams competing viz. Whittlesea, Kinglake (Wanderers) Yarra Glen, Queenstown, Plenty, Hill and Hurstbridge. Matches will commence on May 7 when Whittlesea will meet Queenstown at Queenstown.

Farmers would appreciate a spell of fine weather for ensilage operations. Natural feed is very plentiful and grass is reported to be so prolific for years. Maize crops have made remarkable growth.

The Whittlesea Tennis Club tendered Miss Edna Howell, secretary, a kitchen tea social and some useful gifts were made. Miss Howell was married on Saturday in Christ Church.

Rev. R. J. Rowell in charge of Christ Church for the last six months, is leaving, having been appointed as vicar of Berwick.

Cricket

Shire Association Semi-final.—Humevale 105, (Draper 28, Eaton 27, G. Parker 18, Adams 15, Deanshaw 12, E. Parker 4/37, T. Parker 2/11, C. Clancy 2/28, v Whittlesea, one innings and 12 runs. Match to be continued next Saturday.

FLOWER SHOW AT RESERVOIR

On Saturday afternoon a successful flower show was held in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Reservoir, in aid of the funds of the Sunday school of that church. The superintendent introduced Mrs. J. T. Hembrow, who, after expressing her delight at being present and congratulating the school on such a fine outlook for the show open. There was a large attendance and brisk business was done among the cut flowers, also in produce, cakes and sweets, while the refreshment section was kept busy during afternoon teas. A varied programme had been arranged by the indefatigable secretary (Mrs. J. R. Irwin). In which Miss McFadzean, of Preston, sang two songs very sweetly, while two of the scholars, Misses Irene Knowles and Margaret Goding, gave recitations and were heartily applauded. So fine were the exhibits that the judges, Messrs. Lockwood and Hawthorn, had great difficulty in deciding the winners in the different classes, which included dahlias, cactus, chrysanthemums, carnations, gladioli and roses. The judges of the cakes and scones were Mesdames Davidson and Thrower. The following ladies were in charge of the various stalls:—Flowers, Mesdames Frost and Baker; cakes, Mrs. Armstrong; garden produce, Mesdames Gatlin and Poulson; sweets, Mrs. Haslam; refreshments, Mesdames Dunlop and Mitchell, at which Mrs. Thrower was ably assisted by girls from the senior school. The exhibition surpassed the most sanguine expectations, and bids well to become an annual event.

Northernhay C.C. Social and Dance

The club held an enjoyable function on Tuesday night in the shape of a social and dance in St. Mary's hall, Preston. There were about 100 present and among these were the president (Mr. Gibbs), Mrs. Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Messrs. Gibbs, Gilligan and Buist, vice-presidents. Also representatives of the following clubs attended: Land Department, Clan, Royal, Rosehill, Coburg, Roseneath, Erskine, Norman Bros and East Preston Ramblers. A splendid programme of games and dances had been arranged by the social committee and was in the hands of an efficient M.C. (Mr. Cyril Page). The programme went without a hitch. A song and dance act by the little Misses Finlay was excellent and Master Jack Hildebrand received applause when he gave a splendid recitation. After a fine supper by the ladies, the president welcomed the visitors and congratulated the players and members on an excellent season. Mr. Dupe (captain) replied on behalf of the players. A delightful touch was added to the evening's enjoyment when Mr. Dunstan asked little Jean Dupe and Audrey Marriott to present Mrs. Gibbs with a bouquet of carnations. Mr. Gibbs then presented the trophies.—A bat to J. Pike (batting average); a bat to H. Hurtington, fast bowler, (bowling average); and a special bowling trophy to W. Hildebrand. Mr. W. Gilligan received a cup for being the best all rounder; Messrs J. Buchan and P. Dupe received trophies for catches. Mr. Scott was presented with a letter of thanks and an honorarium for his services as umpire and Mr. R. Dunstan a wallet for his services as scorer. The members presented Mr. Edgar, the secretary, with a fountain pen and Mrs. Edgar with a bouquet for their help to the club. Mr. Irish also congratulated the club on a successful season and wished them further successes. After the programme Mr. Dunstan moved a hearty vote of thanks to the social committee which was warmly seconded by Mr. Gilligan sen. Mr. Gilligan jun. responded after which the gathering dispersed.

The Preston Swimming Club held dances in the Preston city hall every Wednesday night. A Bohemian orchestra dispenses the rythm, and those attending are assured of a good evening's enjoyment. An advertisement appears in the amusement column.

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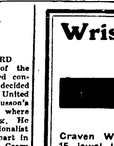

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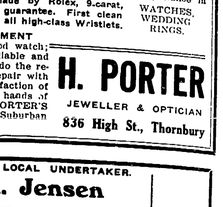

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LIFE-SAVING AND SWIMMING

(By J. Forz)

To remedy effect, it is generally admitted that the cause should be found, analysed, and proceeded against. The cause of death by accidental drowning is doubtless the fact that all persons are unable to swim freely or that many who can swim can not assist a person in danger of drowning when the occasion arises. In the effort to minimise and eventually eradicate the causes various local bodies, notably State school authorities, life-saving and swimming clubs, the Boy Scouts movement and others are, by their activities, doing much in this regard.

Let us take, for example, the local State school's effort during the past season. We are at present fortunate that we have headmasters and teachers on the staffs of the various schools in our district with the necessary enthusiasm and ability to teach swimming and life-saving to their pupils. The parents of the children concerned and also the swimming branch of the Education Department of Victoria are loud in their appreciation of these efforts.

At the recent examinations held at the Northcote Municipal Baths by the Victorian Education Department (examiners Miss Eddy and Mr. Egan) the following record results were achieved:—

Northcote High School

Head teacher Mr. Johnson; swimming master Mr. Day.

Instructress Medallion.—Thomas Stevens, George D. McAlpine, George Lewis, Surrey Maher, Ron Burke, Ron Lovitt, Laurence Pelham, Jack Stacy, Reg. Baxter, Valden Bailey, Kenneth Croker, Glen Forsyth, Harry Dennison, Campbell Bell, Robert Taylor, Leslie Hoole, Colin Rimmington, Geoff Furnell, Bernard Bignell, Norman Bond, Leo Cornelius, Ian White, Frank Telfer, Max Hainpiper, Ron Corlett, Fred Jones, Robert Dance, Derek Waterson, Douglas Wardell, Jack Holroyd, Edwin Hulett, Ronald Sharkie, Jeffrey Marriage.

Senior Certificate.—Ron Burke, Valden Bailey, Ian White, Derek Waterson, Norman Bond, Leo Cornelius, K. Griffiths, J. Walker, G. Loughland, R. McKerrow, W. Brandon, A. Vaughan, G. Davies, A. Bell, F. Secrett, A. Moon, E. Emery and Mr. L. Stacey, M. Slavin, A. Cowcos.

Junior Certificate.—E. Barnett, W. Wood, J. Gilbert, E. Hill, L. Hill, A. Frazer, W. Shewan, V. Travers, J. Timmins, A. Grinblatch, R. Wuchatsch, A. Jordon, H. Smalley, J. Osborne, G. Critchley, R. Edwards, C. Brewer, W. Wilkinson, A. Koechler, L. Roberts, C. McDermott, Read, V. Collins, E. Shaw, R. Muller, L. Fluck, G. Webb, R. Fowler, R. Smith, A. Harvey.

Thornbury State School

Head master Mr. William E. Hall; swimming instructors, Messrs H. Huthnance, F. G. Ely, J. Monagle, and F. Ayers,

Junior Certificate Passes (Boys).—Allan Davies, Leslie Harvey, William Alderson, Douglas Brooks, William Reidy, Fred Stabb, Dave Akeroyd, Jack McLean, Jack Griffiths, John Goldsworthy, Leslie Carrit, Rupert Lidstone, Colin Barnett, Thomas Martin, Herbert Christian, Fred Schultz, Charles Jones, William Hodges, Jack Auty, Allan Harris, William Johnson, Leonard Bath, Alfred Spain, Roy Tullis, Arthur Ransome, Albert White, Edward Cahill, Charlie Evans, Harry Plant, Ronald Jager, Allan Dyte, Morrison Dalgleish, Allan McLean, Jack Payne, Leslie Atwell, Ronald Rae, Arthur Hainwaring, Leo Donat, Frank Leggo, Walter Evans, Ernest Briggs, Victor Miles, William Faulkner, Jack Bridges Maurice Woodrich, Keith Stevens, Ian Thompson, William Lynas, John Feihenridge, Edward Barrie.

Passed Senior Certificate.—Walter Bailey, Douglas Hince, Ralph Downes William Pitman, Geoffrey Dermer, Thomas Moffitt, Frederick Ayers (teacher).

Thornbury Girls

Swimming instructresses, Misses Harkness, Little, Warren and Kewin.

Junior Certificate.—Violet Rowe, Lois Langfield, Lorna Payne, Hazel Fillmore, Norma Buckley, Lesda Christian, Joyce Cox, Beryl Gerrard, Ina Dalgleish, Elsie Scott, Shirley Marks, Norma Drew, Joyce Banks, Florence Adams.

Results of examinations of Westcarth and Wales Street, Pender's Street and Fairfield will be given next issue.

Northcote Horticulturists' Successes

Competing at the Essendon Horticultural Society's autumn show on 2nd inst., Mr. W. Beattie, of Northcote exhibited the champion rose of the show (Mrs. Beatty), while a week later at Coburg Horticultural Society's autumn show, Mr. H. Bailey, also of Northcote, exhibited the champion rose (Duchess of Portland). Still another Northcote grower was successful on the same day at Brighton, when Mr. A. L. Harry exhibited the champion dahlia.

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CHURCH NEWS

St. Mary's C. of E.

The preacher last Sunday was Mr. James, a president of the Church of England Men's Society, who gave an interesting address on the work done by the society in the church, showing how members can find some way in which they can help in strengthening the spiritual life of the parish. Several new members were initiated into the branch before a crowded congregation. A feature of next Sunday's services will be the singing of well-known hymns.

High Street Methodist

A musical service was held on Sunday afternoon, Rev. F. J. Jennings being the preacher. The choir and the Croxton Quintette Party contributed special items.

Croxton Methodist

The preacher on Sunday was Mr. J. E. Blackney, who by request, redelivered his sermon on "The New Song."

P.W.M.U.

A meeting of the Thornbury branch was held in the Thornbury Presbyterian Church on April 7. The meeting, an "At Home," was to assist the fund of the "No Retreat" Missionary movement. A competition was won by Mrs. A. Harris. Songs were contributed by Mrs. C. Gardiner and Miss Manning and a recitation by Miss Thompson.

All Saint's

The Church Army began a mission at All Saint's Church, Northcote, on Sunday last. Captain Dann addressed a large congregation. The campaign will close on Monday next, when special services will be conducted by the captains.

Croxton Methodist

At the monthly P.S.A. on Sunday there was a large congregation and Mr. J. E. Blackney presided. The speaker was the Hon. Samuel Mauger who took as his subject "New Things." The address was enthusiastically received and the chairman expressed thanks to Mr. Mauger. The musical items were Mrs. Fanny Fletcher, of Sunshine and the elocutionist was Mr. Gordon Sheldrick.

Church of the Epiphany

On Monday evening a meeting of representatives of all church organisations was held to discuss the Whitsuntide appeal. The ladies provided supper and Mrs. Court, Miss Rickerby, A. E. Emery and Mr. Oates (recitation) were the artists. Mrs. Cohen presided at the piano.

The Rev. Dr. Crotty addressed the Girl's Friendly Society on Tuesday on his recent trip to England.

The Bishop of St. Arnaud is expected to preach on Whitsunday and Rev. H. B. Hewitt, of St. Andrew's, Brighton, is to be a speaker at the convenzione.

Thornbury Presbyterian

The anniversary services of the Sunday school were continued last Sunday, the pulpit being occupied by Rev. A. N. Nathan (Port Melbourne) Mayor of Northcote (Cr. Oliver), and Rev. J. J. Robertson (Surrey Hills) at 11a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. respectively. On each occasion a large congregation was present. The singing of the children, trained and conducted by Mr. J. Wilson, was an enjoyable feature.

The anniversary social was held on April 6 and there was a good attendance. After tea an enjoyable social hour was spent listening to an address by Dr. W. A. Sanderson, vice-president of the Distorical Society of Victoria

St. Aidan's

On Sunday at evensong Rev. J. O. Hughes dedicated a Bible presented by Mrs. Hooks, sen., of Francis grove.

The cricket club held a successful social under the management of the secretary and treasurer.

The basket ball team is practising well, in view of the early commencement of the G.F.A. competition.

The tennis club is still enrolling new members.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

Rev. John Carrington officiated at matins on Sunday morning taking for his subject "The significance of Christ's resurrection." At evensong the vicar (Rev. W. H. Chamberlain) delivered an address on the comparative values of man and brute creation The sermon was based on the scriptural passage "How much then is man better than a sheep." Holy Communion at 8 a.m. on Sunday next will be celebrated by the G.F.S., and a large gathering of members is anticipated. Choral Eucharist will follow at 11 a.m. with evensong at 7 p.m., the vicar officiating. This Saturday the Holy Trinity Kindergarten is conducting a monster sports meeting in the grounds of the Thornbury State School, Fulton street. It is expected that a well-known brass band will be present and the attendance of a large rally of children is expected. We urge all who seek excellent entertainment to visit this function; admission is 6d. and refreshments will be freely distributed. Readers are requested to watch for the announcement of a novel competition in connection with the Kindergarten. All the schemes executed by the kindergarten staff are proposed so that funds will be provided for the installation of the font in the new church.

On April 19, at 8 p.m., a euchre party will be held in the marquee. The function is being arranged by the Ladies' Restoration Fund Auxiliary and promises to be successful. Included among the many efforts to raise funds for the restoration of the Holy Trinity properties, is a picture night.

Preston Methodist Churches

The quarterly meeting was held at Thomastown on April 6. Owing to the inclement weather, the attendance was not as large as usual. Membership.—Same as last year, adults 347 and juniors 150.

The chairman (Rev. F. C. Bremer) extended a hearty welcome to Rev. Guy, recently returned from missionary work in Papua, and who has been residing in Preston for some months, but has now been appointed to the Mildura circuit. Rev. Guy stated that he had not been present at a European quarterly meeting for sixteen years.

The stewards were requested to forward letters of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Marley, also to Mr. W. Ashby whose father was spent listening to an address by Mrs. Marley, also to Mr. W. Ashby whose father is seriously ill. In presenting the financial statement, the senior steward (Mr. R. Tivey) stated that it was a great pleasure to announce a welcome increase in income. Receipts were £164/19/ and expenditure £165/11/11, a deficit of only 12/11 which has been met from the credit balance which now stands at £34/12/9. Reservoir Sunday School are making a big effort at the coming anniversary on the 1st, 8th and 15th May. Proceeds towards their new buildings. Foreign Mission Sunday, April 8.

Sunday Schools are all doing well, is the report of the visitor, Mr. W. A. Pearce. The half-yearly union rally has been held but attendance was very small. Reservoir and West Preston are running even for the shield with 55 marks each. State School being visited for religious instruction was reported by Rev. Brewer but that is still work in this direction for volunteers. It was decided to recommend to the various Leaders' meetings that favorable consideration be given to the holding of a simultaneous mission during the same period as that of last year. Temorary sustentation fund of Home Mission Society for help of struggling Circuits. After discission of this decision of conference, it was decided to take a retiring collection for the fund and also to guarantee that the donation be not less than £2/2/2 for the quarter.

Discussion took place re East Preston. The committee recommended that a student be engaged for thirteen weeks, to canvas the district, work in the Sunday School and to hold service if possible. The recommendation was adopted. It being thought that this move should show the possibilities of the district. Sister Lois also offered her services in this direction, her offer being gratefully accepted. Mr. Tivey reported humorously on experiences at conference, also mentioning the serious financial position of some circuits.

Next meeting will be held at Preston, July 6.

NORTHCOTE CITIZENS' AND SOLDIERS' BAND

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, there being a full attendance. The chair was occupied by Mr. Frank Jones (vice-president). A letter was received from the president (Mr. E. Fellowes) apologising for non-attendance on account of serious illness. It was also reported that Mr. Frank Smith was unfortunately laid aside with sickness. It was decided to forward letters to these gentlemen expressing the sympathy of the members.

The chairman made his report and congratulated the band on its recent successes in competitions at Williamstown, Maryborough and Shepparton. The balance sheet showed the band's affairs to be satisfactory. A vote of thanks with an indefinite, was accorded the executive officers for the capable manner in which they had handled the business of the band during the past 12 months.

A good deal of routine business was transacted. It was unanimously decided to take part in the services on Anzac Day—in the morning at the Returned Soldiers and Sailors' service at the Memorial Hall, and at the service in the town hall in the evening; also to take part in the march in the afternoon. It was resolved that a record be placed on the books of the valuable services rendered to the band by Mr. and Mrs. E. Fellowes, who for a number of years have taken a keen interest in the welfare of the band, and whose efforts are warmly appreciated by the members.

The election of officers resulted:—President, Mr. Frank Jones; vice-president, the mayor (Cr. W. Oliver), Cr. S. Dennis, Cr. J. Green, Mr. J. A. Thomson, Mr. H. Mitchell, Mr. Marshall (president, R.S.S.I.L.A.), Dr. E. Osborne, Mr. W. A. Walker, Mr Bert Clarke; secretary, Mr. Chas. Sweetland; treasurer, Mr. C. Pritchard; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Angus; auditors, Messrs. W. A. Walker and F. J. Smith; committee, Messrs. J. Sulliman, C. Crandon, G. Rumney, A. Elliott, W. Hynson.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was accorded to subscribers who have so generously given to the band funds during the past twelve months. A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, and the meeting closed.

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

NORTHCOTE BRANCH

Members and ladies will visit the Soldiers' Mental Hospital at Bundoora on Sunday next, and the Thornbury and District Car Club has consented to provide the transport. All citizens interested are invited to attend and help to brighten the lot of the inmates.

Community singing will commence at the Memorial Hall on April 22, at 8 p.m. Mr. Ted Nelson will conduct and something good is promised. Citizens are advised to watch the advertising columns of the "Leader" next Friday for particulars of the Anzac Commemoration Service at the Memorial Hall.

The branch billiards team is still undefeated in the inter-branch billiards tournament.

The branch membership is still showing improvement, and with the formation of the branch Ladies' Auxiliary there is every prospect of a good year.

Several members paid a visit to Fern Tree Gully branch last Thursday evening and were given a wonderful time. Arriving home in the early hours of Friday morning, our wives agreed that you cannot help getting "punctures."

Forty-five ladies attended a meeting in the Memorial Hall last Wednesday afternoon and formed a Ladies' Auxiliary. The soldiers' president (Mr. H. S. W. Marshall) and Messrs. J. Quinn and A. Allie addressed the meeting and were well received. It was decided to extend an invitation to the officers of the Preston Ladies to be present at next meeting, when a syllabus will be arranged. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. H. S. W. Marshall; vice-presidents, Mrs. A. Clewley and Mrs. L. Raine; treasurer, Mrs. W. Coulthard; secretary, Mrs Staff; committee, Mesdames Quinn, Hart, Emmerson, Nancarrow, Salvado, Williams, Ashworth, Higgins, Hills, Peterson, Campbell, Allie.

SCHOOLBOY ASSAULT CHARGE

THE CASE WITHDRAWN

About a month ago an assault charge Ross Wilson v. Mrs. Baker, of Thornbury was heard at Northcote Court, and in the absence of the defendant she was fined £5.

The case, Mrs. Barry explained, was the sequel to an assault charge in which Mrs. Baker's son, a schoolboy aged 12, and another schoolboy, Ross Wilson, living in the same street, had been concerned.

Mrs. Baker naturally had been very interested in the matter. She had been granted a re-hearing of the case as she had not appeared at the court when it was originally dealt with, because she had mistaken the date of the trial.

An application for a re-hearing made by the court last week was granted and the case again came before the Northcote Court on Tuesday when counsel for the defendant said that after a consultation with Mr. A. E. O'Connor (for complainant), an agreement had been reached to ask the court to allow the case to be withdrawn. From the facts it would appear that the cause of the affair was as the result of a quarrel between two schoolboys, one of whom was Mrs. Baker's son.

Mr. O'Connor intimated that he consented to the application for a withdrawal, and this the bench granted.

A special summons Ross Wilson v. Mrs. Baker claiming damages was settled.

HORSE DRIVEN FURIOUSLY

MAN FINED £2

At Northcote Court on Tuesday, Louis Meers, sadder, South street, Preston was fined £2 on a charge that he furiously drove a horse and cart in Collins street, Thornbury on February 26.

The police evidence showed that the cart was driven along Collins street at a very fast rate by Meers, who kept urging the horse on by slapping it with the reins. Mrs. Mary Muir, of Collins street said the cart swayed from side to side as it proceeded, and that children were playing in the street at the time. Const. Feldtman said that though he chased Meers in a bicycle he could not catch him until he stopped at a dairy in Dundas street.

Meers said that he took half an hour to cover two miles and his speed was never excessive. Milk cans rattling in the cart might have given an impression that he was travelling fast.

Fined £2 with 8/ costs.

Preston First Aid

MEMBERS of the First Aid Class being held at the town hall are:—Messrs. J. Hone, A. Barr, R. Bell, L. Blewett, W. C. Cassin, E. Davis, J. L. Greathead, E. Hacking, J. Hesline, W. A. Lafranchi, E. McFaul, J. E. Membrey, J. L. Mundy, W. Manning, N. D. O'Neil, H. Quinton, J. Semens, G. A. Sheidrick, G. Stewart, I. A. Stewart, R. Todd, A. Tucker, F. Williams, F. Willis, L. C. Windley, J. L. Yarra, A. Yann, W. Straede, H. A. Campbell (instructor).

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DRIVER ROBBED

Charles Adams, a driver employed by Mr. A. E. Thompson, baker, Simpson street, Northcote, has reported to the police that whilst on his rounds on Monday he was lured into an empty house at Gold street, Collingwood, and robbed of £3 by two masked men.

Mayor Entertains

At the conclusion of the Northcote council meeting on Monday Mayor Oliver welcomed a number of headmasters and prefects of the Northcote District High school and of the district State schools. The visitors were later entertained in the Mayor's room where their health was toasted.

It has been observed that usually when a fellow can no longer afford to take his girl around and give her a good time, he marries her.

THANKS

MATHIESON.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Mathieson and family desire to express their THANKS to all relations and friends for kind expressions of sympathy in letters, cards, telegrams, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement; especially thanking Rev. Cuthbert Powell, Dr. Fredman and kind neighbors.

R. Mathieson, 11 George St., Reservoir.

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Held Over. Owing to late arrival number of items are held over.

The team entered by the Northcote detachment of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade won their heat in the tug-of-war at the carnival, defeating the Quarry team. The final will be pulled to-morrow.

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Mr. Redpath jun, with his mother, Mrs. Redpath, accompanied by Miss Jessie Webster, have returned after a holiday at Avoca.

Miss Nita Redpath is holidaying with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Redpath of Madeline street, East Preston.

Cr. S. Dennis, M.H.R., Northcote's representative on the M. and M. Board of Works, has been again appointed vice-chairman of the sewerage committee of the Board of Works. This is his second term in that position.

There passed away on April 7 at her residence, Dundas street, Thornbury, Mrs. Margaret Mary Bolge, wife of Mr. George Bolge. The funeral took place on Saturday, the interment being made at the Melbourne cemetery. The cortege left from St. Mary's Church, Thornbury, where a service was conducted.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Whiteway, of "St Helena," Greensborough, have been the recipients of many messages of congratulation on the celebration of their silver wedding anniversary on April 10.

Residents of Fairfield learned with regret of the death of Lionel Ernest (Bill) Williamson son of Senior-Constable Williamson and Mrs. Williamson, of Fairfield, which occurred on April 6. He was 23 years of age and gave every promise of a distinguished career in the service of the Bank of Australasia, which he joined when completing his education at the Geelong and Warrnambool colleges. The sympathy of the district goes out to the parents in their loss.

There passed away on April 8 at her residence, Wingrove street, Fairfield, Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Hayles, at the age of 82 years. She was the widow of the late Arthur J. Hayles, late of Moonee Ponds.

The death occurred on Saturday last of Mr. Thomas Edward Ashley, of Jeffrey street, Regent, at the age of 62 years. He leaves a widow and a family of six. The funeral took place on Monday, the interment being made at the Strathallan Cemetery, Preston. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. H. J. R. Lewis.

A very pleasant reunion of the family took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Harry, 72 Westgarth street, Northcote, on Wednesday April 6, the occasion being the anniversary of their golden wedding. The evening was spent in games of cards and a nice musical programme was rendered by the Misses G. and A. Harry, Mr. and Mrs. Sefton, Master Roy Sefton, Miss Noel Crook, Misses Thelma and Freida Chapman and Mr. Edwin Chapman jun. Mr. and Mrs. Harry have resided in Northcote for over 40 years, Mr. Harry being a native born Northcoteite. "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

The friends of Mrs. Wilkinson, wife of Rev. T. Wilkinson, vicar of All Saint's, Preston, will regret to learn that she is confined to her room owing to a rather severe illness.

Mr. Orlando Walker, J.P., Spring street, Preston, has not enjoyed good health of late, and an operation is regarded as necessary. The many friends of Mr. Walker will sincerely wish him a speedy recovery. The operation has been arranged for next week.

Ex-Cr. C. H. Warr, who was confined to his room suffering from a severe attack of lumbago is about again.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. L. Jones) have accepted an invitation from the Mayoress of Malvern to a gathering at Malvern Town Hall on the afternoon of Friday, April 22, when an address will be delivered by the secretary of the Y.W.C.A.

Rev. H. Williams minister of the Methodist Church at Yann street, Preston has accepted a call to Flemington. Rev. Douglas Gibbs, from Wonthaggi, will succeed Mr. Williams at Preston.

Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., and his son, Mr. Herman R. Zwar, spent another enjoyable week-end at Miloo. More shooting took place, and the party reached home with 75 quail and a number of duck in their possession.

Mr. H. Smithers, manager of the Preston branch of the Bank of New South Wales, proceeds on Friday to take charge of the Bourke street office for four weeks. Mr. T. R. Tonks, of Caulfield, will relieve at Preston during Mr. Smithers' absence

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cook, Delaware street, Reservoir, lost their infant son Kenneth John, by death at the Children's Hospital on Sunday. The cause of death was paralysis. The interment took place in Strathallan Cemetery, Rev. Parsons, vicar of St. Mary's, Preston, officiating at the graveside. Mr. Ern Jensen had charge of the funeral arrangements.

BUSINESS DECLINE AT PRESTON

IS COMMUNITY SINGING RESPONSIBLE ?

LECTURE BY CR. HEMBURROW

At the monthly meeting of the High Street Traders' Association, in the library hall on Monday night presided over by the president (Mr. Robinson) serious discussion centred upon the popular Friday night community singing, which, it was agreed by the traders present, greatly militated against their business.

Those present took a serious view of the fixture suggesting that those concerned be requested to switch over to any other night (or Friday afternoon) as they contended that the community singing on a Friday evening affected their business to such an extent that unless something was done immediately to stimulate trade many of them might just as well close their doors.

The community singing is run under the auspices of the sub-section of the unemployed members of the R.S.S.I.L.A. With a view of ascertaining whether anything could be done to meet the wishes of the traders a deputation of the R.S.S.I.L.A. comprising Messrs McDonald (secretary) Bracher, and Hutton (secretary of the returned unemployed section) was present.

Mr. McDonald stated that the community singing was run under the auspices of the returned unemployed section of the local branch. The concerts had proved a great success as the hall was crowded every Friday night. He felt that it was not the community singing which had interfered with business as the people attending these functions either carried out their shopping earlier in the day or on their way to the Town Hall.

Mr. Bracher, another delegate of the sub-section, said that his experience was that the innovation did not interfere with Friday night shopping but, on the contrary, brought a percentage of people into the street, who otherwise would not be there.

The secretary (Mr. Hutton) also supported his colleagues in the view they had presented.

Mr. Len Smith, in differing with the opinions of the previous speakers suggested that the community singing commence at 8.30. It was his candid opinion that the move seriously affected the turnover of the traders. Requesting the organisers to commence the programme at 8.30 was surely not asking too much.

Mr. Chipperfield stated that his experience was that ever since the community singing was inaugurated, the business of the street had considerably diminished. Personally, he would like to see the night changed so as to afford shopkeepers and their assistants the opportunity of attending.

The treasurer of the Traders' Association (Mr. Stone) said that the general consensus of opinion amongst the shopkeepers was that ever since the community singing commenced there has been a marked slackness in trade on Friday nights which was their main opportunity for transacting business. If the organisers could change the date to a Friday afternoon he felt that they would offer no objection.

Messrs E. G. Green and Page also stated emphatically that their takings on Friday nights since the inception of the community singing had considerably decreased.

After further discussion, and as the opinions clashed in regard to the reason for the slackness of trade, it was decided that a sub-committee of three be appointed to confer with a similar number of the R.S.S.I.L.A. to see if something could not be done to meet the wishes of the traders.

Mr. McDonald said that the branch which appreciated the support that had been extended to it on various occasions, would be only too pleased to confer re the proposal, though he could see obstacles in the way of changing the night from Friday.

The deputation then withdrew.

The sub-committee will consist of Messrs. Len Smith, Rabey and Nicholls.

It has been decided to hold an essay week for the children of the district, the subject to be "The Advantages of Shopping in Your District." It is proposed to seek the co-operation of the local schoolmasters and also to request the head master of the Northcote High School to adjudicate. The competition is to be conducted in three stages, for which first and second prizes in each section will be awarded.

Messrs. Robinson (chairman), Saunders, Chipperfield and Page were appointed a committee to consider ways and means of advertising the Traders' Association.

CR HEMBURROW SPEAKS

Cr. Hemburrow, who was invited to address the members, gave an inspiring speech, basing his remarks on the subject "What Advantages is a Traders' Association to Shopkeepers?"

Cr. Hemburrow said that during the past 15 years rapid progress had been world-wide and for shopkeepers to progress they must move along with the times if they hope to experience progress and efficiency. If we did not we must not simply sit back and growl when we saw business slowly slipping from our grasp and going to the shopkeeper who had been alive to prevailing conditions. The association must be composed of not only interested, but enthusiastic tradespeople, who must be prepared to make sacrifices at the start. When the Smith street shopkeepers realised their business was diminishing they immediately set about to regain their lost prestige, and by being a united, powerful force, had succeeded in a marked degree. When you launch an advertising or other campaign you might not receive immediate, direct, results, but eventually you will benefit considerably. When you do enter upon a campaign you must have something real to offer, so that the shoppers will fully realise and appreciate the value of their bargains. It is quite possible to resuscitate trade, if you go out after it hard enough. You have not only to liberally stock your shop but you have to resort to some means to get into personal touch with the people. We are passing through a particularly keen era, and you must be able to offer something more that the other trader. By collective effort you can get a long way on the road as far as progress is concerned. He would suggest that the traders increase their activities as by so doing they would be creating greater interest.

Traders ! Listen.

The man who says that advertising does not pay does not know his job. Advertise your business.

Impress yourself with the fact that what the other man can do you can do.

Cr. Hemburrow concluded a splendid and impressive lecture by emphasising :—You must produce the goods equal if not superior to those purchased elsewhere, and it should be brought within the realms of possibility to rope in 200 members to foster the commerce and trade of Preston." (Applause).

A motion was unanimously carried expressing the sincere thanks of the traders for the enlightenment they had received from the lecture and advice of Cr. Hemburrow, who is an experienced and successful business man.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB CARNIVAL

The carnival conducted by the Northcote Football Club, which will be concluded on Friday, has on the whole been well patronised on "free" nights, but even to an onlooker the scarcity of money was apparent amongst the crowds. On Friday and Saturday last the attendances were exceptionally good, and for a while the stallholders had a busy time. On Monday night heats of a tug-of-war attracted a good deal of attention and resulted:—Commercial Hotel defeated Peacock Hotel; Ice Works d Swimming Club; Council d Brick Works; Fire Brigade d Preston Star Cycle Works; Footballers d Carter's Arms Hotel. The semi-finals and finals will be decided on Friday night. On Tuesday night there were 15 heats of a One Mile Roller Skating Championship, conducted by the Northcote Amateur Cycling Club. The finals of this will also be decided on Friday night.

Stallholders at the carnival were. —Jumble, Messrs N. Leitch, E. Stewart and Frank Trainor; confectionery, Messrs. H. Collins, J. Cooper and Mrs. P. Rowe; fancy, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stuchbery; cakes, Messrs. Ross Faulkner, R. Hamilton, Mrs. and Miss Faulkner; produce, Messrs. W. S. Jackson, H. Myers, Mesdames Cassidy and Kettle. Messrs. R. Cox and E. McN. Robertson organised the "lucky envelopes" which were very successful.

In addition to the stalls were various side shows which kept the crowds well amused.

On Wednesday and Thursday nights there were exhibitions of Scottish dancing which drew a large entry. The attendances were, however, rather disappointing.

The carnival will be concluded on Friday night.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Angus McDonald Pty. Ltd. and F. W. Stott and Son, in conjunction, at 3 p.m. on April 28, at cnr. Woolton Ave. and Leinster Gve., Northcote, old-established quarry (known as Miliot's) and 5-roomed timber villa, 54 Beaver's road, Northcote, on land 34 x 120. See advertisement.

By Angus McDonald Pty Ltd. and F. W. Stott and Son (Geo. Henderson, auctioneer), at 3 p.m. on April 27, at the sale room, Orient Chambers, 352 Collins St., Melbourne, Lot 1, buildings and land in Best St., Belgrave; Lot 2, land and buildings Nos. 516, 520 and 522 High St., Northcote, and Nos. 11, 17 and 19 Hayes St., Northcote. Particulars elsewhere.

By Angus McDonald Pty. Ltd. (Geo. Henderson, auctioneer), on April 23 at 3 p.m., at 50 Beauchamp St., Preston, 4-roomed house on land 40 x 107, as advertised.

By Angus McDonald Pty. Ltd. on April 30 at 3 p.m., at 138 Ballantyne St., Northcote, 4-roomed villa, on land 35 x 130 ft Geo. Henderson, auctioneer. See advertisement.

Included amongst the attractions at the Brunswick Town Hall Palais as advertised in this issue, is a huge tug-of-war competition between the leading heavyweight teams around Melbourne. This thrilling and spectacular event is expected to bring crowded houses. Two orchestras playing continuously in one hall under the expert direction of that well-known dance musician, Mr. D. W. Banks, with perhaps the largest dance floor north of the Yarra, all combine to make a pleasant evening at this very popular dance rendezvous. Special attractions are arranged each Saturday night, and the big fox trot competition, the second semi-final of which takes place this Saturday night, has been most popular amongst dance patrons.

By J. and H. Burgess, 899 High St., Thornbury, on April 27 at 3 p.m., of property, 44 Rennie St., Northcote, 4-roomed dwelling, all convs., as advertised.

WATCH for details of big Association Football Competition, full particulars of which will appear in next issue.

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BOY SCOUTS.

2nd Thornbury Troop

The football team held a practice on Saturday, another practice will be held on April 16 as the district parade has been cancelled. The following office-bearers have been suggested and will be endorsed at the next meeting on April 15.—President F. W. Frank; vice-presidents, Rev. S. C. Hadley, Messrs M. C. Jones, J. C. Watson, J. Stonehill; secretary, C. Crosier; treasurer, C. Martin; committee, F. W. Frank, J. Stonehill, C. Martin, A. McEwan, E. Laming, captain and vice-captain; patrons, Any parents so desiring. A church parade will be held at the Thornbury Presbyterian Church on April 24 in the morning and at Batman Park in the afternoon. The quarterly parents' night will be held on April 23. Mr. Giles, of the Education Department, will address the parents and boys on "Vocational Guidance." In connection with the girls' and boys' week of the Rotary Club, a parade will be held at the motordrome on April 30.

1st Croxton Troop

The coronation concert was held at the Northcote Town Hall. Commencing at 8 p.m., a varied programme was rendered until 11.30 and the artists must be complimented upon the splendid efficiency of their items. After the interval the curtain was raised on a well-arranged and impressive setting. A bugle blast heralded the entrance of the chairman (Cr. Olver, Mayor of Northcote) and the Lord High Chancellor (Lt.-Col Kitson, District Commissioner) preceded by two pages On reaching the stage the Chancellor read the proclamation and upon another trumpet blast Miss G. Kellett, Queen of Guides, with her attendants, made an impressive entry to her appointed place. She was followed by Miss L. Fleet, Queen of Scouts, with her attendants, and again by Miss A. Smith, Queen of Cubs and her attendants. When all were seated the Chancellor announced the final result to be Miss G. Kellett, 14,540; Miss A. Smith 27,621; Miss L. Fleet, 30,153, upon which the Mayor crowned Miss Lilian Fleet Queen of Queens, and completed a very impressive and well-performed ceremony. Numerous floral tributes helped to make the final scene very pretty, one to be long remembered by all who saw it. The committee will appreciate any future help that may be given to further the aims of scouting and guiding amongst our boys and girls.

1st Preston Troop

Last Saturday the football team commenced the season with a practice match against West Preston, and although not successful, a good game resulted. Practice will be continued to-morrow afternoon, and players are to meet at the hall at 2.15 p.m.. Scout Albert Letcher, who has given several years steady service to the troop, has been appointed Second. We wish to congratulate A.S.M Hambly who obtained the Master of Science degree with honors at the recent University examinations. Scouts will meet as usual for instruction work on Wednesday night, and the Cubs on Thursday.

TENNIS.

PRESTON ASSOCIATION

The semi-final matches in the B grade were concluded on Saturday and resulted in a win for Reservoir in both matches. Reservoir therefore win the B pennant without a final. At Regent Park Reservoir 2 defeated Hill by 9 games after a close and evenly-matched contest.

At Numurray Reservoir 1 defeated Oakover 1 by 6 games. All the sets were close and interest was maintained up to the last set with the issue always in the balance.

Reservoir fight out the final on their own court next Saturday.

In the A grade East Preston and Cooma meet in the final at Cranross next Saturday and some first-class tennis will be seen. The teams are well matched and both are very keen to win.

The association intends running a winter competition this year to commence early in May and a meeting of delegates will be held in the Regent Park club room on April 18 to arrange fixtures.

NORTHCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE AUTUMN SHOW

The autumn flower show, the most important horticultural event of the year conducted by the horticultural society, will be held in the Northcote Town Hall on Saturday evening, commencing at 7.30. It is the proud boast of members of the society that the Northcote autumn show provides the finest floral display in the metropolitan area outside the city. Northcote possesses growers and exhibitors of the highest standing and in addition expert exhibitors are attracted from all parts of the State. The services of the Central School Boys' Band have been secured and judging by their recent performances, their presence should prove a decided additional attraction. The show will be opened by the Mayor (Cr. W. Olver, J.P.) who is himself a keen garden lover. The charge for admission is 1/.

NOT GUILTY OF LARCENY

Joseph William Hingeley, 26, salesman, was found not guilty, in General Sessions on April 8 before Judge Foster, on a charge of the larceny, as an agent, of £17/2/6, the property of Henry Stanley Ward, radio dealer of Station street, Fairfield. Hingeley was discharged.

"To get at the top of the tree, one must have incentive," says a business man. An infuriated bull, for instance.

CIVIC FATHERS IN SESSION

GENERAL MEETING AT NORTHCOTE : QUIET SITTING

MONDAY, APRIL 11

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

Sewerage Area.—The Board of Works declared a new sewerage area in the vicinity of Darebin road, Wilmoth, Hammond, Clyde, Clarendon and Gooch streets.

Town Planning. Town clerk, Brighton, re Town Planning Conference Commissioners' report 1929, suggesting that council agree to share in a contribution of £1000 per annum, such contribution to be not for a period greater than three years."

Cr. Oldis reported attending the conference, which was well attended. He had voiced the opinion that the councils were tired of the Government foisting further charges on the councils. He had urged that this might be "the thin end of the wedge" to let the councils in for the expenditure of large amounts of money in the future. There was no need of any large body, as the Town Planning Commission would act in an advisory capacity only.

The matter was referred to the committee of the council for consideration.

Infant Welfare Subsidies.—Town clerk, Melbourne, re reduction of Government subsidies to infant welfare centres, submitting a resolution for a conference of municipalities concerned—"That a protest be entered against the reduction of Government subsidies, and that a deputation wait on the Minister."

The mayor said the Northcote council had been cut down £40. A maximum grant of only £200 per annum would be given by the Government for two centres or more. Northcote had two centres, and would get £200, but at the same time Camberwell, with seven centres, would also only get £200.

The matter was referred to the council.

Tramway Shelter.—The board offered no objection to the council boarding up the tram shelter in St. George's road at Kemp street, provided the council took control of the shelter and maintained it.

Cr. Turner said the council should take over the shelter. In the past the maintenance of the board had been most unsatisfactory.

The matter was referred to the committee of the council.

Electric Light Department Hours. —West Ward Progress Association requested that this office be kept open continuously instead of closing during lunch hour.—Finance Committee to give consideration.

West Ward Association.—(1) Re water main leak in Kemp street.—Attention given. (2) Re tar paving over crossing in St. George's reserve at Shaftesbury parade—P.W. Committee. (3) Re dangerous crossing over Bullen's drain at Smith street.—P.W. Committee.

General

A. Moore and Mrs. E. Johnson, re state of Pinkney street; R. Seymour, re footpath at 27 Collins street; S. Manning, re drainage at corner of Clyde and Wales streets.—These matters were referred to P.W. Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Committee. — Accounts for £1567/8/10 and £732/2/11 were paid. These two amounts cover a month's activities.

C. Hodgins was granted permission to remodel shop at corner of Clarendon and St. David streets; J. Webb was granted permission to erect garage with brick wall at rear of property in Fenwick street.

Electric Light Committee.— Accounts totalling £4501/7/0 were paid.

Parks Committee.—Accounts £149 10/4 and £134/1/11 were paid.

Finance Committee. — Accounts totalling £13,170/1/5 were paid. This amount includes £10,089/17/6 for loan redemption and interest.

Committee of the Council.—Lew Bros., application to erect a brick building, to be used for a wholesale warehouse, on land 50ft. 6in. x 126ft. in Bent street, at rear of properties in High street.—It was recommended that the council approve of the application, and that steps be taken to amend the by-law to include this area in the shopping area.—Adopted.

An application by the Northcote Tile Co. for permission to erect a brick building on the Clyde street alignment was granted, on condition that the building was set back 5 feet from the street alignment.

Cr. Oldis said he felt the building should have been set back at least 10 to 15 feet.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Cr. Glanfield sought a report from the electrical engineer re a lamp in Lawry street.—To be prepared. A "no thoroughfare" sign was needed at Lawry street. — P.W. Committee. Weeds on paths in Hartley and Thames streets were a nuisance.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Bird said street nameplates were needed at the corner of Hutton and High streets, and Hutton and Taylor streets.—P.W. Committee. Complaints had been made about the footpath in Miller street, between High street and the railway.—P.W. Committee to consider placing ashes on this path. A seat was needed at the tram stop at Miller and Taylor streets.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Bird expressed the opinion that better work could be done by hand than by painting fences and posts with a spraying machine, and he moved that the engineer submit a report.

Cr. Peters said that for some work the spraying machine was most efficient, but for fences it would be better to paint by hand.

Cr. Green said the fence at the Northcote Park had been painted by the spraying machine, and was quite a good job, and in addition the cost had been much lower than by hand work.

Cr. Bird said there were some bad holes in St. George's road west, at the corner of Normanby avenue.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Oldis spoke of drainage at the rear of properties in Bastings street, between Derby street and the drain. —Engineer to report. In Johnson Park the ground round the children's slides and swings needed draining.—Engineer to report. Tan bark was also needed at the foot of the children's slides at Johnson Park to prevent possible injury to children.—Parks Committee.

Cr. Oldis said there were many complaints about drainage from S.E. corner of Johnson Park into the adjoining properties. The council had cut an earth drain, but something of a permanent nature should be done.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Sutch said nameplates were required at the corner of Ryan and Sutch streets.—P.W. Committee. Repairs to Sutch street were referred to P.W. Committee.

Cr. Green spoke of the state of Timmins street, between Union and Bridge streets.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Green said he had sought a transfer on to the Carlton line when on a tram at Northcote, and had been refused. Yet a transfer could be obtained from Clifton Hill. The fares on the Northcote section were altogether too high and should be investigated.—Committee of the council.

Cr. Oldis said at the Clifton Hill terminus stationary trams were often "parked" on the right-hand turn from Hoddle street to High street.—Representations to be made to the board.

Cr. Green said the Housewives' Association were seeking a reduction in the service charge for electric current. Northcote council had the second cheapest current in the Commonwealth. It paid small consumers to pay for current as it was used up to 20 units.

Cr. Turner said the footpath on the north side of Harold street, between Hobson street and St. George's road, needed attention.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Turner said some time ago Cr. Bird had sought the adjustment of a few slabs in Keon street. Two men had been working there for a week, but he felt that too much had been done when it was only desired that a few slabs be adjusted.—P.W. Committee to inquire.

The Mayor. We could understand it if a councillor lived in the street. (Laughter).

Cr. Turner.—The only place where the slabs were not adjusted was in front of my place, where I look after them myself. (Laughter.)

Cr. Jones referred to silted storm water drain in Rossmoyne street.—P.W. Committee. Bad holes in Darebin road, east of Victoria road.—Engineer to attend.

Cr. Cornish spoke of pot holes in Eastment street.—P.W. Committee. Right-of-way, between High and Helen streets was in a bad state, between Hawthorn road and Arthurton road.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Hughes spoke of projecting box thorn hedge in St. George's road north.—Referred to officers. Slabs in front of shops between Hutton and Fyffe streets needed adjustment.—To be done. A post was required at the corner of Railway place and Beaconsfield parade.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Bird said a start had been made to beautify the Elm street frontage of the Batman Park, but the work had been stopped. The gardener could, he felt, better occupy his time in cutting down the trees that were there instead of trimming them.—Matter referred to the Parks Committee.

The mayor spoke of pot holes in Martin street.—P.W. Committee. Also that electrical engineer attend to loose fuse line in Clarendon street.—Attention to be given.

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Christmas Comes to Cinderella

By WILLIAM FREEMAN

It was like a fairy tale, even to the traditional ending.

JILL PARFRET had been born in the lucky class but hadn't stayed there. If she had, she would still have been living in a jolly old house in Somerset instead of an old bed-sitting-room in the cheapest part of Bloomsbury. Further, she wouldn't have been straining her eyes over the advertisement columns in search of a typist's job at anything from two pounds a week upwards. Further still—— But Jill herself will explain presently.

It was just after eight o'clock on Christmas Eve, and the Christmas shopping was already over. Jill's total expenditure had amounted to less than five shillings, and two-and-eleven-three of that had been for a pair of stockings. Anyone who for two workless months has watched savings dwindle with pitiless speed to vanishing point will understand why.

Mrs. Chell, the landlady, was out. The other lodgers had gone away for Christmas—to relations or friends. Jill had not relations and no friends who remembered.

A knock sounded at the door below. Jill went down. A figure in a mackintosh stood on the step.

"Miss Simpson ?" it said, and raised its hat.

"Not here," said Jill. "There's someone with a name like that farther along—I'm not sure of the number, but it's the other side of the street."

"This side," said the figure firmly, "is the one I was told to come to. Number forty-two second floor. They said I'd recognise it by one blind being crooked."

"My blind," admitted Jill, "is crooked. It was made crooked, and you can't make it any different. But my name's Parfret."

"Parfret was the name," said the figure heartily. "I knew there were seven letters in it. My own name," he added, "is Sheen. Also Bill."

He paused. Jill, mystified and chilly, waited.

"The fact is," said Mr. Sheen at last. "I've called about an invitation. But I could explain better if I came inside."

Mechanically Jill closed the door behind him. Mr. Sheen was youngish—not more than twenty-seven—freckled and grey-eyed. He was wearing a shabby but well-cut suit, and the lining of the soft hat he was holding had a Bond street maker's name on it.

"It's like this," he resumed. "We've got a sort of Christmas Eve binge on, but it won't be complete till I've roped in another guest. When I say 'we,' I'm referring to a total, including me, of five. All guaranteed absolutely harmless and respectable."

He paused, possibly from nervousness.

"At ninety-seven, Clarges street, old Peter van Stoot being the tenant. And I've come along to-night because, for tremendously important reasons which I can't divluge at present, we want you to join us."

"Me ?"

"Yes. Dinner, with perhaps a spot of dancing afterwords. All absolutely informal, and the same as Aunt Susie used to go to in the eighteen-eighties. Word of honor. And we'll bring you back here again before Christmas Day."

"I couldn't possibly," said Jill.

"This hitch," said Mr. Sheen earnestly, "must be due to one of two things. The first is that you've another engagement."

"It isn't that," said Jill; and wished that she hadn't thrown away such an unanswerable excuse.

"Then it's because you don't trust me. Now, listen ! At the corner is a policeman. Before we hop in the taxi that's waiting, go up to him and tell him all about it. And, if he sniffs any dirty work ahead, come back. How's that?"

Jill met his eyes. They were steady and very appealing. Then she thought of the room upstairs, and shivered.

"Very well," she said. "But you'll have to wait five minutes while I change my frock."

"Right-ho But don't bother about anything elaborate."

"Anything elaborate !" echoed Jill bitterly, as she fled upstairs.

She was longer than five minutes. It took her all that time to make up her mind, though she'd only two possible dresses—a short-skirted grey georgette, that had only been an afternoon frock to start with, and a fluffy pink affair she had bought in a moment of madness and which never really fitted on the shoulders. With stockings that matched, the pink might have won; as it was, she eventually appeared in the grey. Over it she slipped a macintosh, because it wasn't so shabby as her coat. And on her soft hair she jammed the hat whose ribbon, anyway, was new.

In the hall Bill Sheen was impatiently wearing out the linoleum. He looked so exactly like the traditional kept-waiting husband that Jill wanted to giggle.

"Ready ?" he said. "You won't need wraps in the taxi, will you ? Shall I escort you to the policeman, or would you rather I walked ahead?"

"I don't mind," said Jill; and added, with a touch of ungraciousness that she was ashamed of directly afterwards: "But you needn't wait if you're in a hurry."

"Right-ho !" he opened the door. "First corner to the left," he said and vanished in the fog.

"I shan't see him again," said Jill to herself. "It's more likely that I shall just wake up."

But the policeman at the corner was real enough. At the mention of Mr. Peter van Stoot he grinned.

"Know him, miss ? Who don't Used to be at the Hotel Cosmopolitan before he took a house in Clarges street. A very friendly gent, fond of dropping to Bow street for a chat —and free with his money. Wish I earned what he pays in super tax !"

Jill walked on to where Bill Sheen was waiting with the cab.

"O.K. ?" inquired Mr. Sheen. "Hop in, then."

She hopped in. They rolled towards Clarges street. During the journey he spoke once, and she once. Mr. Sheen said: "Ghastly weather, what ?"; and she answered: "Yes, isn't it?"

The taxi stopped before an opulent-looking detached residence with a massive porch supported by Corinthian pillars, and with a dyspeptic-looking stucco lion keeping guard on either side. The front had been lately painted the color of clotted cream picked out with vermilion. The door swung open, and a dignified butler stood aside for them to enter.

Jill found herself in a hall decorated dazzlingly in peacock blue and orange. Mr. Sheen led the way across it to a door on the left. When he flung it open Jill gasped in spite of herself.

Two rooms, each big to start with, had had the folding-doors between them removed. And with this magnificent space at his disposal, the same high-spirited decorator who had glorified the hall had done all that could be done in a jumble of color and styles, which the blaze of electric light made ten times worse. Seated about a fireplace, which had a tangle of purple Chinese dragons on either side, were four people, two men and two girls. The girls were young. One had dark hair, the other fair, and they were wearing what Jill knew instinctively to be absolutely the last word in frocks. The men were in evening dress. The elder, bald and grey-moustached, was obviously the fair-haired girl's father.

"Miss Parfret," said Bill Sheen, "may I introduce you to the Princess de Vigue, Lady Heston, Sir Arthur Portsea, and Mr. Peter van Stoot ?"

They bowed. Jill's nevres suddenly steadied themselves. There was some sort of joke on; but she would see the thing through, shabby grey georgette and the wrong kind of shoes notwithstanding. She squared her shoulders defiantly.

"Miss Parafret," continued her escort, "would probably be glad to get out of her waterproof and then to have something to eat."

"Of course," said the dark-haired girl, who had been introduced as a princess. "Come this way, my dear. If Lord Sheen will ring the bell for Collins we'll have dinner served at once."

"I didn't know," said Jill, "that he was a lord."

"Didn't he tell you ?" drawled the fair-haired girl. "To dire. Yes, Bill is an earl."

At dinner Jill was between Lord Sheen and Sir Arthur. A hot patch of color glowed in either cheek and her eyes were bright. The meal was very splendid and elaborate—the kind you glimpsed when you were hurrying home past the Ritz or the Berekeley. Except that no hotel in London had quite such ornate plate.

She wouldn't have any wine. She wanted to keep her brain clear, alert, balanced. Her conviction that there was something queer about the whole thing grew stronger. Her attention wandered. She found it difficult to follow what Sheen was saying. He talked about London. Apparently he had only just come back from abroad.

"We're going to have some dancing presently," said Mr. van Stoot when the end of the meal was in sight. "Quite informal, with only the gramophone to help us out."

"But I can't dance in this," murmured Jill, touching her dress. "It's a perfectly topping rig-out," said Sheen.

It was, of course, exactly the kind of thing a man who didn't know crepe de Chine from alpaca would say. Nevertheless, Jill stayed. Other guests arrived, the type one sees in Bond street on fine mornings, in the Row, at the exclusive night clubs.

(To be Concluded)

RIFLE SHOOTING

Northcote Club

Northcote Club held the final stage of the captain's trophy at Port Melbourne on Saturday over 500 yards. The trophy was annexed by T. Appleby. Saturday's scores:—Atkinson, 44 (7), 50; Hook, 48 (3), 50; Appleby, 48 (2), 50; Kaye, 46 (3), 49; Waters, 40 (8), 48; M. McQuienn, 41 (6), 47.

Preston Club

Preston Club held a shoot for the Bell trophy. Some good shooting was seen, especially late in the afternoon when the wind died down. Scores:—Cromb, 45 (5), 50; Piggott, 44 (7), 50; Ames, 47 (4), 50; W. Vines, 45 (7), 50; L. Chynoweth, 46 (7), 50; G. Bignell, 47 (2), 49; F. Featherston, 47 (2), 49.

"Herald" Cup Won by 57th Battalion

With an aggregate of 219 points, the 57th Battalion senior cadet team (Preston) annexed the "Herald" cup at Williamstown on Saturday. Conditions were:—Teams of 16, eight best to count. The 57th counters were:—Cadets M. Rhodes, 30; H. J. Bruce, 30; J. Newland, 28; N. Blackburn, 28; A. Aldridge, 28; J. Morton, 26; N. V. Jackson, 26; R. Downie, 23. Total, 219 points.

Death of Noted Rifleman

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. J. J. Hook, of Northcote, which occurred last week. He was president of the Northcote Club and had held that position for seven years, being widely known and esteemed amongst members of other clubs, as well as by members of the Northcote Club. In pre-war days Mr. Hook was one of the leading members of the Fitzroy Club before he transferred his allegance to Northcote. Two sons—Mr. Harry Hook (Northcote Club) and Mr. George Hook (Melbourne Rifle Club)—are carrying on the family traditions in regard to rifle shooting.

GOLF

THE HEIDELBERG CLUB

There were 90 entries in Saturday's stroke event for Mr. H. Ferguson's trophy, which was won by C. A. Morris with a net 62. Leading scores:—62, C. A. Morris (27); 63, P. S. Rann (21); 65, A. Moore, (26); 66, R. S. Thomson (27); 66, N. S. Thomas, (21); 67, G. E. Hanger (27); 67, W. Harrison (24); 67, G. C. Youren (14); 69, A. J. Ferguson (16); 69, W. C. Jackson (17); 69 J. S. Kingsley (12); 69, J. S. McCulloch (17); 70, J. W. Binney (21); 70, K. A. Gay (11); 70, R. H. Gee 23); 70 C. Sinclair (26).

Next Saturday—President's day — Mixed foursomes will be played.

Fifty-two associates competed for Mrs. F. W. Clarke's trophy which resulted in a tie between Miss P. Atyeo and Mrs. J. Cook.

Stroke event leading scores. — 68, Miss P. Atyeo (27); 68, Mrs. J. Cook (27); 69, Miss I. Bond (36); 69, Mrs. A. R. Wallis (26); 69, Mrs. G. O. Youren (31); 70, Mrs. B. Fewster (36); 70, Mrs. W. Ferguson (27); 70, Mrs. C. H. Perkins, (36); 71, Mrs. G. Balfour (29); 71, Miss L. Richmond (32).

Next Tuesday—Mrs. W. Ferguson's trophy will be competed for in a bogey event.

BASEBALL

THE PRESTON CLUB

Games start on Saturday, April 23 so next Saturday (April 16) being the last day for general practice, a full muster of members and intending members is requested at the corner of Raglan and Victoria streets at 3 p.m. A selection of teams will be made on Tuesday night. A committee meeting will be held on April 21 at 216 Gower street, Preston Mr. E. Murphy will deliver a lecture on Scoring at the Preston Scout Hall on April 28 at 8 p.m. All interested are cordially invited.

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(CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PHIL)

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We built a camp fire and Jacko found some big white grubs in a gum tree These he declared were delicious to eat when grilled and he proceeded to grill them on the end of pointed sticks. After dropping each one about six times in the coals he eventually decided they were cooked, but as there were only cinders left, we didn't care to tackle such a mess. Fluffy cooked the mushrooms which were excellent and altogether we had a good day out. In the afternoon Jacko nosed about and found a wild bee hive and he wasn't satisfied till he'd stolen some honey and been stung in the process. One ear is still swollen from the encounter and his face was all lob-sided for several days. The bees chased him and he ran, but not quickly enough and except from Cook, the sympathy he received was scant.

Try the Bird Competition Cobbers. We've several entries now, so send along yours. The Tria Competition is still running. Heaps of love from the Pets and your

UNCLE PHIL.

NEW COMPETITION

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Pick out all the names of birds in their correct order in the following passage and send your answer in by April 23. Results on April 29. Uncle Phil's decision is final

Jack assisted by Elsie carried overtly a metallic rowle. A shaggy Jew rendering them aid, saw the silver, eyed it with a harsh awkward movement, it was his. Elsie wept and for a lark he led her on and made Jack follow later to the gala house-party, but distinctly relieved Jack's mind by robing him in barbaric fashion. Later he escaped them using a spar, rowing against the tide. Ruth rushed down to the shore and waved him "Goodbye."

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Happiest and Heartiest of Birthday Greetings and Wishes to Kathleen Birch, Andrewn Anthonsen (April 18); Rona Junor (April 20); Bernie Speers and Ronald Newe (April 23); and Isabel Sterry and Fred Smith (April 24).

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Alan Williamson.—Did the certificate arrive safely ? What a pity about your dog .Maybe soon you'll get another. The snap is quite a good one and Jacko is glad to have it. Thanks very much for it. Try the competition. Love from the Pets and U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

Trias are a class of their own, and three constitute a prize. Trias cannot be included in your ordinary 100 marks. Each entry must be marked on the top "Tria Entry," so I will know they are for this competition. The subjects chosen give a wide range of things of interest—holidays, sports, camping, motoring, about the beach or country, anything about hobbies, games to play, about your gardens, and things that can be made by Cobbers. The best each week will receive a special mark, a "Tria" while the other entries just get the ordinary mark . 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 the meaning clear. Trias, if original, should be marked 'original" in one corner.

TRIA ENTRIES

MY CHICKENS

I have two little chickens, one is black, and the other black and white. The mother is a brown hen and sometimes when I go to take one she pecked me, so I let go and ran, but she did not catch me. Then I gave them something to eat and when they had finished eating I put them in their coop and they went to sleep. Next morning I saw a big fat cat sitting on the roof and I chased it off. They were squarking so I fed them . Afterwards it began to rain so I put them back in their coop and went to school. When I came home it was not raining so I let them out and gave them something more to eat; when they had finished they went in the garden and scratched all our beans up. My Father was very angry so I shut them up and they went to sleep.

(TRIA) Frank Power.

HIS PRESENT

Brown secretly worshipped the pretty typist who worked in the same office with him. The young clerk, however possessed little manly beauty, and was very shy and retiring. When Christmas came along he decided to give her a present. Taking his courage in both hands he went up to the typist's desk. "Mary—I mean, e—e—er Miss Brown," he stammered awkwardly, "how would you like a puppy ?" "Mr. Brown," she said, with a reproachful stare, "I do hope you're not proposing to me."

(GOOD) Ruby Kupsch.

HARD LUCK

Tomkins, while walking along a canal bank, heard cries of "Help ! Help !!" coming from the water. He shouted out "What's your name ?" The drowning man informed him. "Where do you work ?" "At Brown's down the road." Without more ado, Tomkins rushed off, and arriving at the works, he said to the foreman "Your man Jones is drowning, so I've come for the job." Whereupon the foreman replied "You're too late, the man that pushed him in has got it."

(GOOD) Alan Williamson.

SHELL PINCUSHIONS

A very pretty way to make a pincushion is to get two shells the shape of those in the advertisements for "Shell" oil and some pretty colored silk. Bore a hole in the bottom of each shell. From the silk make a pretty little cushion. Join the shells by putting ribbon through the holes and fasten the cushion in between with a few stitches through the holes. Get some seccotine and stick the sides of the cushion to the inside surface of the shells.

(GOOD) Cyril Maes.

BASKETBALL

Of recent years the game of basketball, as played under the rules of the Y.W.C.A., has become very popular, and organised competitions are divided into grades according to merit. This game is a good, clean sport, and a healthy exercise. The game is played with seven players a side, namely two defenders, three centres, and two forwards. The game is started and play resumed after a goal, or a rest, by the umpire bouncing the ball in a ring in the centre. The two centre players try for the ball and endeavour to pass to either the wings or the forwards, who, in turn, try to throw the ball through a hoop held on the air by a pole about eight or nine feet high. It is the job of the backs to prevent the forwards from scoring, as each time the ball goes through a goal is scored.

(GOOD) Jean Angus.

CUNNING PUSS

One cold morning my Mother took some cakes out of the oven. She left the oven door open, so I went to shut it for her. Just as I shut the door, I heard a loud me-owing noise coming from inside the owen. Imagine my surprise, one opening the door again to see our kitten Tommy lying inside the oven. He had evidently crawled into the oven to get warm.

(GOOD) Kathleen Letchford.

A SURE CURE

Customer: "I can't sleep at night—the least little sound disturbs me. I'm the victim of insomnia. Even a cat on our back fence distresses me beyond words." Druggist: "This powder will be effective." Customer: "When do I take it ?" Druggist: "You don't. Give it to the cat in milk.

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas.

CONTRIBUTIONS

AROUND THE CAMP FIRE

(Concluded)

"I came to listen to your singing and I was so carried away that I sang myself," he explained. The Gypsies received this as a compliment and welcomed him into their midst. "Come and have a bite o' supper," they invited him, "it will be a long time since an Englishman joined us." And so Amos Bennett became the Gypsies' friend. They "yarned" around the camp fire that night and sang the grand old songs of the bygone years and the visitor told many stories which greatly interested the wanderers. When the last embers of the fire died away Bennett decided to join the gypsy tribe, and thus he established a firm friendship with the little band. Some years later a tall brown-faced man began life again with a renewed faith and hope in the world of mankind. He waved farewell to a band of dark-skinned gypsies, and stepped into a new world, with every prospect of prosperity and success before him. But Amos Bennett carried before him throughout his life the picture of a moonlight night, and a glowing camp fire in the hills, the fire in which his fortune had been moulded.

(The End)

(GOOD) Thelma Hill.

SING A SONG OF FRIDAY

Sing a song of Friday
Prowling where I please,
Pocket full of pennies, and
A lump of bread and cheese.

Sing a song of Friday
With the "Leader" on my knees,
With all the days before me
To read it as my ease.

(GOOD) Lily Watts.

JUMBLED FIREWORKS

Uncle Fred gave Roy some money to buy fire works and Roy wrote down on a paper five different kinds that he wanted to buy. "The shopman will never understand those names," said Uncle Fred. "I've never heard any of them before." But Roy had just jumbled the names for fun, and the shopman guessed them. They were:—

Nezdel Iran, Ubquis, Etkroc, Saplcerk, Relaf: Answers:—

Golden Rain, Squib, Rocket, Sparkler Flare.

(GOOD) Arthur Kent.

JUDGMENT OF OTHERS

Then gently scan your brother man,
Still gentlier sistr woman,
Though they may gang a kennink wrang,
To step aside is human.

(GOOD) Alice Southam.

STORYETTES

Waneis: "How's your health ?" Henry: "Terrible. Last week I looked so terrible, two undertakers left a deposit on me."

(GOOD) Muriel Marrhall.

Department Store Santa Claus: "And what is your name little man ?" Little Boy: "Gee, what an oil can you are ! Dontcha remember ? I told yuh my name last year."

(GOOD) C. R. Smithwick.

Town Child: "Auntie, why are the hens making such a noise ?" Country Aunt: "They want their food." Town Child: "How silly ! If they're hungry they can lay themselves eggs."

(GOOD) Walter Ward.

Farmer(as boy appears through hole in the fence): "Where are you going ?" Boy: "Back again."

(GOOD) Frank Power.

"Goodness ! What ever's this noise about?" cried Mother. "What's Bertie up to now, Tom ?" "Up to his hair, Mum!" said Tom. "He's fallen in the well."

(GOOD) Bruce Burr.

A little girl said to her father the other night: "Father, my Mother knows nothing about bringing up children." "How is that?" asked her father. "Well, said Mary, "she makes me go to bed when I am wide awake and makes me get up when I'm sleepy."

(GOOD) Marjorie Wood.

Miss Fitt: "What's your Mother doing, Johnny ? I haven't seen her since she got back from Sorrento." Johnny: "She's busy taking the hotel names out of the towels."

(GOOD) Stan Eaton.

A fat man and a thin man walked along Collins street the other day. The fat one had a hat about ten sizes too small for him, and the thin one had one about ten sizes too large. The fat one bent over the thin one and said: "I wish I could catch the fellows who pinched our hats, Bill."

(GOOD) Allan Love.

"What is your lodger ?" "A great inventor." "What's he invented ?" "A new excuse every month for not paying his rent."

(GOOD) Jack Power.

Teacher: "Why, what's this ? You haven't put the answers to these sums yet." Pupil: "That's all right sir, I did that purposely. I'm always wrong, anyway."

(GOOD) Leonard White.

Go up to a chum and say: "Do you know Phylis ?" Your chum will be sure to say: "Phylis who ?" "Why !" you exclaim, "fill his cup up again."

(GOOD) Jean Skipper.

Policeman: "Now, then what is your car's number ?" Driver: "A.D. 1672." Policeman: "I want to know it's number, not the year it was built."

(GOOD) Willie Eaton.

Mary: "I think I'll have a lie down, Mother." Mother: "Why, are you ill ?" Mary: "I've done such a lot of good turns to-day that I feel giddy."

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

Cute Kid.—Teacher (to boy): "Now, sonny, name me five animals that live near the north pole." Boy: "Two whales and three polar bears."

(GOOD) J. E. Lowery.

RIDDLES

What has no good points.?—A bad egg.

(GOOD) June Jones.

Teacher: "Children, what is wind?"—Small Boy: "Please Ma'am, it's air in a hurry."

What nut has not got a kernel nor shell, yet is good to eat?—A doughnut.

Customer: "Do you serve lobsters?"—Waiter "We serve anyone."

(GOOD) Enid Love.

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

The Cobbers' Club

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Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week

BELL STATE SCHOOL

The head teacher of the Bell State School, has to be congratulated on winning the prize awarded by the Australian Natives Association for the most improved school grounds in the No. 4 School Inspectorial District of Melbourne. When one considers that less than four years back this ground was nothing but a quagmire and swamp, it is indeed remarkable what has been accomplished by Mr. O'Brien and the pupils, and should be an incentive to the local municipal authorities, and others to improve their lands.

In addition to winning the A.N.A. prize, further honors have come to the Bell School by the swimming team winning the school championship for the district. The prize for this event is a handsome silver cup, presented by the Filtration and Water Softening Proprietary Ltd, Melbourne, for annual competition amongst district schools. This is the second occasion on which it has been won by Bell, and if won three times will become the property of the school. The cup has also been won once each by the South Preston and the North Preston schools The school champion swimmer, Douglas Rankin, was recently successful in winning the open Championship Swimming Race for pupils at the Preston and Northcote Schools, and in the championship for the State he gained third place against the pick of the various school districts of the State. In honor of these successful events it has been decided by the School Committee to tender a social evening to the members of the swimming team and their parents. The function will be held at the school on May 7 at 8 p.m.

Through the efforts of the School Committee the drainage at the grounds has now been made good, and the coming winter should not show much trouble occasioned by flooded grounds as has previously been the case, although there will not be any decided benefit until such time as the Preston council take steps to have the Etnam street r-o-w graded and drained. During October next it is the intention of the Mothers' Club to conduct a bazaar at the school when various competitions will be held. Any lady of the school district who has not already joined up with the club will be welcomed to the club.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

As demonstrated at the fortnightly meeting, presided over by Mr. T. C. Deslandes, the energies of the members are at present concentrated on what has become their annual effort to raise funds for relief of distress. In conveying the thanks of the association to Mr. and Mrs. Hovenden, whose effort raised £7, the president reminded new members that this association had many good friends who had always been willing to do their utmost in the cause of charity. He hoped the lead given by Mrs. Hovenden would be an inspiration to all to make a success of this year's appeal. Several donations of gifts for prizes at future functions and others to be disposed of in various ways have been made and the secretary reported that arrangements had been completed for a euchre party and dance.

General

Approval was expressed at the manner in which the West Ward's portion of the St. George' road reserve was being maintained. Always ready to criticise those things which affect adversely the interests of the ratepayers, this association it as all times ready to record its appreciation of those services which go towards improving the district; and in this respect the lawns and flower beds along the reserve have been the subject of many congratulatory remarks from both residents and visitors during the last few months.

The association was notified that a traffic button is to be installed at the corner of Leinster grove and Beaconsfield parade. Members who visited this corner were of the opinion that something more than this was required as it is doubtful whether much notice will be taken of the button in such an isolated position. Nevertheless it will now rest with drivers of vehicles as to whether the corner can be regarded as safe or otherwise. The crossing over Bullen's drain in Smith street was also brought under notice, it being alleged that further protection against children getting into the drain is desired.

The overloading of buses on the Arthurton road route was the subject of a lively discussion but eventually a motion designed to attract the council's attention to this matter, was defeated. The majority seemed of the opinion that people travelled at their own risk at peak periods, and that possibly the number of passengers during the slack part of the day would not warrant the employment of extra buses.

The next meeting will be held on April 21 when the usual monthly social will take place. Members are reminded that their subscription fee of 1/ for this year is overdue.

WEST PRESTON

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on April 6. Mr. Chapman occupied the chair and owing to the inclement weather there was only a fair attendance. Mr. McDonald reported on the success of the smoke night and stated that the financial side of the evening was also very satisfactory. At the next meeting, April 20, the syllabus item will be one of the most important of the year. By the courtesy of the Shell Co. of Australia Ltd., a most instructive and entertaining evening is assured. Captain C. B. Olliver, late of the R33, will give his experiences whilst on this airship. Supporting slides and films will be shown of airships and their construction and avaiation in general. The association is fortunate in being able to offer such a night. A hearty invitation is given to all.

There was a great deal of discussion on the action of the council in refusing support to our request for an extension of the 'bus route from the corner of Sydney road and Bell street to High street to continue via High street to Dundas street. Members expressed their disapproval at the council's action. This convenience is urgently needed by a large body of workers and by residents in general As two extra 'buses would be employed the association is at a loss to understand the objection to this route. It was resolved to approach the Minister for Public Works direct on the matter. Members were also disappointed that the council decided not carry out its wishes regarding the bad drainage in the vicinity of the Oakover road State school. Ordinary business will commence at next meeting, April 20, at 7.45 p.m. sharp.

Magistrate: "So you deserted your wife just because she was asking for pin-money ?" Husband: "Yes; but it was diamond pins she wanted."

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

Rev. D. S. Harvey, president of the Westgarth Baptist C.E. Society, presided over the consecration meeting of that society on Wednesday. He delivered a most interesting talk upon the texts "Ye are the salt of the earth," and "Ye are the Light of the World," from Matt. 5.

The High street Methodist Society held their monthly consecration meeting last Tuesday, at which Rev. F. J. Jennings delivered an inspiring address on the subject of "The Sacrament." There was about 25 members present, and at the close of the meeting the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

At the monthly consecration meeting of the Ivanhoe Baptist Y.P. Society on Tuesday evening, the Rev. W. G. Pope gave the address. They called upon several members to give a short account of their Easter camp experience. Three new members were welcomed into the fellowship of the society.

Oh, Mother! Look how cheap the groceries are at Cornish's, 255 High street.

The World of Women

(Conducted by "PENELOPE")

Recent Weddings

MEATES—BELLHOUSE

THE Methodist Church, St. George's road, Croxton, was the scene of a pretty wedding on March 12, when Rev. J. T. Duggleby officiated at the marriage of Miss Myrtle Bellhouse to Mr. Frank Meates. The bride, who was given away by her father, is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Bellhouse, of 17 Jenkins street, Northcote, and the bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Meates, 37 Woolton avenue, Croxton. White cactus dahlias and pink tiger lilies were carried by the bride, who wore a white satin frock, cut on straight lines, with a fully-flared skirt. Pale pink tulle under an ivory embroidered veil, with orange blossom. The bridesmaids, Misses Ethel Richards and Edna Meates, wore frocks of delphinium blue georgette, with bouquets of pink cactus dahlias and delphiniums. Mr. H. Meates was best man, and Mr. H. Barker groomsman. The reception was held at the Croxton Memorial Hall. The honeymoon is being spent at Lorne.

WILLIAMS—SCHMIDT

AT St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church, Nicholson street, North Fitzroy, on March 26, Rev. Father Daniel Daley joined in matrimony Mr. Walter Charles Williams and Miss Violet Margaret Schmidt. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Schmidt and the groom is the eldest son of Mrs. A. A. and the late Mr. S. Williams, of North Fitzroy and Beaumauris. Mr. W. Bassett gave the bride away. The bridal gown was a beautiful, long ivory satin model with silk lace bolero jacket and an embroidered net veil fell from her head forming a long train. A sheaf of Lily Moratum and asparagus leaf was carried. Little Valeria Bassett, in a dainty blue georgette dress trimmed with pink flowers, acted as trainbearer. The bride's attendant was the groom's twin sister, Miss H. Williams and she wore a floral mousseline frock in pink tonings with trimmings of pale pink georgette and large picture hat. Gladioli and asparagus fern formed her bouquet and the bridegroom's present was a string of crystal beads. Mr. C. S. Williams, eldest brother of the groom, was the best man. The reception and breakfast were held at 522 High street, Northcote, where 30 guests were entertained lavishly and the catering was carried out by Mrs. A. Wright in an excellent and irreproachable manner. Sapphire blue crepe-satin relieved with white, formed the gown worn by the bridegroom's mother and her small Baku hat matched. Deep red rosebuds and maiden-hair fern were her flowers. Travelling in a nigger brown silk marocain frock with fawn relief and large nigger brown straw hat, the bride set out for the honeymoon which the couple will spend at Healesville. "Eldorado," 93 Regent street, Regent, will be their future address.

BRIMACOMBE—HOLDEN

A VERY pretty wedding was performed in the Highbury grove (Kew) Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, March 29, when Gertrude Margery, the younger daughter of the Rev. A. T. Holden and Mrs. Holden, of "Otira," Walpole street, Kew, was joined in marriage to the popular minister of the West Preston and Reservoir Methodist Churches (Rev. G. Douglas Brimacombe) the third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brimacombe, of Warrnambool. The church was prettily and tastefully decorated by the members of the girl guides with whom the bride was actively associated. Many friends of the couple attended the ceremony, which was performed by the bride's father, assisted by Dr. McCallum and the Rev. J. W. Rouse, an ex-president of the Methodist Conference. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. G. F. Holden. Fashioned of rich ivory satin, her wedding gown was made on long, straight lines, widening into graceful flares above the hemline, and lengthened at the back to form a short train. The veil of parchment-tinted tulle, which was held in place by a circlet of orange blossom set back from the forehead, lay in soft folds over the gleaming satin. Water-lilies and pale-colored dahlias made a charming bouquet. The bridesmaids, the Misses Lorna Bryant and Lilian Lloyd, wore ankle-length frocks of leaf-green chiffon velvet, with matching short-sleeved bolero jackets. Wreaths of flowers worn in their hair were in the same soft shades of pink as the sheaves of gladioli which they carried. The train-bearer, Miss Shirley Smith (niece of the bride), wore a long frock of ivory satin, and carried an 1830 posy of flowers. Her green velvet slippers and green hair ribbons matched the frocks of the bridesmaids. The Rev. C. F. McCrae was best man, and Mr. L. Brimacombe (brother of the bridegroom) acted as groomsman. When the bridal party left the church they walked under an arch made by the staves of the Girl Guides who were in attendance, and the scene was very pretty indeed.

After the ceremony a reception was held at 9 Highbury grove, Kew, all the guests being relatives or intimate friends of both families. At the breakfast the popularity of both the contracting parties was evidenced by the remarks made and enthusiastically endorsed by all present. After a most enjoyable evening, during which many telegrams conveying the heartiest of good wishes were read the happy couple left for a short holiday and were given a most cordial send-off by all present. Mr. and Mrs. Brimacombe will reside in West Preston and will for the next twelve months be actively engaged in work in the Preston Methodist Circuit. It is the intention of the Reservoir Methodist Church's trustees to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. Brimabombe at a Welcome Social arranged for Saturday evening, April 16.

FANCY'S FASHION

LADY'S WRAP COAT

The season is now upon us when a wrap coat becomes an absolute necessity, young and old alike feeling the need for more warmth and comfort. Coats are showing in a great variety of styles, the very newest being those cut on military lines, with a double row of gold or other buttons. These wrap well over to the left side, and are delightful for wearing on chilly or stormy days. These coats are also useful in that they are adaptable, and on sunny days may be worn open, the fronts turning back in wide revers, a style that is very popular just now. The small illustration shows you just what the coat looks like when it is worn open. The sleeves are finished with very deep cavalier cuffs, and are eminently in keeping with the rest of the garment. The coat is confined at the waist with a straight, rather wide belt, and poc-

kets are shown at each side. These, however, may be omitted if required. This model is suitable for making up in any of the new seasons's cloakings, especially in diagonal or flecked tweeds now so very popular. The pattern is one of Demaret's, and can be relied on for absolute satisfaction. The number is 3641, price 11d., and is cut in sizes to suit small women, 32 to 34 inch, and 36 to 38 inch bust measurement. Demaret patterns are stocked by agents everywhere. A list of local agents will be found elsewhere in this paper. Ask your agent for a free copy of Demaret's Fashion Monthly, containing the latest styles and much useful information of interest to women.

Waist-lines Go Higher

THE very zenith in waist-line height is reached in a blue silk crepe evening gown worn by Genevieve Tobin, who is appearing with Maurice Chevalier in Paramount's "One Hour With You." The waist of this frock starts directly below the bust-line and the skirt falls in straight full lines to the floor.

Another fashion note gleaned from the same picture is the new flare for flat furred jackets as accompaniment to pyjamas. Miss MacDonald wears peach ermine with harmonising satin trousers while Miss Tobin dons white ermine with pink silk crepe trousers.

PYJAMA ROBES

PYJAMAS seem to have become the accepted hostess gown of Milady abroad and Carole Lombard offers a charming suggestion in her next

Paramount picture "Sinners in the Sun."

Carole sponsors the new pyjama robe which is a three-piece ensemble, the wide-legged trousers and wrist length coat being of floral silk in shades of deep orange and green on a beige background, and a satin blouse of beige with an orange sash, smartly knotted in front. Her sandals of orange kid are Grecian in design.

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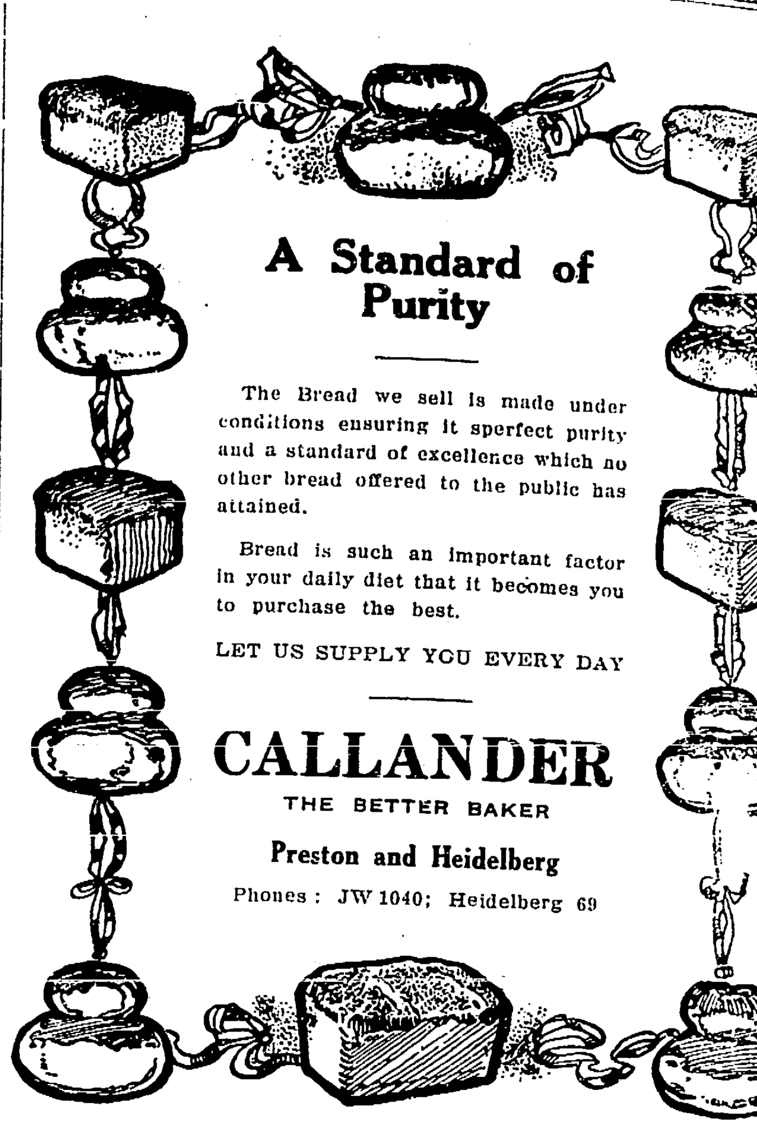

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A social evening was held at the Returned Soldiers' Hall on Tuesday. A pleasant evening was spent in all varieties of dances, also items by well-known artists. The evening was well patronised and gave promise of more successful socials to come. A silver coin was asked from the gentlemen and something in the way of eatables from the ladies. Appreciation of the supper was shown by the fact that it all disappeared. The affair in general was excellently managed, and everybody had a good time. It was announced that another evening would be held on May 10.

Visit To Monbulk

A party of 23 adults and eight children in six cars left the Northcote Memorial Hall at 10.30 on Sunday. The weather was threatening in the morning, although it did not rain during the outing. The roads were good all the way. The route taken was Lower Heidelberg road, Burke road and Burwood road through Fern Tree Gully. The party arrived at Monbulk at 12.7 and parked on the recreation grounds. Amusements in the afteronon resulted:—Skittles—Girls, Melvia Weldron; boys, Ron Hatton; ladies, Miss Con Blaxley; men, Mr. H. Marshall. Flat Races—Girls, Joyce Hatton; boys, Keith Watkins; ladies, Mrs. C. Waldron; men, Mr. I. Watkins. Bowling at Wicket—Ladies, Mrs. L. de Roos; men, Mr. F. Howell, jun. All events were closely contested. Monbulk was left at 6.30, and the party arrived back at the Memorial Hall at 8.15.

The next run is to Kinglake on April 24.

Impounding Notices

JUSTICES ACT 1915.
INFORMATION OR COMPLAINT FOR AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE SUMMARILY AND SUMMONS THEREON.

In the Court of Petty Sessions at Northcote, in the Central Bailiwick.
By William John Jones, Cattle Ranger to the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Northcote, Informant.
Unknown Owner, of ——, Defendant.

The information of William John Jones, of Northcote, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the 8th day of April, 1932, at Northcote, in the said Bailiwick and State, the said unknown owner being the owner of certain cattle, to wit, One Dark Bay or Brown Pony Mare, about 13.2 hands, black points, indistinct brand near shoulder, little white on wither, found on certain land off Victoria road, such land not being a common and such that there is no fence dividing such land from the said street without anyone having charge of the said cattle.

W. J. Jones, Informant.
To unknown owner aforesaid.

WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named William John Jones before me one His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the 19th day of April, 1932, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Northcote to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.

Dated at Northcote the 14th day of April, 1932.

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ACTIVITIES AT NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL

On Wednesday last the school met Williamstown on the school oval. The visitors opened but failed to get settled, and, with Duffy 8 wickets for 31 runs, and Newson, 2 for 5, their innings closed for 55. At this point the match looked to be in the hands of the school, but a rot set in and our eleven was dismissed for 54, B. Matthews (14) being top scorer.

The return of Mr. Johnson after a long illness was one of the most important events of the last week.

On Monday night, April 11, certain members of the staff, together with the newly-installed prefects, paid a visit to the Northcote council chamber, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. Several of the staff from other district schools were also in attendance, and the speeches were highly interesting. It was pointed out what a great interest the council takes in the school, and especially the mayor (Cr. Olver).

The terminal examinations are now drawing near, consequently the whole school is hard at work preparing for them. With the advent of the new term football commences, and this is being awaited eagerly by the whole school.

On April 14 the school will visit the Majestic Theatre to witness the screen version of Sir Douglas Mawson's expedition to the South Pole, "The Siege of the South." Also on Wednesday the school tennis team will meet Williamstown at the Williamstown courts. This should be a very interesting game.

On Friday next, April 15, the school debates begin, and we are all looking forward to these with keen interest. The draw for the first round of senior debatesis Merri v Plenty, Diamond v Darebin.

Much work has been put into the preparations for these debates, including visits to the public library by the members of the teams, and it is surprising what a vast amount of argumentative matter is collected for repetition.

On April 21 the school cricket eleven will visit Geelong to meet the Geelong High School. The eleven will stay over lunch and tea at Geelong, and a most enjoyable time is assured for all.—(J. Roche, Form B).

NORTHCOTE NOTES

On the 7th inst. a call through the exchange was received that a house at 31 Normanby avenue was on fire. The Northcote Brigade attended and extinguished it without difficulty. It was a four-roomed house owned and occupied by Mr. E. Spong. There was an insurance on the building of £270, and £112 on the contents covered by the Victoria Insurance Co.

Thornbury Younger Set

The monthly meeting was held in Normanby Hall, Thornbury, on Tuesday evening, when the president (Miss Edna Murray) was in the chair. The attendance was good. A number of parcels of old linen were received. A report was submitted of the Dance Jeunesse in Normanby Hall on April 2, which proved quite successful. A sum of £10 has been handed in to the Queen Victoria Hospital from the auxiliary. Identification shields prepared by one of the members were handed out. Several offers of house parties towards expenses of the ball were received. The ball will be held on May 10 in the Northcote town hall, and tickets may be obtained from the secretary (Miss Daisy Osborne) or members. After a full business meeting, dancing was indulged in and a happy time spent socially.

St. George's Reserve

It is not often that councils are "handed bouquets" by progress associations, but there are exceptions sometimes. On Monday the West Ward Progress Association expressed appreciation at the splendid condition in which the St. George's Reserve beautifications are being maintained.

Cr. Oldis Welcomed Back

Cr. A. H. Oldis was welcomed back by Mayor Olver at the meeting of the Northcote council on Monday. Cr. Oldis has, with his wife and daughter, been on a tour to Japan and China, extending over some three months. The travellers found the weather very cold whilst in China, and also underwent the experience of being under fire during the fighting there. Japanese gunboats fired over the liner on which the tourists were, and the party plainly saw the shells explode on Chinese territory. Cr. Oldis said it was indeed fortunate that the Chinese did not return the fire at that particular time, for if they had done so the liner must have suffered, it being between the Japanese gunboats and the shore.

Cr. Turner, in a facetious way, remarked that Northcote's Cr. Oldis was a wonderful man, for soon after he got to China the war ended. (Laughter.)

STATE ELECTIONS

JIKA ELECTORATE

An advertisement appears elsewhere in which the friends and supporters of Cr. Wm. Olver, J.P., the endorsed U.A.P. candidate, are invited to attend a meeting at Northcote town hall (upstairs) on Tuesday, April 18, at 8 p.m.

TURF NOTES

By "LUTEPLAYER"

An Unpopular Win

Getting what was practically a flying start, Credence scored an all-the-way win in the Ascot £500 Handicap last Saturday. The runaway victory displeased a section of the crowd. As the gelding returned to scale there was a storm of hooting from patrons of the flat enclosure, which, however, was not taken up by those in the grandstand. But if racegoers in the dearer portion of the course were not demonstrative, they certainly were critical, and, naturally, the starter, Mr. P. Keirce, came in for a lot of criticism. This was not wholly justified, for the barriers in use at Ascot are of the old-fashioned one-strand type, and Mr. Keirce's task was made increasingly difficult by the unruliness of Credence. His misbehaviour caused him to be sent from No. 5 position to the outside of the field. Being on the move when the machine was released, he was, in the jargon of the turf, "thrown out" of the barrier, and before the others had found their legs he had a lead of three lengths. By the time his opponents had properly settled down Credence had increased his advantage to seven lengths, and in the down hill run at the back of the course his margin was ten lengths. This meant that the others were hopelessly placed. Credence tired in the run home, but finished two and a half lengths in front of Karomin. The last-named made a game effort, but could not overcome the disadvantage of the start. With an even start there is little doubt that Karomin would have been returned the winner.

St. Valour Wins Plate

A pleasing feature of the progeny of Heroic has been their consistency when once they have shown form. There have been exceptions, of course, one in particular being St. Valour. He came to hand quickly as a two-year-old, and at his first start defeated all but Middle Watch in a division of the Colts' Maribyrnong Trial. This form left the impression that each was a galloper of more than average ability, but it was not until their first outing as three-year-olds that they did anything to confirm the opinion. Their first outing this season was in a 5½ furlongs event at the Valley, when St. Valour won from Middle Watch. The last-named, as is well known, has proved himself beyond doubt, and is the winner of the V.R.C. and A.J.C. St. Legers. On the other hand St. Valour has been a big disappointment, and has even failed in moderate company at country fixtures. St. Valour was raced by the late F. S. Myers, and when his horses were put up for sale last month, Mr. R. Gove purchased the Heroic colt for 210 guineas, and he passed into the care if C. Blyth. This trainer has had a good deal of success on the pony courses. St. Valour's first start in the new ownership was in the Plate as Ascot on March 29, when he finished a poor fifth. He had only moderate support for Saturday's race, when he just got home from the fast-finishing More Cyllene. Although he won by only a narrow margin, it was a good effort on the part of St. Valour, for it was left to him to go in pursuit of the pacemaker, Hawick, whom he got the best of after a stern struggle. It was St. Valour's most generous galloping effort since his early two-year-old days, and it revives the hope of him turning out a good performer.

Full Force Promising

Full Force scored a most decisive victory in the first division of the Ascot Purse. She and Pacific Flight were the smartest to begin, and they kept close company until heads were turned for home, where Pacific Flight dropped out of the running. Full Force continued to gallop in fine style. Mystery Ship came home strongly, but Full Force was full of running, and she easily defeated him by two lengths. Full Force is a three-year-old filly by High Force from Nautch, therefore is a sister to Indian Force, a fair class sprinter who died some little time ago. The success on Saturday was her second. The first win was in a Maiden Plate at Kyneton. In between these successes she registered a third in a division of a Trial at Werribee, when the winner, Corbella, registered the smart time of 60secs. for the five furlongs. Full Force beat nothing of note on Saturday, but it was a smart effort, and as she is only a three-year-old she should be capable of further improvement, and may develop into a good class sprinter. Trained by C. Goodfellow, Full Force on Saturday raced in the nomination of G. Daley. After the race Full Force was sold privately to Mrs. Stagg, who did well with Koolparoo.

Successful Plunge

Although he had failed in races at Yarra Glen and Pakenham, and had never previously raced at Ascot, Rhinestone, who comes from the North-Eastern district, was the medium of a plunge for the Ascot Trial Mile. So heavy was the support for Rhinestone that he finished up a slightly better favorite than Sassaby, who also had heavy backing. Nicely placed all the way, Rhinestone took charge entering the straight, and he went on to win in effortless fashion. Gracfus was four lengths away in second place. Rhinestone is by Chryselaus (sire of Credence), and he should win more races, and probably will succeed in stronger company.

Notes in Brief

Sassaby, who finished fourth in the Ascot Trial, would have finished much closer but for stumbling and losing some ground at the back of the course. But it is unlikely that he would have beaten the winner, who had something in hand at the finish. Nevertheless Sassaby is due for an early win.

Bon Spin, favorite for the second division of the Ascot Purse, missed the jump out, and at the end of a furlong was in a hopeless position. A dozen horses back at the home turn, he went right round the field, and at the finish was fourth, which in the circumstances was a creditable effort.

Home Love should not be long in winning a pony event. She made the running in the first division of the Essendon Handicap, and it was only in the last few strides that Stony Rise defeated her. Home Love is a four-year-old mare by St. Anton, and is trained at Caulfield by Fred Doran.

Although he had finished a promising fourth in a division of the Purse at the previous Ascot meeting, Galloglass was at long odds for the second division of Saturday's Purse, and he finished in the ruck. He is, however, worth keeping in mind, and probably will do best over a longer journey than the 5½ furlongs of Saturday's race. He is a gelding by the Melbourne Cup winner Spearfelt from Xmas Daisy, the dam of several good ponies.

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In the six month period to March 31, Cr. Cornish told the council that there had been a certain amount of over-expenditure which had not been budgeted for. The excess expenditure in each department was small, and the council would have to watch the position closely in the next half year. In ordinary times a little over expenditure would not matter, as it could easily be overtaken later, but the present times were extraordinary and it behoved the council to abide closely by its estimates.

Overdraft Lower

In reply to Cr. Dennis, Cr. Cornish said that the overdraft as at 31/3/32 was £34,934 or an improvement of something like £8,000 on last year.

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BUSY DAY AT NORTHCOTE COURT

LATE SITTING ON TUESDAY

Before Mr. A. Hauser, P.M., and Messrs. P. J. Kean, A. Andrews, H. F. Tulloch and Mesdames O. Devery and A. Glanfield J's.P.

Failed to Become Enrolled

Leonina Baner, Laver street, Kew formerly of Northcote was fined 10/ for having failed to become enrolled after the service of a notice calling on her to do so. Others fined 10/ for similar offences were Jack Renouf, Mansfield street, Thornbury; Mary Ryan, Bridge street, Northcote and Samuel Upfill, Wingara street, Alphington.

Ernest Alfred McDonough, Separation street, Alphington, who appeared on a similar charge said he had never yet, to his knowledge, exercised a vote, as it was contrary to his religion and belief.

The P.M.: You are not charged with failing to vote.

The case was adjourned for 14 days.

Debt

J. W. Turner v. Mrs. E. Lumsden claim for £9/15/. Order for amount.

No Lights

Arthur Fell, Raleigh street, Thornbury charged that he rode a bicycle on March 20 without a light was fined 10/.

For a similar offence John Shepherd, Raleigh street, Northcote was also fined 10/.

William Wilson, Roseberry avenue Preston charged that on February 24 he rode a motor cycle without a rear light was fined £1.

Wandering Stock

Thomas E. Brown, who allowed three horses to wander was fined 15/ witht 7/ costs. Others fined were Thomas Brown (second charge in respect to one head) 5/ and 4/ costs; Richard Rickard 10/ and 5/6.

Truancy Cases

James Biggins, who failed to send children to school the required number of half days was fined 2/. Others fined were John Montgomery 2/; Vernie Trinnick (three charges) 12/ and Rose Williams 2/.

Ejectments

William Hodgkinson as agent for the owner obtained an order for ejectment against W. Byford in respect to property in Perry street, Northcote. The arrears of rent were over 16 months. In this case the "notice to quit" was served in August last year. When Byford asked for time to get out several months were allowed to elapse before further action was taken. A stay of 14 days was granted.

The same complaint obtained a warrant of ejectment against Joseph Gray in respect to property in Barry street, Northcote. The arrears were £18. A stay of 14 days was granted.

A warrant of ejectment was also ordered to issue against — Stevens, Bridge street, Northcote on the application of William Hodgkinson. A stay of 14 days was granted.

Remand Granted

Charles Alexander Harrison was charged that on April 2 he broke into the Croxton Park Hotel and stole a quantity of liquor and cigarettes valued at £22.

On the application of the police a remand for a week was granted.

Offensive Behaviour Charges

Jack Mahoney, Roxburgh street, Preston and Norman Raphael, High street, Preston were charged with offensive behaviour on February 21 in High street.

Const. Feldtman said that he saw the two defendants and two other men "skylarking" outside a fish shop in High street, near Martin street. They were endeavoring to jamb each other in a doorway, were calling out and were throwing fish and chips and lobster debris on the footpath.

Neither man offered and defence.

Senior Const. Matthews (prosecuting) said that Raphael was under a bond of £25 to be of good behaviour for twelve months and that period would not expire until April 19. If convicted now Raphael was liable to forfeit that bond. He suggested an adjournment for 14 days in that case.

The bench granted the application. Mahoney was fined £2.

Noisy Motor Cycle

Robert Ansell, Gladstone avenue, Northcote charged that on February 24 he rode a motor cycle which made an offensive noise in Arthurton road was fined £5. Traffic police said the silencer was defective.

Ansell said he had been riding the machine for eight months, and though he had in that time had his license examined by the police there had been no complaint about noise.

Ansell was also fined 10/ for having ridden a motor cycle the front number of which was not easily distinguishable.

More Offensive Behaviour Charges

Robert Ansell, Gladstone avenue, Northcote; Roy Rixon, Collins street, Northcote and Ernest Gardiner, May street, West Preston, were charged with offensive behaviour in High street on February 21. Mr. A. E. O'Connor appeared for Rixon.

The evidence of Const. Feldtman was that at 1 a.m. on February 21 (a Sunday) he saw five men of whom defendants were three skylarking and making a good deal of noise in High street. Debris from fish and chips was spilled on the footpath, and some bad language was used.

Rixon said he went to a cafe for a drink and there met Ansell. The cafe was closed and the three other men came along. He denied that he was making a noise or causing a disturbance. Ansell gave similar evidence.

The P.M. expressed the opinion that Rixon and Ansell had been foolish to remain in the vicinity whilst others were misbehaving. They would be convicted and discharged without penalty. Gardiner who did not appear, was fined 10/.

Rixon was fined 10/ for having ridden a motor cycle without being licensed.

SMART WORK BY POLICE

GROCERY STORE ROBBERY

COUP BY THORNBURY'S GUARDIANS

On Saturday night, Mr. Ge[...] Carter, who conducts a grocery [...] at the corner of Dundas and [...]ratt streets, Thornbury was dri[...] past the store at about 7 p.m. [...] he was surprised to see lights in [...] building.

Mr. Carter opened the front [...] and immediately there was a sc[...] as youths ran in all directions.

The Thornbury police were [...]fied and Sergeant Graham and Co[...] Mensch of Thornbury, with Co[...] Fennessy of Northcote went to [...] establishment and made a sea[...] Going down the cellar the police [...]ticed some boards had been fo[...] off the side of the cellar, and g[...] through the opening Const. Men[...] torch in hand, conducted a search [...] the course of which a youth aged [...] was found and apprehended.

He was taken to the Thornb[...] police station, and at that time [...] the youth and his captor looked [...] a pair of chimney sweeps, being [...]ered with dust, cobwebs etc. [...] outlet of the cellar was underne[...] an unoccupied house, to which [...] store is attached.

After the youth had been qu[...]tioned the police began investi[...]tions which resulted in the locat[...] of six other boys from Preston [...] Carlton, all aged less than 16 ye[...] who will later appear at the Ch[...]ren's Court on summons. All w[...] located within six hours of the d[...]covery of the youths in the sh[...]

The grocer has suffered at [...] hands of shop-breakers on seve[...] occasions recently, when grocer[...] and money were stolen.

At the Thornbury police stati[...] Ronald Eastlake, aged 17 years [...] charged with breaking and enteri[...]

He was remanded to appear at [...] Northcote Court on April 19.

GAMING CHARGE DISMISSED

P.M. DISSENTS

At the Northcote court on Tu[...]day a charge against a woman [...] having the care and management [...] a common gaming house was dism[...]sed, the P.M. dissenting from the d[...]cision.

The case was one in which Ann[...] Flynn, Helen street, Northcote, w[...] the defendant.

Constable Swingle said that [...] February 13 with other police [...] went to defendant's house and foun[...] a writing pad on which were t[...] names of a number of horses wi[...] amounts of money marked again[...] them. There were also other entri[...] which were, in his opinion, notes of [...] bookmaker's settling. Mrs. Flyn[...] denied that the notes were in he[...] handwriting, and when asked if sh[...] had any explanation as to how th[...] notes were there, made no reply.

Mr. R. T. Cahir (for defendant) [...]—You know that the police suspe[...] this lady's husband of street betting[...]—I have heard something about i[...]

Whilst you were at the house di[...] anyone come to make bets?—No.

Did Mrs. Flynn admit that any o[...] the amounts were in her writing?—No. She said, "I will not say" whe[...] asked who wrote them.

Constable Neville gave simila[...] evidence.

Mrs. Flynn denied that she ha[...] ever carried on starting price betting[...] or that she had any knowledge tha[...] it was being done. She did not know [...] that the documents found by the [...] police were in the house, and added [...] that none of them were in her hand[...]writing.

Sergenat Burroughs (prosecuting) [...]—Are the documents in your hus[...]band's handwriting?—I do not know.

You know your husband's writing?—I am not very sure about it.

Where is your husband employed?—He is not working.

The case was dismissed, by a majority decision, the P.M. (Mr. Hauser) dissenting.

Opening of 1932 Football Season Eagerly Awaited

FINAL PRACTICE GAMES TO-MORROW

RECRUITS' LAST OPPORTUNITY

THE MYTHICAL PACT

Is there a pact? This is the question asked by quite a number of League officials who have apparently drawn the conclusion that Association clubs have set out to refuse the granting of clearances to leading Association players, to whom inducements have been made to join up with League clubs. It is comforting to hear the announcement of the chairman of the umpire and permit committee of the V.F.L. (Mr. Ramsay) that no such pact exists.

The agreement entered into at the beginning of March, 1931, has been scrupulously kept by the two bodies, whose workings have also been harmonious. Praise is due to Mr. Ramsay in refuting such unfounded assumptions, thereby strengthening that existing relationship. As the chairman pointed out, the Association is the weaker organisation, and whilst the Association clubs are prepared to accept League rejects, at the same time the League cannot expect to get in return all the Association players which are sought. Like its contemporary, the Association, to be successful, must be conducted on a sound business basis. For Association clubs to accede to every request of League clubs for the transfer of playing players, would certainly show lack of business acumen, as such a course would eventually result in a serious loss of revenue through decreased attendances at matches. It is not reasonable to expect Association clubs to weaken their own teams and at the same time lower the Association standard of play in order to further enhance the [...] of the League.

INTERVIEW WITH CAZALY, A FORMER COACH

In an interview Roy Cazaly (prior to his departure for Hobart where he has been appointed coach) where his views were sought on the standard of the Association game, he said:—

"After a season in the Association I am forced to admit that the players play the game far more strenuously than I anticipated and there is not a great line of demarcation between the League and the Association. In my opinion there are at least 12 players of the respective teams who could hold their place in any League team, consequently there is a weakness in six positions on the field. This weakness could be overcome by players taking their training seriously. The main reason for the success of League players is due to the fact that they are thoroughly trained. Should all Association players enter into their duties with the same vim and determination I see no reason whatever why the style of play should not be improved by 50 per cent."

Dressing Room Gossip from Preston

Last season Cazaly was captain and coach of the Preston eighteen, and in that position exercised a wonderful influence over the side as he had working like a clock when the [...] came round. Unfortunately his services were not available this year.

Preston players who desire advancement in this fascinating pastime would be well advised to read and endeavour to apply to their game the advice of such a sound authority.

Supporters! The committee are loyally doing their part in an honorary capacity to further the welfare of the club, are you doing yours by backing up their efforts? Each week "lucky envelopes" &c are on sale which are at least good value for the money expended and in many, of course, the value is considerably greater. If you have any saleable article, or feel disposed to assist the committee in this direction by giving a [...], 'phone Roy Clements, JW 2297, or [...] Hannah, JW 2203.

The final practice match prior to the season opening on April 23, will eventuate to-morrow when aspirants for inclusion in the 25 will have to "go their hardest."

A large crowd is expected at the Cramer Street Park on Saturday to view the final try-out in preparation for the great opening day. No doubt spectators will apply their own minds in selecting what they consider the best of the material available, and it is quite possible that a few "finds" may escape the notice of the selectors.

The committee has been diligently seeking players of the type which are needed most, but so far are without much success. They are now concentrating on some of the young recruits, a course which has in the past proved successful.

[...]inson, who is employed locally, and to [...] the centre position would probably have been definitely allotted, has been refused a clearance by Sandringham.

There is every likelihood that Warr and [...] will be available for the first match.

[...]achern and Reichman loosened up their [...] but did not have things all their own way against the seconds.

[...] did not play owing to a cold. He [...] to be quite fit for Saturday.

[...] had his first run and did not show [...] of his last season's form. He, however, [...] applauded for several fine aerial efforts. [...] all probability there will be 14 of last [...]'s players available for selection for [...] opening match. Out of the large batch [...] aspirants for the few vacancies the fol[...] have been the most impressive, and [...] likely to win a place on the list:—

[...], a local lad from the South Preston [...] K.S.P., though he did not have many opportunities last Saturday, certainly gave a good account of himself using what opportunities he got to the best advantage. He is a good mark though the greasy ball did not permit him to show his true worth in [...] direction.

[...] Hall, a son of a local resident, who a decade ago was a brilliant half-back for Preston, was not on the field long enough to demonstrate whether he had inherited any of his father's football ability, as he collapsed early in the second game and was carried off the ground.

Owing to a slightly sprained ankle Hughson was unable to play, though he anticipates playing to-morrow.

Officials were disappointed when they learned that Grierson and Stott were playing at Fitzroy last Saturday. They are still hopeful of retaining these men.

Typical wintry conditions prevailed for the practice matches last Saturday. Though some aspirants had difficulty in handling the greasy ball. The majority quickly "got their hand in" and played to suit the conditions.

Owing to the great demand for inclusion in the local side, two practice games will be arranged for to-morrow, when 72 players will begin a try-out, preparatory to the opening of the season.

The opening day is Saturday, April 23, when the Preston Northcote match should prove most interesting and should draw a large attendance. The match is at the Cramer Park, Preston.

Davies, again impressed. His position play was praiseworthy, whilst as a rover he was nippy.

Just before the match terminated last Saturday Cameron had the misfortune to strain the ligaments of his shoulder.

Taylor has also resumed training and expects to be fit when the season begins.

On the wing Brewer gave a creditable display when opposed to White, out-pointing Preston's wingster throughout the match.

The Mackie Case.—After lengthy discussion Mackie, who was refused his clearance last season, was successful in his application on Monday night to strip for Carlton.

Roy Clarke has already disposed of over 200 membership tickets. With a week to go before the season commences, he is confident of establishing a record. Residents who are anxious to retain their membership and have not the necessary ready wherewithal, may do so by calling on any of the committee or ticket sellers, who will explain the method.

MOST IMPRESSIVE RECRUITS TO DATE

Owens (C.Y.M.S.); Ron Stafford, a local lad, who has been for two seasons with the Collingwood Seconds, half-forward; Harding, follower, from juniors; Craven, follower, Fairfield; Barnard, follower, from Victoria Brewery, Kew; Grogan, a defender, who was previously a member of the side; Walsh, Richmond District; Dineen, a wingster from the juniors; Langwell, a full forward from Coburg; Cunningham, a tear-through type of half-back from Nar-Nar-Goon; Moroney, centre half-forward from the juniors; Davies and Pike, K.S.P.; Anderson, Prahran; Jones, a rover; Harrison (a son of Brighton Harrison, a former champion); and Oakford. Several new aspirants put in an appearance on Tuesday and last night, and will be given a further chance to make good in the practice match to-morrow afternoon.

NORTHCOTE JOTTINGS

Unabated interest continues in the welfare of the club. Last Saturday there were 2,000 spectators at the park to see the locals in action and incidentally to pass judgment on the calibre of recruit offering. Anticipating good football, the spectators gave the players all the gallery necessary to produce their best.

Fitzgerald, from Collingwood Seconds, was conspicuous throughout and looks a likely starter for 1932. Playing in the half-back position, his passing was accurate.

Clough, an Eltham recruit, was a dashing defender, whilst Hart, who was with the seconds last season, gave an attractive display, playing centre half-back.

Another newcomer in Power was frequently under notice, being one of the outstanding recruits.

When the season opens, the majority of Northcote players will be those who weathered the storm last season.

Simmonds who was anxious to cross over to Sandringham, has been refused his clearance.

Lofty Poulter, who gave a fair exhibition following and was one of the surest men in the air, has been removed from the list.

Seymour, Northcote's crack goal sneak, had his first run and appeared to be short of a "gallop."

Again Cole pleased the onlookers by giving a delightful display. Should he retain his present form he will be a thorn in his opponent's side.

Coolness, combined with accuracy has already stamped Gray as a half-forward of repute. In the practice game last Saturday he was decidedly effective.

Captain Rowe did not strip last Saturday, though he anticipates being in charge of operations at the final try-out to-morrow.

One more Saturday remains for recruits to demonstrate their ability. They will need to take full advantage of every opportunity that presents itself to them on Saturday.

Cockram, Northcote's outstanding full-back, has been training at Fitzroy, though he has not yet been cleared from Northcote.

Nicholls also is desirous of transferring to Fitzroy which team is seeking his services. Nicholls is unquestionably one of the most brilliant wingsters playing the game. At the conclusion of each match it is usually his custom to shake hands with his opponent, which demonstrates his fine sporting instincts.

Brown, who had the misfortune to injure his toe, necessitating its amputation, appeared to be unaffected by the inconvenience as he played very well.

Milne and Perkins have resumed training, whilst Woods, Ross, Corrigan, Byrne, Humphries and Garrett exhibited fine form.

Both Honig and Smith have been training at Melbourne though the committee anticipate seeing them wearing the green and gold uniform this season.

Stockdale, 'Cote's dashing half-back, has been cleared to Coburg, where he has been appointed captain and coach.

McSwain, another prominent local, is seeking a clearance to South Melbourne. He will be called on to state a good case otherwise his application will be refused.

In the centre position Corrigan gave an excellent account of himself, being warmly applauded for his efforts.

Dea is expected to make his re-appearance to-morrow.

Northcote will have a strong, well-balanced combination and under the supervision of their tried coach, are confident of giving a good account of themselves.

A practice match will be held at the Park to-morrow afternoon. This will be the recruits' last chance to make good.

Northcote selectors have skilfully applied the pruning knife to their list with the result that the weak positions have been strengthened considerably. Many aspirants have realised that they are not as good as they thought they were and have returned to their former clubs.

Supporters will be pleased to learn that Bray has received his clearance to Northcote. He should prove of material advantage to the side.

Brewis, of Prahran, has been training during the week and anticipates being cleared next week.

Players are in great heart and training vigorously preparatory to the "Interstate" match on April 23.

The training list of 38 at present will be reduced to 25 after Saturday's final try-out, when a match will be staged against Richmond Seconds. Some good talent is offering, and the selectors will have their work cut out to select the best available.

Membership tickets are selling well. Provision will be made so that supporters may be able to obtain tickets at the practice match on Saturday, and also outside the Preston ground on the day of the opening match against Preston.

Others whose prospects of getting a place in the side are Williamson, of Alphington (a son of Sergeant Williamson), Leo O'Brien (a Northcot-sider of 1928 and part of 1929); Stewart Clough (of Greensborough, who was a green and gold 'un of 1928) and Hart (Northcote Seconds)

Preston Second Eighteen

Training has been in full swing during the last three weeks and the club has been besieged with recruits eager to prove their mettle and selectors have had a difficult job to reduce the list. It has been made harder as the aspirants have been the best the club has had.

Last Saturday a match was arranged against the seniors, affording an opportunity of trying out 30 recruits. Although defeated, the scores were not an exact indication of the play as the experience of the seniors told in many instances.

Of the new players the following were some of the outstanding performers.—Chatley, rover; Lloyd, Armstrong, Dineen (half-backs; Campbell, rover; Kaufman and Howse, wing; Sayers and Goujon, full-backs; Hooper follower; Pearl, forward.

Of the old players Roseman, Plummer, Ellis, Tucker and Kelleher showed that they will soon be at their top.

Of last year's players Jones, Grierson, Dineen, Morgan, Haddrick, Harding and Underhill are still with the seniors. Ryan is elsewhere and in all probability we will have some back in time for the opening match.

The coach, Alan McCasker, and the committee, are confident that the club will be well to the front again this year.

Membership tickets are on sale and intending members should obtain one at the earliest opportunity from any member of the committee as there has been a rush for them up to date.

Preston United

Semi-finalists last year in their first season in B grade, practically all of the side are again available for the approaching contests. Players, almost without exception, have availed themselves of the opportunities for training under senior and experienced coaches, and have been scattered about amongst the various Association and League clubs so that by the time the season starts the lads will come in fit and well, and with a wealth of wisdom gained from worthy tutors. One or two minor losses have been sustained through clearances to young clubs, but these will not be appreciably felt, while adding stiffening to the new teams.

Haxby Park, Bell street, has again been allotted to "United's" as their forum, sharing with Preston C.Y.M.S.

Last Saturday these two clubs combined in a practice game against Harold Shoe. After a somewhat straggling game in which many new recruits were tried out by both sides, the Shoe folk won by one point with a score of 2 goals 9 behinds.

On Saturday next United play Preston C.Y.M.S. and a hearty invitation is extended to players wishing or seeking to join with the club to come along and show their paces. For the benefit of players who are on the membership list of any sub-district club, a warning is issued to the effect that they must secure a clearance from their club before playing with any other associated club.

The B grade fixtures gave the executive a very trying time owing to the clashing of ground dates and although there appear to be some strange meetings one has but to consider the sacrifice of time, money and patience by the honorary officers, and to take an unlucky draw with the same good grace as a more fortunate one.

United's doors are still open to any players and a cordial greeting will be given to any inquiries. The hon. secretary is Mr. H. Stanley, of 5 Reid street, Northcote, where all information can be supplied.

Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary

The monthly meeting was held on Thursday afternoon. Work sent to the Melbourne Hospital—14 patient's shirts; 16 pillow slips; 6 dressing towels; 51 patients' binders; 4 dress jackets and medicine bottles. Arrangements were completed for the musical afternoon to be held in the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday afternoon, April 20, in aid of the Mayor's Appeal for local unemployed. The artists who have given their services, are Mr. Hodge (singer), Mrs. E. Ashton (singer); Miss Hilda Whalley (singer); Mr. Benjamin (elocutionist); Miss Marjorie Gray (violin); Miss Grace Brandon (accompanist). The programme has been arranged by Miss Ettie Johnson. Tickets are 2/ and members will donate refreshments for afternoon tea.

CRICKET.

Preston Ice Works, 93 and 6 for 26, (Fraser 29, Smith 26, Ford 16; Newbegin 2/10, Dufty 3/9, Boyle 3/15) d Ethel Grove, 50 and 81 (C. Dufty 43, Campbell 18 n.o., Smith 5/8,) by 43 runs on the first innings.

CHRISTIAN CLUB COMPETITION

Final Matches

South Port ten for 127 (Tinsley 23, Baker 31, Robinson 24, Best 4/50) v Croxton Laurels, two for 123 (Harding 50, Pridmore 57 n.o.; Holden 1/34, Hawkens 1/6).

SONS OF TEMPERANCE

Coburg, 118 and four for 28 (G. Dugdale 40, Baker 18, Rasmussen 15 n.o.; Hollingsworth 5/37, Anderson 3/20) v Alpha, 80 (Mills 30 n.o., J. Pentelow 16; Rowe 5/17).

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES

A GRADE

The first final was contested on Saturday. Scores.—Westgarth Baptists, first innings 169; second three for 57. Regent Presbyterians, first innings 90. The game will be continued on Saturday.

B GRADE

Final Match

Thornbury Presbyterians 71 and 36 (E. Douglas 15 and 15 n.o., James 13 and 9, D. Patterson 10, W. Walker 10; C. Broadhurst 6/34, L. Taylor 3/10, D. Baxter 9/58) v Northcote East Baptists, 85 and none for 23 (K. Shewan 45 and 10 n.o., L. Taylor 8 and 11 n.o.,; J. Walker 6/34, H. Clayton 2/20, D. Paterson 1/23, W. Walker 0/7, A, James 0/11).

Baptists won the premiership by 10 wickets and one run outright.

I.O.R.—JUNIOR FINAL

Dennis v Yarraville

The final for the junior premiership between Dennis (winners of the East Section) and Yarraville (winners of the West Section) was continued at Royal Park on Saturday. At the conclusion of the first day's play Dennis had knocked up 174. Yarraville collapsed before the strong Dennis attack Bennett and Williams going through the side for the small score of 16. In the second innings they did a little better making 66. This left Dennis winners by an innings and 92 runs, thus being undefeated for the season. The bowling honors went to Williams, who secured 6/6 and 4/7 and Bennett, 4/7 and 3/7; Holmes 2/18; Alsopp, 1/3.

By defeating Yarraville Dennis secure the Junior Premiership for 1932.

During the season Dennis has demonstrated their strength by winning the majority of the matches by a large margin due to the very even batting combination. The batting average was won by Allan Morgan who also secured the average for the competition, being closely followed by Stackpole. Owing to the strong attack of Ron Bennett (C.), the fast bowler, during the season, the bowling seldom called for a change. The figures speak for themselves, he secured 88 wickets for 256 (2.90) while Peter Williams, the slow break bowler took 76 for 277 (3.64). In Ron Bennett Dennis have one of the fastest boy bowlers in the game, whose future in cricket seems assured. Dennis were also fortunate in possessing a good wicket-keeper in the State school wicket-keeper E. Tuttleby who kept wickets in the final matches with credit to himself and his team mates. The boys are to be entertained later on when the cups and trophies won will be presented.

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Preston, 134 (Liddell 43, Butler 32, Rabey 12, Sims, 10; Eason 5/51) and one for 14 v Sunshine, 91, (Ellingson 25, Peeler 14, Eason 12 n.o.; Butler 6/21).

WOMEN'S MATCH

The Preston Ladies' club held an Easter camp at Nagambie, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. On Easter Monday afternoon a match was played against the Nagambie Colts and the game ended in a tie, each side scoring 121. Scores:—

PRESTON LADIES.—J. Botsman, b Nolan 9; H. McKeown, c, b Lodding, 13; N. Hall, b Nolan, 2; P. Edwards, b Lodding, 18; E. Burkett, b F. Zanelli, 17; S. Jones, b J. Zanelli, 17; E. Prince, b Nolan, 18; M. Carey, b, J. Zanelli, 0; J. Botsman, b Nolan, 0; V. Hall, not out, 7; Sundries, 25. Total.—121. Bowling.—Nolan 4/8; Lodding, 2/18; J. Zanelli, 2/18; F. Zanelli, 1/7.

NAGAMBIE COLTS. — Harrigan, lbw, b Botsam, 18; F. Zanelli, c, b McKeown, 32; B. Nolan, c, b McKeown, 11; J. Zanelli, lbw., b Edwards, 5; W. Forbes, b Botsman, 34; B. Perry, c, b Edwards, 6; A. Tome, run out 2; I. Zanelli, b Burkett, 4; W. Furlong, not out, 5; R. Lodding, b Prince, 1; J. Bowden, b Jones, 2; Sundries, 1. Total.—121. Bowling.—McKeown, 2/11; Botsman, 2/24; Burkett, 1/27; Edwards, 2/18; Jones, 1/10; Prince 1/10.

Medicine for Unemployed

REPORT BY CR. TURNER

Cr. Turner on Monday submitted a report to the Northcote council in regard to a deputation which had waited on the Minister to request the provision of medicine and medical attention for unemployed. A request had been made that the Government should do something at once as there was every possibility of the outbreak of a severe evidemic of infectious disease. The Minister had given a favorable reply, and it was hoped that something would be done at an early date. The Minister had expressed the opinion that in lieu of a central dispensary as suggested, it would be better if arrangements were made for the local chemists to carry on and provide medicines at an arranged price; also to make arrangements for medical services in the same way.

The Mayor (Cr. Olver) said that Northcote's doctors and chemists had stood loyally to the Northcote Central Relief Committee and he believed that if possible arrangements should be made with the local doctors and chemists to carry on and so give them a little return for what they had done in the last two years.

The report was received.

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Sunday, April 17
11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
3 p.m.—Meetings for Men and Youths, Young Women and Children.
7 p.m.—Mission Service.
Church Army Campaigners.
All Welcome.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
(Bayview Street)
April 17: 3rd Sunday after Easter
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Evensong, 7 p.m.
Preacher: The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
Services are being held in the Kindergarten Hall at the rear of the croquet lawn in Shaftesbury Pde.
April 17—3rd Sunday after Easter.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Corporate for the G.F.S.).
11 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacehr: The Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Chamberlain)

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.
Tyler Street
April 17: Third Sunday after Easter
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Children's Church.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
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A SUBSTANTIAL reward to any person who can give information leading to the recovery of lady's handbag lost in West Preston on March 24, containing 1 gold, diamond and sapphire brooch, M.B.B. on back, safety chain attached, 1 small gold brooch, 2 chain bangles, key, &c.—M. Howell, "Carinya," Gilbert Rd., N19.

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Any reader selecting a horse that is scratched in "The Age" on the morning of the race, will receive in its place the first selection of "The Age" for that race.

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If no reader selects SIX placed horses, the reader selecting the most points in the SIX races will be employed by "The Stipe" to forecast the results of a subsequent meeting, and will receive £30 for such forecast. **£30**

In the event of a tie, each will submit a forecast and divide the £30. You may also earn £45 in addition by selecting the WINNER of each event on the programme. In the event of a tie, each will submit a forecast, and divide the £45. **£45**

When there are 8 starters or over—1, 2, 3. If there are 6 or 7 starters—1, 2. Five starters and under—the winner must be selected.

If a race is divided, each division is counted as a separate race. A race divided on the course will suffice with a place in either division. The decision of the Editor of "The Stipe" is final on all matters.

POINTS.—Winner 3, Second 2, Third 1. Dead-heat for first divide 5 points, that is 2½ points each. Dead-heat for second divide 3 points, that is 1½ points each. Dead-heat for third divide 1 point, that is ½ point each.

Readers will notice the conditions regarding selecting the winners are unaltered.

Readers are reminded that, in the Jockey Competition, they must select the FOUR JOCKEYS, who gain the MOST POINTS, and if no one does so, £2 is added to the prize for the following week.

SELECT YOUR FOUR JOCKEYS

"The Stipe" will engage at a salary of £ this week the reader selecting the FOUR Jockeys who score the most number of points, by riding Winners or Placed horses; points to be added together. (Melbourne Races ONLY). FIRST counts 3 points, SECOND 2 points, THIRD 1 point. Dead heats count the same.

EVERY RACE WILL COUNT NO MATTER HOW MANY ARE RUN. Two or more readers gaining an equal number of points will divide the money and will be engaged by "The Stipe." If no reader selects the four jockeys who gain the most points, £2 will be added to the prize money each week.

FILL IN the Coupon in this Advertisement, and send, or leave WITH STAMPS TO THE VALUE OF SIXPENCE at the "LEADER" OFFICE, 309 High Street, Northcote, for a copy of the "Stipe," (6d.) NOT LATER THAN 12 NOON on the day of the race, or at the Preston Office, 298 High Street, Preston, up till 11 o'clock. The decision of the Editor of "The Stipe" will be final on all matters.

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The Bohemian Orchestra.
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Dances for April: 20th and 27th.
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STATE ELECTIONS

A MEETING of friends and supporters of the candidature of CR. W. OLVER, endorsed U.A.P. Candidate, WILL BE HELD at the Northcote Town Hall Committee Room (upstairs) on TUESDAY, APRIL 19, at 8 o'clock.

A cordial invitation is extended to all interested in his return.

GEO. HENDERSON,
Sec. Pro Tem.

Northcote Horticultural Society
AUTUMN
FLOWER SHOW
To be opened by His Worship the Mayor (Cr. W. Olver, J.P.)
NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL
Saturday, April 16, 1932.
A wonderful floral display of the latest and best in horticulture.
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NORTHCOTE Town Hall.—"Jean Devanny," authoress and lecturer, will lecture on "The W.I.R.—Its Aims and Objects," Tuesday, April 19, at 8 p.m.

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Australian Women's National League
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THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Preston Town Hall (Supper Room) on MONDAY, APRIL 18, at 3 p.m. All members are cordially invited to be present. Speakers from Central.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

Civic Anzac Memorial Service

CITIZENS are cordially invited to attend the Town Hall, Northcote, on MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 25, at 8 p.m., when a service will be held under the direction of the MAYOR and COUNCILLORS, R.S.S.I.L.A., FATHERS' ASSOCIATION, and the Local Clergy.

J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

[Advt.]
RECENT ASSAULT CASE AT NORTHCOTE
(To the Editor)

Sir,—With reference to a report of an assault case and claim for damages re Wilson against Mrs. Baker, of Rossmoyne street, Thornbury, which appeared in your paper on March 24, I desire a correction to appear in reference to the report in another paper. The report states that the case for damages was withdrawn. This is not correct, as the damages claimed were settled out of court, as Mrs. Baker offered damages which were accepted.—Yours truly,

(Mrs.) E. WILSON.
Northcote, April 14.

Lost

LOST — Big Alsatian dog, grey-brown in color, drops one ear, answers to the name of Kaiser. Would finder please return to E. G. McDonogh, dentist, opp Town Hall, 190 High St., Northcote. Good reward.

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Auction Notice

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1932,
at 3 o'clock.
On the property firstly described hereunder. By order of the Mortgagee under Instrument of Mortgage No. 582126.
ANGUS McDONALD PTY. LTD.
AND
F. W. STOTT & SON
Auctioneer, will sell—
Firstly. — OLD ESTABLISHED QUARRY (known as Milot's), situated corner WOOLTON AVENUE and LEINSTER GROVE, NORTHCOTE, containing 8 acres 5 perches or thereabouts, being part of Crown Portion 128, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke, Certificate of Title Volume 5349, Folio 1069792. Secondly.—That MODERN TIMBER VILLA, 5 rooms, all convs., in splendid order, washhouse, copper, bath, troughs, and known as 54 BEAVER'S ROAD, NORTHCTE, and being Lot. No. 32 on Plan of Subdivision 1827, part of Crown Portion 123, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke, having a frontage of 34 feet or thereabouts to Beavers' Road by a depth of 120 feet or thereabouts, land now comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5349, Folio 1069791. Certificates of Title may be inspected at the office of Messrs. Maddock, Jamieson & Lonie, Queen St., Melbourne, solicitors for the Mortgagee.
ANGUS McDONALD PTY. LTD. & F. W. STOTT & SON, High street, Northcote, auctioneers in conjunction.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27
At 3 o'clock at the Sale Room, Orient Chambers, 352 Collins St., Melbourne. By order of the Mortgagees under Instrument of Mortgage No. 571615.
ANGUS McDONALD PTY. LTD.
AND
F. W. STOTT & SON
Of HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE, will submit by Public Auction—
Firstly.—Lot 32 on Plan of Subdivision No. 6829, being part of Crown Allotment 70J, Parish of Narree Worran, County of Mornington, Certificate of Title Volume 5110, Folio 1021869, situated in BEST STREET, BELGRAVE, together with the Buildings erected thereon.
Secondly.—Parts of Crown Portion 122, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke, having a frontage of 152 feet or thereabouts to the East side of High street, Northcote, by a depth of 302 feet 4 inches or thereabouts commencing at a point 253 feet or thereabouts North from Dennis street. Certificates of Title Volume 3170 Folio 633958 and Volume 3945 Folio 788973 together with the buildings erected thereon and known as Nos. 516, 520, 522 High street, Northcote, and Nos. 11, 17 and 19 Hayes street, Northcote, formerly Wilson street.
Thirdly.—Part of the said Crown Portion 122 having a frontage of 50 feet or thereabouts to the West side of Hayes street, Northcote, by a depth of 130 feet or thereabouts commencing at a point 203 feet or thereabouts North from Dennis street. Certificat of Title Volume 4359 Folio 871727.
Certificates of Title may be inspected at the office of Messrs. Maddock, Jamieson & Lonie, 136 and 138 Queen street, Melbourne, solicitors for the Mortgagee.
GEORGE HENDERSON, auctioneer.

NORTHCOTE AUCTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 3 p.m.
138 BALLANTYNE STREET.
Mortgagees' Sale
D.F. W.B. Villa
4 rooms, scullery & all convs., newly renovated and in perfect order. Gas, E.L., street made. Land 35ft. x 130 ft. Sewerage fittings for stabling installed. £100 dep., bal. Credit Foncier terms.
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STATE ELECTIONS

NORTHCOTE ELECTORATE

CR. W. OLVER COMMENCES HIS CAMPAIGN

On Tuesday evening the large committee room at the Northcote Town Hall was filled to capacity by friends and supporters of Cr. William Olver, J.P., Mayor of Northcote—the endorsed United Australian Party candidate.

Mr. W. S. Neelands, chairman, in introducing Cr. Olver, said that not only was he carrying out the duties as Mayor satisfactorily but his valuable services to Northcote for many years had been much appreciated and had proved him eminently suitable for the position to which he was now aspiring.

Cr. W. Olver strongly emphasised that he was contesting the seat on purely political issues. His relationship with his opponent over very many years had been most friendly and he had received great assistance from Mr. Cain. He desired this friendship to continue and the campaign to be conducted in this spirit. At the request of a large body of citizens he had felt it a duty to offer his services in winning this seat for the U.A.P. He wanted only to refer to two matters of primary importance both of which were closely interlocked—unemployment and State solvency. The tremendous fall in prices of export commodities had embarrased every Government and with this fall the possibility of long dated loans had ceased. Resort had been made to short dated loans, and these, during the last three years, amounted to £54,000,000, which meant the locking up of capital that should have been used for stimulation of industry. The Premier's plan was an earnest endeavour to, within three years, balance the budgets and the maintenance of this position was the only way to solvency and to make it possible for private enterprise to receive any stimulus. The present Government were proposing to side-step the plan and stated that they were ready to carry out economies in their own way. As an indication of their bona fides they proposed to return to the normal salaries of the public services and thus increase our annual deficit by £800,000. It was clearly exhibited that any retraction from the Premier's plan was fatal. Cr. Olver also dealt with the housing problem and removed any false impressions that had arisen in connection with some recent proposals submitted to the Government showing definitely that they were not compulsory and were aimed to find a happy medium to assist the property owners who were, at present carrying the whole of the burden, and at the same time achieve some security of tenure for them and for the tenants.

All present formed into a committee to further his campaign. Mr. Geo Henderson was appointed Campaign Director; Mr. H. Mitchell secretary and Mr. W. Houston assistant secretary. A strong executive committee was also appointed. Addresses were given by Mr. Spicer, of the Young Nationalists' Organisation, Cr. S. Dennis, M.H.R., and Mr. H. H. Olney, M.L.C.

HEIDELBERG ELECTORATE

CR. ZWAR'S CANDIDATURE

A meeting of friends and supporters of Cr. H. P. Zwar, the selected U.A.P. candidate for Heidelberg was held at the Preston Town Hall on Wednesday evening. The rally which consisted of between 250 and 300 people was most enthusiastic and augurs well for the support which will be accorded this popular candidate. Cr. Llewellyn Jones (Mayor) took the chair and others present were Mr. H. H. Olney, M.L.C., Crs. Robinson, Newton, Adams and Norris as well as many other prominent citizens.

Cr. Zwar was well received and a talk by Cr. Ibbott (Heidelberg) and Mr Norman O'Brien (U.A.P. Central Executive) was listened to with great interest. A full list of meetings arranged on behalf of Cr. Zwar will appear later.

Hon. Gordon Webber, M.L.A., will address the electors of Preston in the Preston town hall (old hall) on Wednesday next, April 27, at 8 p.m. Mr. Webber will speak on the Premiers' Plan, the new proposals of the Lyons Government, and Unemployment. Mr Frank Block is the campaign secretary.

CR. HEMBURROW'S CANDIDATURE

Cr. W. J. Hemburrow, a member of the Preston City Council, who will contest the Heidelberg seat at the State elections as a U.A.P. candidate, will address the electors of Heidelberg in the Claremont hall, Porter road, Heidelberg West, on Thursday, April 21 at 8 p.m. At a meeting of friends and supporters 200 attended. Cr. Hemburrow addressed the gathering and the enthusiasm displayed was very encouraging. He will, at an early date, arrange his policy speech in the Preston Town Hall, followed by a series of street and other meetings.

EVELYN ELECTORATE

Cr. M. A. Fergusson, President of Whittlesea Shire Council, who is contesting this seat, announces his meetings as elsewhere.

BULLA-DALHOUSIE ELECTORATE

Mr. R. T. Pollard (Minister for Agriculture) will address electors in Epping hall, on Saturday, April 30 at 8 p.m.

NORTHCOTE NOTES

Heavy Rain and Boggy Roads

Cr. W. Hayes, who returned from Mildura on Monday, had a rough trip. A tremendous quantity of rain had fallen, making the roads almost impassable, and several times Cr. Hayes was within an ace of becoming inextricably bogged. There had been so much rain that many paddocks resembled lakes. However, Cr. Hayes got through, although he had many an anxious moment.

Thornbury Mercer Robbed

During Sunday evening, April 17, the mercery shop of Mr. Ray Hattam, tram terminus, Thornbury, was entered by thieves and goods valued at about £200 removed. Mr. Hattam happened to be passing about 9.30 in the evening and, calling into his shop, apparently disturbed the intruders, who left behind several parcels of goods which they were in the act of taking. Entrance was effected through the Thornbury Dance Palais, access being gained to Mr. Hattam's shop by breaking a fibro partition. Although band instruments and two silver cups had been left in the office of the dance hall, there were not disturbed. Mr. Hattam is insured for a small sum against burglary.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

Northcote-Thornbury Branch.—The monthly meeting on April 14 was largely attended, the president (Mrs. J. J. Ryan) occupying the chair. It was resolved to hold a euchre party and dance to aid local unemployed. Several members indicated their intention of attending the annual meeting of the Central Executive on 18th inst. A tray cloth donated by Mrs. Quinlan will be disposed of at the next meeting on May 12. Members desiring tickets can obtain same from the hon. secretary, Mrs. L Roberts, Flinders street, Thornbury. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames Kelly, Kenny and Meredith.

Northcote A.N.A.

There was a good attendance at the last meeting. Mr. Barker occupied the chair, Mr. Pearson was elected to the Metropolitan Committee, vice Mr. Fitch, resigned. Mr. Turnbull also resigned as representative on the unemployed relief committee and Mr. Williams was appointed. An invitation had been sent to the A.W.A. who were well represented. Dancing was indulged in to the excellent music by Mr. Allan Williams' orchestra. The shield won during the recent rifle competition was presented to the brach by Mr. Kirkham. Mr. Barker (C.) accepted the shield on behalf of the branch. Mr. Kirkham also presented the individual trophies. Mr. Berry (secretary) responded. A bowls match will take place next Thursday in the A.N.A. competition.

AUSTRALIA'S STAPLE INDUSTRY

WOOL WEEK EXHIBITION OPENED.—The Lord Mayor (Councillor H. Gengoult Smith), in the centre, opened the Wool Week exhibition of the Country Women's Association of Victoria at the Town Hall on Monday. Watching one of the students of the Emily McPherson College operating a hand-loom; on the left are Lady Mitchell, retiring president of the association, and the chairman of the Wool Week committee (Mr. Edmund Jowett).
Photo by Courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

ANZAC DAY

NORTHCOTE R.S.S.I.L.A. MEMORIAL SERVICE

CELEBRATION ON MONDAY

The Northcote branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. will conduct an Anzac Commemoration Service at the Memorial Hall on Monday (Anzac morning) commencing at 10 a.m. Citizens are invited to be present. Padre Dexter, D.S.O., M.C., D.C.M., will deliver the address and Mr. Ern Parker will sing the "Sergeant Major," and the city band will supply the music. This service creates great interest throughout the State being broadcast each year.

CIVIC MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mr. J. A. Thomson, town clerk, elsewhere issues an invitation to citizens to attend the Northcote town hall on Monday, April 25, at 8 p.m., when a service will be held under the direction of the mayor and councillors, R.S.S.I.L.A., Fathers' Association and the local clergy. All are welcome.

PRESTON R.S.S.I.L.A.

On Monday April 25 (Anzac Day) at 8 p.m. the branch will conduct a Commemoration Service in Preston City Hall at 8 p.m. The speakers will be Brigader General J. P. McGlinn, his subect being "The Day We Commemorate." Members of Preston Ministers' Fraternal will assist. Citizens are invited to attend and join in paying a tribute of remembrance to our fallen comrades.

On Tuesday night during the general meeting of the branch, an address will be delivered by Mr. Jas Allen who has just completed an extensive tour of Eastern countries.

Anzac Day a Close Holiday

All business premises must close on Anzac Day (April 25). This applies to motor garages and service stations also. The banks, post offices, &c., will all be closed. There will be no delivery of mail on that day, nor will mails be placed in private boxes. This means that there will be no delivery of mails between Saturday and Tuesday morning.

PRESTON-NORTHCOTE A.A.C.

Pack Run.—Members are asked to attend a pack run at St. Mary's next Saturday at 3 p.m.

Club Dances.—The club will not hold any more dances at the Preston town hall for this month.

Northcote Horticultural Show

This show was held on Saturday, and was highly successful. A complete list of awards will appear next issue.

Epiphany Mothers' Union

At the monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon the speaker was Rev. Cordell, of Tanganyika, and his address was much appreciated.

Northcote Central Relief Committee Appeal

Interest continues in connection with the appeal for funds on behalf of the Relief Committee.

On Wednesday the Benevolent and Red Cross Societies held a successful afternoon, when the net proceeds amounted to over £20.

The committees supporting the queens nominated by the Australian Women's Association, Younger Set, Unemployed Association and Wimble Workingmen's Club are continuing their efforts, many house parties having been arranged, together with card parties and dances.

On Wednesday evening the Younger Set will hold a ball, when it is expected that a large number will be present.

Arrangements for the State school concerts on May 3 and 4 are now complete. Four sessions will be held in the town hall—two in the afternoon for scholars, and two in the evening for parents and adults. Tickets may be obtained from scholars.

On May 8 at 3 p.m. in the Northcote Park the Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band, together with bands from Northcote Salvation Army, Helen Street School, Wales Street School, Pender's Grove School, Northcote and Croxton Scouts and Northcote Juvenile Band will hold a recital.

On May 11 the Coburg Dramatic Society will present a revue in the town hall. This entertainment has been presented in Coburg very successfully. The society is making its services available without charge. On the same date a concert has been arranged by the Congregational Church in the church, Martin street. A splendid programme including leading artists of Melbourne has been arranged.

The committee acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—Star of Northcote Tent, I.O.R., £5/5/-; Thornbury Masonic Lodge, £5/5/-; Thornbury Ministering Children's League, £1/1/-.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By J. and H. Burgess, 899 High street, Thornbury (Edward Haughton auctioneer) at 3 p.m. on May 4 on the property, 153 Rossmoyne street, Thornbury, 4-roomed W.B. villa on land 33 x 115ft. Particulars advertised.

By Angus McDonald Pty. Ltd. (Geo. Henderson, auctioneer), on April 26 at 3 p.m., at 77 St. David St., Northcote, 5-roomed villa, as advertised.

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MERRI THEATRE

On Friday and Saturday "Flying High" and "Graft" are the attractions. The story of the former concerns the hilarious adventures of Rusty, madcap aeroplane inventor (Bert Lahr) and his futile attempts to escape the clutches of Pansy, an amorous waitress (Miss Greenwood) are filled to the brim with humorous episodes. High spots include a spectacular aviation show which is concerned as much with beautiful chorus girls as with aeroplanes; the novel "Happy Landings" dance number, and the amusing examination of girl students for entrance into the aviation school. There are four delightful musical numbers, three by Dorothy Fields and James McHugh, and one by DeSylva Brown and Henderson.

"Graft" is a fast-moving screen play filled with stirring drama, and takes the audience from the bustle of a newspaper office at press time to the decks of a yacht at sea. The direct cause of the downfall of a grafting politician is his act of casting off a sweetheart of whom he is tired. Though the district attorney to whom the sweetheart presents her evidence is murdered by a henchman of the grafter, his power is not great enough to prevent revelations by a newspaper. Regis Toomey, as a cub reporter, with the help of Sue Carol, as the daughter of the mayoralty candidate, pursues the grafting politician to his yacht at sea, and brings about a series of lightning-paced events which furnish the ultimate peak.

The world-renowned Herculean athletes Roma and Lorenzo will give demonstrations and to-night will pull a lorry (weight 3 tons) from the Merri bridge to the Merri Theatre. On the stage on Saturday evening an effort will be made to withstand the pull of eight powerful men and a draught horse. These marvellous acts are entirely physical feats of a perfect physical system.

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Preston Pars.

Fishing Notes

NINE members of the Preston Angling Club journeyed to Mordialloc on Sunday and were rewarded with a good return of fish. "Snowy" Foster won the competition with 9lb. 7oz., Mr Daft coming second with 8lb. 15 oz. Third on the list was J. Paterson, who was responsible for 8lb. 6oz.

Mr. D. Mcntyre and party spent an enjoyable and profitable time at Eildon Weir, where 31 trout were landed, ranging from 2½lb. to 4½lb.

What was described as a very bad "cot case" occurred during the Mordialloc trip, one of the party suffering severely and becoming unusually "white."

The fishing season ends this month so far as trout and blackfish are concerned.

Rates

IT is satisfactory to note that municipal rates are being received in fairly good sums at present, and ratepayers generally are doing their best to help the local council meet its financial obligations.

Mayoress' Guild

MRS. L. Jones occupied the chair at a meeting of the above on Tuesday. The attendance was good. A large quantity of material to be converted into garments was distributed among the ladies present.

Australian Tea

MRS. H. P. Zwar opened an Australian tea organised by the ladies' social committee connected with the Regent Progress Association on Wednesday afternoon. The function, which was well attended, was held in St. Mary's Hall.

Medicine Fund

A MASK and fancy dress ball is one way in which it is proposed to assist the mayor of Preston's medicine fund.

Mrs. E. McIntosh, president of the Preston Boys' Band social committee has received a letter from the mayor (Cr. L. Jones) on behalf of himself and the Relief Committee, thanking the committee named for the welcome donation of £6/10/-.

Flower Day Appeal

IN connection with the Flower Day appeal on Wednesday, May 4, Mrs. L. Jones (mayoress of Preston) has issued a circular to headmasters of local state schools seeking contributions of jam, groceries, &c., which will be disposed of at street stalls. The whole of the proceeds will be handed to the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society. The response to the circular has been quite satisfactory, each headmaster having notified that an appeal will be made as asked, and the appeal will, it is believed, be successful. We are requested to announce that donations of saleable articles may be left at the town hall from now on, or, if desired, will be sent for. No article will be too small to assist in a good cause.

West Preston State School

DURING the recent wet spell 220 points of rain were registered by the school gauge. On one day alone the register showed 195 points.

The Mothers' and Fathers' Clubs, who are responsible mostly for organising a two days' bazaar in aid of school activities, are looking forward to a successful result of their united efforts. Quite a goodly collection of articles has been got together and will be offered for sale at the various stalls, which are to be gaily decorated for the occasion. There is to be a fish pond for the little ones and varied attractions will be the order of the day and night. Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., will perform the opening ceremony at 7 o'clock on Friday evening, April 22, in the town hall, and there will be a continuance on Saturday afternoon and evening. Prizes are being offered for competitions, and Mrs. H. P. Zwar has kindly consented to act as judge. Included in the competitions is one for an article to be made costing not more than 1/-. The bazaar will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoon (April 29 and 30).

The school boys' band paid a visit to Coburg during the week and played selections at a carnival in aid of the unemployed. The efforts of the boys was greatly appreciated.

Eighteen children from the school will proceed to the Cenotaph in the city next Friday and place a wreath thereon.

Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society

AN Australian tea in aid of the above was held in the town hall on April 13. The hall was beautifully decorated with dahlias and Easter daisies. The mayoress (Mrs. L. Jones) declared the fete open and presided. The following artists contributed to a most enjoyable programme:—Miss Cheesley, overture; Madam Ashton, Misses Orchard, Clayton, Allardyce, Bowley and Mrs. Riddell, songs; Mrs. Trewin, recitations. Afternoon tea and a sale of gifts followed. Mrs. Jackson (ticket No. 2) was winner of a picture. Miss Bean proposed and Mrs. Allchin seconded a vote of thanks to the mayoress and all helpers. The result of the afternoon's effort was the very creditable sum of £6/11/6.

St. Vincent's Hospital Younger Set Auxiliary

THE monthly meeting was held on April 11 at the home of Mrs. Walsh, Gower street, Preston. There was a good attendance and several new members were enrolled. It was decided to hold a picture night. The next meeting will be held at 169 Plenty road.

St. John Ambulance

A NUMBER of members of the above body have arranged to proceed to the city on Anzac Day, where their services will be available in case of accident. Several members visited the city and listened with interest to a lecture by Dr. Davis at the motor cycle patrol headquarters.

Fire Brigade Items

THE false fire alarmist is up to his tricks again. Last Wednesday week the local firemen had a run for nothing to the corner of High and Regent streets, and on the following day were called needlessly to Bell street and Plenty road.

Removal to New Premises

MR. Ern Jensen, undertaker, High street, has removed to new premises adjacent to those formerly occupied by him. A commodious parlor is now available for the holding of services. Mr. Jensen now has a most commodious and up-to-date undertaking establishment.

Preston Boys' Band

AT the Preston town hall on April 13 a successful euchre party and dance was held to augment the funds of the mayor's medicine fund. As a result £6 was handed to Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., by Mrs. E. McIntosh. Cr. Zwar made a nice speech to the ladies of the band, and also moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Bert Palmer and orchestra, who gave their services free; also to Mr. B. Palmer for carrying out the duties of M.C.

Australian Women's National League

THE annual meeting on April 18 was the most successful for many years, the town hall (supper room) being well filled. Among those present were the Hon. H. H. Olney and Mrs. Olney, the Hon. S. Dennis and Mrs. Dennis, Cr. and Mrs. Zwar, and the mayoress (Mrs. L. L. Jones). The mayor had a prior engagement. Representatives from several branches were present. Mrs. Haynes, a popular speaker from Central, took the chair after being introduced by the president (Mrs. Turner).

As the State elections are upon us, Mrs. Haynes invited these gentlemen to each give a short address. Each spoke to the point, stressing the great need for unity of purpose, intelligent voting and keeping before us the great empire which gave us birth and freedom. Madam Ida Osborne then rendered in her own charming way a song entitled "Land of My Dreams" (words and music composed by Mrs. M. Woolfe, of Williamstown, a sister of Mrs. Turner). Miss Jones also sang a delightful little song. Afternoon tea was then served.

After the retirement of the gentlemen the annual business was proceeded with. Mrs. E. Turner was unanimously re-elected president; vice-presidents, Mesdames Charlie Warr, Catmul, Saunders, Yann, Johnson; secretary, Mrs. Orr; treasurer, Mrs. Baird. Mrs. Haynes gave a short but very pointed address on the need for women to interest themselves in present politics. A most interesting meeting was brought to a close by a number of old and new members enrolling.

Another Leap Year Function

THE house party held by the Leap Year Club at Mr. S. T. Grey's home last Saturday evening was well attended, although not up to expectations on account of the weather. However, those who were present enjoyed themselves immensely with many novel competitions arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Grey, interspersed with dancing.

Vandalism in Preston Parks

THE Preston City Council has expended some thousands of pounds in the beautification of parks and gardens, children's playgrounds have been improved, and restful spots established where grown-ups may spend their leisure hours. All this has been done at the expnse of the ratepayers, and the work reflects great credit on Mr. Johnson and his capable staff. Notices have been posted in prominent positions asking persons to "keep off the borders and protect their own property." Imagine the feelings of the curator of the town hall gardens when quite recently he discovered that some person had driven a motor car in an erratic manner within the precincts of the town hall. Rose bushes were knocked down and lawns damaged. The person responsible placed himself within reach of the law by damaging ratepayers' property and also by driving over the footpath in front of the town hall, as his tracks clearly showed. It is reported that this is the second occasion on which the lawns have been used as a motor drive at the town hall.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

Members of the Northcote and Preston District C.E. Union are keenly anticipating the annual convention at Geelong over the King's Birthday week-end, June 3-6. More than 1,200 delegates will attend. Northcote and Preston Endeavourers have booked all the available accomodation at The Albert in Malop street. Any who would care to join the party at this house are advised to book with the Union Secretary, 8 Ilma grove, Northcote, immediately.

Next Sunday members of the Union will be conducting services in various parts of the Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge district and in the evening all the visitors will combine to conduct the anniversary service of the Cottle's Bridge Methodist Church.

During this week, a magazine appeal has been made through the various societies of the Union for books and magazines for Home Missionaries in the out-back. The Union's Missionary Superintendent, Miss D. Clark, of 182 Gillies street, Fairfield would be glad to hear from anybody who could assist the appeal which closes on Sunday next.

Considerable interest is being shown in the Banner Membership Competition for which twenty-two societies have entered. A beautifully inscribed banner (the gift of the President, Pastor W. W. Saunders) will be presented to the society who shows the largest percentage of increase in its membership for the three months ending May 2. It is rumored that the Northcote Congregationals have had over 100 per cent increase.

"Australia's Greatest Need" is to be the title of addresses to be given in the Ivanhoe Methodist and Baptist Churches on Saturday, May 21, when two simultaneous meetings are to be held by the Northcote and Preston C.E. Union in conjunction with the Fairfield and Alphington Youth Movement. Bright singing under the leadership of Messrs. H. B. Robbins and F. W. Meyer is to be a feature. Speakers will include Pastor J. E. Thomas, and the Revs. C. N. Lack and Duncan E. Reeves. Others who will take part are the Rev. S. E. Dorman, National C.E. President, Pastor W. Lowson and the Rev. H. Palmer Phillips. Friends are advised to keep the date clear.

On Saturday week the Northcote and Preston Union will hold a "walk" from Greensborough to St. Helena. All wishing to participate are requested to travel by a train leaving Princes Bridge at 2.23 and Clifton Hill at 2.33. Times for other stations are to be found in the Union's "Bulletin."

Pastor W. W. Saunders, President of the Union, left by the Adelaide express on Monday for West Australia. A fitting welcome is being arrange for after his return on May 4.

Society Doings

The meeting of the Northcote Baptist Society on the 11th took the form of a "Surprise Night." The biggest surprise was the location of the meeting which was held at the home of the Pastor, the Rev. S. E. Dorman. A very enjoyable time was spent—especially after the conclusion of the formal meeting. Two members of this society were recently married—Mr. A. E. (Gus) Pitts and Miss Flo. Kimber. Members of the Intermediate Society held a Social Evening on Saturday evening last. The proceeds assisted the Church Funds.

Miss Daphne Yarwood was the speaker at the meeting of the Reservoir Methodist Society on Tuesday evening. Miss Iris Adams capably led the meeting. The secretary, Mr. E. L. Brain who has been on leave, was welcomed back.

Members of the Ivanhoe Baptist C.E. have been supporting a Mission conducted in their church by Mr. Trevor Morris and party of 3LO.

The Northcote Church of Christ Y.P.S.C.E. held an enjoyable meeting on Thursday evening when Dr. Oldfield of the Ashworth Memorial Hospital, Dhond, India gave an interesting address on the work done in mission fields of India

NORTHCOTE R.S.S.I.L.A.

The branch billiards team is still undefeated in the inter-branch billiards tournament. Community singing commences to-night at the Memorial Hall and will continue every Friday night. The Thornbury Car Club conveyed members of the branch and their ladies to the Repatriation Mental Home at Bundoora on Sunday last and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

The recently-formed Ladies' Auxiliary is already an active body, and held another successful meeting last Wednesday. It should from now become a very important association in the city.

Other items will be found under the heading of Anzac Day.

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Activities of the Northcote High School

Debates.—On April 15, the first round of senior house debates took place, when Merri met Plenty, and Diamond were drawn against Darebin. The subject was the same for both debates, namely—"Is it in the best interests of Australia that State Parliaments should be abolished?"

The Merri-Plenty argument was an interesting one, Plenty taking the affirmative side. The Merri team comprised Anderson (leader), Roberts and Bennett, while Plenty were represented by Jeffery (leader), Batrouney and Holroyd. Jeffery, in opening the debate for Plenty, dealt with finance, and the civil service, and pointed out how State parliaments were hindrances in so far as these points were concerned, while his team-mate, Batrouney, dealt with economic services and transport by railroad. Batrouney, however, made the fatal mistake of wishing to join Tasmania to the mainland by means of railways. Holroyd, Plenty's third speaker, confined himself to education, and said it should be controlled centrally. Holroyd dealt also with the health problem. Anderson, Merri's leader, dealt with trade in its various aspects, such as production, transport, and tariff, and concentrated on proving the fallacy of having one parliament to control Australian trade. Roberts devoted the whole of his speech to economy, proving that the abolition of State parliaments would save nothing, while Bennett dealt with the political side of the question, and advocated decentralisation.

The summing up of both sides was not up to the usual standard, but nevertheless was interesting. The adjudicator, Mr. Glover, awarded the decision to the negative side, so the debate resulted thus: Plenty 53 pts., Merri 70 pts.

The other debate resulted thus:—Diamond 58 pts., Darebin 69 pts.

J. Roche, Form B.

An Interesting Lecture

On Friday last, the pupils of the school were honored with a visit from the secretary of the Melbourne Harbour Trust who addressed the intermediate forms on "The Development of the Port of Melbourne."

"Our port although comparatively young," he told us, "compared favorably with those of Liverpool and London." Mr. McCutcheon then outlined the history of the foundation of Melbourne and described the difficulties the first settlers had to overcome. He emphasised that the greatest problem they had to solve was that of transport on the shallow, meandering Yarra. This disadvantage greatly retarded the progress of Melbourne, and, it was only after 30 years of agitation by the colonists, that the Melbourne Harbour Trust was formed in 1867, for the purpose of deepening the river and improving Melbourne's sea-front. The speaker went on to state that during the Harbour Trust's 55 years of service it had built no less than twelve miles of wharves, containing 120 berths. In addition it had laid down twelve miles of roads along the water-front, the total expenditure amounting to £9,000,000.

Mr. McCutcheon illustrated his lecture by four instructive maps, showing the course of the Yarra as it was when Batman discovered it, and as it is to-day. The address was warmly applauded by the pupils.

H. J. Newson, Form B.

High Street Construction

THE Country Roads Board has made available the sum of £850, which will be expended in the continuation of the construction works in High street, south of Bell street. This will, it is anticipated, provide work for about 20 council employes covering a period of five weeks.

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BASEBALL

PRESTON CLUB

The following teams have been chosen to play on Saturday next:—

A Team v Caulfield, at Preston:—Westcott, O'Brien, Butler, Duffield, Nelder, Fothergill, Crawley, Spoor, Goller, Duggan, Paterson.

B Team v Prahran, at Toorak Park: —Atkinson, Jeans, Brockley, Nankervis, Hills, Souter, Donaldson, Burr, Oates, Ford Thornycroft.

C Team v Old Gold, at Merri Park: —Burrell, Allen, Naunton, Jackson, Murray, Dahl, Thurgood, Kinson, Wintle, Neilson, Smith, Kellar.

LIFE-SAVING AND SWIMMING

NORTHCOTE CLUB'S ANNUAL SOCIAL

Over 300 members and friends attended the fourth annual social evening and presentation of trophies and awards of the Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club in the Northcote town hall on 12th inst. Among those present were the mayor of Northcote and Mrs. Olver, Mr. J. Cain and Mrs. Cain, Mr. A. A. Meyers (chairman Royal Life Saving Society), Miss A. Brown and Mrs. Mott (Victorian Amateur Ladies' Swimming League), Mr H. Hutmance (Preston Club), Mr. E. Murphy (Fairfield), Mr. W. Frander (Kew), Mr. J. Nicholls (Fitzroy), Mr. W. Stade (Abbotsford), Cr. A. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Strain (Fitzroy), Messrs. Goldsmith and Varden (examiners R.L.S.S.).

In introducing the mayor, Mr. J. A. Hogan (secretary) outlined the activities of the club and explained the hard task the committee was having to finance the club, which had to rely on the generosty of members lending their homes for house parties. He suggested if any person would like to assist by holding a house pariy he would be pleased to make all arrangements.

Cr. Olver said he was pleased to be present to present the trophies and awards. He was proud to be the club's president and he assured members that the council appreciated the assistance of the club in popularising the baths. He promised all the support he could give and asked members to give Mr. Meyers a real Northcote welcome.

Mr. Meyers thanked all present for the wonderful reception to the representative of the Royal Life Saving Society. His address would be brief, like some of the beautiful dresses of the ladies present—short, but interesting, but long enough to cover the substance. He had attended many functions, but had never witnessed so much enthusiasm as he had at night. If all fresh water clubs were as alive as the Northcote club, it will not be long before they play an active part in the future administration of the society. He was always pleased to come to a function of the Northcote Club.

The mayor thanked Mr. Meyers for his complimentary remarks concerning Northcote Club, and then presented the trophies and awards, after which supper was served and dancing continued till midnight.

The following are the trophy winners:—

Ladies.- 100 yards Club Championship, L. Holmes; 50 yards Junior Free Style, D. Way; 100 yards Junior or Free Style, J. Taylor; 50 yards Junior who has never won a first prize, M. Edwards; Married Ladies' Fee Style, Mrs. F. T. Daley; Ladies' Rescue Race, Mrs. Hunt.

Men.—50 yards Freee Style, T. Scannell; 100 Yards, 200 Yards and 400 yards Free Style Handicaps, Col French; 100 yards Open Free Style, L. Dean; 100 yards Breast Stroke Handicap, E. Harper; Aggregate Cup, F. Daley; 50 yards Junior Free Style, C. French; 50 yards Open Junior Handicap, A. McDonnell; 50 yards Junior who has never won a first prize, J. Storie; 50 yards Junior Handicap, J. Simpson; Men's Rescue Race, G. Fairweather.

Distance Swimming Certificates. — (One Mile).—Mrs. F. T. Daley, Mrs. Hunt, Miss F. Broadbent, A. McDonell, D. Cunningham.

Three Mile Yarra Swim Certificates.—Mrs. F. T. Daley, Mrs. A. McIntosh, Misses F. Jones, H. Daley, D. Strain, M. Edwards, O. Edwards; Messrs. G. McKenzie, A. McIntosh, S. Keyte, B. Scott, G. Fairweather, R. Bohme, R. Miller, F. T. Daley, Frank Daley.

Life-Saving Awards.—Bronze Medallion, Mrs. F. T. Daley, Miss E. Lancaster, Mr. S. Keyte.

Elementary and Proficiency Certificates.—Misses Olive Taylor, Alma Edwards, Jean Taylor, Flora Broadbent, Nancy Stewart, Myrtle Edwards, Jack Pollock, Tas. Rossau, Gus McDonell.

Abbotsford Two Mile Swim.—R. Bohme, Bevan Scott, Myrtle Edwards.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Further results of examinations held by the Victorian Education Department (swimming branch) at the Northcote municipal baths (examiners, Miss Eddy and Mr. Egan) have been received, as follow:—

WESTGARTH CENTRAL SCHOOL

Headmaster, Mr. Nicholson; Swimming instructresses Misses Jeffers, Hutchinson; swimming instructors, Messrs Krieger, Moir.

Medallions, Girls. Phyllis Shea, Hazel Johnstone. Boys. Walter Dudley, Frank Tiedgen, Colin Hayman, Fred Blackett, Arnold Eddington, Allan Kohler, Allan Pybarne.

Senior Certificates. — Girls — Jean Hanson, Dorothy Rundell, Meg Graham, Shirley Brasser. Boys, Keith Parkes, Robert Hayman, Edwin Gasser, A. Pearce.

Junior Certificates. Girls.—Olive. Yates, Madge Osmond, Merle Coombe, Phyllis Beattie, N. Hickey, Norma Francisco, Joan Marfell, Flo Revell, Jean Fereday, S. Clarke, Mary Pearson, Margaret McKean, Jean Hughes. Boys.—Keith Parkes, Norman Hyde, Ronald Underwood, Allan Green, T. Wallace, J. Philips, S. Fletcher, Ben Nathan, Gilbert Ryan, Jim Kemp, B. Raisbeck, J. Wilson, Bob Warren, Keith Forbes.

HELEN STERRET SCHOOL

Headmaster Mr Perry. Swimming masters Messrs. Brown and Prince.

Junior Certificate. —Richard Twomey, Albert Dunston, Robert Green, Thomas Hope, James Finley, Les Hoyle Bruce Taylor, Les McGaw, Malcolm McLeod, Fred Kellerman.

Senior Certificate. Jean Taylor.

FAIRFIELD STATE SCHOOL

Headmaster, Mr. Carter. Swimming and Life-Saving instructress, Miss Nelson.

Senior Certificate. — Boys. — Mervyn Lamb Eric Harris, Harry Knight, Allan Girdwood, James Conole. Girls.—Marjory Thomas.

Junior Certificate. Boys.— Joe Bench Eric Phillips, Jack McIlwain, Jack Granden, Samuel Bass, William Dobbe, Edward Payne, Arthur Mullinger, Grantleigh Jones, Alfred Cosford, Lindsay Edward, Ray Mendola, Kenneth Scott Donald Beinke, Len Martin, Laurence Byrne.

Girls.—Olive Silver, Jean Lamb, Nellie Silver, Gwen Ashwell.

WALES STREET SCHOOL

Headmaster, Mr. Vick. Swimming mistresses, Misses West, French and Osborne, masters, Messrs. Stocks, and Bethell.

Medallion.—Girls.—Gwen Fontaine, Gladys Marshall. Boys. Les Lawson, Arthur Ramsdell.

Senior Certificate.—Arthur Sellers, Fred Daley, Ian Young, Jack Morrison, Claude Vincent, Les Lawson, Robert Pollock, Albert Pollock. Girls.—Gwen Veal, Joyce Bell, Nancy Hambly, Edith Apted, Linda McNair.

Junior Certificate.—Girls.—Leonie Dennis, Unice Johnson, Ruth Wardrop, Alice Taylor, Dorothy Effemey, Beryl Rushby, Enid Love, Jean Young, Alma Lewis. Boys.—Jack Ulmer, Jim Osmotherly, Ray Kingston, Eric Fontaine, Gordon Dennis, S. Lawry, William Redenbach.

SOUTH PRESTON STATE SCHOOL

At the last meeting of the South Preston State School Committee the Headteacher (Mr. Bennett) reported that scholars had obtained 13 senior and 20 junior swimming certificates during the season.

CYCLING

PRESTON AMATEURS

Last Saturday the club held the junior and senior track championships, also the Webber Memorial race. The junior event (five miles) was contested by three riders—H. Creighton, W. Hughes and J. Andrews. The race was slow on the outward run. On the return journey, about a mile from the finish Creighton dropped back from his co-markers, who were riding slowly together. Creighton then started a jam. Coming from the back suddenly he passed Andrews and Hughes, who were both taken unawares. After a long chase Hughes and Andrews caught Creighton a quarter of a mile from home. Here Andrews sprinted past Hughes and Creighton, and was going strongly, unwinding a whirlwind sprint. Hughes got to the front 50 yards from the line and had a lead of two lengths from Andrews at the finish. Creighton finished third a long way back.

A big field started in the 10 miles Webber Memorial race. Mr. Webber, father of the late club rider, Geo. Webber, started the limit men, after exhibiting the gold medal he had donated. Results:—G. Jowett (4min.), 1; J. Picken (4min.), 2; P. McCasker (2min. 30sec.), 3. Fastest time unplaced, W. Addison (40sec.).

The senior championship was held over a three mile course, starting at Epping township and finishing at Thomastown. 15 riders taking part. H. Stevens was the first to show out. Riding 112 gear, he jumped to the front soon after the start. Nearing the finish there was a wild scramble for positions. Ken White moved out to the front, and the sprint started. R. Tuttle then shot to the front and had a big break on the field, which was well congested. Coming from the outside H. Neumann made a great effort to pick up the big gap between the field and Tuttle and was within two lengths of Tuttle at the finish. Allan Johnson was a length behind Neumann in third place. There were 20 lengths between Tuttle (winner) and the last man to finish. Fourth place went to Ken White, followed by W. Carey, W. Addison, F. Dickens, P. Hatton, J. Robbins, E. Shetty and H. Bartlett in that order.

WHITTLESEA.

Nearly four inches of rain were recorded over the week-end, and many properties were flooded.

The park committee intends providing a playground for children, also seats and tables for picnickers.

More books are to be added to the Whittlesea Free Library.

Constable Crawford is on annual leave. Constable Lowe is relieving.

Arrangements are being made for the Sunday School picnic to the Zoo on April 30. The Railway Department is being approached with a view to arranging earlier transport home.

The Church of England Ladies' Guild has been re-formed, with Mrs. Freeman president, Mrs. C. Howell vice-president, Miss Ellis secretary, Mrs. J. Gibbs treasurer.

On April 12 Archdeacon Hancock officiated when the Rev. A. E. Freeman, late of St. Andrew's, Aberfeldie, was inducted as vicar of Christ Church, Whittlesea, in the presence of a large congregation. After the service at the parish hall a welcome was exaended to the new vicar, his wife and daughter. Rev. R. J. Rowell who is leaving Whittlesea for Berwick, was farewelled and presented with a cheque. Speeches of welcome and farewell were made by Messrs. G. Borton, J. Gibbs and A. Jessop (church wardens), Messrs. W. Arnel, A. Coultrard and R. Higgs (vestrymen) and Rev. Mitchell (Presbyterian Church). Rev. R. J. Rowell and Rev. A. E. Freeman responded. Speeches were interspersed with items given by Mrs. Turley (of Mernda), Miss H. Duffy, Mr. W. Campbell, Misses Grace Blair and Millie Johnson, and Rev. Rowell.

Cricket

The semi-final between Humevale and Whittlesea was continued at Mernda on Saturday. Scores:—Humevale, 110 (Draper 28, Exton 27, G. Parker 18, Adams 15, Deanshaw 12 n.o.; H. Clancy 4/37, T. Parker 3/11, C. Clancy 3/28) defeated Whittlesea, 31 and 37 (H. Beney 17; Blair 7/12, Gale 4/3, Draper 2/10).

Strathewen defeated Epping on the first innings by 1 run.

Next Saturday Humevale meet Strathewen at Doreen in the final.

JIKA CRICKET

(Notes by "Mid-On")

The basket picnic arranged by Secretary Tebbut, of the Thornbury Club, was postponed on account of inclement weather but will be held at a later date. This was rather unfortunate for the club as extensive arrangements had been made.

WIND-UP SOCIALS

The Bell Ramblers held a wind-up party at Mr. Fullarton's residence recently which was a great success. Their next dance will be held in Pender's Hall, Thornbury on April 29.

East Preston, at a social gathering recently, made a very nice presentation, in the shape of a handsome pocket wallet, to their popular and energetic secretary, Mr. Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs has done wonderful work for his club and through his energies East Preston have been able to weather the storm of adversity and finish the season with a credit balance. They are looking forward to a good season next year.

The Croxton United held a successful social attended by a large and enthusiastic number of supporters. Trophies were presented by the president, Mr. Gracie, for winning the batting average, was the recipient of a silver cup the president being the donor. Mr. Newton won the bowling average trophy and a handsome tea set was presented to Mr. Hansen, the wicket-keeper, for his fine work in that department.

TENNIS

East Northcote, the premiers of the second grade, a few years ago acquired a tennis court near the Croxton railway station. Now that the cricket is finished the members direct their attention to tennis matches, and some have proved quite as proficient in that game as in cricket.

ASSOCIATION MEETING

The final general meeting of delegates to the Jika was held on Tuesday night at the pavilion. There was a good attendance, most of the clubs being represented. The chair was occupied by Mr. E. Hannah, vice-president.

A reply was received from the council in reference to the suggested improvements at the Gower Park to the effect that they would be considered by the committee. The chairman congratulated the Gowerville club and also the East Northcote club on having won the premiership in their respective grades, and during his remarks paid tribute to the splendid sporting spirit displayed throughout the games. It was rather a surprise to most followers of the game to see Prestonite beaten but Gowerville's victory should stimulate interest in the association. He also congratulated Prestonite on their performances and the manner in which they took defeat.

In congratulating East Northcote, Mr. Hannah specially mentioned the captain (Geo Armstrong) and his fine record in the association, holding the position of captain for ten years in succession. The runners-up were also complimented on their showing, particularly Bell Ramblers, who did well to reach the final stage in their first year in the competition. Mr. Rutter, on behalf of Prestonite supported the chairman's remarks and congratulated the Gowerville club.

Mr. Fullarton, Bell Ramblers, offered his club's best wishes to East Northcote on gaining the second grade premiership

Mr. Len Gleeson, on behalf of the shield winners, thanked the delegates for their congratulations and spoke in high terms of praise of the achievements of their captain and vice-captain, H. and E. Clarkson. It was a particularly fine performance for E. Clarkson to take 30 wickets in the semi-final and final games and their batting on the final day.

Mr. Russell Colson responded on behalf of East Northcote in a suitable manner.

Messrs. E. Short and L. Cohen, who had charge of the final games, were thanked for their services, also Messrs Milton and Huxley, who managed two of the semi-final matches.

A request from Mr. J. Goller of the Preston Baseball club for the addresses of club secretaries in the Jika competition with a view to inquiring whether there were any likely baseballers in their teams was acceded to by the secretary, Mr. R. Carr, whose action was endorsed by the delegates. The Gowerville club reported that as they were anticipating getting their team's photos taken, they had written to the Prestonite club, the present holders of the H. P. Zwar shield, asking them to allow them to borrow the shield for that purpose. Prestonite willingly complied with their request.

A resolution was passed whereby the fidelity bonds of the Jika umpires which are held by the association, will be immediately refunded.

The next annual meeting will be held in August. It was decided that the secretary advertise in the local paper one month prior to the meeting for teams desirous of competing in the Jika Cricket Association, the advertisement to appear in four successive issues. Old and new clubs sending in applications must enclose the entrance fee of £1/1/ and a fidelity fee of £1. At the conclusion of the meeting a motion by Messrs. Saunders and Delaney, thanking the press correspondent for his efforts in reporting the matches, which gave the local association more popularity than had been previously done, was carried.

COBURG, 118 and eight for 40 (G. Dugdale 40, Rassmussen 19, R. Baker 18; Hollingsworth 8/37, Anderson 5/29) v Alpha, 90, Mills 39 n.o., J. Pentelow 16; Rowe 5/17).

FAIRFIELD CANOE CLUB

The club's first four was successful in winning the Fours Championship of Victoria on the Henley course last Saturday. With practically a dead calm the crews took their stations, Burnley being on the south bank, Fairfield in the centre and Essendon on the north. The Burnley crew began to draw to the centre soon after the start, and crossed behind Fairfield, and finally crossed in front of Essendon who began to draw to the centre. Fairfield were never headed, and won by three lengths.

The active canoe season is almost at an end, the only other event to be decided being a three mile pairs event programmed for Elwood on May 14.

At a committee meeting on Tuesday the club decided to hold "Season Closing Day" on May 21, when the final race for the ladder competition (Burgin Shield) will be decided. A ladies' committee has been appointed to make the arrangements.

A social programme has been arranged for the winter months, and Messrs. F. Taylor, E. Granger and C. Williams have been appointed as a managing committee.

WHILE WE REMEMBER

PAGES FROM C.Y.M.S. HISTORY

(I)

Up to now . . .

In themselves the words are formidable enough when they imply the task of mirroring vignettes of seven crowded years, for memory is an elusive thing, made of the same unsubstantial stuff as youth.

Before the outlines become blurred I can but try to span those years of the existence of the Catholic Young Men's Society in Northcote, to try to catch something of their wealth of achievement in many fields of endeavor and to digress at times —for laughter is a divine gift. We can pause awhile for interludes—and there have been so many of them—when a droll or picturesque character, flitting across these pages, recalls an incident that still convulses us whenever we lapse into reminiscent mood.

These random notes have been collected not without the hope that some former member of the society may be inspired by them to delve into the not too distant years and renew for us something of the annals of the old C.Y.M.S. which existed in Northcote when St. Joseph's church buildings comprised the wooden edifices in Arthurton road on the site of the present ice-works.

Their operations were suspended back in 1915 and it was not until a decade later that Jim Duggan, with characteristic energy, was moved by a conversation with Mr. J. Foley, General President of the Society in that year, to set about the work of reorganising the defunct branch.

Advised by Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, now on his way to Ireland, to enlist Frank Murphy, he did so, with the result that a meeting was called and, on November 23, 1925, the original dozen set about their task. From that time it is estimated that the society has enrolled nearly 300 members, but youth is nomadic and many of these have gone further afield. The roll has altered materially since that time but the branch has steadily advanced both in strength and influence.

Within a month the healthy infant was kicking lustily. In December a rally for members resulted in an increase of 27. Election of the first officers was a matter of serious consequence. Among the original band were numbered many men of mature years who had assisted in launching our venture.

It is well that at this stage we should again record our thanks to those men, older and wiser than ourselves, who gave us such help in the years we have put behind us. Their work was invaluable and the society owes to them a big debt of gratitude. Their most satisfying reward must be the strength of the edifice which they helped to build.

A veteran of over 70, but a man young at heart, unsuccessfully opposed Jim Duggan for the presidency. None questioned Frank Murphy's right to the onerous secretarial position.

Advice was received a little later that at a meeting of the Council—the Parliament of the Society—the Northcote branch would be admitted. Eulogistic speeches were made welcoming the new branch, which then formally entered the federation of the C.Y.M.S. of Victoria.

Suspecting what would be required of him, Jim Duggan had taken the precaution of previously consulting a friend versed in the oratorical lore and he went to the Council primed with similies with which to embellish his reply. He likened the branch to a mustard seed, he compared it to an acorn from which would sprout a mighty oak but becoming involved, he threw horticulture to the winds and told the assembled delegates of our optimistic hopes—hopes that have been more than realised with the passing of seven years.

Names which recur repeatedly in the records of the first six months are those of W. Hoare, T. McCarthy, W. Murphy, N. Edwards, D. Connelly, D. Dowling, K. Plant, C. Egan, G. Beeden, D. McDonald, J. Devery, W. Sheridan, J. and F. Coghlan, Ryan, Mitchell, N. Butler, N. Smith, T. Howard (R.I.P.), F. Denton, R. Burns and F. Dinley.

Of these only the first three presidents—J. Duggan (1925), F. Murphy (1926), and G. Beeden (1927)—together with J. Hickey, president this year, D. Connelly and D. McDonald have retained their membership throughout the existence of the branch. Yet it is a striking commentary that, though its personnel has almost entirely changed since its inception, the branch has always found others to fill the gaps and is as strong to-day as it has ever been.

(To be Continued)

Injured Man Found on Roadway

Four fractures were received by Stephen Braszel, 38, tanner Beaver's road, Northcote, when he was injured in Victoria street, North Richmond, on Saturday night. It is thought that he was struck by a motor car, the driver of which failed to stop. Braszel was found lying on the roadway suffering from a fractured left thigh, two fractures of the left leg below the knee, a fractured wrist, and a lacerated ear. He was admitted to the Melbourne Hospital.

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SOCCER

Presentation to Cr. Zwar

The heavy rain on Friday night marred the opening of the Soccer football season, and in a measure interfered with the attendance. Preston were drawn to play St. Kilda on the new ground recently acquired by the Preston Soccer club on the corner of Hotham and Bell streets, Cr. H. P. Zwar, the popular sportsman, who is president of the club, was asked to "kick off." Prior to this, however, Mr. J. Gray sprang a surprise on Cr. Zwar. Assembling in the centre of the ground, Mr. Gray, in a very neat speech, presented to the president an enlarged group photo of the Preston Soccer Team and spoke in appreciative terms of Cr. Zwar's worth as a citizen and sportsman. What this gentleman has done for the needy citizens of Preston is a by-word throughout the municipality. He has never spared himself in his endeavours to alleviate the suffering of his fellow townsmen caused by continued unemployment.

Cr. Zwar, in reply, thanked Mr. Gray and his club mates for their presentation and exhorted them to play the game in the same manly fashion as they have played cricket. He concluded his remarks by wishing the club a successful season.

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DEATH

GREENHALGH.—On April 13, at his residence, Miranda, Sydney, N.S.W., Percival Benjamin, aged 42 years, dearly beloved eldest son of Charles and Mary Greenhalgh, late of 34 Kingwilliam St., North Preston. Brother of Nell (Mrs. Weir), Violet (Mrs. Robinson), Gladys (Mrs. Bower) and Ralph. At Rest.

THANKS

MARLEY.—Mr. Mathew Marley and Family, of 180 Tyler S., East Preston, desre to THANK all friends and neighbors for telegrams, letters, cards, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Will all please accept this intimation as a personal acknowledgement of our sincere gratitude.

IN MEMORIAM

SWIFT.—In sacred memory of our dear Reg, who died of wounds at Bullecourt, France, on April 19, 1917.

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Remembrance till we meet again.
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ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day, which falls on Monday next (April 25) will be observed as a close holiday. It commemorates that wonderful feat of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, who, in face of almost insurmountable odds, took and held the neights of Gallipoli whilst exposed to a withering fire from the strongly entrenched Turks. It was the baptism of fire for these soldiers, who at their country's call had left their peaceful occupations and went forth to fight. Until that time Australians had no fighting traditions, except in the individual cases of pioneers, and the gallant behaviour of Australia's sons in their baptism of fire, showed them to be the finest soldiers in the world. It is said of Australians that as soldiers they do not know the meaning of defeat. In far off days of England's history it is told of the Danes that they also did not know when they were beaten, and when apparently defeated in battle they were then most dangerous, often wresting a bloody victory from their enemies by reason of the fact that they went "berserk." And so it was at Gallipoli. Beaten back time and again, only to return fighting harder than ever, the Anzacs achieved what military experts had declared impossible. Whilst Anzac Day is Australia's day of victory, it is also her day of sorrow, for in that epic fight she lost many of her gallant sons. As the years pass and new generations arise who have not known the tension of the war years, for the sake of our national pride it is essential that the names of the Anzacs should be kept in memory forever, and this is the object of Anzac Day—"Lest We Forget."

To a Correspondent:

C. P. Phillips.—While the statements in your letter may be correct, no useful purpose will be served by printing your letter. You have your legal remedy. (Ed., "Leader.")

Mr. T. McQuade, late manager for Eezywalkin, High St., Northcote, elsewhere notifies he has opened a modern boot store at 461 High St., Croxton. Attention is drawn to a circular and windows in which bargain prices are advertised.

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Pastor Saunders, of the Church of Christ, Northcote has left for a holiday in Fremantle, Western Australia.

The death occurred at the age of 82 years of Mr. David Carson, of Murray road, Preston on Monday. He leaves two sons, Malcolm and Christopher. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the interment being made at the Boroondara Cemetery, Kew. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. H. J. P. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Mayer, of Preston have returned from a six weeks' tour to Sydney via the Hume Highway, taking in the opening of the Bridge and returning via Princes Highway.

Mr. Tom Andrews, 18 Gertrude street, Preston, who was going in a southerly direction, along St. George's road, North Fitzroy on Monday met with an accident and sustained a broken arm and shock. He is making favorable progress.

The death occurred on April 15 at Youngman street, Preston of Emily, wife of Mr. Ernest Shands. She had suffered a good deal from an illness and the end came as a happy release. Members of the family are Lillian (Mrs. Morton), Bertha (Mrs. Toy), Edith (Mrs. Tyler), Henry, Myrtle (Mrs. Chambers), Mabel, Ernie, Hazel (Mrs. Rogers) and Leslie.

A marriage was celebrated by the Bishop of Bunbury at Bunbury, (W.A.) on January 20. The contracting parties being Charles B., eldest son of Mrs. E. E. M. Jenkins, of Westgarth, and Muriel D., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Inkpen, of Bunbury. The young couple have made their home at Reid (F.C.T.).

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Elkins, of Miller street, Thornbury are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son (Alexander Francis).

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. K. Preston of Thornbury are the proud parents of a son born on April 6.

The stork has visited Mrs. E. J. Brearley, of May street, Regent at St. Magraret's Private Hospital, Regent street, Preston, bringing her a son (Gilbert John).

Mrs. Ruth H. M. Turner, of Northcote has been appointed a special magistrate for the Children's Court at Northcote.

Mr. A. E. Morris, of Northcote has been appointed a Justice of the Peace.

The friends of Mr. Robeson, father of Cr. Robeson will regret to learn he is suffering from a severe illness.

Many expressions of regret were heard when it became known that Miss Alberta Winifred Paarman had passed away at Greenvale Sanatorium, at the age of 20 years and 11 months. She was the daughter of Mr. Fred Paarman, who is a son of Mr. J. Paarman, Mary street, Preston, and a grand daughter of the late Mrs. Williams, who at one time was licensee of the Junction Hotel, Preston. The burial took place in Strathallan Cemetery on Monday afternoon, Rev. T. Wilkinson, vicar of All Saints', Preston conducting the service. There was a very large attendance of mourners and a beautiful collection of floral tributes was placed on the coffin. Five mourning coaches were engaged to convey relatives and close friends to the cemetery, and there were many other cars in attendance. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. Bennetts, P. Shine, H. Barkins, C. Hollowood, R. Turg and E. Davidson. Mr. Ern Jensen had charge of the funeral arrangements. Miss Paarman was to have inherited sums of money from two sources upon attaining her majoriy.

Mr. D. McIntyre, a member of Preston P.O. staff will resume duty on Saturday, after having enjoyed a furlough extending over six months.

Miss Eileen Sheridan, of Northcote has returned after a successful trip with the "Chocolate Soldier" company.

During an interval of a dance by the Preston Live-Saving and Swimming club at the Preston City Hall, on Wednesday evening a presentation which took the form of a handsome enlarged and framed photograph of the members of the club, was made by Cr. Zwar to Mr. J. Donnett. In handing the token to Mr. Donnett, Cr. Zwar referred to the way in which Mr. Donnett had looked after the interests of the club and acted as swimming and life-saving instructor. He had earned the esteem of all sports and they admired the way in which he had performed his duties. Mr. Donnett suitably responded.

Get Together Social

FOR the purpose of furthering the interests of the Preston Footba'l Club a most enjoyable "get together social" was held on Tuesday evening It was unanimously agreed by the social committee to launch varied social activities on behalf of the club and it is to be hoped that the support of the general public will be forthcoming.

Bachelor Girls' Concert

On April 13 a successful concert was given by the Bachelor Girls of Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church in the Sunday School hall. It is estimated that £15 will be raised for the trust fund. Among the items given were an opening chorus by the company "We're Happy When We're Single," also Miss Ethel Deslandes gave a few moments with the guitar "Just a' Wearyin' for You," and as an encore "The Grand Baby and the Baby Grand." A farce "English Literature in taken Literally" proved an amusing item. Misses Ina Jones and Ethel Deslandes received aplause for their humorous duet "Sarah and 'Enery." Miss Flo Twyford, in her inimitable style gave a splendid recitation "Two Sides to a Question in Australia," and as an encore, a monologue "Water Scenes." A Spanish scene included choruses, solos and duets, the costumes throughout being very picturesque. "Mrs Jarley's Waxworks" by Miss Jean Cornish and girls was well carried out. The duet "Oh Ebenezer," by Misses Edna Jones and Jean Arblaster evoked much amusement and great applause. Hawaiian Melodies by the company brought to a close a most enjoyable concert and Miss Flo Twyford (organiser) is to be congratulated on the undoubted success of the whole evening.

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WHITTLESEA COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

The usual monthly meeting of the Whittlesea council was held on Wednesday. Present.—The President (Cr. M. A. Fergusson) and Crs. J. Downie, W. Thomas, R. Reid, T. Harrey, D. Murphy, B. McCormack, J. G. Orgill, R. Smith, C. E. Gardiner J. M. Browne, and C. M. Towt.

Eden Park Road.—The C.R.B. advised that only £783 of a Commonwealth relief grant of £2,500 had been spent on this road, and in future the Board would have further works done under its direct supervision.

The engineer said that more than £783 had been expended.

Haley's Gully Road.—Heidelberg council advised it would spend £10 on this road if Whittlesea council would spend £15.

Shire of Romsey forwarded an account for £30/10 for the treatment of two cases of infectious disease from that shire. It was alleged that the patients had contracted the disease at Thomastown.—To be advised that Whittlesea council contributes to the Fairfield Hospital, and is therefore not liable for the charge.

Town Clerk, Oakleigh, urging that outlying municipalities take action to secure representation on the M. and M. Board of Works and convening a conference for May 5.—Crs. Thomas and Towt were appointed delegates.

M. and M. Board of Works refused a free water supply for the Epping Pound.

Dr. A. F. Day reported on case of diphtheria, five of scarlet fever and one of tuberculosis. Of these four were early in the month and isolation checked any spread. Otherwise the general health of the shire was good.

The Health Officer (Mr. H. M. V. Woodhouse) reported two cases of diptheria at Epping, one at Donny brook and a case of scarlet fever from Bundoora. Food samples analysed all complied with the standard.

H. Edgar Keeble, Kinglake West, seeking attention to low-lying portion of road between his property and the new road—Engineer to report.

W. B. Campbell, Whittlesea, secretary of the Board of Management of the Presbyterian Church, sseking attention to drainage in front of the church.—Riding Crs. to confer with the engineer and have drainage attended to.

An application was received for the installation of a septic tank at the South Morang Hotel, and permission was sought to discharge odorless effluent on the road.

Frank R. Parsons, South Morang, owner and occupier of premises, corner Plenty road and Boland's lane objected to any septic tank effluent being run into storm water channels

The engineer said he objected to the discharge of the effluent on to the roadway. It would be all right whilst it was working properly, but there were many things which would upset the workings of a tank. It was only right that the person on whose property the septic tank system was installed should deal with their own effluent by means of a shaft.

The engineer and Health Inspector are to prepare a report.

Geo Andrew, Whittlesea, re "almost impassable" state of boggy roads opposite his property in Andrew's lane, and sought immediate attention.

Cr. Towt said that something should be done as the road was in a very bad state.

The President said £60 had been provided for this road out of the extra rate.

The President said that this was about the worst road he knew of in the shire.

The matter was left in the hands of the riding Crs. in consultation with the Engineer; not more than £60 to be spent.

M. M. Guilfoyle, Whittlesea, re drainage from William's road on to property known as Batman's.

Cr. Downie said the water was following its natural course.

Engineer to inspect.

E. C. Pittaway, Wollert, sought attention to drainage at his corner, which was flooded at every heavy rain.—Engineer to report.

Finance

Received since last meeting including current rates £1,254/19/8 and arrears £21/13/0, £1,998/5/6; C.R.B. account, Dr. £1,746/17/8; Loan A/c, Cr. £125; water rate, Cr. £420; bank balance, Dr. £6,198.

Riding Balances. — Whittlesea, Dr., £3,845/7/-; Yan Yean, Dr., £680/2/6; Morang Dr. £2,147/12/2; Epping, C/r. £318/6/7; Trust A/c, £156/13/9.

Amount recommended for payment general account £693/4/4; C.R.B., £109/19/10.

Cr. Thomas said that is was essential that the finance committee should operate and help to curtail expenditure. The council's finances needed very close attention if the overdraft was to be kept within the proper limits.

Cr. Orgill said that Morang could not keep its expenditure down if works were continually being done, even though it had been agreed that only necessary works should be put in hand. Although a direction had been issued that all the Morang daymen be put off, two men had been working.

The President: — Probably you moved that that work be done.

Cr. Downie:—There are accounts for £19 for Whittlesea riding works which were not authorised. All the day men were put off by resolution of the council.

The President:—The resolution to put off all daymen was operative until March only.

Cr. McCormack:—There are times when it is essential that work be done quickly. During the floods the Epping foreman safeguarded many bridges, and no doubt saved the council a lot of money.

Cr. Orgill:—I complained about another man being put on—not that the work done was not required.

Cr. Thomas urged that the council should make every endeavour to reduce its overdraft prom time to time and eventually wipe it off.

The President said so far this year the council had received £1,349 and had spent £2,040 out of the estimated receipts totalling £10,000. The council could not go much more cautiously. So far the council had spent hardly anything that could not be termed "fixed expenditure" such as salaries, loans &c.

Cr. McCormick said that the finance committee should advise the council from time to time as to the state of its accounts, the amount collected and the amount spent.

The report was adopted.

Engineer's Report

The Engineer (Mr. C. J. McCormack) reported re proposed drain through Crozier's that Mr. Crozier had said he was agreeable to accept the council's valuation on the land proposed to be taken plus £1 per acre over the whole of his property, a total of £132.

The President read a letter from Cr. Gardiner, written in December 1931 offering £10 towards the drain also 50 posts. The council had accepted this offer.

Cr. McCormack said that a deviation had been made and the road had been drained to Cr. Gardner's satisfaction. As to the drain through Crozier's he contended that the council is not liable for one quart of water. It was not the council's duty to drain any person's property, but it seemed a hard thing that a man's property was being ruined by the action of his neighbour. If the council could clean out the present drain through Crozier's the drainage would be put in order.

The Engineer said that if the council obtained an easement there would be no need to fence, as the council would only take over existing drains.

Cr. Smith said he felt that the drainage had nothing to do with the council, and he moved that no action be taken.

Cr. McCormack said the present drain had been blocked. He had urged Mr. Crozier to allow the drain to be cleared out, and had even offered to put up a bridge over the drain, but Mr. Crozier would not listen to the proposition.

The matter was held in abeyance.

Whittlesea Riding.—Drain in Park at bottom of Walnut street cleaned out; and water washed place in Thomas's road attended to. Instructions issued to trim up gravel on Blackflat road. Work at Heale's store is being proceeded with.

Morang Riding.—Bridge Inn road and Craven's lane attended to. Linton's bridge sheeted with gravel. Brock's culvert repaired. Doctor's Gully road gravel sheeted and turn at Church of England gravelled. Bridge Inn road is badly in need of gravel or metal and I recommend calling of tenders for 200 cu. yds.

Yan Yean Riding.—Lyon's drive—Loose gravel has been reblinded. Bett's lane, pump repaired. Cemetary lane, holes between the bridges filled in. Yan Yean road, holes filled and a start made with grading.

Epping Riding.—Bridge in Settlement road repaired. Settlement road loose metal raked up. Crozier's deviation.—Work has been completed About 15 chains of road left in the Epping Riding requires metalling.

Brunning's Drain.—A start has been made. Mr. Brunning has agreed to pay half the cost. German Lane is receiving attention. Water laid on to Pound yard. On Yann's road metal raked in and blinded. The drains have been cleaned out on Donnybrook, Grant's and Main roads.

The report was adopted.

Ordinary Business

Cr. Hurrey moved that tenders be called for 200 yds of metal for Bridge Inn road, a joint work between the Morang and Yan Yean Ridings—Cr. Murphy seconded; carried.

Cr. Hurrey moved that tenders be called for 300 yards of metal for Bett's lane, to be paid for out of the extra rate.—Carried.

Cr. Murphy drew attention to two bad stone crossings on the Deep Creek road. These should be done away with and the water diverted from the road. —Engineer to have the work done.

Cr. Hurrey drew the attention of the Engineer to a broken stringer in Schultz's bridge.

Cr. Murphy said the whole bridge was rotten. A new bridge was needed further up the creek and the old bridge done away with.

It was decided to ask Eltham council to contribute half the cost of repairs, estimated to cost £20.

The Engineer said that a new bridge and approaches would cost £250.

Cr. Orgill moved that six loads of gravel be placed on Wilton Vale road —Carried.

Cr. Browne moved that tenders be called for 300 yards of gravel for the upper end of the Merriang road between the foot of Payne's Hill to the northern boundary. Cr. McCormack seconded; carried.

Cr. Smith moved that the Epping Pound fence be repaired.—Carried.

Cr. Smith moved that 20 yards of metal be obtained for Rockfield road —Carried.

Cr. Towt said £25 had been allotted to the Mount Hope lane past his place. So far the work had not been done. For another £16 a splendid job could be done and he moved that an extra £16 be spent.

The President seconded—Carried.

The President said several holes needed attention just at the junction of the Yea road on the road to the Tourrourong Reservior.—To be done.

MOTORIST FINED

FAILED TO GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS AFTER ACCIDENT

Patrick Ahern, carrier, of Green street, Northcote, was charged with having on February 27 failed to give his name and address to Eric William Taylor, of Dally street, Northcote, whose bicycle was damaged in an accident in which defendant's motor truck was involved.

The evidence showed that Ahern was driving his motor truck along St. George's road, and when turning into Holden street the truck came into contact with Taylor's bicycle, crushing the back wheel. After the mishap Ahern gave the lad 1/- and drove him to the cable tram, but did not give his name and address when asked for it.

Constable Buchan said: On April 5 I interviewed Ahern, who admitted being the driver of the truck. He said he had not given his name and address as he had not been asked for it. In the course of a written statement, defendant alleged that Taylor had admitted that the accident was brought about by Taylor's fault.

A fine of £2, with 3/- costs, was imposed.

HOW LONG?

Defendant (who had been fined 10/- for riding an unlighted bicycle).—Can I have time to pay?

The P.M.—How long do you want?

Defendant.—Until I get a job.

The P.M.—That is too indefinite. You are allowed a month.

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NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Before Mr. A. Hauser, P.M., and Messrs. B. E. Johnson, H. Evans, W. Jones, H. F. Tulloch, P. Carney and Mrs. O. Devery, J.'sP.

Debt

Mrs. A. Jory v H. Smith, claim for £10/5/0. An order was made by consent for £9/10/0, with £1/6/0 costs. Mr. A. E. O'Connor appeared for the complainant.

Benjamin Barnett, trading as Stanley Ross, for whom Mr. R. R. Gray appeared, obtained an order against John Bush and Mrs. Eda Bush for £7, and 13/- costs.

Failed to Enrol

Ernest Alfred McDonough, who was charged with having failed to enrol after being notified to do so by the returning officer, was fined 10/-.

Motor Cycle Speedster

Colin Robertson, Thackeray road, Reservoir, charged with having driven a motor cycle at a dangerous speed on February 28, was fined £4.

Traffic Constable Cunningham said that between Darebin street and the Northcote town hall Robertson's speed was 45 miles per hour. Caught in a traffic jam at the town hall, Robertson got away first, and although the police cycle was driven at 50 miles per hour, Robertson's machine drew further away and finally disappeared. Later when Robertson was interviewed he admitted being the rider of the machine.

No Lights

Henry Buckley, Michael street, North Fitzroy, who on April 5 rode a bicycle without a light, was fined 10/-.

Others fined for similar offences were Frederick Farrell, Nicholson street, Fitzroy; Carl Kohn, James street, Fitzroy; Reginald Lannan, Clyde street, Northcote; Edward Andrews, Clarence street, Thornbury (7/6); Harry Carbine, Pender street, Thornbury; Walter S. Folley, Hunter street, Northcote; Jack Hogan, Peter street, Preston; William Johnston, Gooch street, Thornbury (milk cart), 10/-.

The P.M. said persons who rode bicycles without lights were a danger, not only to themselves but to other road users. This class of offence was very prevalent, and in future penalties would be heavier.

Ronald Curtis, Stanlake street, Reservoir, charged with riding a motor cycle in High street on February 19 without a head light, was fined 10/-. Curtis said he had stopped in High street. When he started again he did not realise his lights were out as the street was so well lighted.

Fined on Two Charges

George Oldfield, Dundas street, Preston, was charged with having on March 2 driven a motor car on the wrong side of the road in Pender street. There were other charges of failing to stop and give his name and address after an accident, and driving without being licensed.

Ernest William Barker, Railway crescent, Williamstown, said:—About 6.15 p.m. on March 2 I was driving a car south along High street. Defendant's car emerged from Pender street on the wrong side. I stopped and my car was struck by a tram car. My car was damaged and was put into Pender street by tramway officials. I asked defendant for his name and address, but he refused to give it to me, so I went for a constable.

Edward Harbour, High street, Thornbury, said:—I saw the accident. Oldfield refused to give his name and address.

Constable Mensch said:—I went to the scene of the accident at 6.30 p.m. Oldfield admitted that he was driving his van on the wrong side. I said, "You did not give your name and address?" He said, "No, but I showed him my number.' When I told him he knew that that was not sufficient he made no reply.

I instructed him to produce his licence within seven days, and he later produced one which was issued subsequent to March 2. Inquiries at the Motor Registration Branch showed that at the time of the accident Oldfield did not have a current licence.

Oldfield sought an adjournment so that he could obtain witnesses, but when told he would have to pay the expenses of the day he withdrew his application.

Oldfield said his car did not get into High street at all. He assisted to free Barker's car from the tram.

Defendant was fined £2, with 10/- costs, for driving on the wrong side, and £1 for not having a licence.

The police withdrew the charge against Oldfield of failing to give his name and address.

Order for Sale of Cattle

On the application of William John Jones, ranger to the Northcote City Council, orders were made to sell several head of cattle found wandering, the owners of which were unknown.

Ejectment

William Hodgkinson, as agent for the owner, obtained a warrant of ejectment against A. Simpson in respect to a house at Kellett street, Northcote.

Simpson said he had been unemployed for 16 months. He had a wife and four children, and had been promised a job as soon as he underwent an operation.

A stay of 21 days was granted.

Licence

Susan Evans was granted a second-hand dealer's license.

Christmas Comes to Cinderella

By WILLIAM FREEMAN

It was like a fairy tale, even to the traditional ending.

SHE didn't care how much they stared at her at least, she wasn't going to let them guess that she did. She danced, danced, danced, while the gramophone blared, with Lord Sheen and other people whose names she heard and forgot. The time slipped by, but, like Cinderella, she didn't notice it.

Midnight struck while she was dancing with Sheen.

"I must go,' she said.

"Must you ?"

"I promised. And so did you."

"Right-ho Don't bother to say good-night to onybody."

They escaped from the heat and glare and noise into the cool hall. Jill slipped her macintosh over the grey georgette and jammed her hat over her head. The butler opened the door and told one of the gorgeous footmen to fetch Lord Sheen's car. She smiled to herself as she heard him.

A yellow Daimler slipped out of the gloom, a chaffeur in livery at the wheel.

"You'll let me come back with you?" said Sheen.

"There isn't any need, really. Does the man know the address ?"

"Yes, I've told him. What about to-morrow ? Or, rather, to-day Christmas Day "

"What about it ?"

"I'd like, if you'll let me, to call. There's a whole heap of things wh'ch ought to be explained."

Jill regarded him dispassionately.

"Of course. Though I'm not sure that they're worth explaining. However, if you want to. Thanks so much for everything. Good-night-"

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She breakfasted late, and was finishing when the front door bell rang, and she heard voices in the hall. Someone tapped.

"Come in," Jill called.

It was Bill Sheen.

"Am I too early ?" he asked.

"No, I'm late. Will you have some coffee ? There's still some left, though it's rather weak. And smoke, if you'd like to."

He thanked her accepted the coffee, and lit a cigarette.

"I've a whole heap to tell you," said Sheen, after a pause. "Only it's so dashed difficult to know the best place to begin. Let's start with the house in Clarges street. How did it strike you ? A trifle on the lurid side ?"

"One doesn't like to criticise, but ——"

"Exactly."

"I was going to say that I hope it won't hurt your feelings or spoil the story if I say I've guessed the plot."

"You have ?"

"Yes. And I hope the film will be a success, and that all the people who dressed up and pretended they'd titles, and the absurd footmen, will earn their salaries."

Bill Sheen grinned.

"Do you happen to know anything about the technique of film-production, Miss Parafret ?"

"N-no."

"Well, it isn't done on those lines, believe me. Now listen ! That house belongs to me. I let it to old Van Stoot. He's made four million dollars out of the pictures. And to make the house really homelike he had it redecorated in the very best film-studio style. When I came back yesterday afternoon and saw the effect I nearly dropped dead. Van Stoot himself was tremendously proud of it. He and his daughter, the princess, were giving a Christmas house-warming, and they wanted me to join them. In fact, they'd wrung a promise out of me in advance."

"And now"—Bill Sheen drew a deep breath—"comes the most difficult part. I came home sick and starving for English surroundings and I was confronted with—with—"

"Hollywood ?"

"Yes. I couldn't stand it, and I told him so. So the old chap said: 'Then go ahead and modify it in your own way. What about a typical English girl as a central theme ?' He actually talks like that. 'Not the fashionable kind, but something simple and homelike.' I said: 'Right-ho—and many thanks !' And came along and roped in you."

"On the spur of the moment ?"

Bill reddened slightly.

"Not absolutely. As a matter of fact, I'd noticed you at the window when I passed earlier in the afternoon, and I couldn't think of anyone 'n London, or out of it, who'd fill the berth better."

"And are you," said Jill, after a long pause, "really an earl ?"

" 'Fraid so."

"Thank you for being so—frank. It's been an amusing adventure. Now that it's over——"

"But it isn't," he protested. "You're coming back to spend the day with Van Stoot and the rest of us. A real Christmas party, with the real English atmosphere."

"It's all perfectly ridiculous," said Jill.

"It's perfectly inevitable," said Lord Sheen.

"You make me feel just like Cinderella," said Jill.

And then blushed furiously, remembering the end of the story.

A fact of which the "prince" reminded her when, three months later, they were married.

ROBBERY AT CROXTON PARK HOTEL

MAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

"There is a time and a place for everything" is an old saying, and had its truth been observed by Charles Alexander Hansen, laborer, of Clarendon street, Thornbury, he would probably not have been before the Northcote court on Tuesday facing a charge of breaking and entering the premises of the Croxton Park Hotel on April 2, and stealing goods to the value of £22/2/-.

Senior Constable Matthews related how, just about midnight on April 2, he saw Hansen drinking in Martin street with two other men. He warned the men to go home, and they went. Twenty minutes later Senior-Constable Matthews and Constables McGuiness and Buchan again saw Hansen, and in his possession they found a bottle and a half of whiskey similar to liquor that had been stolen from the Croxton Park Hotel between 8 and 10 p.m. on April 2. Hansen could not, or would not, account for the presence of the whiskey in his pockets beyond saying that his mates "must have loaded it on to him when they saw the police coming."

Questioned as to the identity of his mates, Hansen said "Scotty and Tracey. I do not know their other names," but he gave their description to the police.

Alexander Harris, licensee of the Croxton Park Hotel, said that between 8 and 10 p.m. on April 2 liquor and cigarettes valued at £22/2/- were stolen after two doors had been forced. The liquor found on Hansen was part of the missing goods.

Constables Buchan and McGuinness gave evidence that when being questioned on April 4 Hansen said, "I recollect Tracey saying on April 2 that he was going to break into the Croxton Park Hotel, and that it was an easy job." When told that he must have known where the whiskey came from, Hansen said, "I was drunk at the time. I did not know then, but I do now."

Hasen, who pleaded not guilty, was committed for trial at the Court of General Sessions on May 2. Bail was fixed at £100, and was forthcoming.

Some amusement was caused at a function held recently in Preston, when the chairman (Cr. A. E. Newton) introduced Cr. Zwar to those present as the "baby councillor," and suggested that this fact might help to account for the number of ladies present, as all ladies loved to admire the baby in the family. Cr. Zwar, in reply, more than got even by suggesting that at least the ladies would have little chance of bathing the baby whilst an unmentioned gentleman was an expert with soap—"Soft, of course!"

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PHIL)

Dear Cobbers.—Are you all thrilled about the football season beginning for the Association on Saturday ? I wonder how many Cobbers will be at the Preston-Northcote game. This year Fluffy is again barracking for Preston, while Jacko thinks Northcote can do no wrong and so we have a division in the camp. However, each is eager that his team should win and we're expecting a good clean game on Saturday afternoon. On Monday quite a number of you will be present at the March Past and other services for Anzac Day. The Pets have made up their minds to go in very early (about 7 o'clock, Jacko suggested) and so have a good position. Jacko has fished out a Union Jack, much larger than himself and he is going to wave it from a verandah roof. We're hoping for a fine week-end.

Four new Cobbers this week two girls and two boys, so honors are even. The Bird Competition ends to-morrow, so send in your solution now Jacko and Fluffy send greetings and lots of love and so does

UNCLE PHIL

NEW COMPETITION

BIRDS

Pick out all the names of birds in their correct order in the following passage and send your answer in by April 25. Results on April 29. Uncle Phil's decision is final

Jack assisted by Elsie carried overtly a metallic rowle. A shaggy Jew rendering them aid, saw the silver, eyed it with a harsh awkward movement, it was his. Elsie wept and for a lark he led her on and made Jack follow later to the gala house-party, but distinctly relieved Jack's mind by robing him in barbaric fashion. Later he escaped them using a spar, rowing against the tide. Ruth rushed down to the shore and waved him "Goodbye."

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Happiest and Heartiest of Birthday Wishes and Greetings to Shirley Moran (April 19); Gwen Lees, Joyce Will, R. Bower and Ivor McLean (April 25); Alison Graham (April 26); Frances Humphries (April 27); Rosa Gorr, Truda Stevens and Leonard White (April 28); Baby Keele and Leslie Page (April 30); and Melda Caulfield and Percy Maidstone (May 1).

OUR MAIL BAG

108 David street, Preston.

Dear Uncle Phil.—I am filad to join tde Cobbers' Club because I can get plenty of jokes to send in. I am going to send a big joke in next week. I am in the sixth grade at school and I got 76½ out of 120 in an exam.

(GOOD) Billy Murray.

Welcome to the Clubs Billy. Will you send us a snap of yourself for our Album please? Try the Competition. Love from the Pets and U.P.

Flinder's street, Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Phil.—Please enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I am 7 years of age, and go to the Pender's Grove School. My brother is a member, and also my cousin. With love to Uncle Phil and the Pets

(GOOD) Harold Anthonsen.

Welcome to the clubs Horold. Will you please send us a snap of yourself for our Album ? Greetings from the Pets and try the Competition. U.P.

8 High street Northcote South

Dear Uncle Phil.—Could you please enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club

(GOOD) May Mackrell.

Welcome to the Clubs May. Will you fill in and send along a coupon with a snap of yourself if you have one please ? Also send some contributions for the Corner. The Pets join in greeting U.P.

Shirley Moran.—Welcome to the Clubs Shirley and will you please send a snap of yourself for our Cobbers' Album ? Send along some entries for the Corner. Fluffy says you're our youngest member and gives you a special welcome. Heaps of love from the Pets and U.P.

Ruby Keele.—Bravo Ruby for another 100 marks. Will you call with your certificate at the Preston "Leader" office on Tuesday for the prize please. Love from the Pets and U.P.

Bruce Kohn.—Congrats Bruce for gaining the 100 marks. We will be at the match of course, as it is the opening one, especially as Fluffy and Jacko disagree on the team which will win. Will you call with your certificate for the prize on Tuesday please. Greetings from U.P.

Pat Power.—There are five marks missing from the ones you sent in. Will you send them in and then the prize will be ready for you. Try the Competition. Love from the Pets and U.P.

Jack Power.—Another 100 marks Jack. Will you call in about the prize on Tuesday please. You didn't say what you wanted for the prize. Have a shot at the Bird Competition. Greetings from the Pets and U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

Trias are a class of their own, and three constitute a prize. Trias cannot be included in your ordinary 100 marks. Each entry must be marked on the top "Tria Entry," so I will know they are for this competition. The subjects chosen give a wide range of things of interest—holidays, sports, camping, motoring, about the beach or country, anything about hobbies, games to play, about your gardens, and things that can be made by Cobbers. The best each week will receive a special mark, a "Tria" while the other entries just get the ordinary mark. 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 the meaning clear. Trias, if original, should be marked 'original" in one corner.

TRIAS

My Dog Spot

I have a wonderful pet dog. I got him when he was only five weeks old and I have had him over two years. I had to feed him on a bottle at first till he learnt to lap. I call him Spot after a dog my father used to have when he was a little boy. Spot is pure white with a black patch on his nose. He is fond of swimming and he is also very faithful. One day my mate and I took Spot down to the seaside and he was so excited that before we could put our feet on the sand he was into the water after the seagulls and trying to bark at the waves at the same time. About two weeks later Spot went astray and we were so upset to find that he was missing. We waited for two days but still Spot did not return. At last we could stand it no longer so we offered a reward for anyone who found him. A few days later a knock was heard at the door and who should we see but a gentleman with Spot in his arms. We were so pleased to have our little friend back. Spot, who was covered with mud, was put to bed and afterwards he was happy. He never went astray again for he had learnt his lesson.

(TRIA) Nancy Emmerson.

The Rag Doll

A heavy fog drifted down the highway where traffic moved cautiously. Shadowy figures went to and fro, and two poor little urchins looked wistfully into a toy shop window—Fairyland it seemed to their childish minds. "Oh Betty," said George, "just look at that fairy doll, and wouldn't I like that engine ?" Betty seemed too lost for words but her hands clasped tighter around the only doll she ever had, a little rag doll. "Run away kiddies," said a policeman, not unkindly. It happened by nobody's fault that a car came along just them. George tried to pull Betty away but it was too late and the car went over her. All her thoughts then were on fairyland Next she heard "Is she alive nurse ?" She looked up and there saw a doctor. "She cried for an old dirty rag doll which I took from her" George, standing by the cot, fought back his tears and said: "Oh, please mister give 'er back 'er little rag dollie. It's all she ever 'ad to love 'cept me." "Find that doll, nurse," said the doctor sternly. The doll was found. The thin, trembling hands grasped it eagerly. Then she smiled, and slept. In the early light of morn the Gates of Paradise were opened to the little child, clasping tightly in her hands a rag doll.

(BETTER) Alma Stephens.

My Hobby

My hobby is collecting stamps. I have only a small album in which I have 954 stamps For those who are starting to save stamps, here are a few places where the stamps should be put:—Heller, Austria; Bayern, Bavaria; Belgique, Belgium; Francaise, France; Deutfches Reich, Germany; Postage Revenue, Great Britain; Nederland, Holland; Filler, Hungary; Eire, Ireland; Norge, Norway; Filipinas Philippine Islands; Poczta Poland; Espana, Spain; Helvetia, Switzerland

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen.

Scotch

A man wanted in Aberdeen was spotted by a new policeman on duty at the railway station. The policeman went to the nearest telephone and rang up his chief. "The man you want is on the 10 o'clock express for London," he said. "Shall I enter the train and shadow him, or wait for the cheap excursion ?"

(GOOD) Roy Murphy.

Hints for Cooks

How to make an apple puff—chase it round the garden for 30 minutes.

How to make a currant roll Place it on top of the nearest hill and give it a push.

When short of butter, hang your hat out in the rain and wait until it is dripping.

A cheap and easy meal for a picnic is a roll on the grass.

Shortbread can be made longer by stretching.

Doughnuts should be plucked from the pan tree as soon as they are ripe.

To make an egg go a long way place it carefully on a rabbit's back.

To make pastry light, dip it in petrol and apply a match.

(GOOD) Cyril Maes.

Find the Missing Words

The .... of the .... and the rabbit are brown. The .... old man strode through the rain and .... This ... of music is called .... The horses .... get wet in the .... The words felt out in each sentence are pronounced the same but spelt differently. They are:—hair, hare; hale, hail; piece, peace; reins, rains.

(GOOD) Lily Waite.

The Cobbers' Club

Please enrol me as a member of the COBBERS' CLUB

Name...

Address...

Date of Birthday...................... Present Age......................

22/4/32

Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Modest Violet

Down in a green and shady bed
A modest violet grew,
It's stalk was bent, it hung its head
As if to hide from view.
And yet it was a lovely flower
Its color bright and fair
It might thave graced a rosy bower
Instead of hiding there.
Yet there is was content to bloom
In modest tints arrayed
And there diffused its sweet perfume
Within a silent shade.
Then let me to this valley go
This pretty flower to see,
That I may also learn to grow
In sweet humility.

(GOOD) Alice Southam.

The Waste

As 'round her graceful girdle he
One arm with pressure placed,
She, sighing, said, "Life after all,
Is not a desert waist."

(GOOD) Bert Moylan.

Addled Ads.

"Wanted.—a boy to open oysters with a reference."

"Wanted.—A bundle of letters by a lady in brown paper parcel of no interest to anyone except the owner."

"Wanted.—A smart woman who can wash iron and milk cows."

"Ladies' own skins made up." (furier's announcement).

"Wanted.—A piano by a lady with carved legs."'

(GOOD) Reggie Keele.

Have You Read

"The Slow Boy," by B. Quick.
"Green Apples," by Iva Payne.
"The Burglar," by Robin Banks.
'After the Fight," by Isa Black.

(GOOD) Enid Love.

STORYETTES

"How did your husband manage to sprain his arm so badly ?" "Well, doctor, he was trying to show me the size of the trout he nearly caught yesterday."

(GOOD) Allan Love.

Father: "Come here my boy; I'm going to dust the seat of your trousers with the cane." Son: "Don't be old-fashioned Dad—why not use the vacuum cleaner, ?"

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen.

Tommy: "Mummy, have animals got hair-brushes ?" Mother: "Of course not !" Tommy: "Well, I heard Daddy talking about a camel's hair brush."

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

Teacher: 'Tommy, why did the Romans build straight roads ?' Tommy: "So that the Britons couldn't run round the corners."

(GOOD) Frank Power.

Jack: "Do you know the second last letter in the alphabet ?" Jim: "Y." Jack: "Because I want to know."

(GOOD) Willie Eaton.

Sunday School Teacher: "Now children we must never do anything in private that we would not do in public. Jackie: "Hurrah, no more baths."

(GOOD) Kathleen Letchford.

Smith: "Where have you been ?" Black: "Jone's funeral." Smith: "Poor Jones. Is he dead ?" Black: "I hope he is. They've buried him."

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen.

An Irishman bought a pair of boots and he said to his wife: "By Gad, I'll have to wear them a week or two before I can get them on."

(GOOD) G. Kohn.

More Like It

Gent (to tramp): "How many collars do you wear in a week ?" Tramp: "You mean how many weeks do I wear a collar."

(GOOD) Malcolm McIntosh.

A Doubtful Remedy.—Spinster (to Curate): "Do you remember you said in your sermon last Sunday that constant dripping would wear away a stone ?' Curate: "I do, indeed !" Spinster: "Well, I've had it with every meal since, and it's done nothing but put on weight."

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas.

Bossman: "I didn't know your father was a mason. Is he high up ?" Terry Doolan: "Rather ! He's working on the steeple of the new church yonder."

(GOOD) George Joyce.

The Reason.—Sambo: "How am it yo' watch am stopped ?" Rastus (finding dead fly in watch):—"Oh, de engineer is dead."

A Bit Risky.—Gunman: "Hands up !" Gent: "Well promise you won't tickle me."

(GOOD) J. E. Lowery.

Tom: "I say, Dick, if you had five shillings in your pocket, what would you think ?" Dick: "I should think I had somebodyelse's trousers on !"

(GOOD) Walter Ward.

"My wife made an engagement for me to dine at the Bings's. I forgot and went fishing." "Catch anything ?" "Not until I got home."

(GOOD) Jean Moylan.

Doctor: "How do you feel to-day ?" Tailor: Oh, sew, sew, but I seam worse and have stitches in my side."

(GOOD) Frank O'Connor.

Ballet Master: "You dance well enough, but before I give you an engagement you must be looked over by the manager." Coryphee: "What for ?" B.M.: "It's a matter of form."

(GOOD) Lily Scrimes.

Teacher: "Can anyone tell me what dust is ?" Tommy: "Please teacher, mud with the juice squeezed out of it."

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen.

Putting It On.—Don't ever borrow money from him—he's a shark," said a film comedian "he wants fifty per cent in winter and sixty in summer." "Sixty in summer !" exclaimed his friend in surprise. "Why is that ?" "Because the days are longer," came the answer.

(GOOD) Keith McIntosh.

The Old Curiculum Again.—Teacher: "The mole eats as much every day as he weighs." Bright Lad: "Please sir, how does the mole know how much he weighs ?"

(GOOD) Marjorie Wood.

Jack: "What is the best way to make a coat last." Bll: "I don't know." Jack: "Make the pants and waistcoat first."

(GOOD) E. Anthonsen.

Movie Star: "Why did Roy lose his job with the company ?" Comedian: "Well some-one told him to throw the dummy over the cliff and he thought they meant the director."

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

Sympathetic Old Lady: "Have you lost yourself, little boy ?" "No—boo—boo—but I've found a street I don't know."

(GOOD) Kevin Power.

RIDDLES

When was meat the highest ?—When the cow jumped over the moon.

When did the house move ?—When the chimney flue (flew) and the door bolted.

(GOOD) Bruce Burr.

WAR-SERVICE HOMES

Victorian Evidence Concluded

COMMITTEE TO VISIT TASMANIA

Giving evidence before the War-Service Homes Inquiry Committee on Friday, Mr. A. P. Williams, president of the United War Homes Purchasers' Association, said there was urgent need for a revision of the contracts under which hundreds of ex-soldiers and soldiers' dependants were struggling. Houses sold in Northcote had changed hands at a profit of £60 to the War-Service Homes Commission. Homes had been sold at a profit rather than at cost. With salaries reduced and taxation heavier tenants were experiencing the utmost difficulty in meeting payments, and it seemed that the only way out of the difficulty was for a general evacuation of the homes by the purchasers.

Mr. A. Kidby, of Northcote, said hundreds of persons were seriously involved in the matter of the war-service homes. In his case he had found that certain clauses in the contract had cost him numerous pounds he had not expected to spend when he signed the contract. He had made a very bad bargain, and was wondering how he would ever overcome his difficulties. Trying to sell a war-service home was like offering an ice chest for sale at the South Pole.

Recalled by Mr. J. L. Treloar, the chairman, Mr. C. W. Peterson, secretary of the War-Service Homes Commission, said there was no justification for the statement that many persons were afraid to give evidence because they feared that the commission would penalise them. No one had been influenced one way or the other.

It was stated by Mrs. E. Jennings, of Northcote, that she could not possibly pay arrears, and that the only option was to rent the house at rates prevailing in the neighborhood.

Information as to alleged overcharging was given by Mrs. M. A. Pugh, of Preston, who said her husband, who had died three years ago, had purchased a house through the commiss'on at a cost of £800, but had found the capital cost to be £950. It was a house of four rooms, while other houses with five rooms in the same area had cost £250 less.

One war widow said that matters had reached such a stage that she would be compelled to abandon her house and take rooms at a cheap rate in slum areas.

Mrs. A. Pilben, of Northcote, said she wished to leave her home. There were many reasons for the proposed action. The ground about the house was in a shocking state. In the winter it was claylike and resembled glue, and in the summer it was as hard and brittle as concrete.

This concluded the Victorian evidence. Members of the committee left for Tasmania on Saturday, where they are to have additional evidence.

Star of Northcote, I.O.R.

The fortnightly meeting on April 14 was largely attended, Bro. C. J. Creighton, C.R., presiding. Two clearances were granted. Delegates were appointed to attend the Camberwell Tent's anniversary celebrations. Bro. F. Mitchell tendered his resignation as M.S., and Bro. J. King was elected after a ballot.

Bro. J. Woodgate reported on the annual conference of the Prohibition League, stating that that body had had a successful year in its various activities, although much yet remained to be done in the cause of temperance.

The social secretary (Bro. H. L. King) submitted a syllabus for the coming half year, as drawn up by the social commttee. The syllabus, which was adopted, contains many interesting items for the entertainment of the members, thereby catering for the social side of the tent's activities.

In the opening bowls matches of the season the A team defeated North Preston by 13 to 10, and the B team accounted for Preston, 11 to 9. It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Dennis Junior Tent on winning the cricket premiership.

After the meeting members and friends took part in a euchre tournament, tho prizes being won by Sis. F. Neuman and Bro. Max Carthew.

The syllabus item for next meeting (April 28) is an illustrated lecture by Bro. Cyril Stevens on "Beauty Spots of Victoria." All members and friends are invited to attend this lecture, which should prove very interesting. Nominations of officers for the ensuing six months will also be received at the meeting, which will commence at 7.30 p.m. in the ante-room.

Preliminary arrangements are well in hand for the anniversary social in the town hall on May 21 (not May 14 as previously announced).

A publisher says that some authors have no knowledge whatever of punctuation. No comma sense, as it were!

Why is O the dirtiest letter in the alphabet ?—Because it is twice in soot and once in oil.

(GOOD) Irene Poole.

When is a rose not a rose?—When it's a little reddish.

(GOOD) B. Kohn.

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HARES AND HOUNDS

We are queer creatures at the best of times. If we try to visualise the proverb, "Run with the hare and hunt with the hounds," we would laugh at the ridiculous idea. Yet what a common thing it is for that to be done.

Not long ago I heard a man speak of a returned soldier as a "legalised murderer," and he ridiculed the spirit of loyalty and patriotism shown on all sides during 1914-1918. A few minutes after he was carried away by his own enthusiasm when he said, "Why don't they let us have guns and ammunition, and we would soon settle the depression!' The only reasons I mention this are as an illustration and a plea for tolerance. Let us be consistent and generous enough not to attack the dead with words, nor the living with weapons. Rather let us honor the memory of those who have gone, and humbly serve those who remain.

The World of Women

(Conducted by "PENELOPE")

ROMANTIC CIRCLE.

CHEATLEY—REA

ON MARCH 5, at the Northcote Baptist Church, Rev. T. E. Dorman officiated at the marriage of Marjorie Frances Rea, only child of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. A. Rea, of "Renby," Gladstone avenue, Northcote, and Samuel Alexander Cheatley, third son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cheatley, of Colbinabbin West. Hon W. C. Hill, M.H.R., (her uncle) gave the bride away, and she wore a charming frock of ivory chantilly lace and georgette, with pin tucked corselage and full skirt falling to the ground. Her veil of Brussels net (kindly lent by Mrs. T. Wicks, of Preston) was attractively arranged in a halo effect caught at the nape of the neck with sprays of orange blossom. Waterlilies, gladioli, tuber roses and a touch of blue in delphiniums formed the shower bouquet. Miss Alva Slater was bridesmaid, and wore a dainty love-in-the-mist blue georgette dress with bolero effect and felt hat trimmed with primroses to match. She carried a bouquet of carnations, delphiniums, gladioli and dahlias. The two train bearers, Miss Valerie Hague and Miss Lorna Hill (cousins of bride) were dressed alike in Early Victorian primrose georgette frocks with puff sleeves and frills round the hem-lines, with hand-made flower head-dresses. Primrose mittens were worn by all three and presented an unusual finish, also crystal necklaces (gifts of bridegroom). Mrs. Rea wore a handsome frock of Cedarwood georgette with black straw hat trimmed with tulle leaf in mushroom shade, and matching gloves. Her flowers were autumn-tinted pansies. Mr. Jack Cheatley (brother of bridegroom) was best man. The church was effectively decorated with blue and primrose streamers, blue delphiniums and a large bell over the bridal party. Mr. Frank Davies sang during the signing of the register. The reception was held at the Mosonic hall, Bastings street, where the breakfast catered for by Mrs. Olorenshaw Normanby hall, was set out and was much appreciated by the many guests After the usual toasts, dancing, games and items by Mis Lorna Gray, Mrs. H. V. Ransom, Mr. Frank Davies and Miss Effie Skinner (pianist), were enjoyed. The honeymoon was spent at Lakes Entrance, the bride travelling in bottle green crepe satin with bottle green face cloth coat trimmed with black coney, green suede shoes, black kid gloves and black hat with green quills. She carried the bridegroom's gift, a black morocco wallet. The couple have made their home at "Hillview," Colbinabbin West Victoria. On leaving the church the bride was presented with several lucky horseshoes by friends, and rose leaves were scattered in her path. Miss Effie Skinner officiated at the church organ, playing the Wedding March and appropriate music.

BIRD—HUDSON

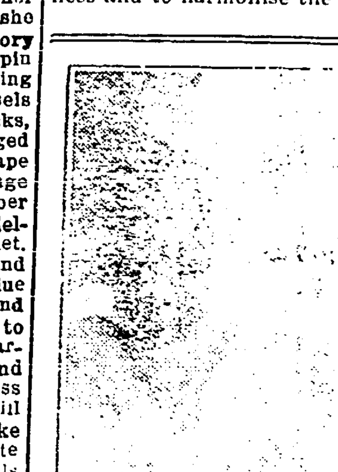
REV. Anderson officiated at the Presbyterian Church, Joffre, street Regent, on March 30 when Mr. Leslie Norman Bird and Miss Enid Heather Hudson were married. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bird, of St. Elmo road, Alphington, and the bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hudson, of "Everton," Joffre street, Regent. The service was fully choral and the church was prettily decorated with Easter daisies and pink roses. Entering the church with her father, the bride made a graceful picture in her white crepe satin gown, made on classic lines, and moulded to the figure and the skirt fell from the hips in a wide flare softened with silver and gold trimmings. A beautiful beaded train underlined with pink georgette and draped with a long tulle veil was arranged with a coronet of orange blossom. Tiger lilies were arranged in her sheaf bouquet. Misses Gwen Hudson (sister) and Rosie Harmond were the bridesmaids and wore charming frocks of powder blue georgette relieved with pink roses and a halo of pink roses took the place of a hat. Each wore a rope of crystal beads, the bridegroom's present. Pink gladioli were carried by each maid. Two dainty trainbearers, little Misses Olive Griffiths and Dolly Jennings, followed the bride and were frocked in pink crepe-de-chehe and each carried a basket of roses. Mr. Ron Kenna (best man) and Mr. Ralph Jory (groomsman) supported the groom. The breakfast was held in St. Mary's Hall, Plenty road, and was excellently catered for by A. Wright, of 522 High street, Northcote. A three tier cake was made by the bride's mother and was decorated by Miss Olive Smith, of Joffre street, Regent. Black and white on tailored lines frocked the bride's mother while the bridegroom's mother wore navy blue crepe-de-chene Each carried red roses. The bride travelled in a navy blue costume and the honeymoon was spent touring. Among the many guests were Mrs. D. Ward (grandmother of the bride) and Mrs. Jory (grandmother of the groom). A beautiful coat was the groom's present to the bride and the bride's gift to the groom was a travelling rug.

Emphasise the Eyes

"THE eyes are the windows of the soul," says Marlene Dietrich, Paramount's Continental star, "Few people make up their eyes, and yet, eyes properly made up will appear larger and more brilliant, and will increase the magnetism of your personality."

'Make-up for the eyes includes three essentials. Eye-shadow which is applied to the upper lid, to give the eyes added depth and expressiveness and to harmonise the area about the eye with the rest of the make-up. Masque, to make the eyelashes appear heavier and longer and to accentuate the colorful beauty of the eyes. The Dermatograph pencil to give the eyebrows a more pronounced shape, to bring out their color and to impart to them a soft sheen. With the Dermatograph pencil, also define the outline of the eyes, thus exaggerating their size."

"Make up your eyes correctly and you will be overjoyed with the added beauty gained.



Greta Garbo, M-G-M star, is a tennis devotee. She wears this ideal swathe hat on the court, and while resting slips into this cosy woolly jacket.

A NEW LACE

ONE of the loveliest of the new evening materials is suede lace, and it is used for two costumes worn by Ardienne Ames, of Paramount.

One outfit, a hostess gown, is created in peach suede lace, while the second, an evening frock, is dyed pale blue.

Another fashion note given by Miss Ames is the fact that eyelet worked organdie jackets are the smartest things over black dinner frocks. She wears a frock of black taffeta with a bolero of white organdie that ties at the neck with black velvet.

Spectator Sports Frocks

WIDE polo belts of soft leather in brilliant colors accent the spectator sports frocks of early autumn.

Juliette Compton adds one of the new belts in cherry color to a navy blue wool-crepe frock she wears in her current Paramount picture.

One of the highlights of Miss Compton's wardrobe created for this picture is an afternoon frock of dull pink crepe romaine, with sable trimmed sleeves, and brown velvet girdle. With this she wears a perky little hat of shaded pink and brown flower petals.

ATHLETICS

NORTHCOTE-PRESTON WOMEN'S CLUB

The half-yearly meeting was held on April 13, the president (Mrs. Dudgeon) presiding over a fairly good attendance. The captain reported on the club's first track season, and although the club did not reach the final four they put up a good performance. The club championship for 1932 was again annexed by Sheila Jones, the runner-up being Nell Cameron. It was decided to hold basketball during the winter, and negotiations are being conducted for a hall. Arrangements will also be made for cross-country running. Anyone desirous of joining the club should get in touch with the secretary at 3 Herbert street, Preston.

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

The president (Mr. W. E. Hooper) and Mrs. Hooper entertained members and visitors at the links on Saturday. Despite the inclement weather nearly 200 players competed in the mixed foursomes for trophies presented by the president. These were won by Mrs. W. S. Binks and J. S. Casey, who returned a net 63 off the 25 mark. An interesting feature of the competition was the unique entry of D. J. Chandler and Miss H. Hooper—grandfather and granddaughter. They were on 32 and returned a net 79. Leading scores:—

63, Mrs. W. S. Binks and J. S. Casey (25); 64, Mrs. Lingford and T. S. Lingford (26); 64, Mrs. C. H. Perkins and S. E. Wall (28); 66, Miss L. Day and G. Sheffield (26); 68, Miss Davidson and Dunn (18); 70, Mrs. Farrell and D. Addicoat (18); 70, Mrs. G. O. Youren and C. Oakley (21); 72, Mrs. Davidson and R. G. Ball (22); 72, Mrs. Stone and D. J. Stone (27); 72, Mrs. A. J. Norris and A. J. Norris (29); 72, Mrs. E. C. Rhind and Rhind (30).

On Tuesday 58 associates competed for Mrs. W. Ferguson's trophy in a competition against bogey, which resulted in a tie between Mrs. F. W. Clarke and Mrs. D. J. Stone. Scores:

2 up, Mrs. F. W. Clarke (16), Mrs. D. J. Stone (18); 1 up, Mrs. J. Cook (18), Mrs. J. R. Edwards (18), Miss L. Richmond (18), Mrs. E. C. Rhind (18).

Next Tuesday Mrs. C. L. Evans' trophy will be competed for in a stroke event, also the first round of the silver spoon competition.

Contrasts

A CLEVER contrast is achieved in a street frock of beige and brown worn by Miriam Hopkins in Paramount's "Two Kinds of Women" which features Philips Holmes. The skirt of dark brown wool accents a jacket of beige dotted with brown. Removable cuffs and collar of beaver make the costume highly practical.

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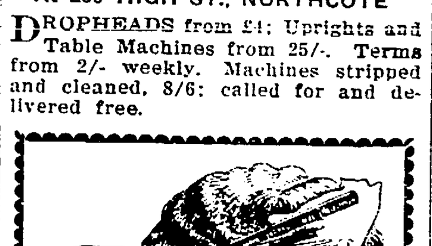

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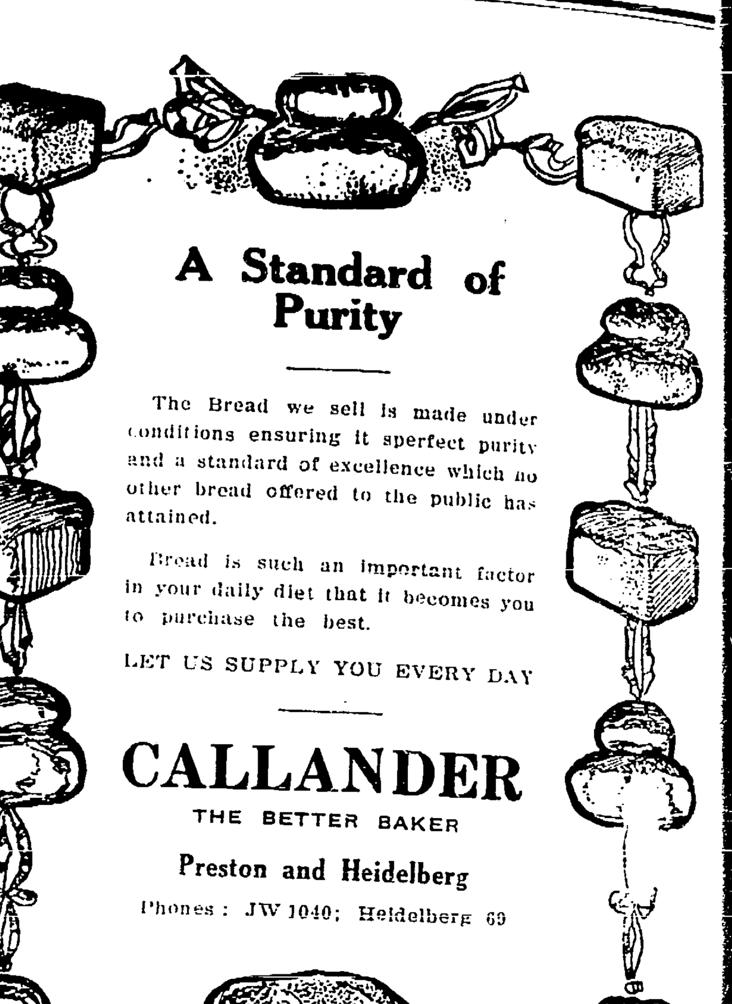

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CHURCH NEWS

The. "Magic Ruby"

At the Northcote Church of Christ on April 12 the members of the Bible class, under the direction of Mr. Roy Anderson, presented to a large gathering the musical operetta "The Magic Ruby." The characters of the play were well sustained; each acted his or her part particularly well. It was a really delightful piece, well presented and well received. The play is full of humor and sparkles with incidents belonging to mystic India. The plot centres around the theft of the Magic Ruby from the Rajah of Rajahpore, who offers untold wealth for its recovery. The money raised will go towards benevolent and charitable purposes.

Methodist, Church, Northcote

On Sunday afternoon, May 1, a rally of the Methodist Young Men's Bible classes of the district is to be held. The mid-week Bible study, Prayer and Fellowship class meets on Wednesday evenings.

Preston Church of Christ

On April 24 a special Anzac Service will be conducted at 7 p.m. when the pastor, Mr. A. J. Fisher, will preach on the subject "Can we afford war?" An offering will be received for benevolence and for the Anzac House Unemployed Diggers' Fund.

Commencing with Sunday, May 1, a winter series of Bible studies will be conducted. The general theme will be "The Reality of Christ," and the studies will be based upon the life of Jesus. Specially selected hymns will be sung and a large chart will be used to illustrate the studies.

All Saint's, Northcote

The mission conducted by the Church Army Crusaders was well attended. The final service on Sunday evening wos crowded, when Captain Gadden made an earnest appeal. On Sunday next the vicar will conduct an Anzac commemoration service in the morning and at night the subject of the monthly pictorial service will be "The Hem of His Garment."

Church of Epiphany, Northcote

Rev. Cole took for his text on Sunday evening "Bear Ye one Another's Burden's," and his address was vividly delivered. The anthem "The Son is No More" was fluently rendered by the choir. Next Sunday Rev. Cordell, foreign missioner, from Tanganiyika, will give the address at the evening service. On Whitsunday a Communion breakfast will be held and the Bishop of St. Arnaud will be the preacher all day.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

The children's sports meeting arranged by the kindergarten for Saturday afternoon last was postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather. Depressed spirits were revived at the bright services which were held on Sunday last and in spite of the uncongenial elements comparatively large congregations attended. The vicar (Rev. W. H. Chamberlain) officiated at all services as he will do also on Sunday next, when services commence with Holy Communion at 8 a.m. followed at 11 a.m. by choral eucharist. The service at 7 p.m. will be followed by an Anzac Commemoration Service and appropriate reference will be made to the message of peace which Anzac should engender in troubled minds. On Anzac Day (Monday next, April 25), there will be a special celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and it is expected that a great many relatives and friends of those who served in the Great War will attend. Holy Trinity is continuing activities despite undoubted difficulties. Readers will be interested to learn that many genuine sympathisers are helping in the re-building schemes for which several social functions are listed.

Advent of Rev. T. A. Indian

Rev. T. A. Indian, having been appointed by the Methodist Conference to the charge of the Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church, commenced duty on Sunday. There was a large congregation in the evening.

St. Aidan's Church

A successful concert was given in the hall on April 13 arranged by Mr. Nott. The artists were from the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music. Cr. C. Jones was chairman and the attendance was good. The Ladies' Guild provided refreshments, and Rev. J. O. Hughes thanked Mr. Nott for his good offices.

Croxton Methodist Church

The preacher on Sunday was the pastor and at the evening service there was a scout parade. The choir rendered "The Heavens and Telling."

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

The Thornbury branch of the P.W.M.U. held its meeting on April 14, the chair being taken by Mrs. Hadley. There was a good attendance and Rev. H. O. Matthews gave a brief account of his mission.

Musical Festival at Croxton

An entertaining musical festival was given in the Croxton Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon to an appreciative audience. The chair was taken by Mr. Blackney. The programme was given by Miss Pascoe-Webbe's Sunbeam Singers, assisted by Misses Lorna Dandy, Alma McLaughlan, Jean and Bonnie Kean, Ellen Bailey, Edna Marlowe (soloists) and Miss Gwen Vellenoweth (recitations), Miss E. Pascoe-Webbe sang by request "The Lost Chord." Community singing and hymns were under the baton of Mr. Alex Smith and the orchestra rendered selections.

Thornbury Presbyterian S.S. Anniversary

On a recent Sunday morning an especially impressive service was held when Messrs. W. Harry and J. Anderson were inducted as elders. The preacher was the Rev. S. C. Hadley. On Sundays 10th and 17th April the Sunday School anniversary was held. On the 10th the preachers were Rev. A. N. Northey, Cr. Olver (Mayor of Northcote) and Rev. J. K. Robertson; whilst on the following Sunday the Revs W. J. Harris and S. C. Hadley preached. In each instance the addresses were very suitable, and were appreciated by adults as well as by the children. The outstanding feature of the anniversary was, as usual, the singing of the children under the conductorship of Mr. Wilson, assisted by Miss Waycott at the piano, and an orchestra composed largely of scholars Several children acquitted themselves well in solos, duets, trios, &c and novel features of the services were the reciting of passages of scripture by scholars instead of the customary readings by ministers and a dialogue fitting the occasion. The kindergarten children rendered attractive items each afternoon. Despite the fact that the weather was most unpropitous on each Sunday, the school hall was crowded, and the anniversary was most successful.

Northcote Free Gardeners' C.C. Social

On Saturday evening, April 9, the ladies' committee tendered a tea and evening to members of the above club at Hammet's Hall, Fairfield. Some 25 members and several visitors were present at a sumptuous poultry tea. The tables were suitably decorated with seasonal flowers and the hall was a gaiety of flags and streamers. The proceedings commenced with the toast to the King, proposed by the president (Mr. Nicholas). The secretary and treasurer gave a resume of the club's activities during the season and joined with Mr. McLaughlin in the toast to the players, which was suitably responded to by the captain (Mr. Whittaker) and vice-captain (Mr. Taylor). The toast to the players by Mr. Murphy was accepted on their behalf by Mr. Chown and Mr. Nicholas. The last toast, but not least, was to the ladies for the splendid repast provided. This toast fell to the lot of Mr. Nyeman, who found it difficult to express the praise duo to them for the wonderful display. On behalf of the ladies' committee, Mesdames Tanner and Murphy thanked Mr. Nyeman for his splendid toast. Dances, games and several vocal items kept the party, which had now reached somewhere between 50 and 60, well awake till midnight.

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Railway Gates Damaged

As a train from North Carlton approached the gates at St. George's road, North Fitzroy, at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday a motor truck fouled the closed gates. The train was stopped within 100 yards of the crossing, and the driver of the motor truck was not injured. On Monday the damaged gates were operated by hand.

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BENCH URGES A RECONCILIATION

Although the bench at Northcote court on Tuesday did its best to effect a reconciliation between a young wife and husband, aged 23 and 22 respectively, the parties could not adjust their differences.

The wife, Lily Ivy Florence Irving, of Gracie street, Northcote, sought a maintenance order against her husband, Ernest Alexander Irving, of Cooper street, Essendon, for the support of a child.

Mrs. Irving said: Since I was married in September, 1931, my husband has never provided for me. After the marriage I went to reside with my parents, whilst he went to his. Since the marriage my husband has only given my 19/6. The child was born in March.

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Since the beginning of the year he has only been to see me on two or three occasions. The only offer of a home he has ever made was after the issue of this summons, and that home was with his parents. I am not prepared to accept that offer. My husband's mother before our marriage borrowed £10 from me and repaid me £4. I got so tired of asking her for the rest that I made her a present of the balance.

Cross-examined: Your mother disapproved of the marriage?—She only expressed disapproval on one occasion.

Your husband is out of work?—Yes. He was not working when we were married.

The P.M. (Mr. Hauser).—Why did you refuse the offer of a home with your husband's parents?—I want a home of my own.

Did he make that offer more than once?—Yes. On two or three occasions.

Irving said:—It is 22 months since I was in regular work, and since that time I have only done a little irregular work. During this year I have earned a total of 15/-, of which I gave my wife 14/6.

In December last I went to see my wife and her mother told me that if I did not get out she would send for the police. My wife's mother does not like me, and has ordered me out of the house even before the marriage.

Florence Irving, mother of the defendant, said she was willing to provide a home at her house for her son's wife.

The P.M. announced that the bench had come to a decision, but did not desire to do anything that would widen the breach between a young husband and wife. It was most desirable that a reconciliation should be effected if it was at all possible, and he directed the parties to retire and talk the matter over, pending which the decision of the bench would be withheld.

After a consultation it was intimated that the parties could not effect a reconciliation, and the P.M. announced that the claim would be dismissed, no costs being allowed.

MISSING MAN'S BODY FOUND IN YARRA

The body of William Edward Cottrell, 41, butcher, of Spensley street, Clifton Hill, was found in the Yarra, near Dight's Falls, on Sunday morning. The body, which was clad in pyjamas, trousers, and an overcoat, apparently had been in the water a long time. When Cottrell's name was called at the City Court on March 31 in connection with charges of larceny and unlawful possession he failed to appear. Senior-detective McGuffie, who had arrested Cottrell on March 24, said that a large amount was involved. Two days after Cottrell had been charged and released on bail his wife informed the police that he was missing.

TURF NOTES

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Remarkable Performance

The most remarkable performance seen on a Melbourne racecourse for some time was that of Ruach in the Katandra Two-year-old at Caulfield last Saturday. Ruach turned sideways just as the barrier was released, losing much ground. An idea of just what this incident cost Ruach is gained from the fact that at the end of the first furlong Oratory, also badly away, was four lengths behind third last horse and Ruach was a dozen lengths behind Oratory! It hardly seemed worth while to ask the youngster to seriously chase the field, but A. Reed drove him along, and in the run down the railway side Ruach made up ground in great style. Rounding the home turn Reed sent him up on the inside of the field. Had he been able to continue there, there is little doubt that he would have won, but shortly after entering the straight the colt got blocked. His rider then had to take him outside of four horses. Putting in a splendid run, he gained the lead a short distance from the post, but Oratory came with a late run on the outside and got up in the last stride to defeat Ruach by a head.

Previous to Saturday Ruach had won three races, but those performances did not stamp him as anything out of the ordinary. Saturday's display, however, makes it necessary to revise opinion, for only a good horse could have done what he did. Ruach is raced by his breeder, Mr. "S. A. Rawdon," and is by Drake from Ourgan. The dam, who is by Lanius, also carried the "Rawdon" colors, and was a good galloper in her day, as well as being one of the gamest bits of horseflesh that has been seen on a racecourse. It would seem that her son has inherited her fighting qualities.

Oratory a Stayer.

The performance of Oratory also was above the ordinary. Going over the hill, he, too, appeared to be too far back to have a winning chance, but, like Ruach, he made up ground in the run down the side. Approaching the home turn H. Skidmore took him to the outside, but very wisely did not push him while negotiating the bend. He waited until the field straightened for the run home before applying pressure. When called upon Oratory put in a run that was electrical; the burst of speed enabling him to snatch victory on the post. Oratory gave his owner, Mr. Sol Green, his first win since he resumed racing at the beginning of the year. Mr. Green would derive more than ordinary pleasure from the success for the colt is a product of his Underbank stud, Bacchus Marsh, and was the first winner from Underbank, in the breeder's colors. Oratory is a well-bred youngster, being by Verbius, by Swynford, a son of the Isinglass horse, John o' Gaunt. Swynford won the English St. Leger and Eclipse Stakes, and £25,000 in stakes. He is the sire of winners of well over £200,000 in stakes. Gallantry, the dam of Oratory is by Gay Crusader, from Chivalry. Mr. Green imported both the sire and dam from England, and each carried his colors. Verbius raced only a few times. He won a sprint at Flemington, and was being prepared for the Caulfield Cup, when his racing career was ended through sustaining an injury in the Heatherlie Handicap, won in sensational circumstances by Manfred.

When first put into training Oratory was very nervous but travelling about has helped to quieten him. He shapes like a stayer and should be a good colt in the spring.

Good Displays

Although beaten Dutchie and Lady Trivalve gave good displays in the Katandra Two-year-old. They were nicely placed all the way, and inside the distance it seemed that either would win. At the half distance Dutchie had his head in front, but he weakened the last few strides, and Lady Trivalve, sticking to her task gamely, deprived him of third money. Dutchie has been improving with each run, and the next one may be a winning one. Lady Trivalve confirmed an earlier opinion of her being a stayer and she probably would have done a little better if she had not been so close to the leaders early. Lady Trivalve is a particularly well bred filly, being by the Melbourne Cup winner Trivalve, from Lady Warwick.

Good on Wet Track

King Mart has a liking for a wet track, and the conditions at Caulfield on Saturday were all in his favor for the Glenhuntly Handicap. He was able to take a good position much earlier than usual. The steeplechase jockey, E. Webster, displayed great dash in the manner in which he drove King Mart through on the inside as heads were turned for home. King Mart had the lead at the distance, and, although Thrawn challenged strongly in the concluding stages, the King Mark gelding lasted long enough to win by half a head.

Many of the spectators round judge's box, however, thought Th[rawn] had won. Some patrons of the [course] hooted King Mart as he returned [to] scale. They evidently were of op[inion] that his failure at Ascot the pre[vious] week was not genuine. The [dis]gruntled punters reasoned wro[ngly.] At Ascot King Mart carried an [extra] 5lb, he was having his first wi[n] the course, which is tricky, but most important, it that Cred[...] winner of Ascot race, was practi[cally] "presented" with the race at [the] barrier rise.

Thrawn should not be long [in] winning a race. He came hom[e in] good style.

Likely Improvers

In finishing second to Tacitu[rn] the Hurdle event at Caulfield on [Sat]urday, Claronga shaped like a co[ming] winner. He would have given [the] winner a harder fight but for bung[ling] the last but one hurdle.

Dunkeld's display in the same [race] also was promising. He finished fast in fourth place, and as it [was] his first outing for two months, [the] run should improve him.

Romany Rye was rather unlu[cky] in the Glenhuntly Handicap. In [the] early stages of the race he got [into] trouble and lost a lot of ground, [and] also received a check at the h[ome] turn when trying to get through [on] the inside, and his rider then ha[d to] take him straight round the fi[eld.] He came in to the straight wide and in the circumstances, did [well] to finish a close third. He sho[uld] re-enter the winning list at an e[arly] date.

Having on several occasions sho[wn] a dislike for a soft track, it was [not] surprising that Shadow King eased [in] favor for the Glenhuntly Handic[ap.] The Comedy King gelding, howe[ver,] handled himself better than usual [on] the soft going, and finished four[th.] That performance, following good [ex]hibitions in Sydney, points to [him] winning another race before long.

The ex-hunter, Jack's Jason, [put] up a game fight to beat all but Jum[...] in the Neerim Steeplechase. [His] jumping at times was at fault, [and] caused him to get a long way out [of] his ground. He had to make [up] many lengths in the concluding rou[nd] to finish a length and a quarter [be]hind the winner. His jumping will [im]prove with racing, and he will [win] steeple events.

Gesto, who won a race at Mornin[g]ton two days earlier, came from [a] long way back to finish second [to] Miss Arrow in the Glenferrie Han[di]cap at Caulfield. Having at l[ast] struck form Gesto can be expect[ed] to be prominent in other events.

Run in heavy rain, it was i[m]possible to distinguish the runne[rs] in the Brighton Handicap, until the[y] reached the home turn. Judging fro[m] Glenanton's position at that sta[ge] and the way in which he was trave[l]ling, he must have been a fair wa[y] back early. Glenanton put in a goo[d] run in the straight, which he ju[st] failed to sustain, and Highland he[ld] him the last few yards to win b[y] a neck. That outing should brin[g] Glenanton to the top of his for[m] and when next he sports silk, he [is] likely to be very hard to beat.

Coming into the straight in th[e] Glenhuntly Handicap, Farlure wa[s] shaping like a winner, but he knocke[d] up in the run home. The showing[,] however, marks him as a possibilit[y] in a forthcoming race.

Selections for Ascot (Saturday)

PURSE

First Division.—Full Force 1; Miss Farnridge 2; Cardinal Boy 3.
Second Division.—Bon Spin 1; Pirate Lass 2; Stony Rise 3.

RIVER HANDICAP

First Division.—Ravenna 1; Gold Marsh 2; Earl Nation 3.
Second Division.—Glengowan 1; Carlem 2; On Top 3.

ASCOT £500 HANDICAP

LAST RAIN 1
MORE CYLLENE 2
ST. VALOUR 3

JUVENILE HANDICAP

Greenfus 1; Protea 2; Dame Isa 3.

ASCOT PLATE

Yaropian 1; Loolook 2; Tristan 3.

ESSENDON HANDICAP

First Division.—Stony Rise 1; Home Love 2; Gold Switch 3.
Second Division.—Gold Bell 1; Judy Judd 2; Lille Varden 3.

WELTER HANDICAP

Rhinestone 1; Metaphor 2; White Flag 3.

BEST BETS

The best bets at Ascot to-morrow may be Full Force, Yaropian and Rhinestone.

Sewerage Contract

ON Tuesday last the Methopolitan Board of Works let a sewerage contract to the A.B.C. Construction Co. for the area covering Oakhill avenue and Ethel, Bendigo, Doolan and Wilkinson streets. The amount of the tender was £708/18/11.

FOOTBALL - SEASON BEGINS TO-MORROW

HUGE CROWDS EXPECTED AT OPENING MATCHES

Enter Season 1932! The season about to be commenced under the direction of the Victorian Football Association promises to be most successful, probably not so much from a financial standpoint as from the standard of play expected. As usual, the respective clubs have been besieged with aspirants to fill the few vacancies that occur in the teams each season.

After three week's of training under typically wintry conditions, the greater percentage have returned to their former clubs convinced that they are not yet attained that efficiency which should entitle them to a place in a V.F.A. eighteen. It is most gratifying to note that many of the Association clubs, as the result of the financial chaos, have resorted to securing local talent. As far as the Preston club is concerned, the officials resorted to this practice last season and their efforts were duly rewarded by producing a side whose deeds are so well known as to require little reference. Such a system is decidedly praiseworthy, not only from the standpoint of encouraging local aspirants, but it also widens the scope for receiving greater patronage when a truly local side is represented. It is most unfortunate that the grounds were soaked last Saturday when the last practice match was held under conditions which considerably hampered and jeopardised the chances of those players seeking admission. However, selectors will, no doubt, for the opening matches, rely on experienced players and with this evidence before us we have been guided in the forecast published below.

It is more than likely that only a few new faces will be seen in the "interstate" match which is to be staged in the Cramer Street Park to-morow afternoon.

Dressing Room Gossip from Preston

Now that the weeding-out process has been accomplished the following have been selected to comprise the nucleus for the incoming season.

THE OLD BRIGADE

Of last season's players the following have been retained.—Cameron, Campbell, Davie, Dowling, Hughson, Kupsch, McEachern, Monohan, Morgan, Reichman, P. Spargo, Smith, Summers, Taylor, Underhill and Warr.

NEW BLOOD

Davis, from the South Preston Methodist K.S.P., who has been one of the most promising colts; Dineen, from the Seconds, who is undoubtedly a wingman of class; Cunningham, a dashing defender from Narrandera; Grierson, a forward from the Seconds; Haddrick (the Seconds) who gave a sterling display at the pivot position; Harding, a follower from the Seconds, who is likely to win a place in the side; Grogan, who was out of the game last season through injury; Hunter, from Yarraville, who has been appointed to coach the side; Langwell, from [...], who will probably fill in the forward division; Poulter, a lofty follower from Northcote; Owens, from the C.Y.M.S., who plays in the half-forward line; Ron Stafford, a local lad of promise likely to make a useful half-forward; Mooney, another forward player from the Seconds; and Walsh, formerly of Richmond Seconds, who gave an excellent display last Saturday. Unfortunately he is not available for a few Saturdays as of these players reside in the locality.

The following players who were in the side last year, are not available this season.—[...] (who has gone to Tasmania); Piper (who has been appointed coach at Koroit); [...] Spargo (in Sydney); Miller and Seemark (both umpiring); Collins, Castles and [...]hall. Gall has not been able to train owing to business reasons, and will probably be transferred to the list later on.

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

[...] placed on the supplementary list are [...] (K.S.P.) whose prospects for the future are bright; Barnard (Victoria Brewery) [...] (Fairfield); Gall; Harrison (Heidelberg); Ryan (Seconds); and Townsend from [Tas]mania. Gall, at his own request, was [taken] off the main list.

DRESSING ROOM GOSSIP

Summers, who is looking anxiously for the match to-morrow, will play his 100th consecutive match with the side.

The selectors had a rather difficult task in arriving at the personnel of the side to open the season on Saturday. Owing to the conditions under which the practice matches were played no doubt they allowed experience to be their guiding factor in making the selection.

Cameron is quite all right again; training well during the week.

Monohan was in great fettle last Saturday. It looks as though a successful season awaits him.

Smith again gave a great display and if he can produce the form on Saturday he should prove a thorn in the opponents' side.

An excellent display was exhibited by Walsh. He handled the greasy, heavy ball with rare skill.

P. Spargo whose arm is still troublesome, may not be available for a couple of weeks. Grogan has been showing fine form at practice. His arm is apparently all right now, though he is playing against the advice of his medical adviser.

After trying out several recruits to fill the centre position, it looks as though the responsibility in the opening match will be conferred on Haddrick.

Following strenuous training last night the players were entertained at dinner in the pavilion, after which the coach (Hunter) explained out the plan of operations for the match when each player was impressed with the style of play that was required of him.

Campbell, who is a local follower, has been appointed captain and coach of the Press. Member's tickets will be available outside the Cramer Street Park to both Preston and Northcote supporters.

Officials of the club may take into consideration the advisability of insuring against rain. A percentage of the liability could be borne by each club.

Preston officials were hopeful of having 50ft goal posts to replace the present posts which are rather short. Frequently there are disputes over the assumption that the ball went over the post, thereby subjecting the goal umpire to unnecessary abuse. If the posts were made higher, these reflections would be considerably minimised.

Piper left last Friday to take charge of the Koroit team. At the pavilion on the Thursday previous he was congratulated on his appointment and the officials extended to him the best wishes of the members.

The officials are still hopeful of retaining the services of Stott, or an accredited substitute.

Should the afternoon be at all favorable a large crowd is expected at the Cramer Street Park to see the match between Preston and Northcote, which is to be broadcast.

"FOLLOWER'S" FORECAST FOR THE BIG MATCH

NORTHCOTE GOAL

Smith (P.)
Seymour (N.)

Kupsch (P.) Spargo (P.)
Dea or Byrne (N.) Bray (N.)

Reichman (P.) Monohan (P.) McEachern (P.)
Cole (N.) Milne (N.) Gray (N.)

Hughson (P.) (follower)
Harding (P.) (follower)
Warr (P.) (rover)

Underhill (P.) Haddrick (P.) Dowling (P.)
Garrett (N.) Corrigan (N.) Fitzgerald (N.)

Ross (N.) (rover)
Rowe (N.) (follower)
Goullett (N.) (follower)

Davie (P.) Mooney (P.) Hunter (P.)
L. Smith (N.) Briggs (N.) Woods (N.)

Poulter (P.) Summers (P.)
Hill (N.) Humphries (N.)

Langwell (P.)
Cockram (N.)

PRESTON GOAL

The contest recalls to mind the opening match at Northcote last season, when Preston, who looked like certain winners, were defeated on the bell by 3 points after an exhibition which merited the plaudits of the crowd which witnessed the contest. The tussle to-morrow is likely to provide that standard of football which will again hold and enthrall the spectators until the gong sounds.

After the match arrangements have been made to cater for all the patrons at the old town hall, where a monster euchre party and dance will take place. Dancers will have the opportunity of dancing to the strains of Bluebird's Band.

Last night Hunter was appointed to take charge of the side, whilst his lieutenant will be Monohan.

THE MACKIE CASE

Mackie, who is desirous of transferring to Carlton, had his clearance returned by the Association to the local club for further information. At the meeting of the committee last Monday evening the application was deferred for another week.

CUPS FOR PLAYERS

The management of the Thornbury Palais, High street, Thornbury, will present cups to the best players of the Preston-Northcote football match on Saturday. Players will be judged by popular vote and these cups will be presented on Saturday night at the Thornbury Palais when members of both teams will be in attendance.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

AMONG THE PLAYERS
TRAINING LISTS

The playing list has been reduced to 29, including six new men; and provision has been made on a supplementary list for five others.

Those on the training list include.—Old Players.—Brown, Briggs, Byrne, Cockram, Corrigan, Cole, Dea, Garett, Gray, Goullet, Humphries, Honig, Hill, McSwain, Nicholls, Milne, Perkins, Rowe, Ross, Smith, Simmonds, Seymour, Woods; New Players.—Bray (Brunswick), Fitzgerald (C'wood Seconds); Hart (Seconds), O'Brien (1929 player), Powell (Fairfield), and Williamson (Alphington).

On the supplementary list are Clough (Greensborough, Wilson (E. B'wk), Power (Seconds), Underhill (P'ton Seconds), and Chivers (F'field)

Practice Match

Northcote played a practice match against Richmond second eighteen on Saturday last, and in spite of wet conditions a good game resulted Most of the old players showed that they are in good form and a promising display by several new recruits augurs well for the coming season

Outstanding new players were Fitzgerald wing, (C'wood Seconds), who handled the ball as though dry; Hart and O'Brien, Chivers and Power from juniors. While Bob Ross, who is in wonderful form, Dea, Cole, Garrett, Humphries, Gray, Byrne, Powell of the old players showed good form. Milne reappeared after 12 months' disqualification, and is playing well and should be a big asset to the side again.

JOTTINGS

The team will be strengthened by the inclusion of Bray a clever rover and forward, cleared from Brunswick.

The committee on Tuesday cleared W. Poulter to Preston.

A clearance has been refused to Doug Nicholls, who sought a transfer to Fitzroy. Members feel confident that Doug will be seen in the club colors this season.

The captain is to be elected at a meeting on Thursday.

Consistent with the efforts of the committee to reduce the club's large overdraft from season 1931, it has been decided to prune all expenses. A flat rate of 22/6 for the season for all players has been decided upon.

Handsome silver cups now on view in High street, Northcote, have been donated by the Northcote branch of the A.N.A. to be awarded to the best and fairest player for season 1932. One cup is for competition amongst members of the senior team, and the other one is for the second eighteen. Judging will be by popular vote (at 1d. each). Moneys so raised will go entirely to club funds.

Another silver cup, valued at £5/5, has been presented by Messrs. Lindsay and McAllaster, wine and spirit merchants of Finders street, City. It is on view at the Commercial Hotel.

Williamson, of Alphington, who showed pleasing form throughout the practice games and looked a certainty for inclusion on the opening day against Preston, suffered a slight injury to his finger whilst at work, and may be a doubtful starter for a week or two.

A cup has been presented by the proprietor of the Thornbury Dance Palais for the best player in the Northcote v Preston match. The best player will be selected by the committee and others will be selected by popular vote of the public at the match. Voting slips, which will be issued at the ground for the popular vote, must be lodged at the Thornbury Dance Palais on the night of the match (April 23). The cup will be presented that night to the player selected by popular vote, and to the player selected by the committe on the following Wednesday night (April 27) at the palais.

A big attraction at the club's gala week concluded on Friday last was the tug-of-war. After a strenuous final Northcote Council team were the winners.

Under the club's auspices a dance club, to be known as the Northcote Elect Assembly, is being organised by Mrs. Schwaebech. It is proposed to hold dances on the second and fourth Wednesdays in every month at the Masonic Hall, Bastings street, the first to be on April 27. Information as to membership may be obtained from Mrs. Schwaebech, Prospect grove, Northcote; or Mr. F. Tomkins 10 Mansfield street, Thornbury, JW 3046.

Preston Second Eighteen

LAST PRACTICE MATCH

Last Saturday the club journeyed to Glen Waverly to play the local team in the last practice match. Owing to the rain the ground was heavy and in some places under water. Nevertheless some of the recruits handled the ball as if it was dry.

Many New Recruits Tried Out

During the match opportunity was taken to try out about 30 players, and considering the conditions, the game reached a high standard. The following did partcularly well.—Radin and Millman, who have improved considerably and should form a very effective ruck; K. Campbell (roving), enjoyed the heavy going and should be an acquisition. Fry, at centre forward, showed that he can kick goals; Lloyd, at half-back was again consistent. Armstrong, also on the half-back, was conspicuous; Kaufman, on the wing, handled the ball nicely and placed it with judgment. T. Sayers, at full back, was conspicuous with telling kicks. Of last year's players Jack Hooper, playing his first match this season, showed that he has not lost his form and Ralf Underhill will still be a force to be reckoned with whilst Plummer and Keleher have greatly improved.

Of last season's players S. Dineen, K. Haddrick, R. Grierson, K. Mooney, H. Morgan and J. Harding have been retained by the seniors, and our club, whilst sorry to lose them, wish them every success with the seniors. Naturally, we have lost quite a few players but the prospects are very encouraging indeed and the club should be able to place a formidable side in the field. All connected with the club are quietly confident of defeating our local keen rivals, Northcote, on the opening day. The committee is particularly anxious that the parents of players should become members and take an active interest in the club. They will receive a hearty welcome.

Preston United

ASSOCIATION SUB-DISTRICTS B

On Saturday last at Haxby Park a practice match was played against the new club in the Protestant Churches Competition viz. Preston Presbyterians. Owing to the weather conditions there was a poor roll up of old players. United's fielded almost an entirely new side, Spicer and Boyle being the only veterans. The church lads had a fair muster and for a brand new club acquitted themselves creditably although defeated by quite a considerable margin. Having secured the services of G. V. Marshall, who played with the Preston firsts last season in an amateur capacity, as playing coach, United's are looking forward to a boom season and should certainly have a team to be reckoned with. The pity is that the younger applicants did not come along earlier when the probability of placing a C grade team in the field could have been considered. Even now if there is sufficient talent there is no reason why a rambler team could not be conducted in conjunction with the B grade club.

Training is being carried out near Wood street, as the Preston Park will not be available till after the first match of the Association on Saturday. The club look like losing the services of their ruck star, Johnnie Harding, who is figuring largely in the practice games of the senior club. Altho' the boys will be sorry to lose a capable player and a first-class club man, all join in congratulating him on his possible promotion. Several of the other older players are still running with other clubs but no clearances have so far been applied for, and their return to United's camp is expected daily.

THORNBURY CLUB

25 RECRUITS NOW IN TRAINING

The above club had a further try-out on Saturday when they met Croxton at McDonell Park. Both teams put up a fine performance on a ground better suited for water polo. The game, however, ended abruptly when heavy torrents of rain fell about half time. Thornbury were leading then with the scores at 7—8 to 2—0. A feature was the the quick scoring of Thornbury's forwards in the first quarter when they added 6—6 to their opponents' nil. The most notable performances of recruits were Duncan, Kaufman (Sth. Preston Meths.), Dunn (formerly of Croxton) who was at home under the conditions. Hughes (Sth. Preston Meths) was playing well until he received a kick on the head necessitating a stitch—however this should not keep him from training. Collins, a ruck man from Heidelberg, and Bell junior, showed that he is a fast mover over the wet ground and should be a certainty for inclusion as he picks up his form. Other new recruits to begin training are Speedy and Vessey (Geelong Amateurs). A final try-out will be staged on Saturday between old and new players. The following recruits are asked to be in attendance.—Cunningham, Cass, Crocker, Dunn, Land, M. Taaffe, Hughes, H. Kaufman, Humphries, Hendry, Almond Mackay, L. Nelson, H. Hooten, Duncan, Collins, Gilkes, Rowe, Pridram, Emsoll, Vessey, Speedy, Johnson, Brookes, Jobson, Hatton, McDonald The above match is to be played at Hayes Park. The following last year's players have so far been omitted from the list.—Lee, Hales, E. Jackson, Cassidy, Newbegin.

The club regrets that B. Hart, champion centre half-back of last year, will not be with them this season. He is living in Greensborough district and as far as can be ascertained, will be playing with Eltham. He has not yet applied for a clearance. Hughan is training with Northcote district but no application has so far been made for a clearance. K. Harper is expected back from Thornbury Church of Christ, where he has been training, while Broadbent will resume training this week. Wallbank resumed training last Saturday. He appears to be in good trim having had good training with the Press team. A players' meeting will be held on April 28 prior to the first match when the team for that game will be selected.

FIXTURES FOR THE SEASON

April 30 and July 16—North Melbourne District v Thornbury.
May 7 and July 23.—Thornbury a bye
May 14 and July 30.—Thornbury v West Richmond.
May 21 and August 6.—West Brunswick v Thornbury
May 28 and August 13.—Fourth Battery v Thornbury.
June 4 and August 20.—Thornbury v South Oakleigh.
June 11 and August 27.—St. Kilda C.Y.M.G. v Thornbury.
June 18.—Thornbury v Coburg District.
June 25.—Sunshine v Thornbury.
July 2.—Reservoir v Thornbury.
July 9.—Thornbury v Brunswick.

Matches on the first date will be played on the ground of the first-named club and on the ground of the second club on the second date.

RIFLE SHOOTING

A PROMISING MARKSMAN

Cadet H. W. Jackson, who was a member of the 57th Battalion team which won the "Herald" cup on April 9, is a son of Mr. W. S. Jackson, of Membrey street, Northcote. Cadet Jackson, who is only 17 years of age and a member of the 60th Battalion, shot by invitation with the 57th team. **Twelve months ago he had not handled a rifle in competition events,** but has since won no less than seven silver buttons and spoons, and as a member of the cup winning team will become the possessor of a replica of the cup in miniature.

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4th Sunday after Easter
11 a.m.—Holy Communion, Anzac Service.
7 p.m.—Pictorial Service, "The Hem of His Garment."
Preacher: Rev. A. H. Constable.
All Welcome.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE (Bayview Street)
April 24: 4th Sunday after Easter.
Anzac Services
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Mattins.—The Vicar.
7 p.m.—Rev. Cordell, Missioner from Tanganyika

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
Services are being held in the Kindergarten Hall at the rear of the croquet lawn in Shaftesbury Pde.
April 24: 4th Sunday after Easter.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
7 p.m.—Anzac Commemoration Service.
Monday, April 25: Anzac Day.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion. Ex-Service men, relatives and friends of those who served in the Great War are especially urged to attend.
Celebrant and Preacher: The vicar. (the Rev. W. H. Chamberlain)

PRESTON CHURCH OF CHRIST
(220 High St., near Bell St.)
SUNDAY SERVICES
11 a.m.—Worship and Communion.
3 p.m.—Bible School Reunion.
7 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Anzac Service
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH
East Preston Tram Terminus.
Anzac Services—Sunday, April 24.
"Lest We Forget"
8 a.m.—Holy Communion and Commemoration of the Fallen.
11 a.m.—Anzac Service. Parade of Scouts, Guides, &c. Address, "Why Keep Anzac Day Sacred?"
4 p.m.—Holy Baptisms.
7 p.m.—Anzac Service. The Last Post will be sounded. Address, "What Mean Ye By This Service"
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NORTHCOTE v PRESTON

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J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk

R. S. S. I. L. A.
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Election Notices

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M. A. FERGUSSON
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Announces his meetings as follow:—
April 26
DIAMOND CREEK, 7.30 p.m.
GREENSBOROUGH, 8 p.m.

BULLA - DALHOUSIE ELECTORATE

MR.
R. T. POLLARD
(Official Minister for Agriculture)
Will address the Electors in the
Epping Hall
on
SATURDAY, APRIL 30
E. B. POLLARD,
Campaign Secretary.

STATE ELECTIONS
Heidelberg Electorate
THE HON.
GORDON WEBBER
M.L.A.
will address the electors of Preston in the
TOWN HALL (OLD HALL)
on
WEDNESDAY NEXT, APRIL 27
at 8 p.m.
Mr. Webber will deal with the Premiers' Plan, including the new proposals of the Lyons Government, and Unemployment.
FRANK BLOCK,
Campaign Secretary.

STATE ELECTIONS
FOR
Endorsed UNITED AUSTRALIA PARTY Candidates
VOTE
NORTHCOTE ELECTORATE:
1 OLVER, Wm.
Northcote Committee meets Tuesday (Supper Room)
HEIDELBERG ELECTORATE:
1 ZWAR, H. P.
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Vote Wisely
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NORTHCOTE CENTRAL RE[illegible] COMMITTEE

NOTICE is hereby given that [illegible] following functions have been authorised:—
WEDNESDAY, April 27.—BA[illegible] Younger Set in Town Hall.
THURSDAY, April 28.—EUC[illegible] PARTY, Town Hall, by A.W.A.
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, [illegible] 3 & 4.—STATE SCHOOLS' [illegible] CERTS, Town Hall.
SUNDAY, May 8, 3 p.m.—MA[illegible] BANDS, Northcote Park.
TUESDAY, May 24.—DANCE [illegible] Wimble Workingman's Club in [illegible] Hall.
WEDNESDAY, May 11.—O[illegible] ETTA by Coburg Dramatic Soci[illegible] Town Hall.
WEDNESDAY, May 11.—CONC[illegible] in Congregational Church.
THURSDAY, May 12.—DANC[illegible] Unemployed Association in [illegible] Hall.
TUESDAY, May 17.—"TRIAL [illegible] JURY," by High School in Town [illegible]
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THE GLORY OF THE ANZACS

CIVIC SERVICE AT NORTHCOTE

In the Northcote town hall on Monday evening many citizens gathered to commemorate Anzac Day. The service was under the auspices of the mayor and councillors of Northcote, Northcote branch R.S.S.I.L.A., Ministers' Fraternal Association and Northcote Fathers' Association. The mayor (Cr. W. Olver, J.P.) was in the chair, and on the platform were Crs. S. Donalds, M.H.R., A. H. Oldis, J. Cornish, S. Pinkney, J. Sutch and J. O. Hughes, Mr. J. A. Thomson (town clerk), Mr. H. S. W. Marshall (Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A.), Mr. McDonald (Fathers' Association), Revs. T. Indian, W. H. Chamberlain, F. J. Jennings, D. E. Reeves and A. T. Jones, Adjutant Healey and the Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band, which rendered the music.

Opening with the National Anthem, one minute's silence in memory of the Fallen was observed, and then Adjutant Healey gave an invocation, "O God, Our Help" was sung by the audience, and Rev. T. Indian read the first scripture lesson, when followed the Lord's Prayer. In the course of his address the chairman said that on the eve of the memorable day when the Story of the Anzacs had been told and re-told, two inferences could be drawn from their sacrifices—first, chivalry and justice, and the desire to stand firm and true. Secondly, the spirit of Anzac, the desire and co-operation for victory and the unity and comradeship of men and women in this aftermath of war, this industrial and economic ruption. Their message seemed to be for all to strive for the common weal, and, forgetting self, build a superstructure of good to last always, and interpret the spirit of Anzac in our lives. "Before Jehovah's Awful Throne" was the next hymn. Rev. W. H. Chamberlain read the second scripture lesson. The memorial prayer was offered by Rev. F. J. Jennings, and "Lead Kindly Light" was sung. The address was given by Rev. Duncan E. Reeves, who brought back the memories of 17 years ago, when Australians entered into the war and made the famous landing on Gallipoli which, for its sheer daring and bravery, ranks with the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava. They began a task which was left for the following generations to complete, and the 60,000 who died during the war, and 60,000 and more who have since passed away form a deathless Army which is always with us. They smile strangely as they march past a smile of triumph and yet of sadness and triumphant for duty nobly done and sadly that the harvest is not ripening as quickly as it should. Theirs is a spirit of challenge to youth, and their fight for humanity, truth, and democracy, to end war and to dethrone a madman has not brought world-wide peace. The Paris Pact, which 40 nations signed, was broken in the same year, when five nations budgeted for armaments, showing that militarism still lives, and the Great War has achieved but little. Until nations grow up and settle disputes by arbitration instead of by war, this sorrow and sacrifice will scourge the world. The Last Post as the "Last Post" rings out to-day. Mr. J. A. Thomson (town clerk), Mr. H. S. W. Marshall (Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A.), Mr. McDonald (Fathers' Association), Revs. T. Indian, W. H. Chamberlain, F. J. Jennings, D. E. Reeves and A. T. Jones, Adjutant Healey and the Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band, which rendered the music.

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STATION STREET STATE SCHOOL (NORTHCOTE)

On Friday afternoon, 22nd inst., a service was held at the above school, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The children were assembled in the large assembly room in the presence of some of the parents and staff. The headteacher (Mr. D. O'Donnell) was chairman. The children, under the leadership of Miss Fraser (a member of the staff) rendered the hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past." The head teacher then addressed the assembly, stating the reasons for holding the ceremony and introduced their speaker, Mr. G. E. Tilley, a returned soldier teacher.

Mr. Tilley gave an address on "Anzac Inspiration." Seventeen years ago on April 25 Australian and New Zealand troops landed upon that historic shore of the Peninsula of Gallipoli, washed by the Aegean Sea. That shore is now known as "Anzac." The landing upon such an inhospitable coast was fraught with high sacrifice, and the immortal story will remain for all time with its records of subsequent deeds of heroism and self-sacrifice. It was the spirit of self-sacrifice that enabled the Diggers to hang on to the narrow strip of land until the evacuation in the December. It was this spirit of the original Anzacs that was an inspiration to the whole of the A.I.F. throughout the war. We see it in the event of the "Southland," in September, 1916, and again on the anniversary of Anzac Day, 1917, when the "Ballarat" was torpedoed. Every man desired to live up to the standard set by his comrades two years earlier. Again, on April 25, 1918, the third anniversary, the famous battle of Villers Bretonneux when the Germans were thoroughly defeated. Reference was made to other theatres of the war where the A.I.F. took part, stressing the part undertaken by the Light Horse in Palestine.

Now we come to another anniversary of Anzac Day, and the message of those brave men who will never return is for us to keep alive through civilian life, through years of peace, the old determination to value a man for what he really is; to tolerate in all things; try to appreciate one another's views; try to help one another; forget party factions and sect; but stand brothers-in-arms in the great campaign of life. If Australia is to be a truly great nation we must use "the weapons of the A.I.F., not those of destruction, but union of comradeship, self-sacrifice and faith in our country. Next let us help the Commonwealth of Nations—the British Empire—to continue its power for good and peace in the world, a spirit which is the antithesis to the disintegrating forces that are appearing our midst to-day. Our endeavours will not be in vain if we try to make this land of ours and the world worthy of those 60,000 fallen comrades who lie in their "gardens of sleep" in many alien lands.

The poem attached, "Lest We Forget," was then read.

The head teacher, on behalf of those present, thanked Mr. Tilley for his address. All assembled and stood in silence for one minute. After the rendering of the Recessional hymn and the National Anthem, the service ended.

"Lest We Forget"

Lest we forget the ripples on the stream
That 'neath the bridge of memory have flown;
Lest we forget, as waking from a dream,
The hands that once we clasped within our own;
Lest we forget the phantom rank and file,
Who still march Flanders fields with noiseless tread—
Immortals who are resting there awhile,
The silent legions of our glorious dead.
Lest we forget the blind, the lame, the frail,
Groping their way with darkness all ahead;
Lest we forget the willing hands that fail
In finding work, to earn their daily bread;
O God of battles, unto Thee we pray,
Grant that we keep in mind our sacred debt,
On this our ever-glorious Anzac Day;
Help us remember, Lord, lest we forget.

LECTURE ON ANZAC DAY

The James Street Order of the Burning Bush held its usual meeting on Anzac Day, after which an interesting lecture on "The Meaning of Anzac Day" was given by Lieut.-Col. O. F. Metcher. The lecturer said Anzac Day was not a celebration, but a commemoration of April 25, 1915. He went on to describe some of his experiences at Gallipoli, painting war in a sombre hue. He also urged that we should endeavour to outlaw war. At the conclusion of this interesting address Lieut.-Col. Metcher received the warm thanks of the members.

SERVICE AT MEMORIAL HALL

The Northcote branch R.S.S.I.L.A. conducted a service on Anzac morning, every available seat being taken. After the usual minute's silence in memory of the Fallen, the branch president (Mr. H. S. W. Marshall) said, "The Landing at Gallipoli on Sunday, April 25, 1915, first of all set the standard of efficiency for the future Australian soldier for ever. It set a standard for those men of the same stock and breeding who followed from Australia to the battlefields of France, Palestine and on the high seas. It set such a standard of excellence that the name and the traditions of Anzac were constantly before our troops in the later years of the war, and inspired them to cover themselves and their country with glory by the performance of those deeds of which the highest that can be said is that they were the equal in bravery and military magnificence to those on Gallipoli itself. This is a day not only of mourning (because that will eventually pass) a day not only of pride in the sacrifice made by the men—it is a day of remembrance of the birth of what has become a great nation. The sacrifices that were made by all sections of the community at that time must never be forgotten. The colossal sacrifices in maintaining the honor of Australia on the field of battle are hardly realised by the ordinary citizen, and we are gathered together this morning to commemorate an event which for four years set a standard of heroic deeds and sacrifices."

The mayor (Cr. Olver) said, "We are gathered as is our custom in this hall on the day devoted throughout the Commonwealth to Remembrance—the day which by that unique march and memorial service thousands of returned men pay their tribute to fallen comrades. We realised from 1915 onwards the blighting effect of war on its human exaction in the loss of brothers, relatives and friends. Our men fought to end war. We have been left the legacy of materialising in a practical form the building of which they laid the foundation. We are asked to build upon that foundation by sacrifice, hardship and self-denial. Shall we fail them and have written in our history that theirs was a tragic story of fruitless endeavour and wasted sacrifice? Your heart answers No! Whatever shall be demanded of us in the cause of peace and loyalty will be cheerfully paid. The youth of our land only vaguely and dimly realise the awfulness of those four years. The Great War to them is only a matter of history. It is our sacred duty in and out of season to teach that only in national unity can be found prosperity and peace."

Padre Dexter, D.S.O., M.C., D.C.M., gave an interesting address on the great work of the Anzacs, specially referring to their wonderful spirit and comradeship.

Mr. Eric Parker sang "The Trumpeter," and the Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band played "The Dead March."

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ANZAC TRIBUTES

AT THE CENOTAPH.—Around the base of the Cenotaph on Parliament House steps were piled wreaths of flowers in memory of the fallen. As the marching column passed the temporary memorial more wreaths were carried from t he ranks to be laid with the others.
Courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Angus McDonald Pty. Ltd (Geo Henderson, auctioneer) on May 11 at 3 p.m. on premises, 5-roomed villa on land 41 x 125 as advertised.

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By J. and H. Burgess, 839 High street, Thornbury, on May 4, at 3 p.m. on the property 153 Rossmoyne street, Thornbury, 4-roomed villa on land 33 x 115, as advertised.

By Edward Haughton and Co, on May 7 at 3 p.m. on property "Valima," Fairy Hills, Ivanhoe, riverside home, on land 150 x 231 as advertised.

Well, Wife, I am sure Cornish's are enabling us to pay off our home in spite of reduced wages. Good luck to them!

Monster Euchre Party and Dance
UNDER the auspices of the Preston Football Club a monster euchre party and dance has been arranged for the Scout Hall, in Town Hall avenue, Preston, on Saturday evening. Good prizes are offered for the euchre and an enjoyable night's dancing is assured. Bluebird Orchestra will supply music.

PRESTON CHURCH OF CHRIST
A crowded congregation attended the Anzac services at the Preston Church of Christ on Sunday night, when Pastor A. J. Fisher delivered a special Anzac sermon. A little girl named Ruth Morrall beautifully recited an appropriate poem on Anzac Day. An offering for local benevolence and for the Distressed Diggers' Fund was received. Many members of the local R.S.S.I.L.A. attended the service.

Selections for Mentone Saturday

TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP
First Division (12.45)

MORAY LOON	1
FICTITIOUS	2
STAR WATCH	3

Second Division (1.15)

TERNLET	1
MULTITUDO	2
GREENLAW	3

PLATE (1.45)

BINNA	1
GOLDEN LULLABY	2
AUTO PAY	3

PURSE—First Division (2.15)

VISIVE	1
LEIGHTON PATCH	2
EXTENSIVE	3

STEEPLECHASE (2.45)

SOLO KING	1
HONORIUM	2
PRINCE RADIUM	3

PURSE—Second Division (3.15)

FULL FORCE	1
AMYS FLIGHT	2
CALL BIRD	3

MENTONE HANDICAP (3.45)

EARLURE	1
SHADOW KING	2
ALCMAN	3

PURSE—Third Division (4.15)

MR. NIX	1
CALULA KING	2
GREEN VIEW	3

WELTER—First Division (4.45)

WALTER SCOTT	1
HIGH BRAE	2
SANTORB	3

Second Division (5.15)

STARALA	1
PRINCE PATRICK	2
LANCEGAY	3

They say F. C. Cornish & Co. have gone mad. Remember, there is method in our madness! Indian Root Pills, 1½d. bot.; Golden Syrup, 6½d. tin.

NORTHCOTE NOTES

Community Singing

Thursday night's session was well attended. The artists were Mr. McDonald, a whistler of some ability, who entertained the audience with the march, "Blaze Away," and imitations of numerous bird calls. Little Baby Soulie sang "Springtime in the Rockies" and "My Baby Says Yes, Yes." The orchestra gave some short

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bright numbers, which were greatly enjoyed. Mr. Soulie, who has been conducting during Mr. Nicholl's absence, took charge for the first part of the evening. Later he announced that Mr. Nicoll was back and called him to the platform. Mr. Nicoll was given a hearty welcome.

Fires

On 20th inst. the Northcote brigade attended an outbreak at 34 O'Connor street, Reservoir, where a four-roomed dwelling, owned and occupied by G Bartlett, was burning. Portion of the kitchen was severely damaged.

Northcote Social Club

The Northcote Social Club met in Normanby Hall on Thursday, April 21, for their annual meeting. The president (Mr. H. C. Dyte, J.P.) was in the chair, and the mayor and mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. W. Olver) were present; also many members and several new members. After the annual report and balance sheet had been disposed of, the president's and secretary's reports read and other business also concluded, the election of office-bearers took place. These resulted in:—President, Mr. P. Young; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Ross and J. Goold; treasurer, Mr. W. Shaw; secretary, Mr. E. L. Sharp; stewards, Messrs. E. Scott and G. Hamilton; committee, Messrs. H. Hayden, S. Pinkney, H. Kennard, J. Horsley, G. Williams, G. Hamilton and G. Keech.

Sparkling Revue

To help raise funds for the Northcote Mayor's Unemployment Relief Appeal, the Coburg Charity Revue Company, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox, will present a sparkling programme at the Northcote town hall on Wednesday, May 11. The company is a band of clever and talented young people, and each occasion of presenting a performance in their home city has been a meritorious and unsurpassed success. In dancing, singing and dramatic efforts they excell, and humor is not lacking. The manner of stage presentation reflects great credit on the directors and producers. Tickets (1/- each) may be obtained from Mr. R. R. Gray, 57 James street, Northcote (the secretary for this entertainment) and seats may be reserved at Noar's, 205 High street, Northcote, at a small extra charge. Citizens are asked to patronise this effort and spend a pleasant evening's entertainment in helping a good cause.

State of Westgarth Street

Heidelberg shire council has advised the Northcote council that attention will be given to the rough portion of Westgarth street, between the Northcote boundary and Heidelberg road.

Wandering Geese

At the Northcote council meeting on Tuesday Cr. M. C. Jones voiced a complaint that a nuisance was caused by geese which wandered about in the vicinity of the Fairfield North school. He said that the drainage was not of the best in this vicinity, and the geese bathed in the water channels, stirring them up, with the result that the stench was at times "something awful." This sort of thing was a menace to health. The town clerk (Mr. J. A. Thomson) advised that the council had a by-law which stated that geese must be kept in an enclosure. The matter was referred to the council's officers.

Northcote and Preston Scottish Society

The monthly concert and dance on April 20 as well attended and proved a most enjoyable function. Bro. Melbourne was M.C. and kept things moving throughout the evening. The accompaniments were played by Miss Townsend, the society's pianist. Between the dances musical items were rendered by Mesdames Davies and Campbell. Miss Mavis Russell contributed Scottish dances. Chief Walker heartily thanked the artists who had assisted.

Northcote Elect Assembly

The inaugural dance of the Northcote Elect Assembly was held at the Masonic Hall, Bastings street, on Wednesday night. There was a large and representative attendance and had there not been counter attractions the attendance would have been even larger. A splendid night's dancing was enjoyed. The function was the first of a series of ten arranged by Mrs. C. A. A. Schwaebsch and Mr. P. W. Tomkins, (treasurer) on behalf of the Northcote Football Club. The sale of membership season tickets has up to the present been most satisfactory, and when the high standard of the dances becomes known, it is safe to assume that the attendances will increase.

CHURCH NEWS

High Street Methodist Church

On Sunday afternoon the Hon. S. Mauger delivered an interesting address to the members and friends of the Young Men's Society, which was greatly enjoyed.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church

The anniversary of the Sunday school was celebrated last Sunday when large congregations assembled. In the morning the preacher was Rev. C. J. Walklate, B.A. The afternoon service was conducted by Ex-Chief Stoker Reg. Stevens and in the evening Rev. T. H. Indian preached. The children sang under Mr. Langfield and music was provided by Miss Jones (piano), Mr. Alex Power (organ) and an orchestra.

All Saint's Church, Northcote

A service of remembrance was held last Sunday when the vicar spoke of the symbolic meaning of the colors which are found in the Union Jack Miss Harry sang the solo "She Only Touched the Hen of His Garment." with Miss Le Huray at the organ.

Congregational Church, Northcote

Miss Bessie Bryan, a Sunday school teacher, was tendered a social by the Sunday school on Wednesday when she was the recipient of a present on the occasion of her mariage to Mr. Eric C. Bray.

To meet the quota of the Church for the Mayor's Unemployment Relief Fund a concert is being arranged by Mr. W. Fanning.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

On Sunday morning an Anzac Memorial service was held. There was a crowded congregation, including a large parade of Boy Scouts and Rev. S. G. Hadley gave the address.

At the morning service improvements to the lighting and a system of electrical heating were dedicated. The late Miss S. Raleigh, under her will, was the donor.

Welcome Social to Rev. T. H. Indian

On Tuesday April 21 the school hall of the Prince of Wales Methodist Church was crowded when an enthusiastic welcome was tendered to Rev. T. H. Indian and Mrs. Indian and family.

Rev. F. J. Jennings occupied the chair and welcomed the Rev. T. H. Indian as his colleague in the Northcote circuit. Hon. J. G. Membrey spoke words of welcome on behalf of the trustees of the Prince of Wales Park Church and Mr. Henning, as superintendant of the Sunday school, and Mrs. Firth graciously welcomed Mrs. Indian on behalf of the women folk and Miss Jean Cornish welcomed the young people to the parsonage. Miss Twyford and Mr. Langfield were the vocalists. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

P.W.M.U.

The monthly meeting was held in the James Street Presbyterian school hall on April 21 when Miss Richards (missioner among the Jews in Melbourne) addressed a large gathering. The chair was occupied by the president (Mrs. Jones) and solos were rendered by Miss Amy Schwaebsch.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

Anzac Day was fittingly observed at Holy Trinity when at 8 a.m. there was a special celebration of Holy Communion. On Sunday evening the vicar (The Rev. W. H. Chamberlain) officiated at the special Anzac Commemoration service. After the stirring address and after several seconds of quiet thought "for the fallen" Mr. Foletta sounded the Last Post. This Sunday, May 1, services will be conducted as usual. One of the most important days in the Christian year Ascension Day, falls on Thursday next, May 5. There will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 6.15 and 10.30 a.m. with evensong and address at 8 p.m. Social events continue to assist in augmenting the funds for the rebuilding schemes. The functions listed for the immediate future include a euchre party on Monday and a picture night in May 4. The children's sports meeting arranged by the kindergarten staff, which was unavoidably postponed will take place on Saturday afternoon next at 2 p.m. in the grounds of the Thornbury State school, Hutton street. All children and—adults too—who seek a pleasant entertainment are urged to attend.

Civic Service

The Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. Olver) and the Northcote councillors will attend a special civic service at the Church of the Epiphany, Northcote, on May 15 at 7 p.m. The Bishop of St. Arnaud will conduct the service.

Church of the Epiphany

On Sunday evening Rev. Cordell, from Tanganyika, gave the address to a large congregation. He spoke of his mission field in Africa, where teachers and funds were sadly needed to carry on the work and drew a parallel from the Spirit of Anzac. These brave men did not stop to question if the time for scaling Gallipoli Heights was opportune, they went forward and won through through sheer bravery and courage. So to-day must we go forward and help to the uttermost and not wait for a more appropriate time. An appropriate anthem was sung by the choir and Mr. Emery rendered the solo excellently. After the Benediction the Last Post was sounded with the congregation standing.

HEIDELBERG SHIRE

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Present.—Crs. W. A. Santon (president), Jessop, J. L. Ryan, Hannah, Bryant, Mrs. Ibbott, Service, Pitcher, Clinton, Westfield, Phillips and Coate.

Correspondence

Shire of Borung, asking council to support protest against the Weights and Measures Bill and appointing inspectors in accordance with the Public Service Act.—Agreed to.

Department of Lands and Survey, (a) in relation to the removal of "fennel" growing in the vicinity of Heidelberg road and Darebin Creke.—Received. (b) Acknowledging letter from council asking that "cotton weed" be proclaimed a noxious weed throughout the shire, and stating that the matter is receiving attention.—Received.

City of Brighton, forwarding report of Metropolitan Town Planning Commission, and asking council to support a recommendation that councils in the metropolitan area contribute £1000 on a net annual value basis for three years towards the expenses of the board.—Council recommends support.

Secretary, Lord Mayor's Fund, seeking co-operation re Flower Day on May 4.—Agreed to.

Secretary, Empire Day Movement, asking council's support on May 24. —Agreed to.

Central Unemployed Committee, Fairfield and Heidelberg branches, forwarding letters and signatures protesting against the council's attitude that unemployed men work for sustenance.—Secretary to reply that the council approves of work in lieu of sustenance.

Health inspector, report re a grocer detected selling foodstuffs under weight, with explanations attached.—Received.

Macleod and Watsonia Cricket Club, stating their inability to pay ground fee at present. Referred to riding members.

City of Northcote urged council to complete construction of Westgarth St.—Secretary to reply.

S. Simpson, complaining about the storm water in White St., Alphington. —Engineer to inspect and report.

Alphington Progress Association, re condition of footpath in Heidelberg Rd., west of Park Ave.—Fairfield Riding members.

Alphington Football Club, offering to paint the pavilion and fence around oval.—Paint to be supplied.

Alphington C.C., asking council to improve outer portion of cricket oval. —Ground to be rolled before next cricket season.

Alphington Progress Association, suggesting various improvements at Alphington.—Riding members and engineer to inspect.

G. W. Whitcher, Lucerne Cres., sought permission to erect garage between house and street, as land at rear of house falls sharply to the river.—Agreed to; garage to be at least 18 feet from street.

Recommendations

Instructions were given to council's solicitor to proceed with case against W. Rank.

Applications to be called for the position of two medical officers of health, one for Greensborough riding at £25 per annum, and one for the lower ridings at £100 per annum, both inclusive of travelling and all other expenses.

Council does not favor the imposition of any further duties on the importation of bitumen.

General

The following tenders were dealt with:—Fencing Alphington Park.—Four tenders received. Tenders referred to Mr. Keir and left to riding members. Erection of Guard Fencing, Heidelberg–Warrandyte road.—Seven tenders; tender of Rickards and Croucher recommended to C.R.B. for approval. Overhauling Building Inspector's Car.—Five quotations; A. J. Bonfield, £22/11/9, recommended.

Building plans passed for the month were:—Fairfield: Other buildings, 3, £29. Ivanhoe: Dwellings, 1, £900, additions, 1, £70; other buildings, 4, £280. Heidelberg: Dwellings, 1, £500; other buildings, 3, £70. Greensborough: Additions, 1, £100. Totals: Dwellings, 2, £1400; additions, 2, £170; other buildings, 10, £379.

The Electric Light Committee reported there were 6,059 consumers; total for month, 1: street lights, 771: receipts for month, £2,427/2/2; disbursements, £6,840/8/9. Duplication of high tension main between Adams' quarry and Darling St. sub-station has been completed.

The Gasworks Committee reported 4,581 consumers. Receipts for month £2,611/13/9, distbursements £6,241 7/1. There was a probability of an increase in the price of coal in the near future. Good stocks were on hand.

Ranger J. Linn reported impounding 20 head of stock in the lower ridings and paying over £8/4/. Ranger W. Laurie impounded five head in Greensforough riding; no fees.

Infectious diseases reported were: —Diphtheria, 21 cases (Fairfield 2, Alphington 4, Ivanhoe 11, Heidelberg 2, Greensborough 2); scarlet fever, 17 cases (Fairfield 1, Alphington 5, Ivanhoe 8, Heidelberg 3); tuberculosis, 5 cases (Fairfield 2, Ivanhoe 1, Heidelberg 1, Greensborough 1).

Cr. Bryant was appointed to represent the council with other delegates to interview the Minister for Health with reference to the reduction of subsidies to welfare centres.

Cr. Westfield asked the council to consider the price of slot-meter gas and bring it into line with the gas through ordinary meters. If the Electricity Commission could supply cheap electric stoves gas would be supplanted.—Gas Committee to give consideration.

The "Herald" Garden Week shield, which was won by the Ivanhoe gardeners, was placed in the hands of the council, and it was decided to hang it in the council chamber until such time as it is won by another municipality. The president said it would be difficult for anyone to wrest it from the Heidelberg shire.

Cr. Phillips asked why interest on unpaid rates would be charged after April 21 instead of June 10.

The president said it was compulsory, according to the Act, to charge interest six months after the rate had been struck.

Cr. Westfield said although the idea was to try and get rates in earlier it would be hard on property owners, and consideration should be extended to some people.

Cr. Ibbott said if people let the council officers know their position they would get sympathetic treatment.

Cr. Westfield asked as to when applications were to be called for the shire secretaryship, as the present secretary was retiring at the end of the year.

The president said it would be a matter for the committee of the council. There were good officers on the staff, or applications could be called.

Cr. Westfield said the best possible man should be obtained.

Cr. Bryant suggested that the matter be brought up by the Legislative Committee after the next monthly meeting.

Cr. Coate sought permission to hold a picture night in Fairfield on Sunday, May 10, at 8.30, in aid of the unemployed.—No objection.

During a discussion on the price that the council gets for tar, Cr. Bryant (chairman of the Gasworks Committee) said that the three companies purchasing tar would be charged the same price.

It was left to Fairfield councillors to arrange for another place to distribute sustenance while the rates are being collected in Fairfield.

Notice of motion was passed for a conversion loan of £21,000. Councillors pointed out that money was being borrowed to cover present loans, and that there would be a saving of fully 1 per cent. on the capital.

Engineer's Report

Fairfield. — The following works have been carried out:—Road maintenance repairs in Grange Rd., Darling St. to Edwin St.; Separation St., between Grange Rd. and Rathmines St.; Gillies St., north of Mitchell St.; Wingrove St. and Bond St. Repairs in McGregor St., Station St., between Separation St. and Wingrove St., and Westgarth St., St. Elmo Rd. and Chandler Highway (joint work with Kew council). Footpath maintenance repairs completed in Rathmines St., south of railway; St. Elmo Rd. footpath re-sheeted; repairs in St. Elmo Ave., footpath at subway in Arthur St., between Wingrove St. and Darling St., and Duncan St., near P.O. Ashes spread on footpath on both sides of Outer Circle Bridge, also in Yarraford Ave., at river end, Wingrove St., near tennis courts, and from near Rifle Club hall to Grange Rd. Ashes spread at approach to railway hand gate opposite Naroon Rd., and on path alongside railway from Hamilton St. to Perry St., also on path in Holmes St., Edward St. and Jeffrey St. Various channels and side tables have been cleared of weeds. Noxious weeds have been cut on approaches to bridge at Darebin Creek and Merri Creek, and on council land in Grange Rd. south. Soil for lawn on nature strips in various streets has been supplied to numerous ratepayers.

Alphington.—Road maintenance repairs on Old Heidelberg Rd., near Tower Hotel, Lucerne Cres., Como St. and Yarra St. Footpath repairs in View St., Roemer Cres., Yarra St., Lucerne Cres., Delbridge St., Como St., Constance St., Chamouni St., St. Bernard's Rd., St. Gothard's Rd., Geneva Rd. and Miller St. All these streets should be top dressed.

A Small Gallery

The attendance in the gallery at the Northcote council meeting on Tuesday was the smallest for some time. For the greater part of the time there was not a single person in the gallery, although when the council meeting rose there were about half a dozen.

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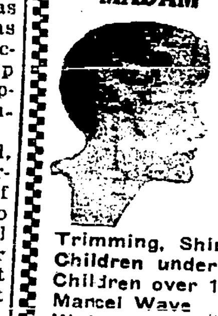

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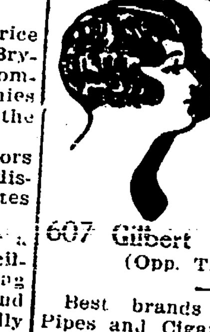

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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

The usual meeting was held on Tuesday. Present.—The mayor (Cr. Olver) and Crs. S. Pinkney, J. H. Green, J. O. Hughes, M. C. Jones, A. J. Cornish, A. H. Oldis, W. Glanfield, W. H. Turner, A. Peters and W. Hayes. Apologies were received from Crs. Dennis, Sutch and Bird.

Infectious Disease. — The Public Health Department advised that arrangements could be made to accommodate, if necessary, 50 infectious disease patients at the Alfred Hospital, the proposal being that the councils should pay half the cost of altering existing pavilions (estimated cost £2540) and to meet a proportion of the maintenance (estimated at £153 weekly).

The town clerk said if the quota system now used in connection with the Fairfield Hospital were used and the same council's were contributories, the Northcote council's share of the cost of the alterations would be £30, and the cost of maintenance about £2 a week.

Cr. Turner said he felt the council should not acquiesce in the proposal. The £2500 expenditure seemed to be a great amount to provide for 50 beds, and this would not accommodate even Northcote's diphtheria patients. It would be far better to adhere to the present arrangements whereby the Government paid a proportion of the cost of cases treated at the people's homes. The council, he felt, should not agree to the Alfred Hospital proposal.

He moved that the council express the opinion that it should not take part in this proposed scheme.

Cr. Hayes seconded.

Cr. Cornish said although the Alfred Hospital was a long distance away and no Northcote patients were admitted there, yet it would ease the present strain on the Fairfield Hospital. He moved that the Finance Committee give the matter consideration.

Cr. Hayes seconded.

Cr. Green said it was the function of the Government to look after things of this kind. The Government was pushing more and more of this kind of thing on the councils.

The town clerk said at present many Northcote cases could not be admitted to the Fairfield Hospital owing to lack of room. If the whole of the councils contributed the scheme would be a good one, but if only half a dozen contributed the cost would be too great.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Public Health Department advised that where infectious disease cases which could not be admitted to the Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital, the Government would contribute, under certain conditions, up to 3/- per day in respect to any patient. —Finance Committee.

P. H. Rowe and others, requesting construction of drain at rear of properties on east side of Main street.—Engineer to report.

E. J. Curry, re condition of lane at rear of premises 10 Kelvin grove.—P.W. Committee.

West Ward Progress Association, requesting installation of light at the junction of lanes at rear of Normanby avenue and St. George's road.—E.L. Committee.

B. Rose, re roadway in Harold street, between Hobson street and the drain.—P.W. Committee.

Committee Reports

Public Works Committee—Accounts amounting to £1477/5/1 were paid.

Permission to erect garages was granted to V. Haddrick, Alphington street, and to E. Warsaw, Tanner grove. S. G. Tomkins, Shaftesbury parade, was granted permission to carry out alterations to stables.

Electric Light Committee. — Accounts totalling £1934/11/4 were paid. This includes £1138 for bulk current.

Parks Committee.—Accounts totalling £134/19/2 were paid.

Finance Committee.—Additional accounts amounting to £462/2/9 were paid.

Ordinary Business

Cr. Oldis inquired if all the road surfacing programmed in the East Ward had been carried out.

The Engineer (Mr. V. J. Bradley). Yes.

Cr. Oldis moved that roadways in Oxford and Thames streets, and also portion of Victoria road, be bitumen surfaced. He said that to do this work now would preserve the roads.

The engineer was instructed to prepare a report.

In reply to Cr. Pinkney, the engineer said it was rather late to undertake bitumen surfacing works. Work of this nature was best done in the warm weather.

Cr. Hughes was informed that all bitumen surfacing authorised, with the exception of that in the Central Ward, had been completed.

On the motion of Cr. Glanfield, a broken path in Lennox street is to receive attention; footpath in Mitchell street, between Wardrop grove and High street, was referred to the P.W. Committee.

Cr. Oldis spoke of roadway in Mason and Brooks streets.—Engineer to report.

Drainage at corner of Miller street and Ethel grove was brought under notice by Cr. Hughes.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Jones drew attention to the fact that vehicular traffic was using the footpath in Station street, as the road was almost impassable in wet weather.—Engineer to report as to cost of erecting posts to protect footpath. A small section of path in Kellett street needed attention.—P.W. Committee. Repairs were needed to path in Wilmoth street, from Mrs. Roberts' house to Darebin road.—P. W. Committee. Footpath in Rathmines street. — P.W. Committee. Drains needed cleaning and regrading at corner of Wilmoth and Raleigh streets.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Pinkney said there was an urgent need that something be done to an unmade path in Victoria road, between Clarke street and South Cres. If asphalting were not done, at least some ashes should be spread.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Peters spoke of the state of roadway in Clarke street, between the railway and St. George's road.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Hayes told the council that some filling placed on the footpath in Collins street had grown a splendid crop of Bathurst burrs.—Attention to be given. The engineer was also instructed to report on the roadway in the same street.

Cr. Turner said that Watt street paths were very muddy after rain.—Ashes to be spread.

Cr. Green drew attention to vats at the old chemical works site on the Merri Creek, saying that these collected water. This should be released, otherwise it would become stagnant, and so be a menace to health.—Officers to report.

Cr. Green inquired as to when work authorised in Union street paths would be carried out.

The Engineer.—Not for some time. I have a very formidable list of works to be done, and these are taken strictly in rotation.

Cr. Cornish sought attention to a hole in path at corner of Henry street and Westbourne grove.—To be filled. Channel in Sutch street, between St. George's road and Traill street, had sunk.—P.W. Committee. Pipe cuts in Helen street.—Engineer to report.

The mayor moved that lighting in Jones and Collins streets to the caretaker's quarters be given consideration by the E.L. Committee.—Carried.

On the motion of Cr. Turner, it was decided to seek the views of abuting owners on the question of the construction of a lane between Miller and Keon streets. Cr. Turner said there had been many and bitter complaints about flooding from this lane, and there had been many requests for its construction. At the same time many of the persons who would be called upon to pay were suffering because of the depression, and he did not want to force extra burdens on them.

Cr. Green said he had received complaints about people taking perambulators down the steps from Rucker's Hill at Charles street, using a resident's fence at the bottom of the stems as a buffer.—Officers to report.

BASEBALL

THE PRESTON CLUB

Last Saturday two of the three teams had good wins. A team played Caulfield at Preston. Scores:—

Preston.—3.2.0.1.3.—9.
Caulfield.—0.0.1.1.0.3.—5.

H. Fothergill captain and R. Spoor vice-captain. The game started with Caulfield not scoring in their first innings while Preston put themselves in a good position in their first and second innings, having 5 runs on the board. Butler and Goller scoring 2 each and Spoor 1. Caulfield opened in the third and fourth innings, McLean and Watson scoring while Preston failed in their third and fourth then rallied with 1 run in the fifth and 3 in the sixth, shutting out Caulfield in the fifth and then scoring 3 in the sixth. The best for Preston were Westcott (pitcher) Butler 3 and Goller 4; Crawley out field taking 5 flys.

B team played Prahran at Prahran. Scores:—

Preston.—0.5.4.0.3.0.0.—12.
Prahran.—0.0.1.3.0.1.0.—5 .

E. Nankervis captain and E. Ford vice-captain. The pitching of Jeans was excellent, Prahran only scoring 1 in first three innings and 3 in fourth and 1 in sixth while Preston made 9 in the first three innings and 3 in the fifth. The best for Preston were Jeans (pitcher), Souther, Blockley Oates scoring 3 runs.

C team played Old Gold at Merri Park. Scores:—

Preston.—0.1.0.0.0.1.0:0.—2
Old Gold.—2.0.0.0.5.3.1.0.—11.

G. Allen, captain G. Naunton vice captain. C team were well beaten by Old Gold 11 to 2. The pitching of Roberts (Old Gold) was good, thus keeping down the runs. The boys were holding their own until the fifth innings when misfields cost 5 runs. Best for Preston were Kellor and Allen. Kinson and Thurgood, two new players to the game, showed good promise.

Teams for Saturday: —

A TEAM.—Play Coburg at Coburg: Westcott, O'Brien, Butler, Duffield, Fothergill, Nelder, Crawley, Patterson, Spoor, Dolphin, J. Goller.

B TEAM.—Play Malvern at Preston.—Jeans, W. Goller, Nankervis, Hills, Souter, Ford, Oates, Burr Donaldson, Blockley, Thorneycroft.

C TEAM.—Play Northcote at Preston: Burrell, Atkinson, Allen, Norton, Murray, Kellar, Jackson, Dahl, Thurgood, Wintle, Kinson, Nelson.

ATHLETICS

PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE CLUB

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

The second annual meeting was held in the Preston Library Hall, Cr. H. P. Zwar, the well-known district sportsman, presided over the gathering of members. Mr. H. R. Weir, annual general secretary of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association, represented the parent body.

The annual report, which was most comprehensive, dealt in detail with the club's activities during the year, and reflects great credit on the hon. sec. (Mr. C. Thorne) who was responsible for its compilation. Each event in which club members took part was described in deatil, which in itself was no mean feat, and the club may consider itself very fortunate in possessing and retaining the services of such a keen and capable officer.

Inter alia the report stated that the club was fortunate in the calibre of its recruits during the year, which had resulted in a marked improvement in performances. During the year 41 members were registered with the V.A.A.A.—a decided increase on the previous year. More attention has been paid to cross country racing. Prior to the commencement of the 1931-32 track season the committee decided to enter two teams in the Inter Club Track Competitions. Following the club's initial success in the E grade Inter-Club Competitions the first team was elevated to D grade whilst the new team went into the E grade. The D grade team had annexed their grade premiership, whilst the E grade team was placed seventh.

In supporting the adoption of the annual report and balance sheet Cr. Zwar was unstinted in his praise of the achievements during the year, and of the wonderful work executed by the club's young officers. A regrettable feature of the year's activities was the state of the club's finances mainly attributable to the adverse weather conditions experienced on the occasion of the conduct of the Victorian Marathon Road Race last October. The statement of receipts and expenditure disclosed a deficiency of £17/11/ after allowing for sundry assets at £39/15/8.

While the elements acted so largely against the financial success of the Marathon, the benefits gained from this venture as an advertising medium counterbalanced this misfortune, which at least was some solace. Cr. Zwar expressed the desire that the members combine in a sustained effort to replace the club on the sound financial foundations which it had enjoyed in its early stages.

Cr. Zwar introduced Mr. H. R. Weir, hon. gen. sec. V.A.A.A., who congratulated the club on its rapid developments since its foundation in 1930. He especially appealed to members to assist and not to criticise the work of the executive officers who gave up many hours of enjoyment for the benefit of the club. Mr. Weir said "the practice of censuring executive officers is too prevalent and at times members forget that every one is liable to make mistakes at some time." Mr. Weir concluded with a lecture on the fostering of Cross Country running which he said "was the backbone of Amateur Athletic clubs, both socially and athletically."

More than ordinary interest prevailed at the election of office-bearers for season 1932-33 with many new faces seeking election on the administrative side of the club. Cr. G. E. Robinson was elected upopposed as president for the third successive time. Although opposed, the retiring vice-presidents were all re-elected. Cr. H. P. Zwar is senior vice-president and with Messrs. H. B. Gardiner, A. B. Harding, A. James, R. Broadhurst and E. Kirkland will form the nucleus of an enthusiastic band of club supporters. The Hon. General Secretary (Mr. C. G. Thorne) was opposed by Mr. D. McEachern but was re-elected by a large majority. Messrs. W. Perry and J. Speedy contested the position of hon. treas and associate secretary, the honors going to Mr. W. Perry. The remaining officers are:—Track Captain, Mr. H. B. Gardiner; vice-track captain: Mr. A. Angus; cross country captain: Mr. W. Weightman; vice: Mr. J. Hogben; general committee: Messrs. N. Harris, F. Jenkin, F. Bates, J. Hogben, D. McEachern; delegate V.A.A.A.: Mr. C. G. Thorne; delegate A.C.S.C.: Mr. H. B. Gardiner.

During the evening Mr. H. R. Weir presented to Mr. J. Hogben the Hogben challenge cup for the five miles club championship. This trophy was presented by Mr. E. Hogben (sen). for competition, to be retained by a member winning the event twice but not necessarily in succession. Mr. D. McEachern was the recipient of the Gifford cup for the aggregate points competition during last cross country season.

Cross Country Season

The official opening of the cross country season will be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse next Saturday. Every club member, whether a track runner or cross country runner is requested to attend, not necessarily to run, but to strip for the official count. A 'bus will leave the Town Hall, Preston, at 2.15 p.m. to convey members and friends.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

One of the largest gatherings on record attended the monthly social evening on Thursday. The business of the evening was disposed of in an expeditious manner, and dancing commenced shortly after 9 p.m. Crs. Hughes and Turner were present and both reported briefly on council activities.

Cr. Hughes stated that an inspection of the parks in the West Ward would shortly be made, and where practicable improvements would be carried out. He hoped that in the near future tree planting in Mayer Park would be commenced, and the land regraded.

Cr. Turner dealt mainly with the council's effort to retain its present system of purveying electricity, as he considered this matter was one which was swiftly developing into one of great interest to users of this commodity in Northcote. The matter of improving the type of street nameplates along St. George's road was also discussed, but again the question of finance was used as a reason for not renewing the antiquated type that still exists in streets abutting on St. George's road.

Lighting of T Lanes.—This matter was again introduced when the secretary, at the request of residents in Normanby Avenue, moved that a request be made to the council for the erection of a light in the lane at the rear of Normanby Avenue. It would appear, from statements made by the chairman of the electric light committee, that the council is opposed to the erection of lights at the intersection of T lanes. Nevertheless, the meeting carried the resolution, and it is hoped that the council will depart from its policy and see its way clear to grant this request.

The president (Mr. Deslandes) reported on the proposed activities of the Central Relief Committee, giving details of further functions designed to help build up the funds. This association is gradually creeping up towards its quota of £10. A table centre donated by Mrs. Wharton, of Keon street, was disposed of at the meeting, and 21/- was added to the amount already in hand. Tickets for the euchre party and dance were available for distribution. An added inducement for people to purchase tickets is in the knowledge that someone is going to be the recipient of 5cwt. of box blocks, which have been donated by Mr. Rose, of St. George's road.

The next meeting will be held in the Thornbury State School on May 5, and it is hoped that those new members who enjoyed the social evening will be present at the business meeting, together with their friends and neighbors, who will be made welcome.

Northcote A.W.A.

On Thursday, April 19, the A.W.A. in conjunction with the A.N.A., held a euchre party in the Lodge Room. A most successful evening resulted. A valuable smoker's outfit was won by Mr. N. McColl and a handsome nut bowl by Mrs. Hines. The house party held at the home of Mrs. Stott, Ivanhoe, was very enjoyable and the committee are to be congratulated on the result of their combined effort on these occasions. All money raised will suport the Queen of the above society, who is working to raise the £10 appealed for by the Mayor. The next meeting has been postponed from Anzac night to May 2, and a pleasant evening is assured.

PRESTON-NORTHCOTE AMATEUR WALKERS

The newly-formed P.N.A. Walkers which is a branch of the Athletic Club, had their initial fixture at Regent on Saturday. Commencing from St. Mary's Hall, the pack walked at a moderate pace to Edwardes Lake, and thence return. At 600 yards from home the walkers lined up for a 600 yards handicap race home. Bert Gardiner managed to work through the field from scratch, and won by 10 yards from Cliff Owen (5sec) and Norm Harris (the promising Inter-Club colt) third off 10sec. Fourth was limit man Arch Hunter, who was making his debut in this branch and walked well. The acting officers are Cliff Owen (Hon. sec.) and Bert Gardiner (chairman). Proposals for records and standard times are being drafted and keenness is an omen for a successful year. It is intended to enter a team for the State Walking Teams Championship, and a strong team will be available. Dick Lewis (club champion) will be available after a few weeks' indisposition, Bert Gardiner (Vic. one mile cham. last four years) intends to transfer to Moreland, Cliff Owen, Norm Harris will form a strong team, and hopes are expressed that the branch will do well. The branch will foster walking and old and new walkers are invited to join. Secretary Cliff Owen, who is an ex-Collingwood athlete, resides at Asling street, Preston. The Preston-Northcote A.A.C. colors and costumes have been adopted, and a rules committee are drafting rules.

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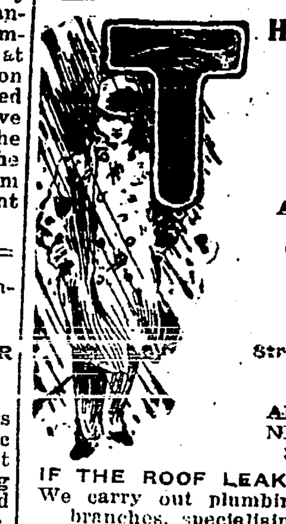

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BIRTH

BUCHANAN.—On the 21st April at Sister Bazloff's Private Hospital, to the wife of Mr. Alexander Buchanan, Hayes St., Northcote, a son—Alexander James (Lex). Both well.

DEATH

MEADOWS.—On April 22, 1932, at Austin Hospital, Edith, loving pal of Emmie and Glady, aged 19 years and 10 months.

"Our loved pal sleeping."

Inserted by her sincere friends, G. Thorn and E. Hall.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

MRS. ROSE EDGAR AND SONS wish to THANK all kind friends for their kindness and sympathy, especially Rev. Constable, Mrs. McNamara and family also Mrs. Carter in their sad bereavement.

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ENGAGEMENT

CHAMBERS — FENN.—The engagement is announced of Edna May, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fenn, of 8 Yann street, Preston, to Charles Leonard, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Chambers, of Stott street, Preston.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL

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FRIDAY, APRIL 29 1932.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harris, of Robeson street, West Preston, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

The friends of Mr. Orlando A. Walker, J.P., will regret to learn that there is very slight improvement in his state of health. The intended operation has not taken place and Mr. Walker is now undergoing another course of treatment.

Mr. Peter McKay, High street, Preston, is laid aside, owing to sickness.

The friends of Mr. Lance Harding, of Preston, will be pleased to learn that he is making good progress towards recovery from the injuries received by him during a motor car accident which occurred about six weeks ago. Mr. Harding received injuries to his back and legs, as well as a general shaking up and shock. He hopes to resume his ocupation in about two weeks' time.

Mr. W. Owens, of Arthurton road, Northcote, has returned after a three weeks' fishing trip on the Goulburn Weir. With the spinner he caught many cod ranging up to 18lb. Duck shooting was also indulged in with a fair amount of success.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Buchanan, of Hayes street, Northcote, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son. Mrs. Buchanan was formerly Miss Nellie Munro.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKenna, of Jenkins street, Northcote, celebrated their silver wedding on April 24, and were the recipients of many congratulations.

There passed away on April 20, Mrs Jean Brown, wife of Mr. John B. Brown, of High street, Thornbury. She leaves a daughter and an infant son. The interment was made privately at the Coburg Cemetery.

At his residence, Flinder's street, Thornbury, there passed away on April 18, Henry Considine (late Vic. Railways). He leaves a widow and six children. Mr. Considine was formerly of Ballarat and Daylesford.

At his home, Henry street, Regent, there passed away on April 20 Mr. James Hislop. He leaves a widow.

Cr. G. E. Robinson, J.P., of Preston has been elected group representative on the Heatherton Sanatorium Board. He represents the northern group and the term is for three years.

Mr. David Carson, of Murray road, Preston, who passed away on April 18 was 82 years of age. He was born in England, and was apprenticed to MacIntosh and Nickol, decorators and signwriters, of London. He came to Australia in 1886 and was in Melbourne for the Exhibition in 1888, and was later in business in Hawthorn and Preston. In the course of his occupation Mr. Carson was selected for work at the Royal Mausoleum, at Frogmore, (England) where Queen Victoria's husband, (the Prince Consort) was buried; at the strongroom at Buckingham Palace; and since he came to Australia was engaged on decorative work at the Melbourne Town Hall, the new Jewish Synagogue St. Francis' Church, Melbourne, and many other convents and chapels in Victoria. He was foundation member of the Victorian Master Painters' Association, holding office as President and Secretary; a member of the Dickens Fellowship; a prominent member of the Preston Anglers' Club and he was for some time instructor in graining and marbling at the Footscray Technical school. Two sons survive, Malcolm and Christopher.

Healesville Park was the place appointed for a jovial gathering on April 24, the occasion being a surprise birthday party given to Mr. Joseph Moylan, of Foch street, Preston by relatives and intimate friends. The tables were set for 20 guests, the decorations being carried out in autumn tints. After dinner the spirit of revelry was in the atmosphere. Singing and glees were enjoyed by all present. When the birthday cake was cut Mr. Hank proposed Mr. Moylan's health, which was received with sincere acclamation and spontaneous greetings which concluded "a perfect day."

On Anzac Day Mr. Thos Bolton, of 15 Victoria road, Northcote, celebrated his 90th birthday. For half-a-century he has resided in Northcote and he still enjoys good health. Up till two years' ago he was secretary of the Clifton Lodge U.A.O.D., from which position he resigned after many years of service.

Miss Gwen Olver, daughter of the Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote, is

WHITTLESEA.

The attendance was large at the special Anzac Commemoration service in the parish hall. Rain prevented the service being held in the open at the Monument. Addresses were given by Cr. C. W. Towt, Mr. A. Michell, Presbyterian missionary in charge of Whittlesea church also Cr. M. A. Fergusson, president of the Whittlesea Shire. The Last Post was played by Master Wood. Many wreaths were placed on the Soldiers' Monument, the Memorial Archway, and the Soldiers' Avenue of Honor. A special service was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Freeman in Christ Church prior to the combined service Anzac Day was observed in the schools on Frida yand wreaths made by the children were placed on the Monument.

Cricket

The final match in the Shire Association was commenced at Doreen on Saturday between Humevale and Strathewen. Humevale made 57; Tom Dawson, top scorer 22, H. Adams 11. J. McKimmie made a slaughter with 6/18 starting off with 3/0. Green did well taking 3/26, M. Brennan 1/12. Strathewen made a good start with five down for 73 at drawing of stumps. J. Brennan was top with 32 not out, A. Brain made 19, H. Green is 1 not out. W. Gale did best at bowling for Humevale, taking 2/11, J. Wallis took 1/11 and T. Draper 1/25. The match is to be continued on Saturday next.

CYCLING

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS

Roller Championship

The final of the one mile roller championship was conducted on Friday evening at the Preston Town Hall In the first final E. Gibaud defeated S. Andrews only to be beaten by T. Gascoyne. C. Sterry won the second final from W. Shannon and registered 1min 12 2-5sec, easily the best time created. Great interest in the grand final in which T. Gascoyne, Victorian Champion and Record holder, met C. Sterry. This concluding match was a thrill from the gun to the finish, but when two-thirds of the journey had been covered it was evident that Gascoyne had no chance as Sterry had a comfortable lead. In the last lap Gascoyne made an heroic effort, but Sterry was riding too well and ran out a comfortable winner. Sterry will be decorated with the championship sash, donated by Mr. "Bob" Metcalf next Friday evening.

Track Championships

Concluded on the club track in Oakover road last Saturday, the annual track championship resulted in an easy win for Reuben Bates. Bates was champion last year. Strong opposition was expected from C. Sterry and A. Walkley, as well as from J. Kean and a number of others The first two events concluded prior to last week were the half mile and mile championship and each had resulted in a win for Bates. He also won the two remaining events of April 23, Sterry being second to him in the quarter mile and L. Catmul third. Catmul was second in the five mile and C. Sterry third. L. Catmul, who seems to be winning most of the handicaps lately, won the 1½ mile handicap which was run between the championships.

The cycling fraternity at large must all congratulate Bates on winning this championship for the second year in succession and in winning the whole four events comprised thereon, a feat unparalleled in the history of the club.

CHURCH NEWS

Preston Church of Christ

On May 1 the Pastor (Mr. A. J. Fisher) will begin a series of winter sermons on the "Reality of Christ" Each sermon will be complete in itself, but all will consecutively follow the life of Jesus. They will be illustrated by the use of a large chart.

Presbyterian Church

In the Presbyterian Church, Northcote, on Sunday, the Rev. A. T. Jones spoke of Anzac and the sacrifices willingly made to uphold the right. The service was attended by Scouts and a large congregation. Anthems sung by the choir were "Praise Ye the Lord," and "Give Peace in Our Time," the solos being rendered by Mrs. Muir and Mr. Harvey. Mr. J. A. Thomson sang the solo "There is No Death," and after the Benediction the National Anthem was sung.

St. Mary's Church of England

Memorial Service was held on Sunday when numerous wreaths and crosses were placed on the altar The vicar (Rev. F. Parsons) at the morning service, spoke highly of the Anzacs and the spirit in which many gave their lives, as an example to follow; again in the evening he further emphasised the need especially in the present time of serving Christ with the same zeal as the soldiers served their country. Girl Guides and Scouts attended in strong force.

RIFLE SHOOTING

CLUB SHOOTS

Saturday's Results

NORTHCOTE.—Pennant Points.—Appleby, 47 (2), 49; Randall, 47 (2) 49; Kaye, 47 (2), 49; Parsons, 39 (7) 46; Hook, 43 (3) 46.

PRESTON.—Second Stage Bell Trophy.—Griffiths, 50 (possible); F. Featherson, 49 (3), 50; S. Chynoweth, 45 (4), 49. Second Stage Bell Trophy—B Grade: Miller, 46 (7), 50; Ryan, 44 (6), 50; Cooper, 44 (10), 50; L. Chynoweth, 44 (6), 50; Barker, 38 (10), 48.

South Preston Mothers' Club

THE South Preston Mothers' Club held a successful euchre party at the residence of Mrs. Smith, David street, Preston. The funds are to provide cocoa and soup during the winter months.

NORTHCOTE RELIEF COMMITTEE

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Photo of Late Rev. A. C.

At a meeting of the Church Missionary Society, held in Melbourne on April 21 a portrait of the late Rev. A. C. Kellaway, vicar of All Saints' Church, Northcote, for many years, was unveiled by the Rev. W. T. C. Storrs. At one time Mr. Kellaway was the chairman of the Victorian committee of the Church Missionary Society.

BOY SCOUTS.

1st Preston Troop

Last Saturday the troop football team played West Preston at Gower Park and after a good game were defeated by 6 goals. As to-morrow will probably be the last day for practice all players are asked to meet at the hall at 2.15 p.m. Last Monday night about 40 scouts and cubs attended the Anzac Memorial Service in the City Hall, and heard an inspiring address by Brig-General J. P. McGlinn. The Court of Honor will meet on Sunday and all leaders are asked to be present.

CRICKET

The Northcote and Preston Protestant Churches Association final (Westgarth Baptists v Regent) was concluded on Saturday. Regent Baptists 169 and 79; Regent 96 and 156, resulting in a victory for Baptists by 2 runs.

A full report of this match arrived too late for insertion.

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Northcote Younger Set Ball

On Wednesday evening about 250 members and friends of the Northcote Younger Set danced to the strains on Chandler's Orchestra in the Town Hall to aid the Northcote Central Relief Committee. In introducing the Mayor (Cr. Olver) the president (Mrs. Green) thanked the members for attending in such numbers. Cr. Olver expresssed pleasure at the lead given by this auxiliary in this worthy cause and mentioned the Queen competition in which the auxiliary will be represented by Miss M. Goold. The catering was carried out by Mrs. Olorenshaw in her own inimitable style and it is anticipated that the function will be a great financial success, the auxiliary's quota being easily attained. Cr. Olver apologised for the absence of the Mayoress and Miss Gwen Olver through illness.

Northcote council has decided to send a letter of congratulation to Mrs. W. H. Turner, wife or Cr. Turner, on her appointment as a special magistrate of the Northcote Children's Court.

Oh, Mother! Where are you going? Cornish's, "Cash & Carry" grocers. Shut the gate! Haricot Beans, 2½d lb. Bill, give us a match. Struth! You can buy 2 pkts. B. & M. Matches for 10½d. Where? At F. C. Cornish & Co. My hat!

BOWLS.

PRESTON CLUB

Members are having rather a quiet spell owing to the continued showers However on Saturday bowling conditions were ideal and several players competed in a proportional tournament for a trophy presented by Mr. J. Searson, which was won by Clarrie Chitts, who defeated H. Lang.

At the last committee meeting the club's V.B.A. delegates (Messrs. Carthew and Tatchell) were instructed to vote in favor of increasing the number of pennant games.

There are several matches to be played off in the president's and vice-president's trophies. Will those members who are left in the competitions endeavour to play their games within the next fortnight ?

During the week Mr. Grut, of the V.B.A., paid a visit to our green at the request of the committee, who wished to be advised as to top-dressing Mr. Grut was agreeably surprised at the splendid appearance of the playing surface. A committee meeting will be held on Monday evening to consider Mr. Grut's suggestions.

Saturday nights' euchre tournament was won by Mr. Geo. Nevill and Mrs. Dahl.

Northcote Horticultural Society

AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW

The Northcote Autumn Flower Show was brought to a successful issue in the Northcote Town Hall on April 16. The Mayor (Cr. W. Olver J.P.) accompanied by the Mayoress, officially opened the show and in so doing expressed his admiration for the wonderful display of choice flowers. He also emphasised the value of the work carried out by the Horticultural Society.

The show proved to be one of the most successful ever held by the society, the entries numbering nearly 500.

Following are the awards:—

Best Dahlia in show, "Jane Cowl" R. Gibson. Chrysanthemum:"Pockett's Crimson," T. Blake. Rose: "Dame Edith Helen,' W. Beattie. Rose (amateur class): "Mrs. A. R. Barraclough," W. Beattie. Gladiolus "Queen Mary" Mr. L. Anderson. Seedling Dahlia exhibited by raiser: "Mrs. M. Canny" Miss Leamon. Bunch of Roses: "Chateau de Vougeot," R. Gibson. Bunch Flowers: dahlias, A. G. Marshall. Best exhibit in bouquet section: basket of flowers, Mrs. J. W. Firth. Most successful exhibitor in amateur class (trophy): J. W. Firth. Most successful exhibitor in Intermediate (Volck trophy): J. C. Alexander. Most successful novice ("Home Gardener" trophy): N. Jacks and A. Ingleman equal.

Open Class.—12 Cactus Dahlias distinct: C. Warburton 1, R. Porter 2; 6 Cactus Dahlias distinct: J. Brown 1, C. Warburton 2; 6 Decorative Dahlias, distinct: R. Gibson 1, Mrs. J. West 2; 6 Paeony Dahlias, distinct: C. Warburton; 6 Collarette Dahlias, distinct: C. Warburton 1, J. S. Brown 2; 6 Collarette Dahlias, distinct, 3 of each: C. Warburton; Bunch Dahlias distinct: R. Gibson 1, C. Warburton 2; 9 Roses, distinct: W. Beattie 1, H. Bailey 2; 6 roses distinct, W. Beattie 1, J. Williams 2; 3 bunches roses, distinct: H. Bailey 1, W. Beattie 2; 6 Japanese Chrysanthemums, distinct: A. Jobson 1, J. Williams 2; 6 Bunches Single Chrysanthemums, distinct: J. Williams; 12 Gladioli, distinct: C. A. Purdie 1, W. Pettigrove 2; 6 Gladioli distinct: Monmeith Gardens 1, C. A. Purdie 2; 4 Bunches Cut Fowers: distinct J. Williams.

Amateur Class.—6 Jap. Chrysanthemums, distinct: L. R. McNaughton 1, H. Atkins 2; 3 Jap. Chrysanthemums, distinct: T. Blake 1, L. R. McNaughton 2; 1 Jap. Chrysanthemum: T. Blake 1, L. R. McNaughton 2; 3 Bunches Single Chrysanthemums R. Gibson 1, J. W. Firth 2; 1 Bunch Single Chrysanthemums: R. Gibson 1, W. Twentyman 2; Bunch Jap. Chrysanthemums: R. C. Wilkinson 1, J. Toole 2; 6 Decorative Dahlias, distinct (Gibson trophy): R. Bohme 1, H. Atkins 2; 6 Cactus Dahlias, distinct: R. Clarke 1, O. Dunning 2; 3 Cactus Dahlias, distinct: O. Dunning 1, F. Jacobson 2; 6 Show Dahlias distinct: C. Stafford; 3 Show Dahlias distinct: R. Bohme 1, F. W. Todd 2; 6 Decorative Dahlias, distinct: R. Gibson 1, H. Atkins 2; 3 Decorative Dahlias, distinct: R. Gibson 1, W. Clear 2; 6 Garden Cactus Dahlias, distinct: F. Jacobson 1, O. Dunning 2; 3 Paeony Dahlias, distinct: F. Jacobson 1, R. Clarke 2; 6 Collarette Dahlias: R. Clarke; 3 Collarette Dahlias, distinct: R. Clarke 1, C. Stafford 2; Bunch Dahlias, distinct: W. E. Armstead 1, A. L. Harry 2; 3 Bunches Pom Pom Dahlias, distinct: A. L. Harry 1, F. T. Todd 2; 6 Stiff-stemmed Decorative Dahlias, distinct: R. Gibson 1, O. Dunning 2; 6 Roses, distinct: J. W. Firth 1, R. Clarke 2; 3 Roses, distinct: J. W. Firth 1, L. Empson 2; 1 Rose: W. Beattie 1, J. W. Firth 2; Bunch Roses distinct: W. Beattie 1, W. H. Dunallan 2; 3 Bunches Mixed Roses: R. C. Stillman 1, J. W. Firth 2; 3 Bunches Roses distinct: R. Gibson 1, W. Beattie 2; Bunch Mixed Roses: L. Empson 1, J. W. Firth 2; 4 Bunches Cut Flowers, distinct: J. W. Firth; 2 Bunches Cut Flowers, distinct: J. W. Firth 1, W. Pettigrove 2; Bunch Cut Flowers: J. W. Firth 1, W. Dunallan 2; 6 Gladioli, distinct: L. Anderson 1, C. A. Purdie 2; 3 Gladioli, distinct: L. Anderson 1, C. A. Purdie 2; 3 Carnations, distinct: W. E. Armstead 1, J. W. Firth 2; Bunch Carnations: Mrs. Tracey; Any Other Horticultural Exhibit: A. L. Harry 1, J. W. Firth 2.

Amateur Class.—Arranged Work.—Epergne of Flowers: Mrs. Godfrey 1, Mrs. Barclay 2; Basket of Flowers: Mrs. Firth 1, Mrs. Waud 2; Basket of Dahlias, Mrs. Firth 1, Mrs. Lovelace 2; 3 Arranged Vases of Flowers, distinct Mrs. Godfrey 1, Mrs. Corry 2; Bowl Dahlias: Mrs. Corry 1, R. C. Stillman 2; Bowl of Roses: Mrs. Firth 1, R. C. Stillman 2; Bride's Shower Bouquet: Mrs. Lovelace 1, Mrs. Cohen 2; Most Artistic Floral Centrepiece: Mrs. Firth 1, Mrs. Waud 2; 1830 Posy: Mrs. Firth 1; Mrs Waud 2; 3 Ladies' Sprays: Mrs. Firth 1, Mrs. Cohen 2; Vase Mixed Flowers: Mrs. Godfrey 1, Mrs. Barclay 2.

Children.—Posy: Joyce Corry; Bowl of Flowers: Norma Barclay 1, Joyce Corry 2; 3 Arranged Vases: Joyce Corry 1, Jack Firth 2; 3 Gent's Buttonholes: Jack Firth 1, Joyce Corry 2; 3 Ladies' Sprays: F. Birchall 1, Jack Firth 2.

Intermediate Section.—3 Jap. Chrysanthemums, distinct: J. Toole; Jap Chrysanthemum: N. Jacks 1, J. Toole 2; 6 Cactus Dahlias distinct: W. E. Armstead 1, J. W. Barclay 2; 3 Cactus Dahlias, distinct: Miss Leamon 1, F. Fewster 2; 3Paeony Dahlias, dist. F. Fewster 1 2; 3 Paeony Dahlias, distinct: F. Fewster 1, P. Frawley 2; 3 Decorative Dahlias, distinct: Miss Leamon 1, F. T. Todd 2; 3 Collarette Dahlias, distinct: A. G. Marshall 1, F. Fewster 2; 3 Gladioli, distinct: W. Pettigrove 1, Mrs. Godfrey 2; 3 Roses, distinct: W. Twentyman 1, G. D. McNamara 2; 1 Rose: C. J. Alexander 1, J. Toole 2; 3 Bunches Roses, distinct: C. J. Alexander 1, J. Brown 2; Bunch Mixed Roses: J. Toole 1, C. J. Alexander 2; 3 Bunches Cut Flowers, distinct: C. J. Alexander 1, J. W. Barclay 2; Bunch Cut Flowers: A. G. Marshall 1, C. J. Alexander 2; Bunch Dahlias, distinct: H. G. Harris 1, F. Fewster 2.

Novice Class.—6 Dahlias, distinct: A. Ingleman 1, A. A. Knap 2.

A HIGH STREET ACCIDENT

CONSTABLE'S THUMB TORN OFF

Manufacturer Fined for Traffic Offence

In a collision in High street, Northcote on March 29 Traffic Constable Smith, of the motor cycle patrol, had a thumb torn off. Constable Smith, who had his hand bandaged, appeared at the Northcote court as a witness against the car driver who appeared to answer two charges.

Robert Rothberg, manufacturer, Drummond street, Carlton, was charged that on March 29 he drove a motor car on the wrong side of the road. There was a second charge of driving in a dangerous manner.

Senior-Constable Matthews prosecuted.

Traffic-Constable R. Smith said: "At 10.20 a.m. on March 29 I was driving a police patrol cycle south along High street. A tram had just begun to move from the Cunningham street tram stop and I drove the motor cycle alongside it and was accellerating to pass when Rothberg's car was swung across the front of the tram. I swerved the motor cycle endeavouring to avoid an accident but the car struck the cycle overturning it and throwing Traffic-Constable Purden and myself into the gutter. The motor cycle was dragged sideways and the car struck a granite slab on the crossing over the gutter, dislodging it.

In the accident my thumb was torn off.

At the time of the accident the police motor cycle was travelling at 18 m.p.h.

Cross-examined:—Where was defendant's car when you first saw it? —When it was crossing ahead of the tram.

You endeavoured to turn into Cunningham street?—Yes.

Rothberg took you to the hospital? —Yes.

Did you say to him: "It was a pure accident. You did not see me and I didn't see you"?—I won't deny that did say that.

Did you also say "Never again will I pass a stationary tram"?—No. I have never yet driven past a stationary tram.

Did you say "If the kerb stone had not been there I would not have lost my thumb"?—I don't recollect it.

Did you say "It was a pure accident"?—I have no recollection of saying that. I may have said it when I was under an anaesthetic.'

You did not see Rothberg's car before it crossed the tram tracks?—No.

Your machine was in second gear and your brakes were in good order? —Yes.

You had 30 feet in which to stop? —Yes.

Why did you not stop in that 30 feet?—I was unable to do so.

Traffic-Constable Purden who was in the side car of the motor cycle at the time of the accident gave similar evidence.

John Joseph Byrne, tram gripman, said that as defendant's car was about to turn he applied his brakes, and the tram stopped on the centre of the intersection. The car struck the police cycle which went on as the tram slowed down.

Samuel Edwards said: "I was canductor on the south bound tram and saw the collision. After the impact the motor cycle struck a large slab on the edge of the crossing and turned over several times."

Richard James Coxon, metal polisher, Jessie street, Westgarth, said he was on a seat in High street near the intersection. The car "cut the corner" and went in front of the tram instead of going at the back of it.

Constable D. A. Newton, of Northcote, said: "At about 10.30 a.m. on March 29 I went to the scene of the accident. The police motor cycle was in the gutter. Marks on the roadway showed that the car had turned 33 feet south of the centre of the intersection; and there were car skid marks 19 feet long in High street between the eastern tram tracks and the culvert at the south-east corner of Cunningham and High streets. This culvert had a bluestone coping which had been displaced.

From the point of impact the car tracks continued for 32 feet. Cunningham street was 44 feet wide from kerb to kerb and High street at the spot is 60 feet. The distance between the eastern tram rail and the gutter was 23 feet.

Traffic-Constable Grundy said: "I went with Constable Milne to the scene of the accident. Constable Purden was taken to hospital by the police cycle. Tracks on the roadway showed that a car had skidded for 19 feet and had "cut the corner" by 33 feet. Tracks traced back from the point of impact showed that the brakes of the cycle had been applied for 15 feet.

Rothberg said.—I was driving north in High street, travelling between 15 and 20 m.p.h. Nearing Cunningham street I passed a tram going north, and at the intersection I signalled, and the road being clear I turned east into Cunningham street. There was a stationary south-bound tram at the stop, and when almost past the front of this, I saw a police motor cycle alongside the tram. I applied my brakes. The driver of the motor cycle swung off, the rear of his motor cycle struck my mudguard and the motor cycle turned over, throwing out both constables. When hit, my car was stationary.

I got out of the car and finding the constables were injured I obtained the assistance of another man and as one constable elected to stay by the machine I took Constable Smith to the hospital. On the way to the hospital Smith said "It was a pure accident. I know you couldn't see me and I couldn't see you." At Constable Smith's request I reported the accident at Russell street, and there the police tested my brakes. I saw Constable Smith later on and he said "Never again will I pass a stationary tram."

Austin George Taylor, railway employee, Chillingollah, said:—"I was seated on the tram car. The motor cycle touched Rothberg's car and then swerving smashed into the culvert. I went with Rothberg when taking Constable Smith to the hospital, and heard Smith say "It was a pure accident."

Lionel G. Muir, Newcastle street, Preston, tramway gripman on the north-bound tram said:—"Rothberg's car passed the tram I was driving about 40 yards from the Cunningham street stop, and then proceeding, made a fairly square turn into Cunningham street.

A conviction was recorded in regard to the charge of driving on the wrong side of the road and a fine of £3 with £1/3/ costs imposed.

The P.M. (Mr. Hauser) intimated that the charge of dangerous driving was practically a duplication of the facts in the first charge and in view of the fact that the bench had decided to convict on the first charge the second charge would be dismissed.

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A lost latchkey opened the door to happiness.

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REBECCA was as staid as her name suggested her to be; but, on the other hand, she was just as nice. Though she was on the wrong side of forty, her eyes were sparkly and nice to look into; they were so full of tenderness and humor.

In fact, she would have made a perfect aunt for some lucky nephew or niece; but, unfortunately, her only brother, Tom, like herself, was unmarried. They lived together in a small bungalow on the outskirts of London.

"Well, old girl"—Tom had always called Rebecca "old girl" since the day she was born—"your birthday again to-day. Many happy returns of the day, my dear! Lordy! How time flies, to be sure. Why, it seems only a few months since your last birthday; you know, the day George Williams moved into Torbay, next door."

"Yes, Tom," Rebecca agreed demurely.

"Yes," he continued, "and talking about George Williams, has he come up to scratch yet?"

Rebecca looked at her brother with a horrified expression in her eyes. Then her cheeks crimsoned from her rounded chin to the roots of her softly waving hair.

"Tom, what do you mean?" she faltered.

He looked at her with twinkling eyes, then burst into a hearty roar of laughter.

"Now then, old girl don't you pretend to be so innocent. You know very well what I mean. Has George proposed to you yet?"

"Tom," she cried weakly, "how ever could you say that? Why—why, I do not suppose he—he has ever dreamed of—of—— Tom, you are really terrible!"

"If he hadn't thought of it yet, then it's time he did," grumbled Tom. "Here's you, the nicest old girl that was ever born, the finest cook and the neatest housekeeper I've ever seen and there's him, retired from the sea, a jolly old chap who's much too good a companion to be stuck away in a house all by himself."

"He is rather a nice gentleman," Rebecca murmured dreamily.

Tom chuckled.

"I don't know that he's a gentleman. You wait until you hear him swear."

Rebecca's eyes dropped.

"I have," she admitted, in a whisper. "That's how I know he's a gentleman."

Tom nodded at her appreciatively.

"You are a good sport, Rebecca, and if there's one birthday present I would like to give you—well, it's George Williams." He rose from his chair. "I suppose I must go now. Dash that solicitor fellow?! Why must he have chosen your birthday to have me call upon him? That means late at night, too. Don't be surprised if I am not back when you arrive home to-night."

He patted her shoulder.

"You wait until you see what I bring back with me," he added, as he stamped out of the room.

As soon as Tom had departed for the city Rebecca wandered out into the few square yards which represented the garden. Despite its smallness it was a picture of taste and color, for Tom was an enthusiastic gardener. Sitting in the shade of one of the fruit trees she closed her eyes, for the afternoon was warm.

Presently she began to day-dream. Tom was a perfect dear; she was quite content to live with him, for they lived so agreeably together. Nevertheless, supposing Mr. Williams were to ask her to marry him? Her lips parted in a smile, then drooped into dejected lines. What ridiculous thoughts! Was she not forty—well forty-odd years of age? What man would want to marry her? Still, it was nice to have Mr. Williams as a next-door neighbout. She smiled again——

"Many happy returns of the day, Miss Wilde!"

Rebecca quickly opened her eyes. Gazing at her from the other side of the wooden fencing was her neighbour. His weather-beaten face was crinkled into one broad smile, his greying hair was all tousled.

"Thank you, Mr. Williams, but how did you know it was my birthday?"

"Because I have been here just a year to-day, and I remembered your brother telling me that I moved in on your birthday." Then: "A year doesn't seen very long, does it?"

"No, Mr. Wliliams."

"Even though I have been alone for the first time in my life. It seems funny to be alone, Miss Wilde."

He was obviously uneasy. Twice he opened his mouth to speak, and each time he shut it again without saying a word. As for his right hand, it seemed as though he could not keep it out of his coat pocket.

"Er—Miss Wilde," he said later, "there is—is something I rather want to ask you."

Rebecca's heart gave a sudden bound.

"Yes, Mr. Williams," she spoke into her lap.

"Well — er — it is — I mean—I wanted to know——"

He stopped short, while, on his part, his face went a deeper color than the sun had ever made it. "Would you care to go out with me to-night?"

Rebecca bit her lips, but with an effort she kept her face composed, and looked up towards him.

"I am very sorry, Mr. Williams, but I am visiting some very old friends to-night."

He was so disappointed that he was rude.

"I am sorry," he growled, and disappeared.

Then Rebecca gave a little sob and ran up to her bedroom.

(To be Concluded)

ONLY ONE HEADLIGHT

First Prosecutions Under New Regulations

TWO MOTORISTS FINED

At Northcote court on Tuesday two motorists were each fined 10/ for having driven with only one front lamp burning. They were the first prosecutions of their kind under the new Motor Car Regulations, which aim to wipe out the "one eyed" motorist.

Leo. O'Brien, St. George's road, Northcote, charged that on April 3 he drove a motor car which did not show two headlights was fined 10/.

Traffic Constable Prott said that defendant's car only had one parking light burning.

Senior Constable Matthews stated that this was the first prosecution at Northcote under the new regulations.

George Frere, Palmer street, South Melbourne, for a similar offence, was fined 10/.

Defendant said that the light went out a short time before the police stopped him. He had called at several garages but had been unable to obtain another globe.

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PROFITING BY EXPERIENCE

We used to laugh at the idea, but ever since a mongrel dog turned and dug its teeth into our ankle we have sympathised with the wit who gave us the proverb, "Once bitten, twice shy." Evidently this is based upon a common human experience, for we find the same thought in other proverbs such as "A burnt child dreads the fire." China has frequent expressions of the thought, as the following Chinese proverbs show:—

"He who was once bitten by a snake does not walk twice in the grass."

"He who rides a tiger is afraid to dismount."

"Pure gold does not fear the fire."

We often wonder whether the world will profit by its experience. Within the memory of most of us, the world was bitten by the mad dog of war. Will we keep clear of this in the future?

We have been burnt by the fires of international hatred. Shall we not dread a fresh outbreak and do all in our power to extinguish the flame of hate.

We have been poisoned by the snake of militarism. Let us not walk in the grass of martial display.

Let us not mount the tiger of preparedness lest we cannot dismount from increasing armaments.

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DIVORCE DECREES NISI

In the Banco Court on Tuesday before. Mr. Justice Wasley Sidney Norman Adams, aged 41 years, of Darebin street, Northcote, was granted a divorce decree nisi from Hazel May Adams, aged 38 years, of Barkly street, North Fitzroy. The parties were married on October 29, 1913, at North Carlton.

Henry Adolphus Morffew, aged 34 years, of Emmaline street, Croxton, packer, from Florence Elizabeth Morffew, aged 29 years of Balmain street, Richmond, on the ground of desertion. The parties were married on February 26, 1921, at North Fitzroy. There is one child. An order was made that petitioner pay respondent's costs.

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BEFORE THE P.M. AND JUSTICES

NORTHCOTE COURT: TUESDAY, APRIL 26.

Before Mr. A. Hauser, P.M., Messrs H. Evans, P. Kean, P. Carney, W. Jones, and Mrs. A. Glanfield, J.'sP.

Offensive Behaviour

Norman Raphael, High street, Preston, charged that on February 21 he behaved in an offensive manner in High street, Thornbury, was fined 10/.

No Lights

Arthur Watson, Blyth street, Thornbury, who on March 31, drove a horse and cart without a light was fined 10/.

Two Charges Against Truck Owner

Hugh Victor Gilbert, Gladstone avenue, Northcote, charged that on March 30 he drove an unregistered motor in Spencer street, Northcote, was fined £1. On a second charge of having driven without a licence a fine of £1 was imposed. The registration and license both expired about a fortnight before the defendant was intercepted by the police.

£159 Maintenance Arrears

Norah Irene Jackson, of Elwood, sued to recover £159 arrears of maintenance against her husband, Herbert Jackson, whose address was given as Melbourne. The order was for £2 weekly. The bench made an order that the arrears be paid at the rate of £1 weekly.

Ejectments

Neil B. Allen, as agent for the owner, obtained an ejectment order against Westley George Green, in respect to premises, Wimble street, Northcote. The tenant went into the property in November 1930 and there were 16 months' arrears of rent. The same agent obtained ejectment orders against John Hearn, Wimble street, Northcote, Frederick Thomas White, Wimble street, Northcote; Norman Gibbs, Wimble street, Northcote; and Mrs. Olive Byrne, Wimble street, Northcote.

William Hodgkinson, as agent for the owner, obtained an ejectment order against —— Main, in respect to premises High street, Northcote South; and against Nellie Cook, in Beaver's road.

A. White, as agent for the owner and for whom Mr. A. E. O'Connor appeared, obtained an ejectment order against Mrs. Amy Wallace, in respect to property Wilmoth street, Northcote.

Debt

G. Blair, for whom Mr. A. E. O'Connor appeared, obtained an order against B. Alway for £4 with £2/8/6 costs.

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

T. Hart returned the winning card in the stroke event for Mr. A. J. Terdich's trophy, which was run concurrently with the first round of the Jackson cup. There were 90 entries, the leading scores being.—64, T. Hart (22); 65, W. Ferguson (27); 65, G. Levens, (27); 66, R. H. Gee (23); 67, R. Duncan (12); 67, P. S. Thomas (27); 68, C. Allerton (21); 68, F. F. Atyeo (21); 68, W. Harrison (22); 69, G. S. Gay (8).

On Saturday stroke for Mr. V. Atyeo's trophy in conjunction with the second round of the Jackson cup.

On Tuesday 60 associates competed for Mrs. C. L. Evans' trophy which resulted in a win for Mrs. J. Cook. Mrs. Cook also won the first round of the silver spoon. Scores:—64, Mrs. J. Cook (27); 67, Miss S. Marchant (35); 68, Mrs. A. W. Wallis (26); 70, Miss P. Atyeo (25); 70, Mrs. T. S. Lingford (28); 70, Mrs. G. O. Youren (31).

Next Tuesday, monthly medal—bogey.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PHIL)

Dear Cobbers, Did you have a full and enjoyable week-end? We had a pleasant time, quite a rowdy one at the football match at Preston which was as thrilling as it possibly could be. Fancy Northcote kicking all those points and Jacko is terribly disgusted with them. Fluffy is entirely satisfied with her team's beginning and has been teasing Jacko ever since.

On Monday we went to witness the Anzac Day March Past and were thrilled at the wonderful spectacle it was. The Fallen will never be forgotten and this demonstration is only an outward show of the real and deep feeling of gratitude and grief we, as a nation, feel towards our gallant Anzacs. Their message has gone deep and will never be uprooted, but triumph to the end.

There are two new girl Cobbers this week, whom we welcome. The Bird Competition results are in the Corner and keep a look out for a new competition soon. Send in your Trias as usual. Heaps of love and best wishes from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL.

BIRD COMPETITION RESULTS

There were seventeen birds Cobbers, and they were Jackass, dove, crow, shag, wren, silvereye, hawk, tit, lark, heron, owl, galah, lyre, robin, emu, sparrow and thrush (in that order). Two boys, Glen Stewart and Alan Williamson, guessed them correctly and so we are dividing the prize. Will you call in at the office bringing your certificates and collect your prize please. Congratulations to you both. A new competition begins next month.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Happiest and Heartiest of Birthday Greetings and Wishes to Harold White and Jim Arthur (May 4); Cora Miller, Marie Rodakis and Evelyn Emery (May 5); Eric Kent (May 6); Beatrice Toohey and Harold Ward (May 7); and Kathleen Moloney (May 8).

OUR MAIL BAG

211 Gower Street, Preston.

Dear Uncle Phil, Uncle Phil please enrol me as a new member of the Cobbers' Club. I am in the fifth grade at school and am 10 years old.

(GOOD) Gladys Allen.

Welcome to the Clubs Gladys and we'll see your entries later on. Please send us a snap of yourself for our Cobbers' Album. Do you like flowers? Greetings from the Pets and U.P.

21 Pender Street, Preston.

Dear Uncle Phil, I am sending the coupon to join the Cobbers' Club. I am 11 years old and in the 7th grade at school. I would like to enter the competition.

(GOOD) Kathleen Moloney

Welcome to the Clubs Kathleen. We've put your competition entry with the others. Will you send us a snap of yourself for our Cobbers' Album please? Do you like skipping? Greetings and love from the Pets and U.P.

Bruce Burr.—The jokes will appear each week. Will you write and tell us about Terry, Jacko is very interested in him. Love from the Pets and U.P.

Vera Marshall.—Bravo for the 100 marks. The book will be at our Preston office on Tuesday if you could call then. Bring your certificate along with you. Heaps of love from the Pets and U.P.

Willie Eaton.—Thanks for the snap Willie. It is a beauty and your uniform looks great. Are you the "big noise" of the band? Greetings from the Pets and U.P.

Lily Scrimes.—We are sending on another certificate but if you lose this one, another will not be available. Are you interested in the football? Fluffy sends love.—U.P.

June Burr.—The jokes will be used each week. Do you like sewing or knitting? Fluffy thinks knitting is much more interesting. Pets send best wishes and love U.P.

Alec Murphy.—Congratulations for the 100 marks. Will you call on Monday with your certificate for the prize please? How is school going? Greetings from the Pets and U.P.

Thelma Barrett. Are you quite recovered again Thelma? It's good to be back at school I guess, and the Pets are glad you're well again. We've entered your Bird entry. Best wishes and love from the Pets and U.P.

Marjorie Wood.—Your second entry arrived too late. I'm sorry as you guessed them correctly, but even then Jacko says only one try is allowed. Love from U.P.

Kath Hyde.—Thanks very much for the photo Kath, it is a pretty one for our Album. Do you dance much now? Love from the Pets and U.P.

WEEKLY TRIA COMPETITION

(Original)

MY DOG GINGER

I have a little retriever dog about six weeks old. He has blue eyes and is a pretty light brown color with wavy hair. He lives on bread and milk, meat and a lot of other things. When we were away at Easter we found him under our auntie's house. He squeaked and howled when we took him from his mother and put him aside. For he, being a thoroughbred and the best of the three pups we were to take him home with us. On the way home he cried, and seemed to miss his mother very much, but we cuddled him up and he went to sleep. We have to be very careful with him for our cat and he are always fighting. In the night time he has a little box to sleep in with straw and an old bag in it to lie on. If my little dog died, I would cry for I love him dearly, and he is the prettiest dog I ever had.

(TRIA) Jean Angus

THROUGH THE BUSHFIRES

(Original)

One morning some years ago my mother, my sister and myself set out for a trip to Alexandra, a country town about thirty-five miles beyond the Black Spur. At this time the bushfires were raging although we had not believed them to be as bad as they were. Before we came to the Spur the scenery was interesting and beautiful, but as the car sped onward we waited expectantly for the journey over the Black Spur for we had often gone on the same trip, and consequently were fully awake to its charm. As we turned along the road through Fernshaw, which is at the foot of the Spur, we saw a hazy red glow in the sky and occasionally a vivid flame shot upward from the mountain. We knew then that the Black Spur was on fire, and as we started to climb that hill our hearts beat fast in anticipation. As the car increased its speed, every yard seemed to bring forth a more vivid burst of flame than the one before. The trees were burning from the trunks and even watched two or three great gum trees crash to the ground. It was a magnificent but terrifying sight, and although we were afraid, our facsinated gaze was riveted on this malicious demon which was sweeping away the green beauty of the Black Spur. Once we passed under a gigantic tree, just in time to avoid being struck as it crashed unheedingly to the ground. When at last we passed through Narbethong, the town at the end of the Spur, we felt very relieved, and we were then able to look back fearlessly on the fiery scene. We reached our destination quite safely, and were glad indeed to rest after our adventure. When we passed over the Black Spur a few weeks later on our homeward journey, we saw a subdued, beaten mountain, with the scars of battle still plainly emphasised, but I think that the spur has relinquished those marks now and is her old green self again

(GOOD) Thelma Hill

MY FLOWER GARDEN

There is nothing so pretty as flowers in a home We have had a lot of dahlias this year. My favorite is a carmine one tipped with white edges. In another plot I have blooms of red, white, yellow, mauve and pink cactus dahlias. I have also a special dahlia, its color being shell pink, blooming with open petals. The Easter daisy looks very nice when the mauve, blue, and white are grouped together and they bloom for a long time and make dainty table decorations The chrysanthemums are very nice just now and pretty to look at when the various colors are together We have four plots all different colors. One a pretty orange centre with pale yellow tips, a pure white one and a very deep yellow, but the most beautiful of the lot is the large mauve one. When the flowers are picked they make exquisite table decorations and are very pleasing to see about the home. About June we will get ready for roses which also make a nice show when their season comes along.

(GOOD) Nance Emmerson

PHEW!

American: "The weather was so warm in America last summer that we had to go about without our coats." Mike: "Begorra, that's nothing. The weather in old Ireland was so warm that we had to feed the hens ice cream to prevent them from laying fried eggs."

(GOOD) Malcolm McIntosh.

CONTRIBUTIONS

HOT TEMPERS

The kettle said, "You're very black,"
The pot was cross and answered back,
"You say I'm black, well what of you?"
It boiled with rage, pots often do
The kettle's voice grew loud and shrill,
"I'm black, but you are blacker still,
How dare you fume at me. What next?"
It spluttered, for it was so vexed.
The cook came running up to see,
"They're boiling over, oh dear me!"
She cried, "The stove's much to hot,"
And moved the kettle and the pot.

(GOOD) Cyril Mace.

OUR PETS

Bobby keeps rabbits, one white and one brown,
And Dick on his pony can gallop to town.
Nora has chickens I think there are ten,
Soft under the wings of the speckledy hen;
But I have a kitten with fur black as jet
But dear baby Jenny is everyone's pet.

(GOOD) Jean Skipper

GRAINS OF KNOWLEDGE

Flying fish do not really fly Their wings are merely used as parachutes. They leap into the air, and then sail bouyed up by them. Their wings—the pectorals—do not move and give impetus to the flight.

Knights took off their helmets when they met fair ladies, as a sign that defence was no longer necessary Hence the custom of doffing hats to ladies.

Windsor Castle has gardens covering 70 acres—28 devoted to kitchen garden. There is only one flower border, but it is 200 yards long and 15 feet wide.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

LIMERICK

There was an old man from Perth,
Who was born on the day of his birth;
He was married, they say,
On his wife's wedding day;
And he died when he quitted the earth.

(GOOD) Billy Murray.

STORYETTES

Business Man: "And did you go to Mr. Smith's about that bill?" Message Boy: "Yes, sir!" B.M.: "And what did you find out?" MB.: "Mr. Smith, sir!"

(GOOD) Roy Murphy.

Explained.—Sailor: "But why should they want to alter 'port' and 'starboard' to 'left' and 'right'?" Quarter Master: "Well, I'll tell you, sonny. In these degenerate days the use of the word 'port' is supposed to be alcholic, an' might go to sailors' 'eads"

(GOOD) Jean Moylan.

In Chicago a gangster boarded a 'bus and refused to pay his face, The conductor called a policeman, "All right," said the policeman, with a look at the gangster, "I'll pay it for him"

(GOOD) Allan Love

Two little boys were talking. One said to the other "Aren't tarts funny? They work and work and never never play" The other little boy said: "Well every time I go for picnic they're there too"

(GOOD) Alma Stephens.

"Father," said little Robert, "Why has my hair grown so much longer than yours, when yours has grown so much longer than mine?"

(GOOD) Coleen Mahony.

First Tramp: "Say, Bill, don't you find that drain pipe rather hard for a pillow?" Second Tramp: "Not at all, I've stuffed it with straw."

(GOOD) Alec Murphy

Teacher: "Now, Willie, do you know how many ribs you have in your body?" Willie: "No, teacher I am so ticklish that I cannot bear to count them"

(GOOD) Kathleen Letchford

Judge: "What are you?" Prisoner: "A washerwoman.." Judge: "Where do you hang out?"

A **Misunderstanding.**—Housewife: "Would you agree to chop sticks for a meal?" Tramp: "No lady, I ain't a blinkin' Chink"

(GOOD) J. E. Lowery

"The Browns called their house the "Nutshell" but they changed the name" "Why was that?" "Well the street boys kept calling and ringing to inquire if the colonel was in."

"Does the amateur fisherman ever tell the truth?"—Yes, When he says that another amateur fisherman doesn't"

(GOOD) Enid Love

Lorna: "Can you make anything longer by cutting at the end of it?" Mavis: "Of course not, silly!" Lorna: "What about a ditch?"

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy

Newrich showing off his home: "This old armour belonged to my ancestors." Guest: "Did it? Were they old iron merchants then?"

(GOOD) Walter Ward.

Doorkeeper: "You are too late the singer has just started" Latecomer: "But I will not make a noise." Doorkeeper: "It isn't that, if I open the door the audience will run out."

(GOOD) Edna Southam,

Donald (handing mother a book): "I have learnt my home work mother." Mother: "Very good, Where is Canada?" Donald: "On page twelve"

(GOOD) Willie Eaton.

"My word, darling," said he crossly, "you must think I am made of money." "I wish you were, dear," she responded "then I could change you."

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas.

"But can't you live within your income?" "No, nor without it, either"

(GOOD) Brian Mahony.

RIDDLES

When is your nose like a book?—When it is red (read).

Why is a horse the most wonderful of animals?—Because it can eat best without a bit in its mouth.

(GOOD) Bruce Burr.

Caught Again.—"What keeps bricks together?—"Mortar" "You're wrong: that keeps them apart"

(GOOD) Keith McIntosh.

"What country is found in the sea?"—"Wales, of course."

(GOOD) Alma Stephens

What is the difference between school just before holiday time, and a bad motor car?—One breaks up and the other breaks down.

(GOOD) June Burr.

Jim: 'What is the difference between a woman and an umbrella?—Charlie: "One you can shut up and the other you can't"

(GOOD) George Joyce.

HOW TO JOIN THE COBBERS' CLUB

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COMPETITION CORNER

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

The Cobbers' Club

Please enrol me as a member of the COBBERS' CLUB

Name..............................

Address..............................

Date of Birthday.................. Present Age..............

29/4/32

Look for the COB BEES' CLUB next week

RESERVOIR NOTES

Mr. R. J. Clinnick ("Sport") has exceeded all the tallies of the local shots in the bagging of quail. His tally stands at 300.

Mr. F. Emmett, of Daventry street, is very ill with pneumonia in a Preston private hospital.

Mrs. Jupp, jun., with her two children, has arrived from New Zealand, and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Jupp, sen.

Several evictions were carried out quietly on Tuesday. A large force of mounted and foot policemen, placed at strategic points, seemed to dominate the whole position, and nothing unusual occurred.

Mr. Mackay, of Howard street, has been appointed a member of the Independent Selection Umpires' Board of Victorian Football Association, to which another resident, Mr. T. K. Clinnick, has been re-appointed.

The two local football clubs, senior and junior, are busy with final preparations. The seniors will use Crispe Park, and the juniors Broadway Reserve. The seniors are disturbed at the refusal of the Preston council to do anything to level Crispe Park, even to the loan of a roller, to be used by volunteers.

Mr. Conway, of Reservoir, has had a sad bereavement in the loss of his mother. Mrs. Conway was visiting Sydney on a holiday, and met her death in a motor accident.

McMillan Bros. are making steady progress on the Epping road contract, but the wet weather has been a deterrent.

The railway station authorities report a steady increase in revenue, the last month being £50 above that of last year. The workers' tickets show nearly 100 per cent. increase.

UNDER FIRE

The Bombardment of Woosung

EXPERIENCES OF CR. OLDIS IN CHINA

Whilst in China recently on a holiday trip to the East with his wife and daughter, Cr. A. H. Oldis, of Northcote, underwent experiences he is never likely to forget.

The party were passengers on the E. and A. liner Tanda, and whilst steaming up the Whangpoo River the vessel was under fire during a heavy bombardment by the Japanese of the Woosung forts and village. When the liner was passing up the river Cr. Oldis counted nine Japanese men-of-war. On the following day, as the Tanda was passing down the river, no less than 35 were seen.

Shell over Liner

Perhaps the most exciting part of the trip, said Cr. Oldis, was when a Japanese shell screamed over the stern of our liner. A second later it burst in Woosung. The Japanese war-boats were lying in the river, the Tanda passing between them and the Woosung bank. Had the Chinese retaliated the liner must have suffered.

Throughout the Chinese showed remarkable restraint, despite Japanese provocation. During the whole of the time the Tanda was in the river the Japanese did not cease firing.

Merciless Bombardment

The bombardment of the Woosung village and forts by the Japanese was merciless. We passed within a few chains of the village, over which hung a dense pall of smoke, which did something to screen the stricken settlement; but despite this, the horrors of the barrage could be distinctly seen. There were gaping shell holes on the banks of the river, and the village was in flames. Whenever a shell fell there followed a black burst of smoke and flames. Hardly a building had escaped, and of those that had not been shattered by shelling and bombing fire had taken its toll. The bombardment continued from the Japanese ships in the river, and from aeroplanes overhead.

British Flag Respected

Amidst the ruins could be seen one building apparently untouched, and when, during a rift in the smoke pall, we could see the Union Jack floating above it, we were agreeably surprised. Throughout the continued shell fire it was apparent that the Japanese gunners had purposely avoided firing on the British flag. The flag flew over an hotel owned by Captain Frederick Davies, an 84-year-old Briton, who had refused to leave when the bombardment began. All the servants fled with the exception of one boy, but Captain Davies stayed and kept the flag flying. At one stage Chinese machine gunners located themselves behind the hotel, but were dislodged by the enraged captain, who ordered them to leave.

Eventually the aged man was forced to capitulate when food supplies ran out, and he was taken to Shanghai.

Bombardment Heard From Shanghai

From Shanghai the noise of the bombardment could be plainly heard, and at several points Cr. Oldis noticed barbed wire entanglements guarded by British soldiers. Several ships of refugees left Shanghai whilst Cr. Oldis was there.

One of the officers of the Tanda said that the trips up and down the Whangpoo River were always unpleasant, as there was always the possibility that the liner might be struck by a shell. Many of the passengers had their first close view of modern warfare, and were not anxious to renew it.

Passengers Kept Off the Decks

As the liner steamed down the river all the passengers were kept off the decks on account of the danger from shell fragments and rifle and machine-gun fire, until such time as the village and the forts were passed. It was thought the Tanda was not fired on because she flew the British ensign.

Photographs

Cr. Oldis took several photographs of the wrecked village, which, he said, was rather a risky thing to do, for if there is one thing the Japanese resent it is to see people taking photographs of events in which they are concerned. "At the time I was using my camera a Japanese officer on one of the gunboats had his field glasses trained on the liner," said Cr. Oldis. "I obtained very few photographs of Japan because of this intense distrust by the Japanese of foreigners with cameras.

"As the Tanda passed out of the river many Japanese warships were noticed lying in the open sea. It was curious that the complete bombardment took place from the river, but this may be accounted for by the fact that a British warship lay close inshore, whilst the Japanese boats were further out to sea."

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The World of Women

(Conducted by "PENELOPE")

FANCY'S FASHION.

LADY'S DRESS

THE new season's frocks are showing in a great variety of styles, all of which are charming in their own particular way. Flares and pleats vie for popularity and the honors are about even. The order of the day is for frocks in two tone materials, figured and check goods in conjunction with plain, or two shades of the same material; velvets also are in keen demand. These frocks can be made up at home without difficulty and at very small expense, especially

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if one watches out for the remnant sales. I have seen really beautiful materials bought at a ridiculously low price at these sales. Our fashion illustration for this week shows a very charmingly yet simple frock specially designed for making in two materials, the bodice has two points at the front and one at the back, the top part (or deep yoke) is finished with a neat little collar which turns back with the front in revers. The skirt part is cut in one from the points to the hem, and confined at waist with a belt of the material. Double inverted pleats are shown at both front and back. The sleeves also are in two materials, the lower part matching the skirt. The pattern is No. 3634, price 11d. cut in sizes to suit small women and medium figures. This is one of Demaret's make and can be relied on for perfect satisfaction. The patterns can be purchased from any of the agents listed in another column of this paper or direct from the publishers, Demaret's Collingwood, N5. Send a stamp for free copy of Demaret's Fashion Monthly, containing eight pages of interesting matter and recipes for women.

The All Year Material

A MATERIAL suitable for evening wear all the year round is sheer velvet, and this is the choice of Juliette Compton, one of the players of Paramount.

Miss Compton has a beautiful gown in bright blue embossed sheer velvet, which is most intricately draped from the waist-line, and boasts the new cape which can be removed when dancing. One of the features of the frock is that it is entirely unadorned and the only jewellery worn consists of two antique bracelets.

Glowing Tribute to Women

"MOTION picture producers recognise women as the inspiration and the ultimate in appreciation of art," declared Ernst Lubitsch, leading Paramount film director recently in a speech before the motion picture conference of the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

"Women are the leading creators in stage and film parts," stated the director. "Take only the cases of Bernhardt and Duse as proof. Women's place as inspiration is shown from fiction characters, and such works of other arts as 'Mona Lisa' and 'Venus de Milo'"

"Women hold the final responsibility for the quality of motion pictures. So important are they, that producers are forced to give them what they request."

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to introduce this new fashion in Hollywood was Miriam Hopkins of Paramount.

Miss Hopkins has chosen cocoanut brown kid caracul fur for her suit, which has a wrap-over skirt and a hip-length jacket, trimmed with a darker shade on the collar and tight cuffs. A beige satin blouse with a smart Peter Pan collar, perky little hat, bag, gloves and shoes in the deep brown shade, complete the costume.

WEDDINGS

ASHBY—SHIELDS

A PRETTY wedding took place on the afternoon of Easter Saturday at All Saint's Church, Preston, when Rev. Wilkinson solemnised the marriage of Ida M. Shields, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Shields of Bendigo, and George R. Ashby, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W Ashby, 3 Watt street, Thornbury. The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother, Mr. H. Shields, and wore a graceful gown of ivory satin moulded to the figure, with a long veil mounted on tulle, held in place with a coronet of orange blossom. She carried an exquisite shower bouquet of tiger lilies, cactus dahlias and tuber roses, finishing the toilette with long white gloves. Her attendant, Miss Doris Ashby, wore pale pink georgette with close-fitting cap of tulle and pink spray across the forehead, also long white gloves. Her shower bouquet was composed of carnations, tiger lilies, and cactus dahlias. The best man was Mr. George Bretherton. After the ceremony Mrs. Shields, gowned in black crepe satin and wearing a black hat, received the guests at the Rechabite hall, Westbourne grove, Northcote, which was artistically decorated with pink asters. Red carnations and cactus dahlias were her flowers. The breakfast was partaken of and the catering was in the hands of Mr. Ferrie, of Rossmoyne street, Thornbury and left nothing to be desired. The bride travelled in a wine ensemble with a smart droop-shaped hat of felt to match. The honeymoon was spent at Belgrave.

MITCHELL—HOWELL

CHRIST Church, Whittlesea, was the centre of attraction on Saturday, April 9, when the marriage was celebrated of Charles Gordon Mitchell, eldest son of the late Mr. C. W. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Castlemaine, and Edna May Howell, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Howell of "Carolus," Whittlesea. Rev. R. J. Rowell performed the ceremony. The church was beautifully decorated by girl friends of the bride. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of ivory satin with train and carried a beautiful bouquet. Four bridesmaids attended her, Miss Lillian Watkins (green georgette frock), Miss Alice White (apricot georgette), Miss Muriel Malcolm (blue georgette), and Miss Gwen Hulme (pink georgette). Each wore a wreath to match and carried a beautiful bouquet to tone with the colorings of her frock. Miss Joy Owen (cousin of the bride) frocked in pink georgette, made a charming trainbearer. Miss K. Thomas, a friend of the bride arranged all the bouquets. Mr. A. Mitchell acted as best man and Messrs E. E. Howell and T. Mitchell were groomsmen. The bridegroom's gift to each bridesmaid was a necklet with crystal drop. At the conclusion of the service a presentation of a Prayer Book from the choir boys was made to the bride who has been organist for some time.

After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Howell received the guests at the parish hall where the wedding breakfast was set out. The day being the 25th anniversary of the wedding of the bride's parents, the occasion was an appropriate celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Howell, whose marriage was celebrated in the same church. In the evening a reception was held in the parish hall at which close on 300 guests assembled. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many beautiful presents. During the evening the happy couple left by motor for their honeymoon, the bride travelling in a frock of fine tailored tweed with brown trimmings, brown face cloth coat with hat to match. The couple intend to reside at Merri.

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There has been some uncertainty as to the location of the new Vienna transmitter which was to be erected. After accurate measurements of the volume of reception in the various regions, Bisamberg was found to be the most suitable place, but the military airforce authorities objected to this. This matter has now been settled and the new transmitter will be erected at Bisamberg after all. It is expected that the first transmissions will not be commenced before the end of 1932.

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STATE ELECTIONS

POLLING DAY: MAY 14

Nomination Day, April 29. The following candidates are announced:

CANDIDATESS

EVELYN ELECTORATE
Mr. W. H. Everard.*
Cr. M. A. Fergusson.
Mr. E. J. Coyle, of North Croydon is also spoken of as a possible starter for Evelyn as a non-party candidate.

Clifton Hill Seat

CR. A. H. OLDIS ENDORSED

Cr. A. H. Oldis, of Northcote, has been endorsed by the United Australia Party to contest the Clifton Hill seat.

NORTHCOTE
Mr. J. Cain (Lab.).*
Cr. W. Olver (U.A.P.).
HEIDELBERG
Cr. W. J. Hemburrow (Ind. U.A.P.)
Mr. Gordon Webber (Lab.)*
Cr. H. P. Zwar (U.A.P.).
CLIFTON HILL
Cr. W. Angus.
Mr. Blackburn (Lab.).*
Cr. A. H. Oldis (U.A.P.).
*Denotes retiring members.

CR. OLVER'S CAMPAIGN

An enthusiastic meeting of the large committee working for the return of Cr. Olver met on Tuesday evening.

The plans for an extensive, energetic campaign were formulated and various meetings on behalf of the candidate were arranged.

Cr. Wm. Olver will open his campaign in the Northcote Town Hall on Monday, May 2 supported by Mr. Ian McFarlan M.L.A., (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Trevor Oldham. The Hon. J. P. Jones, M.L.C., will also speak on the Premier's Plan.

On Thursday, May 5, Cr. Olver, assisted by other speakers, will hold a meeting in the Pender's Grove Hall, Pender's Grove.

The dates and places of other meetings will be announced next week.

HEIDELBERG ELECTORATE

MR. GORDON WEBBER OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN

At the Preston Town Hall on Wednesday night, Mr. Gordon Webber Assistant-Minister for Labor the endorsed Labor candidate, opened his campaign in the Heidelberg electorate, in the presence of a large gathering which entirely filled the hall.

Mr. Webber expressed pleasure at the large attendance, which he said, showed that the electors took an intelligent interest in the politics of the day. Speaking of the Premiers' Plan, he said that if the proposed ten per cent. reduction in the real wages of to-day was put into operation, it would be equivalent to a reducetion of no less than 30 per cent. on the 1928 figures. The banks had virtually pointed a pistol at the head of the Government, intimating that if wages boards were not swept aside no more financial accomodation would be provided.

The proposition that the Labor Government had enacted, and which would expire at the end of May was quite a different proposition to the plan which the so-called committee of experts demanded should be introduced, and placed on the Statute Book. The first plan provided for a sliding scale of wage reductions, whilst the plan which the Government was now asked to adopt provided for only a flat rate reduction,—a scheme he would always oppose, (Applause).

"Such a scheme," continued Mr. Webber, "practically allows the wealthy to go free, whilst it penalises the poor man to a very harsh degree"

Continuing, he said that he had had recently been approached by certain people and told that if he would leave the Labor Party 'they would stand behind him, and he could hold his seat.'"

"I flatly refused to listen to such noxious overtures," he said "and I replied that I would stand by the Labor Party, and if it fell, I would fall with it." (Applause).

The Government had been willing to re-enact four-fifths of the Premiers' Plan, but it will not continue with a system for the reduction of the wages of poor people. Interest paid to foreign bondholders should be reduced in the same way as it has been reduced to Australian investors in Government loans (Applause). This would give Australia a good deal of much-needed relief.

"It is not a case of repudiating our debts and saying we will not pay. It is a case of saying rather 'We cannot pay' That is not repudiation (Applause). If there has to be a reduction of wages I do not favor any move in that direction until such time as interest to the foreign bondholders is reduced (cheers). I warn those who will not face facts that unless something is done the people of this State and Commonwealth will suffer.

Mr. J. Cain, Minister for Railways, said that the Premier (Mr. Hogan) who was abroad on a health tour, did not know the present proposals of the Premiers' Plan.

A Voice:—Why doesn't he know them?

Mr. Cain.—The Premiers' Conference has now adjourned for six months. Before that time expires there will be elections in Victoria, South Australia . . . .

A Voice:—They'll be insolvent before then.

Mr. Cain:—Yes. Like the Preston Council (Laughter).

Cr. Maynard (from the audience): —The council is not bankrupt (Uproar).

Mr. Cain:—Queensland is to have an election in about nine months' time, and I can forsee that Labor there will sweep the polls.

Continuing, he said that Mr. Webber had proved an able representative in the Heidelberg electorate; he had stood four square with the Labor movement and had done his share with the other Labor representatives to keep the finances of the State in sound condition. There was no straighter or more honest man, and he commended him to the electors.

Mr. Frank Brennan also spoke in support of Mr. Webber's candidature

Quite a number of questions were asked at question time. In replying to a query as to what change, it any, would be made in the monetary system, Mr. Webber said he was in favor of the nationalisation of banking, under the same conditions as the Commonwealth Bank was originally established,—under non-political control.

Asked as to what measures should be taken to reduce the railway deficit and return a surplus, the candidate said that at the present time the railways were heavily over-capitalised The capital should be written down by £20,000,000 and the interest on this spread over the community. This would enable a lowering of fares and freight charges, and so increase the utility of the railways as well as attract more business.

Abolition of the Legislative Council—Mr. Webber said that there were only two ways to abolish this chamber. One was the passage of a Bill by the two State houses for the abolition of that chamber; and the second was to have a Bill passed by the Federal Government for a referendum throughout the Commonwealth so that the electors could decide as to whether the Upper House should be abolished or not.

Purchase of houses under contract of sale.—Is the candidate in favor of a Fair Rents' Court.—The reply was that this was not a matter which would come under the purview of such a court, which could only deal with cases where a tenant was renting a property. In regard to purchases under a contract of sale, all the relief the Government could give would be to pass a bill to lengthen the period for payments.

Was it not a part of the Premiers' Plan that persons buying houses under contract of sale should have the price reduced by 22½ per cent.?—Not the capital price, only the interest.

What action was the candidate taking about evictions at Preston?—Mr. Webber replied that a Minister was not responsible for the routine work of all Government departments The police carried out evictions in consequence of an order of the court, and all that a Government could do was to alter the law. An attempt had been made by the Labor Government to alter the Landlord and Tenant Act but the amendment sought was blocked by the Legislative Council.

A vote of confidence in the candidate was passed on the motion of Messrs. G. C. McPherson and H. J. Pratt.

CR. HEMBURROW'S CANDIDATURE

Cr. W. J. Hemburrow, who is contesting the Heidelberg seat, addressed a committee meeting at his home on Tuesday evening, when approximately 150 people attended, on the Premiers' Plan and the non-party issue.

On Wednesday evening, at the corner of Gilbert and Oakover roads, West Preston, he addressed his first open air audience. He clearly defined his attitude in reference to the Premiers' Plan, wages and salaries and the non-party question, stressing the point that he was definitely opposed to any reduction in wages. Approximately 150 electors assembled and gave him attention.

He will deliver his policy speech at the Preston Town Hall on Wednesday May 4 at 8 p.m. and at the Ivanhoe Hall, Ivanhoe parade, Ivanhoe, on Thursday May 5, at 8 p.m.

The Hon. J. P. Jones, M.L.C. who was Chairman of the Committee which formulated the Premiers' Plan for the Premiers' Conference 1931, will take the opportunity at Cr. Zwar's meeting at Preston on Tuesday May 3; and at Cr. Olver's meeting on Monday May 2, to explain the plan, and how essential it still is for the rehabilitation of the finances of the State.

UNEMPLOYMENT

BLANKET FUND

Preston unemployed are to share in a distribution of blankets which has been arranged in Melbourne and those desirous of participating therein are asked to get in touch with the Town Hall authorities at Preston or Mr. Davis, secretary to the Relief Committee. Applications close on May 8.

Employment Very Casual

Mr. Davis expressed the opinion that offers of employment are very casual and there is little if any diminution in the number of persons claiming sustenance and registering for employment. Mr. Davis says he is inserting new names in the list daily. For the week ending last Saturday 41 men were struck off the lists and 52 put on.

Too Much Wild Talk

Complaints have been made by leading citizens as to the nature of the talk indulged in at times by some of the speakers who address gatherings of unemployed in Preston Town Hall and there is a likelihood of the municipal authorities closing the doors of the hall against those individuals who avail themselves of the oportunity to abuse all and sundry —the police included. It is felt the time has arrived to put a stop to such uncalled-for utterances, which are not approved of among the rank and file in unemployed circles generally.

Old Clothes

Bundles of clothing are sent along to the Relief Depot from time to time which are utterly useless owing to their tattered and torn condition and in some cases anything but wholesome. Such garments are promptly consigned to the incinerator. People ought to know better than to send such unwholesome garments for distribution. One man was overheard to make the following remark in the vicinity of the Relief Depot on Wednesday:—"The people ought to be —— well ashamed of themselves for sending such rags along," and the man was right.

Preston Unemployed Girls' Club

The usual weekly meeting on Tuesday in the suppor room, Preston Town Hall, was presided over by Mrs. F. J. Jones, and a good attendance is reported. Mrs. Block (secretary) reported that the euchre party and sale on the previous Tuesday was a financial success. Arrangements have been made to have the Preston Sewing Centre re-established at the supper room. The secretary is arranging for the necessary machines for the work.

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On Sunday afternoon, May 8, a bands recital will be held in the Northcote Park. The Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band, together with the Northcote Juvenile Band, Salvation Army Band, three school bands and two Scout bands will take part.

The Coburg Dramatic Society will present a spectacular reuve in the Town Hall on May 11. This function should attract a large audience. The Relief Committee will appreciate support of this effort in view of the fact that the programme will be rendered without charge by the company.

The Congregational Church has arranged a first-class programme for May 11 and it will be presented in the church, Martin street. Well-known artists including the "Strad Trio," will take part.

The Queen competition is now in full swing. The various committees are arranging efforts from which a substantial amount is expected to be raised.

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Forms of application are now available at the Town Hall. Persons desiring to participate in the free distribution of blankets by the "Herald" and State Relief Committee should apply not later than May 7.

COMBINED STATE SCHOOL CONCERTS

A grand concert by the combined State schools will be held in the Northcote Town Hall on May 3 and 4. There will be afternoon sessions at 2.30 p.m. and evening sessions at 8 p.m. The programme which is of a most varied nature, will consist of cantatas, action and character songs, gymnastics, folk dancing &c. Admission is 2/ and 1/ for the night sessions and 1/ and 6d. for the day sessions.

CENTRAL PRESTON

West Preston State school held an Anzac service on Friday presided over by the head master (Mr. Roe). Addresses were given by Mr. Barry, of the Legacy Club, and Pastor A. J. Fisher, of the Preston Church of Christ. A large number of wreaths were hung in the quadrangle. Accompaniments were rendered by the State School Band, some of the members of which played the Last Post and the Reveille.

The Preston Church of Christ held a special Anzac Service on Sunday night which was well attended.

On Saturday next a working bee will be held to prepare the ground for the P.B.P. basketball team; on the same day the Y.W.L. will hold a social at which a knowledge test will be given.

On Wednesday night the Preston United Football Club held a final meeting to prepare the team for its opening match on Saturday. Several clearances were granted to players, to the local V.J.F.A. team and the West Preston team.

Electric Light Office

Northcote council has advised the Northcote West Ward Progress Association that the council does not approve of the association's proposal that the electric light office be kept open throughout the lunch hour.

TURF NOTES

By "LUTEPLAYER"

Kaoota Wins Again

A stone better horse at Ascot than at any other course, Kaoota galloped brilliantly to win the Ascot Five Hundred Handicap on Saturday last. Including a dead-heat, this made his fourth win in "Five Hundreds" at the Ascot course. Many racegoers were of the opinion that the handicapper (Mr. A. J. Gray) had been rather harsh on Kaoota in asking him to concede weight to Green Moth, who has won in good company on the V.R.C. courses. The result of the race, however, was in favor of the handicapper.

Spring Creek and Kaoota kept close company to the straight entrance, where Kaoota dashed away. In the run home Sir Graculus challenged strongly, but the Cyklon gelding, battling on gamely, won by a long neck. Sir Graculus was nicely placed all the way. It seemed as though his rider was unprepared for the sudden manner in which Kaoota dashed away at the straight entrance. Green Moth, who was favorite for the race, was affected by the strangeness of the track. The run down hill from the start to the turn troubled her most. She came home well and failed by a narrow margin to gain third place. Spring Creek, who filled the latter placing, ran a creditable race, and should not be long in scoring a win.

Pacific Flight's Improvement

At the Ascot meeting on April 9 Pacific Flight, carrying 9.7, paced it with Full Force to the home turn and then knocked up to finish a long way back. Although he subsequently won at Ballarat, most racegoers were of the opinion that his 9.10 would again stop him in the first division of the Purse, but he upset opinions by winning easily. His defeat at the previous meeting was put down to his weight, but his generous galloping on Saturday, when he carried an additional 3lbs., makes it clear that it was the heavy going, and not the weight that brought about his defeat on April 9. On Saturday Pacific Flight got all the best of a bad start, which contributed largely to his success. Still, it was a good effort, and one that points to the Heroic gelding winning more and better class events. He is raced on lease from Mr. C. B. Kellow by M. Lewis, and was ridden by the latter's son, Theo Lewis.

Full Force, who was second, chased the winner all the way, but she could make no impression on him. Full Force, however, was not disgraced, for, although she was not badly away, she was sufficiently disadvantaged at the start to account for the winning break obtained by Pacific Flight.

Backed from 6/1 to favoritism at 2/1, Leighton Patch finished a fair third. He took a little time to settle down, but otherwise had every chance. The race will improve him.

Metaphor Atones

Starting favorite for the Five Hundred at the previous Ascot meeting, Metaphor ran a poor race, but in view of the bad start of that race, and the heavy track, the failure was not accepted seriously. For the Welter on Saturday Metaphor again carried the confidence of backers, starting favorite. His backers on this occasion never had a moment's anxiety. Taking charge at the barrier rise, he led all the way and won comfortably from Tragedy King, who chased him from start to finish. Metaphor is a five-year-old gelding by Great Star, and the decisive manner in which he scored indicates further wins.

White Flag came home strongly to gain third place, and is a coming winner.

Rhinestone, who two weeks earlier had won a Trial in very easy fashion, on this occasion finished a long way back. He lost some ground at the start through becoming entangled with the barrier rope, and this incident may have soured him. At all events the poor showing on Saturday was in so marked contrast to his winning effort, even allowing for the difference in the class of race, that it would be wise to overlook it.

How Sweet Lyra Failed

Sweet Lyra lost the Juvenile Handicap through hanging out badly. The filly was hanging out practically from the barrier rise, and running wide entering the straight allowed Protea to come through on the rails. Towards the finish Protea also began to hang out, but she managed to beat Sweet Lyra home by a neck, with Poor Princess, who finished on, a close third. Had Sweet Lyra kept a true course she could not have lost the race, but she should not be long in making amends. Protea, who is by Equator, sire of Median, should be capable of winning again. Poor Princess, a filly by Sea Prince, is nothing out of the ordinary, but should win a race in moderate company; she will be better suited by a longer journey than the five furlongs of Saturday's race.

Notes in Brief

Mystery Ship ran a fair race and just missed a place in the Ascot Welter. At his previous start at the course he finished second to Full Force. He should win a small race. Ridden by his trainer, the cross-country jockey, Alec Fullarton, Cardinal Boy shaped fairly well to finish fourth in the first division of the Ascot Purse. Cardinal Boy is [illegible] to make the trip to Warrnambool [illegible] the Grand Annual meeting. [illegible] engaged in a Trial Handicap, [illegible] event he should have a good ch[ance] of winning.

Patsy Stare, who won the se[cond] division of the Essendon Handic[ap at] Ascot on Saturday carrying 10[illegible], easily the best pony of her heig[ht in] Victoria, but she was rather luck[y to] win Saturday's race. It was a [illegible] start, and the worst served was [the] favorite, Judy Judd, who had to [give] Patsy Stare a long start. In the [cir]cumstances she did well to [finish] within two lengths of Patsy Sta[re].

Bosna, who finished fourth in [the] second division of the River H[andi]cap, is a promising pony by Bo[illegible] who should not be long in winn[ing a] race.

An interesting winner at Ca[nter]bury Park (Sydney) on Saturday [was] Nea Lap, a four-year-old mare, [who] is a full sister to the defunct [Phar] Lap. She carried 9.7 and defeat[ed a] fair field in the Ashbury Hand[icap over] nine furlongs. It was fitting that [the] mare should be ridden by Jim [Pike] who rode Phar Lap in most of [his] races. The success of Nea Lap [on] Saturday raises hopes of her deve[lop]ing into a fair class performer, [but] it is too much to expect that she [will] attain the standard of her illustr[ious] brother.

General Notes

Jack Sing has arrived in Melbo[urne] from Adelaide. A few years ago [he] was among our leading cross-cou[ntry] riders, and will be remembered as [the] pilot of that gallant 'chaser, Ha[illegible]. A little over four years ago Sing [took] out a trainers' licence in Adel[aide] and gained some success as a [men]tor, but a few months ago he ret[urn]ed to the saddle and has ridden [in] races for one win and several m[inor] placings. Sing will ride in Melbo[urne] and will stay here some time if [he] receives sufficient opportunities.

That promising hurdler, Dung[an]non, who is a brother to Hazelw[ood], has been placed in work again [at] Flemington by R. Bradfield after [a] short spell.

The steeplechaser Congoola, [who] has been in hand for about a mo[nth,] has resumed active training at he[ad]quarters. His owner-trainer, F. C[illegible] sanella, has hopes of him develop[ing] to National standard.

Solo King, who is engaged in [the] Brush Steeple at Mentone on Sat[ur]day, gave an excellent exhibition o[ver] six fences of the Mentone course [on] Monday. He was ridden by the [ap]prentice, K. Parris, and was acco[m]panied by Redditch (R. Hibbs), w[ho] also jumped well.

Mosstrooper heads the list [of] weights for the Brierley and Gra[nd] Annual Steeplechases to be run [at] Warrnambool next week. His ow[ner-]trainer, G. Powell, however, h[as] announced that Mosstroper will n[ot] race at the meeting, as he is not [far] enough advanced in his preparati[on] for such strenuous engagemen[ts]. Powell, however, is well represente[d] with Jumna, who won at Caulfield r[e]cently.

Thrawn's second to Lady Pam [at] Moonee Valley, and his fast finishi[ng] second to King Mart at Caulfie[ld] points to him being hard to beat [in] the Warrnambool Cup next Thur[s]day.

Visive, who won the Woodend N[o]vice Handicap on Tuesday, is a fu[ll] sister to that good mare Lampra. V[i]sive came home strongly to win th[e] race referred to, and it will be su[r]prising if she does not prove herse[lf] in stronger company.

THORNBURY DISTRICT CAR CLUB

On Sunday nine cars left th[e] Memorial Hall, High street, and wen[t] to Humevale in threatening weather. There were 45 adults and 13 childre[n]. The rain held off until 5.30 p.m. Th[e] run showed how popular the club i[s] becoming. Several new member[s] were having their first run. Afte[r] lunch a sports programme was hel[d] and everyone present competed; th[e] gents' flat race was a thriller as th[e] two old stalwarts of the club, Mr. Waldron and Mr. A. Butler sen, me[t] in the final. Mr. Waldron won by a narrow margin of inches. Result[s] —Skittles.—Ladies: Mrs. C. Waldron; Gents: Mr. I. Watkins; flat race—ladies: Mrs. F. Haynes; gents—Mr. C. Waldron. Bowling at wicket—ladies: Mrs. I. Watkins; gents: Mr. F. Haynes. Quoits—ladies: Mrs. Rosevere; gents—Mr. E. Bromage. Childrens' Results.—Skittles—girls: Helen Holt; boys: Fred Watt. Flat race—girls: June Holt; boys: Fred Clewley.

The next run is to Belgrave on May 8, leaving the club rooms, Memorial Hall, at 10 a.m.

Northcote Younger Set

The usual monthly meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, May 3. Members are especially requested to be present, as further activities in support of Miss M. Goold in the queen competition will be announced.

..13,000 Spectators Witness Close Game...

PRESTON'S PACE DECIDING FACTOR

A SPECTACULAR DISPLAY

HUGE CROWD GRIPPED IN EXCITING FINISH

Northcote's Forwards Fail Lamentably

(By "Follower")

The Association football season opened under delightful conditions on Saturday. Preston set a furious pace throughout, and this was one of the main factors which brought them success. At times Northcote's passing system was an object lesson, but their forwards failed miserably, and they also failed to make the best use of their opportunities when having the first use of a slight breeze.

[The] old rivals in Preston and Northcote met at the Cramer [Park], Preston, when the season [open]ed on Saturday. The arena [wa]s in splendid condition and the [groun]d packed with an appreciative [atten]dance of 13,000 who witnessed [a] memorable contest, interest [being] maintained until the final bell. [These] teams always give a spectacular [displa]y for the opening match. There [was s]carcely a dull moment throughout the contest and spectators were [not s]low to show appreciation, the [play] being of a high standard through[out].

THE TEAMS

[PR]ESTON.—Backs: Spargo, Smith, [Kupsc]h; Half-Backs: McEachern, [Monoh]an, Reichman; Centres: Dowling, Haddrick, Dineen; Half-Forwards: [illegible], Hunter, Underhill; Forwards: [illegible], Langwell, Warr; Followers: [illegible], Campbell; Rover: Summers. [NO]RTHCOTE.—Backs: McSwain, [illegible], Brown; Half-Backs: Woods, [illegible], Dea; Centres: Fitzgerald, [illegible], Garrett; Half-forwards: Gray, [illegible], Cole; Forwards: Byrne, Seymour, Bray; Followers: Rowe, [illegible]; Rover: Ross.

THE PLAY

Rowe Wins Toss

[The] visiting captain won the toss, [electin]g to have the first use of a [nor]th breeze.

[Nor]thcote's Forwards Slow

[Thro]ugh their skipper, Northcote [attack]ed, but owing to faulty play [by thei]r forwards eight minutes' [elapsed] before Seymour scored a [illegible]

[Nor]thcote practically relied upon [ex]perienced men, whilst Preston [in]cluded six juniors who played [their] first game in senior company. [For] the first fifteen minutes these [had not] settled down. When their [nervous]ness had worked off the young [players] shaped exceptionally well, [despi]te experiencing great difficulty [in] penetrating the defence lines. [Rowe] was following in convincing [style] and Preston rushed forward, to [be hel]d by a high mark by Cockram. [Shor]tly the green and gold were [on the] offensive. Cole rushing a [illegible]

First Goal

[Pres]ton quickly responded when [the ba]ll passed to Hughson, who [kicked] the first goal. Before North[cote cou]ld check, Warr smartly re[gistered] another.

Keen Defence

[Aga]in Northcote went forward only [to be m]et by stubborn defenders.

Only Singles

[Con]centrating on the offensive [the] Northcote could only man[age] [illegible] Kicking excellently, [illegible] well up to Spargo. Hill [illegible] through Spargo, already dis[playing] excellent form, sent the [ball] further afield to Haddrick.

Another Goal

[illegible] went towards Preston objec[tive] [by] a combined effort between [Warr] and Hughson sent the ball [to Lang]well, who, receiving the [illegible] kick, easily scored full points.

Fast Pace

[Presto]n's racing tactics were caus[ing N]orthcote's big men concern. A [Preston] advance went to Davie, who [with the] fourth scoring shot notched [illegible]

[illegible] play in the centre the bell [ended] the first quarter. Scores at [the] change:—

[Preston.—]4 goals (24 points).

[Northc]ote.—5 behinds (5 points).

Bray Retires

[Pres]sing over Northcote ad[vances] [b]ut Spargo checked. In a [illegible] move forward Bray collided [with an] opponent and left the ground [suffering] from concussion. He was [replaced] by Smith. Northcote were [playing] with more system though [their forwa]rds were nowhere near their [illegible]

[illegible] scored another single. Kupsch [was] relieved at a critical mo[ment].

[illegible], the dominating force in [the] ruck in the first term, con[tinued to] render yeoman service. Hill [was] well in the centre. Preston [went forw]ard when Hunter punched [and] a goal being the outcome. [illegible] forward drive Langwell [with] a running shot. North[cote pass]ed to a favorable position again to find the defence of Kupsch and Spargo impregnable.

The game was decidedly attractive, attack and counter-attack keeping interest keen. Rowe was following untiringly, being ably supported by wizard Ross, who was unbeatable.

Northcote's First Goal

Fine play by Smith, who with a neat hand pass, enabled Ross to score the first big point.

Preston responded almost immediately with a move forward when Summers hit the post from a snap well in.

Hughson retired after having an injured finger attended to.

Northcote attacked vigorously. Clever play by Gray was instrumental in landing the ball near the objective when nippy work by Smith saved the situation. Play became slightly congested until Huunter spread his forwards and playing round the wing to Davie who scored full points with a tremendous punt.

Northcote forged ahead when a free to Cole, at the expense of McEachern, assisted Gray to register a sixer.

Preston were fighting to hold their lead. An advance launched by Hunter went to Warr whose kick was marked on the goal line after a superhuman effort by Brown. Scores at the adjournment were:—

Preston.—7 goals 3 behinds (45 points).

Northcote.—2 goals 10 behinds (22 points).

Northcote's Great Effort

Resuming after the adjournment Northcote, famed for their paralysing third quarters, made a tremendous effort to reduce their leeway. From the bounce it was apparent that the visitors were out to wipe off their deficit.

Northcote attacked immediately and Smith, who closely shadowed Seymour, was outpointing the visitors' full forward. Continuing on the offensive Northcote were superior when Cole goaled. This effort heartened up the side who launched an immediate attack and terrier-like, Ross, who was roving splendidly, drove the ball forward.

Getting possession, Cole passed to Seymour, who marking low down, secured full points. Northcote were using their weight legitimately; Smith was marking finely, but kicked poorly. A moment later he was afforded another opportunity, and it was unfortunate to see his fine aerial feats wasted by wretched kicking.

The elusive Ross scored a single which reduced the deficit to six points. It was now evident that the vigor of the visitors was having a telling effect upon their opponents, as the latter appeared to be feeling the effects of it.

Continuing a vigorous offensive the visitors went forward when Smith, marking grandly, passed to Cole, who raised the spectators to a high pitch of excitement as the scores were made equal. Preston became temporarily disorganised and were making the mistake of trying to run too far.

At times the accuracy of the passes by Northcote was an object lesson to their opponents, whose kicking lacked the necessary direction.

However, Preston rallied and applying pace against force, took the lead again. Not to be denied, Northcote dashed forward again when Seymour, with a single equalised the scores. Dowling sprained his ankle and had to retire, his place being taken by Mooney.

The crowd continued to be thrilled by the exhibition, and when a capital mark by Hughson was responsible for Preston regaining the lead by six points, the home side supporters roared their appreciation.

Battling hard, Northcote were striving their utmost to counteract the efforts of their opponents. Seymour scored a single, and when Byrne placed Northcote in the lead again as he goaled, excitement was intense.

Northcote were now greatly heartened by the autburst and the turn of events. A brilliant mark by Smith, combined with a neat quick pass to Cole, was completely frustrated by the dashing defence of Spargo.

Preston were standing up to their responsibility and with electrifying dashes frequently negatived the possibilities of their opponents.

Preston Regain the Lead

Hughson was prominent for his marking. Forwarding to Campbell nothing eventuated until a hand pass by McEachern to Summers enabled the latter to regain the lead for Preston as he steered the ball clear.

Ross was giving a delightful exhibition, and with the home side 4 points to the good the bell ended a spectacular term after quite a different complexion had been placed over the game.

Preston.—9 goals 4 behinds (58 points).

Northcote.—6 goals 18 behinds, 54 points).

Following the same tactics which proved successful in the preceding term, Northcote advanced, when a shot by Milne hit the post. Preston were relying mostly on their pace and openness of play.

When the position appeared desperate Kupsch relieved, playing to Dineen. Ross brought the ball back to Cole who helped Byrne to a single.

Preston's dashing tactics were hampering Northcote, and when a characteristic dash by Warr coupled with a great pass to Hughson ended in the latter punting a goal, the home side's position was nearly consolidated.

Neither team was sparing itself, though it was evident that Preston's pace was having its effect upon Northcote's big men.

Davie's Wonderful Punt

Preston rushed forward when Davie on being awarded a free a long way out, scored full points with a mighty punt.

Another rally by Northcote was checked by Smith brilliantly marking. Northcote were now struggling frantically to ward off the constant pressure, though it could be seen that their extended effort in the third term was operating against them.

Playing on the offensive Preston had Northcote in difficulties and when Haddrick passed to Davie the latter marking a long way out, again brilliantly goaled. These were three exceptional efforts, being of wonderful value to his side.

Warr answered almost immediately with a goal, and Preston's position looked secure.

However, Northcote rallied again launching a further attack which was warded off by Kupsch, who made his escape by playing across the goal line. This was a great risk to take, though it came off.

Milne returned the sphere when Seymour, from a capital mark, secured his objective.

A few minutes later the final bell rang amidst wild excitement. Preston were ushered in the winners of a match which was brim full of interest, providing those exciting incidents so greatly appreciated by followers of the game. The final scores were:—

PRESTON.—13 goals 5 behinds (83 points).

NORTHCOTE.—8 goals 23 behinds (71 points).

The goal-kickers were.—Preston. Davie (5), Hughson (3), Warr (2), Langwell (2), Summers. Northcote Seymour (2), Ross (2), Cole (2), Gray, Byrne.

Preston had no better player than Hughson, closely followed by Spargo. Others to perform creditably were Smith, Kupsch and Davie, whilst Warr, Haddrick, Underhill and Poulter were fair.

The best player for Northcote was their smallest, Ross, who was in great form. Others to show out prominently were Gray, who also gave an excellent display, Brown, Milne, Garrett, Byrne, Goulliett, McSwain and Smith (from the Northcote seconds) who would probably be far more effective on the half-back line. On the day he had the call over Monohan.

The Teams Congratulated

The first to enter Preston's dressing room was the president of the Northcote club (Mr. F. Trainor) who offered his congratulations to Preston on their fine win.

Cr. H. P. Zwar, president of the winning club, with club officials, visited Northcote room where he spoke highly of the standard of play exhibited also stating that as they would not meet again in the home and home matches they would meet again in the finals (Applause).

Presentation to Summers

At the conclusion of the match Cr. Zwar presented Summers with a beautiful sweet stand to commemorate his playing his 100th consecutive game with the club.

The club secretary also supported the remarks of the president, stating that Summers had joined the club in 1924 as a raw recruit. Though substantial inducements had been offered him by other clubs, Summers had always been loyal to his club (Applause).

On coming forward Snmmers was most enthusiastically greeted with three ringing cheers. In accepting the presentation Summers said he had always been treated fairly by the officers of the club. He hoped to be able to play in many more matches.

Preston District Boys' Band

During the interval the Preston District Boys' Band marched on to the arena and played several numbers the quickstep being most appreciatively received.

Thornbury Palais Cups

The silver cups donated by the Thornbury Palais to the best player in each side were awarded to Hughson and Ross. No doubt an unanimous verdict. Though they were run closely by Spargo and Grey respectively.

Preston's half-back line (Reichman Monohan, McEachern) on whom the team relies so much, had an off day last Saturday. The backs (Spargo, Smith and Kupsch) were excellent.

Official Attendance

The official attendance was 13,400 whilst the takings amounted to £207.

It is pleasing to see some of the clubs who have been low on the premiership list for several years showing a marked improvement. Such a standard of football as displayed by the weaker clubs will create greater interest and augurs well for a successful season.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES

The results of Association matches on Saturday were:—

Preston, 13—5 (83) d Northcote 8—23 (71).

Coburg 15—26 (116) d Brunswick 10—8 (68).

Williamstown 13—11 (89) d Yarraville 11—15 (81).

Port Melbourne 13—25 (103) d Prahran 8—9 (57).

Camberwell 18—14 (122) d Oakleigh 9—14 (68).

Brighton 12—7 (79) d Sandringham 11—11 (77).

PREMIERSHIP LIST

Club	P	W	L	%	Pts
Port Melb	1	1	.	55.33	4
Camberwell	1	1	.	55.73	4
Coburg	1	1	.	58.52	4
Preston	1	1	.	85.54	4
Williamstown	1	1	.	91.01	4
Brighton	1	1	.	97.46	4
Sandringham	1	.	1	102.59	.
Yarraville	1	.	1	109.87	.
Northcote	1	.	1	116.90	.
Brunswick	1	.	1	170.58	.
Oakleigh	1	.	1	179.41	.
Prahran	1	.	1	180.70	.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES

Northcote v Brighton.
Prahran v Camberwell.
Yarraville v Port Melbourne.
Sandringham v Brunswick.
Oakleigh v Williamstown.
Coburg v Preston.
On the ground of first named.

PRESTON VISIT COBURG TO-MORROW

To-morrow afternoon Preston will visit Coburg where another interesting game is expected. The tactics of both sides are very similar, depending mostly on pace and staunch defence lines. The match should prove a big draw card for the afternoon. Buses will leave the corner of High and Bell streets at frequent intervals going direct to the ground.

The New Men

Of the new men tried last Saturday, Haddrick and Dineen were the most impressive and look like being given further opportunities. Langwell appeared rather nervous, Poulter followed fairly well, and Hunter, whilst he failed to produce his form, kept a watchful eye on the workings of his side.

NORTHCOTE JOTTINGS

SATURDAY'S MATCH

NORTHCOTE V BRIGHTON

Northcote will be at home to Brighton on Saturday, and the match should be a good one. After last Saturday's defeat Northcote have settled down, and several adjustments have been made in positions to rectify defects found in the smooth working of the side. Brighton are keen, having snatched a narrow two point victory at the expense of the Sandringham combination, but that does not signify much to Northcote followers, who realise that last season the Sandringham side was weak. It will be indeed surprising if Northcote cannot win by a substantial margin at the expense of the seasiders.

Bray, who sustained injuries in a collision last Saturday did not train on Tuesday night. He sustained slight concussion, but will probably be in the team against Brighton on Saturday.

Simmonds' finger is still in splints, and he will not be available for a week or so.

Roy Hearn, a half-forward has been granted a clearance from Fitzroy to Northcote. The Association, however, has held up the application, as he was a former Brunswick player and there are some who think that his old club has first claim to him. Should the clearance pass the Association, it is possible that he will be with the Northcote team on Saturday.

Perkins made application for registration to the Association on Thursday night.

Bob Ross was selected by club officials as the best and fairest Northcote player in the Northcote-Preston match and was awarded the Thornbury Palais Cup. He is also well in the running for the cup to be awarded by popular vote.

Donations are not quite as plentiful as last year, this no doubt being due to the depression. However, it is hoped that when all donations are received, last year's figures will again be reached. The list includes many new donors, and a number of the heretofore regulars have dropped out.

Percy Rowe, Northcote's skipper, played a splendid game on Saturday. He was an inspiration to his side, and if the Northcote forwards had had a bit of luck the game might have had a different ending.

Saturday's play revealed that the Northcote tactics of a "paralysing third quarter" are sound practice. For a while the Preston players ware completely demoralised whilst Northcote held full sway.

Seymour had a bad trot last Saturday in goal shooting. Time and again he missed by a "whisker" bringing only singles when goals were badly needed. It is to be hoped that he will do better against Brighton.

At a meeting on Tuesday the committee granted a clearance to Cockram, to Fitzroy. The application of Nicholls was deferred for one week.

SECOND EIGHTEENS

NORTHCOTE DEFEAT PRESTON

by "High Mark"

Both Northcote and Preston showed by their opening display at Northcote Park on Saturday that they are improved sides. In the first quarter the football was fast and solid without being particularly spectacular. Much good play was marred by poor kicking and a tendency to hold the ball. The quarter scores were 2—2 to 1—2 in Preston's favor. The second term found the forwards very active as the scores indicate. Halftime 7—6 to 2—2 with Northcote in the lead. As the players warmed to their work the lighter men were very conspicious and played well, Power and Boyle being particularly to the fore. Three-quarter scores 9—7—36 to Northcote. The last quarter Preston changed their tactics and made up the leeway with six goals in as many shots. Then Northcote went on to win their first match against their neighbours by 9 points. Best players:—Power (best on the ground), Boyle, Marmo Randell and Davies; Preston.—Underhill, Morgan, Plumber, Stafford.

THORNBURY CLUB

TRAINING LIST FINALISED

The final practice was held last Saturday when a combined match with Prince of Wales Park club took place at Hayes Park. The Blue side was composed mainly of Park men with a sprinkling of new and old of Thornbury club. H. Taylor led the green and golds, who won fairly easily. So impressed were the selectors with the recruits that the final list now numbers 30. The most impressive recruits were H. Kaufman (South Preston), wing; S. Gilkes (a back man from Thornbury Juniors); H. Crocker (back; Bell Juniors) C. Mackay (centre half-forward). After the match the selectors retained the following:—

Old.—J. Cleary, H. Clack, A. Climas, E. Hearnden, G. Thompson, R. Goatley, G. Miller, D. Broadbent, G. Beveridge, E. Jenkins, L. Clarkson, L. Wallbanks, E. Cleary, C. Hill, V. Hemming, V. Smith and G. Nicholls.

New.—H. Taylor captain and coach), L. Taaffe (Thomastown), E. Dunn (Croxton), H. Crocker (Bell Juniors), J. Hughes and H. Kaufman (Sth. Preston Meths), H. Collins (Bell Juniors), L. Hendrie (Northcote Dists and Thornbury Juniors), S. Gilkes (Thornbury Juniors), C. Mackay, W. Cleary, G. Duncan, L. Almond (Thornbury Juniors).

Last year's players omitted from the list are Howard, S. and F. Willis, E. Nicholls, Cassidy, Lee, Hales, Raphael, Newbigin, Hirst, Lomas, H. Jackson, K. Harper and E. Jackson.

B. Hart, the club's champion centre half-back of last season, has been transferred to Eltham and H. Hughes has been cleared to Northcote Districts. K. Harper is desirous of playing with Thornbury Church of Christ but the committee are hopeful of retaining him. H. Jackson has not been selected owing to his inability to train.

It is hoped to secure Broadbent (of Carlton Seconds) a brother to the present Thornbury player.

The club will field its strongest team to-morrow against North Melbourne District at Royal Park. This will be a splendid test as North Melbourne has annexed two out of the last three premierships.

Club Notes

The social and general committees have now amalgamated, forming a committee of ten members. The club is grateful to Thornbury business men for donations. Messrs. F. Falche, A. Bartley and J. Cleary have been appointed to the committee. A picture night on April 19 was a financial success.

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NORTHCOTE ELECTORATE

CR. OLVER AT NORTHCOTE

A crowded hall greeted Cr. Wm. Olver when he opened his campaign at the Northcote Town Hall on Monday evening. Loudspeakers had been installed and an overflow crowd heard proceedings from the street.

The chairman (Mr. W. S. Neelands) introduced the candidate who was given an ovation.

Cr. Olver said the big issue was national solvency or bankruptcy. It was imperative that the State live within its income—to pursue any other course would provide a temporary solution which would lead to certain ruin.

In 1927/28 our national income fell by £200,000,000 which represented a drop of 33 per cent. Victoria's deficit in 29/30 was £1,100,000 and in 30/31 nearly two and a half million. The Commonwealth in 29/30 went back eleven million and in 30/31 25 million. If the rate of expenditure had been maintained it would have meant a deficit of 40 million for 31/32 The Premiers' Plan aimed at correcting the position and provided for reductions:—

(1)—Government expenditure by 20 per cent. as from June 30/31 to June 30/32.

(2)—The conversion of interest debts with a 22½ per cent. interest reduction.

(3).—Additional revenue by taxation.

(4).—Reduction of Savings Bank interest.

(5).—Relief in respect to mortgages.

This plan had been adopted by Victoria and 11 months of the period had expired. This State had been enabled to adopt the plan with the help of the opposition, the voting of the Labor Party being 9 to 14 members against the various clauses.

The position of the State under the Premiers' Plan had improved, but it was necessary to re-enact the plan to achieve continued and ultimate financial stability. He considered it necessary to place the welfare of the State before our own pleasure and so would stand solidly behind the re-enactment of the plan (Cheers and hoots).

Mr. Tunnecliffe proposed to meet the deficit by adding £800,000 to the cost of the public service.

The basis of government was a fair deal to every man and an equal share of the burden (Cheers). The public servants had not been reduced more than the ordinary wage earner, and in many cases not as much. The unemployed men, for instance, had suffered a reduction of 100 per cent; the farmer had sustained a loss of 50 per cent. and thousands of people from 25 to 50 per cent.

This restoration of the public service reduction as advocated by Mr. Tunnecliffe, was a vote catching device and an attempt to secure the public service vote for his supporters. There was no attempt upon his part to balance the budget.

Cr. Olver, continuing, said he thought Mr. Tunnecliffe underestimated the calibre of the men in the public service. He knew some of them personally and they were men of honor, prepared to continue and make their share of the necessary sacrifice. Mr. Tunnecliffe's proposal was a reflection upon the men of the public service. He thought they were quite able to see through Mr. Tunnecliffe's "bluff."

"The U.A.P.——"

Voice:— "Unemployment and Poverty" (Laughter).

Cr. Olver: "These facts are making you squeak" (Applause and hoots).

Continuing, the candidate said there never had been any proposal to reduce wages. There was no "New Plan" but what the U.A.P. advocated was the enactment of the Premiers' Plan as it had been carried out for the past 11 months.

Wages outside the public service were fixed by the Federal Arbitration Court or State Wages Boards There never had been any interference with them by politicians and no proposal to reduce wages, even if entertained, could be given effect to.

Cr. Olver continued: "I definitely pledge myself to stand solidly behind these wage tribunals of Victoria and keep them free from political interference" (Prolonged applause).

The community is facing a serious problem and one in which we can win through by co-operation. In times past wages were fixed and industry forced to pay. To-day we find that many factories have been forced to close. (Cat calls and Uproar).

Those who fan class hatred are traitors to the unemployed. So far as the unemployed are concerned the community should pull together with "a long and strong pull to re-instate industry."

Voice: "Tell us the story of the Three Bears!" (Laughter).

The unemployed should not be the football of party politics. The best brains of all parties should combine and do what they could for the solution of the problem. It had been proved that governments could not make profitable employment. Eighty-two per cent. of employment came from rural and secondary industries. If we desired to re-instate our unemployed we should work along these lines. We should have as government leaders men who would work together and governments who would pull together. Mr. Lang was at present a "sprag" on the wheel (Uproar).

Cr. Olver: "I've served Northcote for 20 years and I'll never let it down." (Applause).

Cr. Olver dealt at length upon a scheme which was being evolved for not only providing sustenance and clothing, but for providing homes for the unemployed. The situation was acute not only with some tenants, but with landlords. Under the scheme both landlord and tenant would be protected.

A Voice: "This is not politics."

Cr. Olver: "That's the joke. I put up this scheme early in the year and nothing was done. The Minister now uses the scheme as his own." (Applause and interjection).

The only constructive housing problem for unemployed as operated under the past government was to wait until the unfortunates had been thrown into the street and then take some action to find them another home. This was unsatisfactory, particularly to the unfortunate unemployed man who was bundled into the street with his wife, family and chattels. "You can't give relief for the unemployed without money; you can't get money without credit, and you can't get credit without confidence, and the present government has not the confidence of the people." (Uproar and applause).

"No government could have done less for the unemployed than the present government. Any fool can force money from the community by way of taxes and pay it out again."

Cr. Olver declared himself in favor of a reduction of overseas interest, but it should be done in a proper and honest way so as not to imperil our credit.

In commenting upon the railways Cr. Olver offered severe criticism and described the writing off of 20 millions as suggested by Mr. Cain as a game of "nut and take." A sinking fund should have been established long ago. Even if the money were written off it would still have to be found by the citizens of Victoria.

As far as soldier settlers were concerned, the candidate declared himself in favor of a round table conference with the parties concerned and by placing an authority in charge who was free from political interference this would give the best deal to the soldiers.

In conclusion Cr. Olver declared himself a free man, untrammelled and pledged to the electors of the City of Northcote. He had many friends and amongst them were a lot of men who were in the Labor Party He would stand for a fair deal for all irrespective of party.

Mr. J. P. Jones, M.L.C., was greeted with a mixed reception. He stated he was prepared to meet some who were opposed to him.

Voices: "Twister!"

Mr. Jones:—If I had not voted for the plan I would have been a traitor. I placed the honor of my country my State and leader before myself and at Mr. Hogan's special request I will do what I can to have the Premiers' Plan adhered to. Only by strictly following the plan can we secure any sort of financial stability We desired primarily to provide employment for the people.

Voice: "You lie."

Mr. Jones:—It was necessary to re-introduce the plan if we are to gain financial stability.

The Premiers' Plan was the out come chiefly of the work of Messrs. Scullin. Theodore, Hogan and himself It was adopted by all the Premiers and they subscribed their names to it. The reductions in wages only applied to the public servants and no other wage earners were effected.

"Who wants to reduce wages?" continued Mr. Jones. My opinion is that every man should receive as much as it is possible to pay (Applause). The more workmen got, the more money there was spent and so it was better for all; but it was necessary for everyone to have a job. There was a very definite attempt being made to swing Victoria to the doctrines of Mr. Lang. If that happened he would be sorry for the working man of Victoria. He would be climbing up a slippery ladder.

Mr. Oldham supported the previous speakers and the candidate concluded by answering several questions.

MR. J. CAIN'S CANDIDATURE

The Northcote Town Hall was crowded on Thursday night, April 28, when Mr. J. Cain, Minister for Railways, opened his campaign for the Northcote Electorate.

Cr. A. Bird, chairman, said that the candidate had been the member for the district for the past fifteen years, and in the past two and a half years had served as Minister for Railways. It was to be regretted that there was dissention in some Labor circles, but the Northcote A.L.P. to a man was behind Mr. Cain (Applause).

Mr. Cain was accorded a good hearing. He said he had known his present opponent for many years, and trusted that at the end of the campaign, they would be as friendly as ever. He appealed to the electors to give his opponent a fair hearing (Applause).

Mr. Cain said: "I did not realise during the past two and a half years that there were so many virtuous men in the Government as I have discovered in the past week." (Laughter).

The question on which the Government was defeated was not a vital matter, the real issue being the New Financial Agreement. Had the Government agreed to this, its life might have been extended indefinitely. The Government had gone into a plan drawn up by a committee representing the business men, bankers Trades Hall, and representative members of the community to deal with unemployment. After exhaustive consideration plans were agreed to which met with the approval of all sections. These called for the expenditure of £2,000,000 and schedules were prepared for the works proposed to be done, which included mining, sewerage systems, and other public works; and these were to be submitted to the Premiers' Conference. The Government was defeated 24 hours before the plans could be submitted.

Later the Federal Government appointed a committee to deal with a scheme for the Commonwealth. This scheme provided inter alia that subject to the State Parliaments doing certain things, the Federal Government would assist them to raise money for the relief of the unemployed. Amongst those provisions was one that State Parliaments should set aside all Wages Boards and Arbitration Court Awards and agree to a "cut" in real wages by 10 per cent

"The cut in 'real wages'" said Mr. Cain, would mean a reduction of wages to the extent of about 30 per cent. on 1928 figures. The Prime Minister had said that if these proposals were not agreed to, the Federal Government would not give any assistance whatever to provide money for the unemployed. Each State in the Commonwealth to-day had to go to the Loan Council for permission to raise loans, and the Commonwealth Government also dominated the Commonwealth Bank. The State Government had refused to agree to the proposals to cut wages, and had gone down in the figst.

Continuing, Mr. Cain said that it was the idea of the capitalists that the country could be made solvent by "taking it out of the hides of the workers." A man earning £4 weekly who had to sacrifice £1 of that would have to take something off his table, whereas a man with £1,000 a year, if a cut of 50 per cent. were made, would only have a little less to bank. Those in the best positions should make the greater sacrifices, and not thrust them all on to the worker (Applause).

The candidate said that he agreed with the policy that negotiations should be opened up with the overseas bondholders to induce them to agree to a reduction in interest. The Australian bondholder had already made a large sacrifice, and if overseas bondholders made a similar cut, it would mean £750,000 annually to Victoria, which would give this State some breathing time.

"Australians are not repudiationists. The country will pay. It is quite willing to pay—but at present it must have assistance to tide it over a difficult period."

He stood in opposition to the proposals of the Commonwealth Government. The State could bear the burdens—— but at what cost! It would be far better to negotiate with the overseas bondholders.

It had been argued by many that a lowering of wage would mean less unemployed, but history had not borne this out. For centuries there had been low wages in China, —but there was always the unemployed problem, and the wages were low enough.

Continuing, Mr. Cain said: "Some of our late friends have 'ratted.' I do not blame them, for they have a perfect right to 'walk-over' if they wish. In every trouble there are always some who leave, but that does not destroy the Labor Movement. Despite all desertions the party's policy will be carried on."

A Voice: You twisted. You voted for the Premiers' Plan.

Mr. Cain:—I never twisted. I refused to vote for a plan that would take 30 per cent. from the worker's wages. I do not blame my friend. He has been "twisted" for some time (Laughter).

At this stage there was a good deal of good humored cross firing.

Continuing, the candidate said that he had been unfortunate enough to be Minister for Railways in the past two years. The job had been difficult but it had been good experience. The Government had more difficult financial problems before it—Soldier Settlement, Water Supply and Railways. Soldier Settlement and Water lost £1,600,000 a year, and the railways £1,000,000. Of the railways income out of every £100 collected, no less than £43/10/ went to pay interest. The capital should be reduced by £15,000,000 to £20,000,000 and the interest on that borne by the taxpayers generally. This would give the railways a chance to reduce freights and fares, and so make the railways of more service to the community, and at the same time give them a chance to compete with motor transport.

A Voice:—They pay their taxes.

Mr. Cain:—Certainly. But they do not pay award wages, and often drive all night. That is not fair competition. If the Railways and the motor transports worked on the eight hours' day and award pay, I know which system would win.

Whatever had been the difficulties and the shortcomings of the Labor Party, he had fought to uphold its principles, and would sooner go down fighting than change those principles (Applause).

Mr. Frank Brennan supported Mr. Cain.

At the conclusion of the meeting, after the candidate had answered a number of questions, a vote of confidence was passed.

THE NOMINATIONS

Polling Day: Saturday, May 14.

CLIFTON HILL

ANGUS, William Frank, Hodgkinson street, Clifton Hill, Secretary (Ind. Plan Supporter).

*BLACKBURN, Maurice McCrae, Florence street, Essendon, Barrister (Lab).

OLDIS, Albert Hayden, Vauxhall road, Northcote, Builder (U.A.P.).

HEIDELBERG

HEMBURROW, William John, Gilbert road, Preston, Warehouseman (Ind. U.A.P.).

*WEBBER, Gordon Charles, Henry street, Kew, Secretary (Lab.).

ZWAR, Henry Peter, Gower street Preston, Tanner (U.A.P.).

NORTHCOTE

*CAIN, John, James street, Northcote, Clerk (Lab.).

OLVER, William, Clarendon street Northcote, Grocer (U.A.P.).

EVELYN

*EVERARD, William Hugh, Wellington street, Kew, tea merchant (U.A.P.).

FERGUSSON, Maurice Alfred, Whittlesea, farmer (Ind. U.A.P.).

* Retiring Member.

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NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL NOTES

A modern dance, organised by Mr. A. Watson, who is giving the whole of the profit to the club, will be held at the Austral Hall on Saturday night May 7.

The second dance of the Northcote Elect Assembly will be held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday next, May 11.

BOWLS "AT HOME"

On April 28 the president (Mrs. Roberts) and ladies of the Thornbury Bowling Club gave a bowls "at home." Eight rinks had been invited from other clubs, but owing to the inclemency of the weather the afternoon was spent in euchre and bridge. Afternoon tea was served, and the tables were tastefully decorated with autumn flowers. Mrs. Winter, secretary of V.L.B.A., was presented with a bouquet of flowers tied with the club colors, also a small present. Later Mrs. Winter won the prize for bridge, and Mrs. Harris (Thornbury) was successful in the euchre, with Mrs. Crisp, of Sunshine, second. Appreciation is expressed of the work of Mesdames Fagan, Stewart and Jory, all new club members.

THIRTY SEES YOU THROUGH

A medical lecturer recently declared that in many ways thirty is the critical age in the average man's life. Once you reach thirty you have outgrown many serious diseases. On the other hand, you become liable to many others that seldom or never attack people in the 'teens or twenties

Anaemia, for instance, is practically unknown after thirty. If you have not had it by then you never will If you have, you will have outgrown it at thirty or so. Acne, too—that spottiness of complexion so common among young people, is certain to have vanished by then.

Thirty, too, sees you out of reach of the gravest of all diseases, consumption. If you have shown no sign of it by then, in all probability you never will. If you have hitherto escaped rheumatic fever, too, you are fairly safe from it for life. Epilepsy and goitre, too, never make their first attacks on anyone who has reached thirty.

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