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"CANNOT CAST OFF WIFE LIKE AN OLD SHOE"

WIFE DEPENDENT ON NEIGHBORS

"Circumstances have parted this couple, and the husband has allowed things to drift," said Mr. G. Brown, P.M., at the Northcote court on Tuesday in a case in which Mrs. Florence Hoskins, of Rathmines street, Fairfield, sought a maintenance order against her husband, Herbert Hoskins, of Warragul.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for the wife.

Mrs. Hoskins said:—I was married 21 years ago, and there are two children, aged 19 and 18. Six years ago we were living at Sale, when my husband got work at Warragul. At his suggestion I came to Melbourne, and he was to follow and provide a home. He got permanent work in Warragul and used to send me money regularly until he changed his lodgings and went to board with a woman.

£4/19/0 in Twelve Months

During the past twelve months he has sent me £4/19/-.

Incident in Fulham Road

Last Friday night I was in Fulham road, Alphington. I saw my husband go into a house, the door of which was open. He closed the door upon entering. It has been his practice, I have ascertained, to go and see a woman before coming to my place.

Dependent on Neighbors

My daughter, who has been supporting me, is now out of work, and I am dependent on friends and neighbors for the very food I eat.

By occupation defendant is a motor painter and earned £5 a week when he went to Warragul.

On one occasion when I asked him for money he said he would not give me any, and threatened to "bash my head against the wall."

Hoskins said he earned on an average about £2 a week.

Mr. Cahir.—You live at a boarding house?

Hoskins.—Yes.

And you pay board?—When I earn it.

How do you expect your wife to live?—I cannot give her what I have not got.

Do you deny what your wife has said about another woman?—No.

"It Worries Me"

You believe what your wife says about being dependent on neighbors for food.—Yes. It worries me.

"Marriage a Binding Contract"

The P.M.—When you were married you entered into a binding contract to look after this woman as long as you live, and you cannot cast her off like an old shoe.

Hoskins.—She wanted me to come to Melbourne and go on the dole.

The P.M. said that circumstances had parted the couple, and the husband had allowed things to drift, and was ignoring his responsibilities.

An Order Made

An order was made that defendant pay his wife £1 weekly; that he find a surety of £20 forthwith that he would comply with the order; and to pay £2/7/ costs.

SIX WINNERS

"Luteplayer's" Success at Moonee Valley

THE "Leader's" turf writer "Luteplayer," was right on the mark at Moonee Valley last Saturday.

Nine races were decided at the meeting and the "Leader's" first selections were successful in six of them.

Not one of four metropolitan daily papers or five leading weeklies equalled this feat. A couple of them, in fact, named as few as two winners

At Williamstown on Monday only one of the "Leader's" first selections won, but three of the winners were named as second best, while another —The Australia Day Cup winner— was a third choice.

However, backers who followed the "Leader's" first selections for both outings showed a good profit.

An investment of £1 on each of the "Leader" selections for the nine races at the Valley and seven at Williamstown would have resulted in winning wagers to the total of £24/5/, and the losing wagers £9. So the net profit would have been £15/5/.

The winners named by the "Leader" were:—

At the Valley Maid of Orleans (2/1), Kunama (9/4), Gay Girl (7/1), Waltzing Lily (5/2), Press Gang (4/1), Iskander (5/2). The Williamstown winner Vychan (4/1)

"Luteplayer's" racing notes and selections are a weekly feature of the "Leader" and it pays the racing man to have them. Next week "Luteplayer" will discuss the early prospects for the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup and will name a likely double.

Pianoforte Scholarships

One full scholarship entitling one year's free tuition and two half scholarships are offered by Miss Aileen Estcourt Dip. Mus. Melb Univ. (first class Honors) and Ormond Exhibitioner 1920 and 1921. Entries close on February 12 and should be addressed to "Viola" Queen's parade Clifton Hill, or c/o Glen's, Collins street, Melbourne. Mr. Harold C. Smith will assist as adjudicator. See advertisement.

PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Before Messrs. T. J. McMahon and H. F. Tulloch, J.'s P.

Debt

City of Preston obtained orders against the following:—E. E. Gahan, £16/3/8; E. Badger, £4/10/-; C. Clarke, £4/12/8.

In a case City of Preston v P. Hearne, Murray road, Preston, a claim for £4/17/3. Mr. G. Pike (for the council) requested that the case be withdrawn.

Mr. R. T. Cahir (for defendant) said he would agree, provided he was allowed £2/2/- costs. The summons had been issued and defendant had been compelled to prepare a defence. The only alternative would be for the case to go on and be dismissed.

After some discussion the case was withdrawn, the City of Preston to pay £2/2/- costs to the defendant.

Preston and District Ice Works obtained an order against —. Wilson, Murray road, for £4/12/3, and £1/18/6 costs.

R. T. Cahir obtained a verdict against H. P. Lee for £9/18/- for professional services.

No Light

Everard Spencer Jeffrey, who rode a bicycle without a light, was fined 10/-.

Ejectments

State Savings Bank obtained ejectment orders against J. T. Ryan, Sheffield street, and G. K. Paterson, Keon street, Thornbury.

Leslie Beecher, as agent for the owner, obtained an ejectment order against Charles Young, Leamington street, Reservoir.

Assault Charge Withdrawn

William Edward Colenso, 34 years, of Harbury street, Reservoir, was charged with having assaulted his wife on January 28.

Mrs. Florence Colenso said that she did not want to go on with the charge.

Mr. McMahon.—Why did you go to the police

Witness.—I was wild at the time.

Mr. McMahon.—Women go to the police complaining that they have been "knocked about," and then when the police take action these women refuse to give evidence at the court. (To witness) If your husband knocks you about again will you go to the police?

Witness.—No. He has promised not to do it again.

Mr. McMahon.—Well, if you are prepared to take a "hiding," good luck to you. (Laughter).

The case was dismissed for lack of evidence.

Northcote Central Relief Committee

JAM JARS WANTED

The State Relief Committee is employing a number of homeless girls in making jam for distribution to the unemployed throughout the various municipalities. A very great number of jars are required for packing this, and great difficulty is experienced in securing adequate supplies. The mayor of Northcote (Cr. A. H. Oldis) by advertisement elsewhere appeals to all having spare jam jars to make them available for this extremely valuable effort. Parcels of jars may be left at the town hall or at any local State school. In most houses there are spare jars or containers which would never be missed, and by handing them in they will be turned to use and make possible the distribution of more jam to deserving families.

Appeal for Metropolitan Hospitals

COLLECTIONS BY MAYOR OF NORTHCOTE

The following is the result of the appeal made by the mayor in November last, on behalf of metropolitan hospitals:—West Ward Progress Association, £21/8/1; St. Mary's Church, £19/8/2½; Croxton Methodists, £16 18/3½; Prince of Wales Park Methodists, £12/15/6½; cash received at Town Hall, £10/18/7½; Seventh Day Adventists, £6/7/9½; East Ward Progress Association, £5/18/3; St. Joseph's C. Hall, £5/9/9½; Northcote Salvation Army, £5/2/3; East North Ward Progress Association, £1/15/7; Northcote I.O.R., £1/10/-; Thornbury Church of Christ, £1/8/-; Thornbury East Salvation Army, 12/9 total, £109/13/6½.

Rainfall at Preston

FORTY-EIGHT points of rain were recorded at Preston during January.

FOOTBALL

NORTHERN SUBURBS ASSOCIATION

IN order to foster the football instinct and provide the sport for the younger members of the football public, and at the same time strengthen the re-inforcements for the senior clubs of the V.F.A. in the northern suburbs, a new association will be launched this season in the northern suburbs within the boundaries of the N postal district. This district is represented in the V.F.A. by the four principal clubs—Northcote, Coburg, Preston, and Brunswick and contains a wealth of young players who should have no difficulty in forming into clubs, whose interests will be watched by the V.F.A with whom the new association will affiliate.

In order to cater for the younger players it is suggested that two groups be formed—namely: average age 18; and average age 20 years. Open age players will be catered for in another competition unless, of course, there are sufficient applications from open age clubs to warrant such a section.

Support has been promised by Northcote and Preston Clubs, and Coburg and Brunswick Clubs have both been approached for their, at least, moral support. Particulars will be supplied by return post to persons or clubs seeking information, and early inquiry and application is urged. The secretary, pro tem, is Mr. H. Stanley, 5 Reid street, Northcote, N.16.

MAINTENANCE ORDER BY CONSENT

At the Preston court on Thursday John Albert Young, of Preston, aged 25 years, appeared on warrant on a charge of having, on September 6, 1931, deserted his wife and two children, leaving them without adequate means of support

Mr. R. T. Cahir, who appeared for the wife, said that it had been agreed that a maintenance order should be made by consent for 15/- weekly for the wife, and 7/6 weekly for each of the two children.

An order was made in these terms, the bench fixing the surety at £35, and ordering Young tot pay 15/6/- costs.

Northcote Younger Set Auxiliary Players

The first meeting of the new year will take place at the Northcote Town Hall on Monday, February 13, at 8 p.m. when the producer will be present to arrange the cast for the first production. All members are requested to be present.

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STATE CABINET MEETS

Important business was discussed at the first meeting of the State Cabinet this year. Standing (left to right):—The Attorney-General and Minister for Railways (Mr. Menzies), secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. Linton), Assistant Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Manifold), Honorary Minister (Mr. Chandler), Assistant Minister for Labour (Mr. Kent Hughes). Seated (left to right):—Assistant Minister for Railways (Colonel Harold Cohen), Minister for Labour and Water Supply (Mr. Goudie), Minister for Public Works and Mines (Mr. Jones), Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Allan), Minister for Education (Mr. Pennington), Minister for Lands and Forests (Mr. Dunstan), Chief Secretary (Mr. Macfarlan), Premier and Treasurer (Sir Stanley Argyle)

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"A BAD CASE"

DANGEROUS DRIVING CHARGE

MOTOR CYCLIST'S LICENCE SUSPENDED

"ONE of the worst cases I have had anything to do with," said a traffic constable at Northcote Court on Tuesday when Theo Dredge was charged with dangerous driving in High street on December 22.

The case was one in which Theo Dredge, of Raleigh street, Thornbury was charged that on December 22 he rode a motor cycle in High street in a dangerous manner. He pleaded not guilty.

35 to 43 m.p.h.

Traffic Constable Howard said that defendant's speed over 25 miles varied from 35 to 43 m.p.h. At the *foot of Rucker's Hill* he "cut in" and out of traffic, and on one occasion cut in between a truck and tram with inches to spare.

Accident Narrowly Averted

On another occasion he cut in alongside a tram and only the presence of mind of an elderly woman in jumping backwards and dragging a child with her, prevented an accident. Even after that defendant did not slacken speed, but increased his speed to 45 m.p.h. At the time the traffic was very heavy. When overtaken in Hoddle street, Clifton Hill, defendant was most insulting a sarcastic.

"Constable's Case Too Strong"

Dredge, when asked if he wished to make a statement, said: "No. The constable's case is too strong."

Defendant Lacked "Road Sense"

The P.M. (Mr. G. Brown) said that the bench thought it was one of the worst cases it had dealt with Dredge had not only risked his life but the lives of others. He lacked road sense."

A fine of £5 was imposed, and Dredge's licence was suspended for six months.

NORTHCOTE NOTES

Fires

Has it not been for the outbreak of grass fires the Northcote Brigade would have had a quiet week. On January 27 a five-roomed brick residence, at 41 Waterdale road, Ivanhoe, owned by A. E. Alcock, was saved. Extension in a quarter of an hour prevented the flames reaching wooden garage. The outbuilding and contents were insured in the Scottish Union and National offices for £2,100.

Northcote Silver Star Band

Although not much has been heard lately about the Silver Star Band, which advertised some time ago in this paper for boys to join the band it has now come to hand that quite a number of boys were accepted and have been putting in good practice, and as a result, a splendid band will make its appearance shortly. Practically all the boys have had no previous band experience, but this is considered far more satisfactory than trying to entice boys from other bands, after other bandmasters have had the trouble of teaching them. The uniforms will consist of navy blue long trousers, double breasted coats and caps bearing a silver star. Trimmings will be in royal blue and red. As the boys have a complete set of class A silver-plated instruments, there is a great possibility of it becoming one of the best bands of its class. To assist the band financially, there will be a social committee, but all business appertaining to the band will be dealt with at band practices. The band-boys will comprise the committee, the bandmaster will be chairman. As the bandmaster (Mr. A. C. Poletta) has had great experience in band matters as a cornetist, composer, and bandmaster, the boys should have everything in their favor. There are 32 boys in the band and there are at present no vacancies, but boys desirous of joining can forward their names and addresses which will be put on the waiting list.

Northcote A.N.A.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on January 26, Mr. Pearson presiding over a large attendance. Sick visitors' reports were received, and many were favorable. One nomination was received for a new member, the person nominated being the well-known Northcote and Fitzroy footballer, Mr. Douglas Ralph Nichols. Further reports were received from the picnic committee. Two runs to leave the town hall at 9.30 sharp, travelling via Darebin street to Station street, then on to Mitcham. Hot water and milk supplied, the only cost to members being 2/- cost of transport. Members are asked to pay 1/- deposit, as only a limited number of seats are available. Members paying deposit have first preference. Splinter for next meeting is a bowls match at Northcote.

Robert Burns Celebration

The Northcote and Preston Scottish society held a Burns' Celebration in the Masonic Hall, Bastings street, Northcote on January 25, when a Haggis supper was served. There was a splendid attendance, comprising members from the Scottish Union, kindred societies and local members. "The Lament" was played by Bro. Yorsten for the passing of Mrs. Howard. Past Chief Menzies, of the Union, spoke of the life of Robert Burns, and songs were rendered by Miss Baton and Mr. John Scott, while pupils of Miss Livingstone contributed Scottish dances. The Haggis was then piped in, and Bro. Menzies recited the "Ode To Haggis." After a substantial supper Chief Pierce thanked members for attending, and Bro. Menzies responded. Dancing followed, which was enjoyed till a late hour.

CHURCH NEWS

St. Aidan's Church

The annual Sunday school picnic was held at Eltham Park on Monday. Three vans conveyed the pupils, but the inclement weather forced a return to the parish hall where the ladies worked energetically in preparing provisions. Willing helpers supervised the games which were indulged in and succeeded in making the day a happy one.

High Street Methodist Church

The pulpit was occupied last Sunday in the morning by Rev. Jennings and in the evening by Rev. T. H Indian. In the afternoon, at the meeting of the Y.M.M.I.S. the Hon Samuel Mauger gave an address on "Present-day Problems." A vote of thanks to Mr. Mauger was moved by Mr. H. H. Gray and seconded by Cr. A. J. Cornish. Mr. Neilson, the new conductor of the church choir, *was accorded a hearty welcome at a* social on Thursday.

James Street Presbyterian Church

The pulpit was occupied on Sunday morning by Mr. Perry, of Surrey Hills, who preached from the words "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." A quartette was sung by Mrs. Wood, Miss Ford, Messrs. Harvey and Paull. In the evening Mr. Barrie, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was the preacher.

Croxton Methodist Church

At the Croxton Y.M.M.I.S. on Sunday Mr. E. A. Freeman presided and Mr. Keith Greenwood spoke on "Peace." Mr. E. Smith moved and Mr. N. McPhee seconded the vote of thanks.

The preachers were Mr. P. Bock in the morning and Rev. F. J. Jennings in the evening. The evening service was the monthly musical one. The anthems "Rock of Ages" and "There Comes at Times" were rendered by the choir under the baton of Mr. W. Armstrong. The soloist was Mr. J Gall, of Caulfield.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

Services on Sunday last were conducted by Rev. W. H. Chamberlain It is now twelve months since the properties of the church were damaged by fire and encouraged by successful recreation parishioners intend to resume activities almost immediately.

On Sunday next the vicar will officiate at all services at the usual hours.

Mr. Frederick J. Notts, Mus. Bac., of the Independent Church, Collins street, will give a recital on the organ on Sunday afternoon next, commencing at 3 p.m. In addition Miss Jean Brunton, the well-known contralto, will sing several new numbers. The calibre of these artists should be sufficient to attract the attention of all music-lovers and it is expected that there will be a large attendance.

Church of the Epiphany, Northcote

At the annual meeting of parishioners, held on January 26, satisfactory reports were received. Rev. J O. Hughes, Mr. H. Singleton (secretary), and Mr. T. Wanless (treasurer) were re-appointed churchwardens. Messrs. Bohme, Moorman, McEwan, Gurney, Lothian, Sharp Ramsden, Hamilton, Ziebell, Simpson, E. Ramsden and A. Rogerson were appointed vestrymen.

On Sunday morning a memorial service was held for the late Mrs Cornwell, who for many years was a devoted and energetic church worker. Rev. Cole based his remarks on the text "She hath done what she could."

In the evening the vicar preached his farewell sermon, on the eve of a twelve-month visit to England. The text was "Service," and Rev. Cole thanked his parishioners for their goodwill and loyal service during the nine years he and Mrs. Cole had been at Northcote. Happiness comes through the knowledge that we are serving our Master. It will cost something, but we should be willing to make that sacrifice. He asked for a continuance of this loyalty during his absence. Mrs. Court and Mr. Emery sang "Love Divine and "God be with you till we meet again."

Bicycle Thieves

ROLAND Leonard Light, tanner, of Murray road, Preston, reported the theft of a bicycle valued at £4/10/ from the washhouse of the place where he resides. Two cycles, each valued at £3, were annexed from a house in Bell street. They were the property of Lindsay Gordon and Russell Hargreaves.

PRESTON DOINGS

ON Sunday last, by the courtesy of Mr. C. Rainbow, of experimental station 3JR, 18 Arthur street, Preston, the Excelsior Boys' Band, under the baton of Mr. Phil Hines, put over the air on the broadcast and short wave band the following programme: —March. "Carafanen" (Laymann); fantasia. "Military Church Parade" (J. Orde Hume); sacred selection, "It is Well" (D. Cacos); valse, "Flowers of Australia" (H. Lodge); march, "Victoria" (Libhoen); march, "Ringwood" (Sadegreen); waltz, "Heart's Desire" (Ramsted); march, "Cavalier" (Hall). Numerous reports were received per phone during the transmission, which were most favorable, and several requests were made for the boys' re-appearance. The performance was given on the lawn at the rear of the broadcasting station. The band numbered 35, the boys' ages ranging from 7 to 14 years. This is *the first time in the history of amateur* broadcasting that a full brass band has been heard over the air. Great credit is due to the bandmaster for the excellence of the performance, also for the conduct of the boys. On February 12 a vocal and instrumental concert by local artists will be broadcast from this station from 8.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Mr. Rainbow is always pleased to receive reports on programmes submitted from 3JR.

Successes in Musical Examinations

SPLENDID results were obtained by the pupils of Miss Yetty Landau, the well-known actress and teacher of elocution and dramatic art, of Latona avenue, Preston, at the December examinations of the London College of Music. Prominent among the pupils were Miss Dorothy Bethune, of North Carlton, who gained her Peculiate degree; little Elva Brown, of Murray street, Preston, who is only 8 years of age, gained honors in the Elementary section; Dawn Wood, of Robesson street, and Jean Paterson, of Birch street, secured first-class passes in the same section, and Eileen Lambert, of Austral avenue, passed well in the Primary section. Miss Yetty Landau possesses the unique distinction of having [illegible] with her students [illegible] year [illegible] made up in appreciation. At these recitals after church visitors and members of the public in general will enjoy a pleasant hour of music should they visit the park. The next recital takes place on Sunday, February 12. Mr. Hellings, the bandmaster, has vacancies for one or two bass and trombone players.

The social committee held their usual weekly social on Saturday night, cards were the main item, the winners being Mr. Golding and Mrs. Ward. The third annual picnic for the boys will be held at Aspendale at the end of February. This picnic is given free to the boys every year as an appreciation of their good work. The wireless set, valued at £30, which was donated by the Junction Hygienic Market management for Test cricket, was won by a band boy, Charles Lawrence, on his 13th birthday. The boys have had several engagements to play.

Preston Branch, I.N.F.

THE usual fortnightly meeting was held on January 25, when Bro. J. Gilbert presided over a fine attendance. Reports were received on the progress of sick members, Bros. Williams, McKown and Shanahan. Bro. R. Cubly submitted a report on the doings of the dispensary committee. A report was received on the branch's annual picnic on January 22, which was a great success, both socially and financially. The officers concerned in its promotion were congratulated by the members. The syllabus item, a euchre tournament, was won by Bros. J. Gilbert and R. Diggle.

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INTENSE INTEREST IN BALLOT

There were tense moments at the Preston Town Hall on Tuesday evening at the annual meeting of the Preston Football Club. During the past few months a Re-construction Party had been formed with the object of making a complete change in handling the club's affairs, and candidates were nominated by this party to contest all the key positions, with the exception of president and treasurer.

The result of the poll was a complete victory for the Welfare Party, who gained all the positions, with the exception of one seat on the committee.

The attendance was the largest ever seen at an annual meeting, over 1000 being present.

LARGE ATTENDANCE

So large was the attendance that the town hall was unable to accommodate those desiring admittance. Every seat was taken and the walls were lined, and many were unable to get into the hall.

THE BALLOT

In the supper room, where the ballot took place, trestle tables had been set out for voters, and so great was the crush at peak times that it was almost impossible to move in that room. One noticeable feature in connection with the ballot was that the polling booth was over-run with scouts of the various parties who were distributing "vote thus" cards inside the booth. In a State or municipal election this kind of thing would not be tolerated. Appropriate action should be taken to prevent a recurrence next year, as happenings of this kind are apt to confuse voters.

Police were on duty during the evening but the proceedings throughout were most orderly, and there was no necessity for police intervention. The crowd throughout was most good-humored.

THE MEETING

The meeting did not commence until about 8.30, at which time the chair was taken by Mr. T. Ralph, vice-president, who apologised for the absence of the president (Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., M.L.A.). As various committeemen went on to the stage they were cheered or hooted in accordance with the views of the crowd, but all in the best of humor. One humorist blew a whistle at intervals and called out "quarter time" amidst laughter.

The minutes of the previous were read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs W. Baker and Aitken.

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

The annual report stated that during the year the club fought its way into the final four for the fifth time in its seven years of Association football. During the year the team had been led by Mr. Harry Hunter as captain and vice with Mr. Jack Monahan as vice-captain.

Mr. W. Summers had played his 120th consecutive match—a record. During the season the team had won 14 matches out of the 21 played, scoring 1745pts against 1628pts.

The Preston second eighteen after a series of misfortunes had to practically rebuild its team, and after getting into the four was eliminated in the semi-finals.

Social Committee.—This was reorganised at the beginning of the season. A strong body of ladies and gentlemen raised £196/17/8—a splendid effort.

Thanks were given to those who had given service to the club during the year, to the office-bearers, donors etc.

Finance—The balance sheet showed that the year was begun with a debit balance of £70/0/11 and concluded with a debit of £49/9/5. Chief items of receipts were membership tickets, £272/7/1; donations, £151/17; match receipts (home), £87/3/; do. (away), £92/17/3; V.F.A. dividends (semi-final) £85; ordinary £32/2/10; social events (general committee), £214/15/3; social committee £244/9/9.

Expenditure included payments to players, coach etc, £798/18/3; footballs, umpires etc, £89/4/4; Euroa trip £67/2/5 (receipts £4/10/).

The total amount of money received from all sources was £1258/9/10.

The report and balance sheet were received on the motion of Messrs. L. Hughson and Holliday.

Mr. T. Ralph in moving the adoption of the balance sheet and report, said that during the season a good team had been fielded, and had just missed gaining the premiership. Credit was due to the secretary for the way in which the report had been compiled. He mentioned "Bluey" Summers, a stalwart of the club who had achieved a record of consecutive Association matches played. (Applause.) Messrs Hendry and Sloith (delegates) and Mr. W. H. Davies (timekeeper) had given good service. On the financial side the activities had been a success. There was now a debit of £50 and with the new enthusiasm this debit should be wiped off before the beginning of next year. The social committee headed by Mr. J. Searson had raised something like £200. (Interjector "Why do they want to kick him out now?") To the secretary was given credit for the way he had carried out his duties. (Applause.)

Mr. A. Howse in seconding the motion for the adoption of the report and balance sheet, said that the club had passed through very strenuous times, and it had been most creditable that the club had only been £50 down (A voice: "You don't look it." laughter).

The motion was carried.

PRESENTATIONS

When Mr. G. Smith stepped forward to receive the trophy donated by the president for the most consistent player of the season, there was prolonged applause and at the hands of the chairman he received an oxidised fruit stand.

Danny Warr, the recipient of an inscribed medal from Mr. J. Holliday was also "cheered."

PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL

At this junction Mr. H. P. Zwar (president) and Mr. Frank Trainor (V.F.A.) arrived. The president said he had completed a 200 mile trip to be present. (Applause.)

"Sink Differences for Club's Benefit'

Mr. Zwar who was given an ovation urged upon those present that no matter which side won, to sink all differences and work in the interests of the club. That was the only way to win pennants. He was sure all had at heart the interests of the club and of goodwill, perhaps in different ways. If all pulled together they would enjoy success together. (Applause.)

Honoraria

Mr. Ralph moved a recommendation from the committee that honoraria as follows be passed:—Secretary, £35; treasurer £15 and assistant secretary £5.

Mr. R. E. Smithwick said that he understood there had been a mistake, and the amount for the assistant secretary should be £10 instead of £5. He moved that the honoraria be secretary £35, treasurer £15 and assistant secretary £10.

The original motion was withdrawn.

An amendment that the assistant secretary be granted £15 in view of his good work and the raising of such large sums by the social committee was moved by Mr. Brown This amendment was seconded by Mr. A. Madden and on a show of hands was declared lost. The honoraria agreed to were secretary £35, treasurer £15, and assistant secretary £10.

Date of Annual Meeting Altered

Mr. E. A. Conybeare moved that held in December every year.

Mr. G. Timms seconded.

The president said that an early meeting was needed to allow the club to get an early start.

The motion was carried without opposition.

Life Member

The president moved that Mr. Pete Sloith, be elected a life member of the club. This he said was a recommendation of the committee It was to be regretted that Mr Sloith was severing his connection with the club. He had been a good worker.

Motion carried.

Mr. Sloith said that he had joined the club seven years ago. He had found times rugged on occasions, and he was retiring as his time was limited. Soon he hoped to be again with the club. (Applause.)

Rule Revision

A recommendation was made by the committee that the rules be altered as follows:—

That no life member be entitled to vote at the meeting of the committee of management unless he has attended a majority of the meetings during the year; and that he be not allowed to vote at the first meeting after elected. This motion was moved by Mr. Hannah.

Mr. Smithwick seconded.

The object of this, said Mr. Hannah was to keep life members active, and would not permit of the flooding of a meeting by life members.

Mr. Hendry, a life member, supported the proposal.

Mr. Ralph opposed the recommendation and said the club after electing a life member, would, if it passed this motion, reflect on the honor and dignity of the men it had elected. It was not likely that a man who had worked hard for the club, would turn round and vote against the club's interests.

The motion was lost by an overwhelming majority on the voices.

V.F.A. DELEGATE SPEAKS

The president welcomed Mr. Frank Trainor (vice-president of the V.F.A. and president of Northcote F.C.).

Speaking of the central ground proposal, the president said he was opposed to the playing of finals on the motordrome. If this were done the local councils would object as they provided grounds on which to play the local matches.

Mr. Trainor said the club should be proud to have a president of the calibre of Cr. Zwar who had travelled so far to come to the meeting. The calibre of the president was reflected in the team, which had achieved a good deal of success in the past few years. The premiership could only be won by one club each year, and he congratulated Preston on its 1932 achievements. Preston team had beaten itself out of the right to play off with Northcote in the grand final. However, that had been the fortunes of war. From these failures lessons could be learned and faults corrected. He hoped that Preston would soon "come good." He had already been out getting "star" players for his club in readiness for the 1933 season.

A voice: "You'll want them." (Laughter.)

Continuing Mr. Trainor said that Preston was always a hard team to beat (applause) and had been a distinct asset to the Association since joining up seven years ago.

Central Ground Proposal Explained

When a business was retrogressing, said Mr. Trainor, it was time to take steps to remedy matters. The Association had been slipping back of late and in order to stimulate public interest it had been decided to secure a central ground for the final matches. The Association grounds were far apart—up to as much as 18 miles; and the nearest were two miles apart. The average was ten miles. If Preston played at Sandringham or Oakleigh, many Preston supporters did not go on account of the cost of travelling and if they did go they did not get home until late at night. Supporters then went to matches of the opposition body. The Association had therefore decided to secure the motordrome, upon which a match would be played every Saturday.

In the first eleven matches each club would play on the motordrome once, and the remaining matches would be allotted. It was hoped that no team would be off its own ground more than twice during the season, when it ordinarily would be playing a "home" match. When the clubs played from home the council concerned would be reimbursed by the Association for its loss of takings.

With the central ground the public would be educated to follow Association football. By this means it was hoped the Association clubs would be strengthened by means of increased membership.

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BIRTH

DUNN (Ethel Short).—On the 9th January at Abbotsleigh Private Hospital, Horsham, to the wife of Alan E. Dunn, a daughter (Barbara Elizabeth).

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PERSONAL

On January 31 Mr. William Hocking, of 58 Union street, Northcote, died at the age of 63. He leaves a widow and grown up family—Mrs. Margaret Hocking; William (dec.), Thomas, David, Nellie, Frederick, and Harry. The funeral took place on Thursday at Heidelberg cemetery.

Fireman Hoober, of Preston, is spending a week's holiday at home.

Mr. Lucke, a Preston council employee, has left, in company with Mrs. Lucke, on a fortnight's holiday, which will be spent at Belgrave.

Mr. Geoffrey Walton Cornwall solicitor, having purchased the practice of the late Mr. Geoffrey F Wright, the business will be carried on as from January 1 at Royal Automobile Club Building, 94 Queen street, Melbourne, under the name of Messrs. Geoffrey F. Wright and Corn wall. The office at 682 High street Northcote, will continue to be open and will be visited at 7.30 p.m. every Wednesday evening, or at other times by appointment. A notice appears elsewhere in our columns.

The Editor will be pleased to receive personal items for publication in this column. All paragraphs must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. R. Waterman of Thornbury, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, who arrived on January 27.

The death occurred at her residence, Crookston road, Reservoir, on January 29 of Mrs. Ellen Louisa, wife of Mr. W. J. Ledwick. Mrs. Ledwick was the youngest daughter of the late Michael and Margaret Tevlin, of Heidelville. The interment was made at the Box Hill cemetery on Monday.

An unusual accident befel Mr Jack Hall, Main Road Motors, Preston, on A.N.A. Day. Whilst talking to a motorist in Plenty road in front of his garage, a car passed and knocked him down. As a result Mr Hall has been confined to his bed and his medical adviser says his bruises will necessitate a fortnight's complete rest.

OBITUARY

The death of Mr. A. F. (Ted) Makin occurred under tragic circumstances last Tuesday afternoon. Mr Makin, with Mr. J. Madden, had taken over the fruit stall recently occupied by Sullivan Bros. at High street, Thornbury. Deceased was working in the shop when suddenly he exclaimed "Johnnie," whereupon his partner turned just in time as Mr. Makin collapsed and died in his arms. Death was due to an affection of the heart. The funeral took place on Thursday morning at the Coburg cemetery.

The death occurred on Friday last of Mr. J. Jacobs, of Livingstone street, Preston, following a painful illness. Though Mr. Jacobs was able to get about, for the past six months his friends could see that his health was rapidly failing and his death was not unexpected. Deceased was the father of Mr. Jack Jacobs, secretary of the East Preston Cricket Club. The funeral took place last Saturday at Burwood.

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING

(Continued from previous page)

Public Interest and Promierships

He hoped that the interest now shown in the Preston club would be maintained right throughout the year. If that were done Preston would soon be able to celebrate the winning of a pennant.

In reply to a question Mr. Trainor said that when Preston were playing at the motordrome instead of at home, membership tickets would admit to the reserve. If Preston was playing an "away" match at the drome, the member's ticket would admit to the outer.

At this stage Mr. Trainor answered numerous questions, and dealt with a wide range of Association subjects. There were many laughable interjections which kept the crowd in splendid humor.

Sale of Members' Tickets

A presentation was made to Mr. W. Ward for selling the greatest number of membership tickets (to the £100 worth) The president said he would give a similar prize next year.

HEAVY POLL

On account of the heavy poll the counts were not completed until a late hour. In the meanwhile Mr "Dick" Smithwick gave a few impromtu items, and some community singing was indulged in.

ELECTED UNOPPOSED

Officers elected unopposed were President *Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P M.L.A.

Treasurer, *Mr. P. Clements.

Hon. Solicitor, *Cr. E. F. Norris.

Auditors: Messrs. L. Punch and A. McCasker.

RESULT OF BALLOT

There was an expectant hush when the first figures of the poll were made available. The first figures were for vice-presidents. The voting was:—*Dr. Walker 597, *W. Anderson 584, *W. P. Barrow 584, *T. A. Ralph 551, W. L. McDonald 512, *A. Howse 450. These were elected. Other voting H. Swain 240, R. E. Jackson 109.

Secretary: *E. J. Hannah (W), 352; W. J. Bott (R) 280.

Assistant Secretary: J. M. Deacon (W). 361; *J. L. Searson (R) 261.

Trustees (2): *J. W. Holliday (W) 472; *L. R. Davis (W) 428 (elected); A. White (R) 178; W O'Connor (R) 194.

Committee (12): *R. Clements (W), 468; *W. Ward (W), 337; V. Browne (W), 315; T. Jolly (W) 306; *E. A. Conybeare (W), 296; *G. Timms (W), 293; H. E. Bredin (W), 272; G. Radcliffe (W), 272; M. Woods (W), 268; R. Buchanan (W), 263; F. Humphries (W), 253; W. Robinson (R). 250. These were elected.

The other voting was H. Batchelor 246, *P. O'Doherty 224, *L. Hooper 221, N. Robinson 220, W H. Bornsby 205, L. F. Green 186, E. G. Rabey 179, A. Madden 173, *G. H. Meldrum 173, R. Alford 168 T W. Atkinson 162, H. Mills 155 H. C. Higgins 150, *R. A. D. Clarke 150, *R. Smithwick 148 and E. Hays 71.

*Denotes retiring.

In all the offices the only Re-Construction candidate elected was N. Robinson who gained a seat on the committee.

A digest of the voting figures showed that there were 632 voters excluding a few which were informal

Upon being declared elected Mr Hannah received the congratulations of his opponent Mr. Bott.

Mr. Hannah said that he had always had the best interests of the club at heart, and it was very satisfactory to learn that he still held the confidence of a majority of the members. He thanked the members for again electing him and the supporters who had worked in his interests.

Mr. Bott said that he had no apology to offer for standing in opposition to the present secretary. He had been requested to stand and had worked hard, and though defeated would take his defeat without "squealing." The defeat would not make any difference to his association with the club and he would continue to support it in the future as in the past. He wished the club every success and if the committee could do its part in assisting the team to bring home the pennant to Preston no one would be more pleased than he (Applause). If nothing else had been done at best the efforts of the Re-Construction Party had aroused a good deal of interest in the club, and he hoped that it would be maintained (Applause).

Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Searson for his work during the past year, at the instance of Mr. Ralph and the president, who paid a tribute to the vast amount of work done by Mr. Searson in furthering the club's interests.

REGENT CENTRAL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL PICNIC AT CARRUM

OVER 100 adults and 200 children journeyed by motor vehicles to Keast's Park, Carrum, on Australia Day for the annual picnic.

Owing to the showery weather and the coldness of the day little swimming was indulged in, consequently a longer sports programme than was originally proposed was conducted in the oval. The children were well catered for with races and a treasure hunt, while the adults had rather a strenuous time competing in the various events which were keenly contested. Entries were numerous, most events having to be run in several heats.

Results of the principal adult events are as follow: — Cricketer's Handicap, R. Walker 1; W. Brown 2. Married Ladies: Mrs. K. Thompson 1; Mrs. H. Westwood 2. Egg and Spoon Race: Miss P. Hocking. Thread the Needle: Mr. C. Junor and Mrs Henderson. Siamese Race: Mr. J. Bryce and Miss R. Hocking; Gent's Sack Race: W. Brown. Ladies' Sack Race: Mrs. A. Westwood. Bowling at Wicket: Mr. H. Westwood. Progress Handicap: R. Walker 1; W Brown 2.

An energetic committee comprising representatives of the various committees of the association with Mr. A. Perkins as chairman, Mr. K Thompson as secretary and Mr. J Smyth in charge of the events, conducted a well-organised programme to the complete satisfaction of all.

ENTERPRISING STUDIO

Cyril Stevens Studios, already well known as the "Wedding Studio," have opened a Photo Salon next to the studio in Thornbury. A most attractive display of portraits, colored photographs, wedding groups, and scenic photography was tastefully arranged for the opening last Friday evening. Hundreds of people attended the salon on the opening night, and the impression one received was that they all appreciated being able to view such a large collection of photographs in comfort.

Commenting upon the salon, Mr. Stevens said he had always found the studio show cases most inadequate for displaying the large amount of interesting work being done by the studio. The photos in the salon will be continually changed to maintain interest. Anybody having already seen this display will find many new photographs on again paying a visit to the salon. It is open all day, and every evening (Sunday excepted) from 7 till 10 p.m. That Preston people are very interested in the works is proved by the crowds that have passed through the salon since the opening, and Mr. Stevens feels well rewarded for his effort.

This studio is to be complimented for its enterprise and its sincere endeavour to improve and keep photography at a very high standard.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By A. E. Deacon, estate agent, 318 High St., Preston, (J. T. Mahony, auctioneer), on Feb. 8 at 3.30, on property, 17 Roseberry Ave., Preston, 4-roomed villa, on land 45ft. x 113ft., as advertised.

By A. E. Deacon, estate agent, 318 High St., Preston (J. T. Mahony, auctioneer), on Feb. 8 at 3 p.m., on property, 63 King William St., Preston, 5-roomed villa, on land 55ft. x 125ft. 6in., as advertised.

By Llewellyn Jones, postponed from Feb. 2 to Thursday, Feb. 9, at 3.30 p.m., on property, 37 South St., Preston, W.B. villa, 4 rooms, as advertised.

By Llewellyn Jones, on Feb. 16, at 2 p.m., on property, 28 Northernhay St., Preston, 5-roomed villa, also furniture and effects, as advertised.

By G. T. Bourke, on Feb. 4 at 3 p.m., on property 48 Jenkins St., Northcote, 7-roomed villa, as advertised.

By Howgate and Roberts, estate agents in conjunction with W. G. Miles, auctioneer, on Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. on property, 57 Rennie St., Thornbury, 4-roomed villa, on land 30 x 128, as advertised.

The Week's Social Gossip

Miss Belle Gow, of "Glenidrack," Preston, and her friend, Miss Nora Glanville, have returned from an enjoyable holiday spent at Daylesford.

Miss May Johnson, of Preston, is at present on holiday at Mornington where she intends staying for a few weeks.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Alice Maude Parkinson McLachlan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs. R. McLachlan, "Doutta Galla" Reservoir, to Mr. Malcolm Angus McIntosh, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McIntosh, of Paisley street *Footscray*.

A social was tendered by All Saints Church and Tennis Club on January 24 to Miss Elsie Burge and Mr. Tasman Roadknight, on the occasion of their approaching marriage. A musical programme was provided and Mr. E. Wood spoke. Mr. Percy Griffiths presented the valuable gifts from the parishioners and Mr. L. W. Fargher those from the Tennis Club to the guests. In a few words Mr. Roadknight responded suitably. In the absence of the vicar, Mr. Eric Constable presided and supper was provided by the ladies.

A number of the congregation and friends assembled at the Port Melbourne pier on Tuesday afternoon to wish Rev. T. Cole and Mrs. Cole, of the Epiphany Church, Northcote "bon voyage" on their departure for England on the s.s. Moldavia. As the vessel left the pier all joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Rev. S. C. Hadley, of the Thornbury Presbyterian Church and Mrs Hadley have returned from Lorne.

Mr. H. C. Ferguson, assistant Town Clerk, Northcote, together with Mrs Ferguson and family, left during the week-end for Seaford, where they will spend a three weeks' holiday.

Rev. T. H. Indian, Mrs. Indian and family have returned from holidays spent around the western coast of Victoria.

Mr. A. S. Smithers, teller at the Bank of New South Wales, Preston has returned from Sydney after three weeks' leave and resumed duty Mr. K. R. Holmes, who did relieving duty during the absence of Mr Smithers, has gone on to Richmond branch temporarily.

Rev. F. J. Jennings, who has not been in the best of health, begins his annual holiday next week. It is hoped that the short rest will greatly benefit him.

Mr. Howard Cornish, who has been a member of the church christ Young Men's Bible Class, and Cricket and Football Clubs, of the Prince of Wales Methodist Church has received promotion to Sydney. He will leave for his new sphere next week.

Mrs. L. F. Downey and her son Frank, of 61 Jessie street, Preston have returned home after a holiday of a month in Tongala, Echuca, and Rochester districts, visiting old friends. Both are looking well.

WHITTLESEA.

Annual Shire Seaside Excursion

A special train of seven cars conveyed the annual excursion to Mordialloc. The weather was ideal. The train left Whittlesea at 8.15 and picked up at all stations to Reservoir. On the return trip the train arrived at Whittlesea about 8.30 p.m. The takings for the train amounted to £61. A sports programme was conducted in the afternoon with the following results:—Cricketers' Handicap: H. Hyland 1, E. Hide 2, F. Perlin 3. Single Ladies: Jean Adams 1, Annie Kerr 2, Doris Tobin 3. Married Ladies: Mrs. Hogg 1, Mrs. Mirrlees 2. Boys' Races—Under 11: Ted Pratt 1, W. Hyland 2, Dick Smith 3. Under 12: Allan Armstrong 1, Doug. Kerr 2, Allan Mirrlees 3. Under 10: H. Ellis 1, James Armstrong 2, Max Lindsay 3. Under 8: G. Lehman 1, F. Stevens 2, Oswald Lindsay 3. Under 6: J. Allan 1, J. Schultz 2, Joy Hogg 3. Under 8: Betty Smith 1, Lydia Watts 2, Jean Mirrlees 3. Under 6: V. Hodge 1, June Woods 2, Doreen Axley 3.

Mr. A. R. Hancorne has taken up duties as head teacher at Kinglake Central School.

The Humevale school and shelter shed look trim with their new coat of paint.

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JUDGMENTS NOT MET

Two Debtors Examined

AT Northcote Court on Tuesday two persons were examined upon summonses under the Imprisonment of Fraudulent Debtors' Act.

CASE ADJOURNED FOR FURTHER EVIDENCE

Books To Be Produced

The first case was of Frank Cecil Ince v John William Ragg. Mr. R. R. Gray appeared to conduct the examination.

Ragg said that he was at present unemployed. In September 1931 he had obtained a verdict for £19/18/6 and £10/12/6 costs, which was still unpaid. Continuing Ragg said: "In September 1931 I was buying a motor truck on hire-purchase and it was taken away as I could not keep up the payments. I borrowed the money to meet what payments were made. I have no money or other assets, the only things I possess being the clothes I have on.

Since September 1931 I have worked for a month or six weeks for my father. I received no payment as he had been keeping me for four years."

Mr. Gray:—Were you a partner in your father's butchery business, trading under the name of Ragg and Sons, High street, Thornbury? — Yes. I was a partner until December last. I put no money into the business and have only worked there at odd times.

What were the takings of the business?—I don't know, but should guess they were about £50 a week.

Do you produce the books of the business?—No. I have no control over the books.

If the takings were £50 a week, over the period of five months you were registered as a partner, your share could be about £250 less expenses? — My share has been nothing as I have nothing to do with the business.

The P.M.:—You suggest you are a "dummy" partner?—That is all I was.

Are you still a partner?—No.

The P.M. said there was not sufficient evidence on which to justify the court making an order.

On the aplication of Mr. Gray the case was adjourned for seven days to enable the books of the business to be brought before the Court for examination.

"Pay Debts Before Buying Luxuries" Says P.M.

In a case N. Cohen v Horace Smith, of Fergio street, North Fitzroy, Mr. A. E. O'Connor appeared to conduct the examination.

Smith, who is a bicycle mechanic, admitted that an order had been made against him for £12/7/6 and £1/6/ costs in May 1930 and had not been wholly satisfied. Continuing he said: "I am earning £4/8/ a week and have been doing so since November 1931 with the exception of six months during which I was ill." He added: "I made up a list of my expenses and find that after paying for everything except wood and light I would have nothing left out of my wages."

Mr. A. E. O'Connor (examining list):—You pay 3/ weekly off a sewing machine? — Yes. That is my daughter's

You are paying off a wireless set? —Yes. That is my son's. Both son and daughter are at present unemployed.

The P.M. (to defendant)—Before paying for luxuries you should pay your just debts.

An order was made that Smith pay off £8/9/4, the amount still owing, together with £2/6/ costs, at the rate of 5/ weekly in default imprisonment for 14 days.

NEW BASIC WAGE

DECREASES IN ALL STATES

Melbourne Reduction 1/6 a Week

Further decreases in the basic wage under awards of the Federal Arbitration Court in all capital cities are represented by the quarterly adjustments based on the cost-of-living figures supplied by the Commonwealth statistician, which were issued on January 26. The new rates, which will operate from February 1, were compiled by the Trades Hall research and information bureau. Not including the 10 per cent. by which wages were reduced by the Arbitration Court, the adjusted weekly rates will be:—

	New Rate	D'cr'se
Melbourne	3 7 0	1/6
Sydney	3 14 0	1/
Brisbane	3 2 0	1/
Adelaide	3 1 6	2/
Perth	3 4 6	1/6
Hobart	3 10 6	1/
Six capital cities (weighted average	3 8 6	1/6
Thirty towns	3 8 0	1/6

NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

Before Mr. G. Brown, P.M., Messrs. B. E. Johnson, H. Evans, P. Carney, A. Andrews and Mrs. A. A Glanfield, J.'s P.

Tram Passed on Wrong Side

Walter Wing, Clyde street, Thornbury, was charged that on December 14, being the driver of a motor cycle in High street, he passed a tram on the wrong side.

Traffic Constable Courtney said that at 7.30 a.m. on December 14 defendant passed a stationary tram near the corner of High and Westgarth streets.

Wing said: "My brakes were not too good, and I wasn't going to take a risk that someone would alight from the tram."

The P.M. said that it was most dangerous for a moto rcyclist to ride a machine upon which the brakes were not good. Wing might have easily run into traffic coming in the opposite direction.

Fined £6 in default distress.

Railways Cases

Norman Edwards, Auburn avenue, Northcote, charged that on November 23 he trespassed on railway property at Northcote, was fined £1 with 7/6 costs.

Special checker Budge said that defendant crossed the rails and climbed up the end of the platform.

Shop Open After Hours

Elsie Alice Pinkham, High street, Northcote, charged that on December 9 she failed to close her shop at the appointed hour.

Inspector Jones said that defendant's frock shop was fully lighted and open at 9.20 p.m. on December 9 and defendant was serving a customer.

Fined 20/.

No Light

Keith Clifton, Flinders street, Thornbury, who rode a bicycle at 2.30 a.m. on January 2 without a light, was fined £1.

Corner "Cut"

Henry Horinack, Laura street, East Brunswick, who at 1.30 p.m. on December 26 "cut the corner" with a motor cycle, which at the corner of High and Westgarth streets, was fined 20/.

Offensive Noise

Leslie Wornsnop, Brunswick road, North Fitzroy, who on December 14 at 10.20 p.m. allowed his motor cycle to emit an offensive noise in St. George's road, was fined £3. Traffic Constable Jarman said that the noise from defendant's cycle could be heard 500 yards away.

Defendant Does Not Appear

John Pratt, Aberdeen grove Northcote, was charged that on January 28 he was drunk and disorderly.

Pratt did not appear.

Sergeant McEniff said the man was a returned soldier and when arrested was suffering from leg trouble and was very lame. He had been released on £10 bail on Sunday morning. When Pratt left the police station he told the police that he might have to return to the Caulfield Hospital from which he had come last Saturday morning. The police did not ask that the bail be estreated.

The P.M. said that the bench would adjourn the case for a week.

Unpaid Fine

Angus P. Thornton, Brougham road, Kew, who failed to pay a fine of £5 for non-attendance at the Northcote Court, as a witness, was ordered to be imprisoned for one month, if the fine be not paid.

Ejectment

State Savings Bank obtained an ejectment order against Maisel Lilian Learey in respect to property Fyffe street, Northcote.

If a man finds a shilling he often spends two in celebrating the discovery.

ATHLETICS

PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE CLUB

There being no inter-club events on Saturday the Victorian decathlon and open handicaps were conducted by V.A.A.A. The decathlon was continued on Monday, when clubs also held several championships. Preston held their 120 yards hurdles and Brev. 440 championships. These events were also included in the club's decathlon championships. Results:—

120 Yards Hurdles (Holder, B. McNabb; record 17 1-10 sec., B. McNabb).—B. McNabb 1, J. Lacey 2, W. Perry 3. Won easily; time, 17 4-5 sec.

Javelin (Holder, A. Angus; record, 143ft., A. Angus).—W. Perry 1, 107ft. 8in.; J. Lacey 2, 100ft. 10in.; B. McNabb 3, 93ft. 4in.

Progress points in the decathlon are:—B. McNabb 839, J. Lacey 550, W. Perry 532.

The half-mile championship was held on Tuesday night. In this event R. McCann (holder of the title) started, also J. Tannock, who holds the club record of 2min. 7sec. D. McEachen made the pace from the gun, doing the first lap in 64sec, closely followed by J. Tannock, R. McCann and A. Tassie. At 300 yards to go Tannock went to the front, with W. Smith going along nicely around the field. McCann joined Tannock with 200 yards to go, and from here these two fought out the finish, while the rest of the field fell behind. McCann managed to forge ahead and held Tannock off to win by a yard in 2min. 9 3-5 sec. McEachen was third and Smith fourth.

The events for next Tuesday night are the 100 yards championship and shot putt. On Thursday night the discus will be decided. Entries are to be handed in two days before each event.

The cup for the decathlon championship has been donated by Mr. H. Porter, jeweller, High street, Thornbury, who is a keen supporter of the club.

Next Saturday the C Grade team, which is now in fourth position, meet Footscray (second), and with a strong team expect to win a hard contest. The events are:—2.15, javelin; 2.39, 220 yards; 3.03, 880 yards; 3.6, hop, step and jump; 4.03, 120 yards hurdles; 5.03, relay.

The E Grade team will meet Carlton as follows:—2.15, pole vault; 2.27, 880 yards; 2.51, 220 yards; 3.30, hop, step and jump; 3.51, 120 yards hurdles; 5.03, relay.

The following are the club records: —100 yards, 10⅘sec., A. Robinson; 220 yards, 23 1-10 sec., R. McCann; 440 yards, 51⅘ sec., A. Robinson; 880 yards, 2min. 7⅘sec., J. Tannock; one mile, 4min. 35 2-5 sec., W. Wehlman; 120 yards hurdles, 17 1-10 sec., and 440 yards hurdles, 60 4-5 sec., B. McNabb; pole vault, 9ft., W. Perry; high jump, 5ft. 2⅘in., A. Angus, B. McNabb and J. Hughes; long jump, 20ft. 5in., hop, step and jump, 46ft. 2 5-8 in., javelin, 143ft., shot putt, 33 ft. 2⅘in., all by A. Angus; mile walk, 7min. 18⅘sec., and three mile walk, 26min. 18sec., R. Lewis; discus, 80ft. 6in. H. James; relay, 3min. 48sec., the team consisting of J. J. Tannock, A R. McCann, 220 B. McNabb, H. Hankin.

With Bert Gardiner in action again Bruce McNabb has been elected assistant pro tem and Wal Perry as selector pro tem. V. Kirkland, R. Pearce, B. McNabb, V. Smith and J. Lacey have been elected as a dance committee to arrange fortnightly dances.

Buses will leave Preston Town Hall on February 5 for the picnic at 9.30 sharp. One bus will go via Northcote Town Hall to so any members wishing to be picked up should notify Bruce McNabb by next Saturday.

The C Grade is at an interesting stage, as six teams all have a chance of gaining the first four. Points and percentages are as follow:—Carlton, 32, 155.5; Footscray, 28, 147.4; Metrocolitan, 28, 134.7; Preston and Northcote, 24, 138.6; C.Y.M.S., 24, 91.02; Ivanhoe, 20, 107.8.

LENT A LADDER

Paperhanger Gets Verdict

AT Northcote Court on Tuesday before Mr. G. H. Brown, P.M., an action was brought by Frederick Charles Walters, of Ballantyne street Thornbury, against Dan Robinson, auctioneer, corner Woolton avenue and High street, Croxton, claiming £2 for a ladder.

There was some delay in starting the case as palintiff's solicitor (Mr. L. Hartnett) was not at court. It was stated that Mr. Hartnett had been at Kyabram and was expected back that morning to be at the court and it was thought the car had met with a mishap. Defendant's solicitor agreed to an adjournment on payment of £2/2/ costs, and Walters then decided to proceed without his solicitor.

During the hearing Mr. Brown, P.M., intimated that he thought Walters would be embarrassed by the non-appearance of his solicitor, and said he would adjourn the case for seven days without costs. Defendant's solicitor then urged that the case proceed.

Walters said: "In September I was at Robinsons' auction room when he asked me for the loan of an 18ft ladder. I agreed and the ladder was brought to the auction rooms on defendant's truck. Later Robinson asked me to get some pulleys and rope for him and this I did He then asked me to put up the pulleys, and when I had done so he paid me 3/. I requested that he return the ladder and he agreed. I went away to Stawell and on returning found the ladder had not been returned. I spoke to Robinson who agreed to return it the same day but did not do so. On November 25 I saw my ladder in a yard at the rear of Robinson's auction rooms, and about four feet had been cut off it. Robinson said: 'I'm the guilty culprit, and I'll have to stand by it.' He asked what a new ladder would cost and I told him £2. He agreed to get another ladder.

On December 6 I sent him an account for £2 and he said to me 'When a man borrows a ladder and it gets damaged it is a bit too much to expect him to pay £2 for another one.' He offered £1 in settlement, which I refused."

Cross-examined:—Did you undertake to do certain work for Robinson before the ladder was "borrowed" as you put it?—No.

Did you put the ladder in the yard at the rear when you had finished using it?—No. I warned Robinson not to put it in the yard.

Robinson said: "On September 10 Walters agreed to do a job for me and said he would want his ladder. I sent my truck for it. Walters put up some ropes and pulleys for which I paid him 3/. When the job was done Walters put the ladder in the yard and asked me to send it round to his home. I agreed to do so if I was able."

The P.M.:—Are you sincere? This man had done a good job very cheaply for you and a job you would not otherwise have done on account of the expense?

Robinson:—If I had had time I meant to deliver the ladder on the same day. I did not want the ladder for any other purpose and Walters could have taken it away then.

The P.M.:—An 18ft ladder. Do you think that he could have carried it himself?

Continuing, Robinson said: "Two or three months later Walters showed me the ladder in the yard. It was then in two pieces. I was surprised as I thought Walters had taken it away before. The ladder is not in the yard now and I don't know where it is. At no time did I agree to get a new ladder or offer him £1 in settlement."

The P.M., after hearing further evidence, made an order that Robinson pay £2, the value of the ladder, together with £2/17/6 costs.

The P.M. said that he considered that Robinson had treated Walters in a very shabby manner. There was no doubt that Walters had been badly used after doing Robinson a good turn.

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BOB was not quite as seriously wounded as the passengers in the plane thought and it was not long before he got his machine under control again. When the Hawk saw Bob's plane plunge towards the ground he had another machine mounted on the catapault with the idea of transferring the gold from the wreck to the new machine. Masson and Brady were invited by the Hawk to go with him, but they decided to stay behind and help fight it out with the sheriff and his deputies.

The sheriff and his men took the Hawk's hide-out and commenced a search of the house, duelling with the bandits as they went from room to room. They found Driscoll's instructions had been very accurate, and located the secret switches to the rooms in which the Hawk had his own private quarters.

When Bob brought his 'plane down on the landing field at the airport Andy Smith was mighty glad to be back again.

"Gee, it's great to be back at the old field again," he said.

"Where's Captain Grant ?" asked Jimmy.

"He went down to Ward's ranch with the sheriff to get you folks," a mechanic explained.

"I hope they bring the Hawk in," said Bob.

"Say, Bob, we'd better take this gold out of the 'plane and put it in the safe," advised Jimmy.

"That's right, Jimmy."

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THINGS had been quiet at the Golden Star Mine for many weeks since the sheriff and his deputies cleaned out the Ward ranch.

Bailey was talking to Sims:

"You know, Sims, things have been mighty quiet around the diggings during the last few weeks."

"You're right, Bailey, it's sure some peaceful feeling."

Sims pointed to the sky-line.

"There comes Bob now in that old 27 of his, you know. I'm going to make the return trip with him."

"What ? When did you get airminded ?" asked Bailey.

"Come on, let's get this gold out"

"All right, Sims."

At the airport Jimmy had again resumed his regular job of flying the mail. Mary had come up to the field to see his take off.

"A might valuable shipment this morning," said the Captain. "And I hope you break your own record."

"You'll pass Jimmy returning from the mine with some gold," Mary said "Wave hello to him as you pass, will you ?"

"So that's the reason you're up so bright and early — waiting for Bob, eh ?"

At the mine Bob had loaded his gold on his ship.

"Well, Bob, this is our first shipment since the trouble with the Black Hawk," Bailey was telling him.

"I'll make it all right, Bailey.... especially with Sims here for protection."

"Yes, and I am taking along my big Winchester—just in case," confided Sims.

Bob and Sims got under way and were flying along the direct route to the airport when they sighted a black 'plane bearing down on them It was the Hawk.

In the black 'plane the Hawk was talking to Brady, who had accompanied him on his various trips across the border.

"You know, we're taking a big chance dropping down here every day," said Brady.

"Yes, we to say nothing about having to dodge the border air patrol — travelling 300 miles every day."

"You know, that dumb sheriff may still be searching this section for you," laughed Brady.

"Trying to claim the big reward eh ?"

"Well, I'm going to keep on coming here until I get Jimmy Ross, Bob Lee and some of that gold of his."

"There comes Lee now," pointed Brady.

As the Black Hawk's 'plane drew closer, Sims prepared to shoot.

The 'planes manoeuvred around each other, and lead tore through the canvas of both. Jimmy's 'plane came into view and he sounded his horn to let Bob know that he was at hand.

This was the signal for the Hawk to attack Jimmy and he shot him down out of control.

"Don't go down, Bob," said Sims "The Hawk will get our gold. I'll take another shot at him."

But he decided to land, and found that Jimmy had been badly hit in the right shoulder.

"Look ! Here comes the Hawk again," shouted Sims.

"Sims, you take care of the gold, I'll look after Jimmy said Bob.

"Will I protect the gold ? hmm," said Sims.

The Hawk brought his machine down to the ground and Sims took aim at him and fired. Ward sank to the ground.

"I've got him, all right, Bob, shouted Sims. And I'll get that $2,000 reward."

"Now we had better get you back to the airport for medical attention" said Bob to Jimmy.

"No, the mail must get through. There is a doctor at the next town, Paxton. Fly me on to there and you can get the mail through."

"All right, we can get into touch with the airport from Paxton."

At Paxton, Bob radioed Captain Grant. The operator took the message

"Bob Lee calling, sir. He reports *Jimmy Ross forced down by the* Hawk. Ross is wounded, Lee is standing by and volunteers to take the mail through."

"Lee is right. The mail must go through," agreed the Captain.

"Have Lee take Ross to the nearest doctor," ordered Captain Grant.

The operator gave Lee the message and Lee asked that a 'plane be sent out to pick up Sims. He gave the position of the gold 'plane.

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AT the airport Captain Grant and Mary were waiting for Bob Lee to pilot the mail 'plane on its return trip.

"This is your big day, Mary—both of your boys coming home with honors," said Captain Grant.

"It certainly is Captain — and what a relief from the last two days"

"Oh, look, boys, here they are," said Mary.

The 'plane taxied across the landing field.

"Jimmy, are you all right ? What happened ?" asked Mary.

"I'm all right. I'll tell you about is as soon as we get this mail out of here."

"Bob, I want to thank you for helping Jimmy through with the mail," said Captain Grant.

"Oh, that's all right, Captain."

"I think the Government should give Bob a reward for getting the mail through," said one of the mechanics.

"Why the Government ?" queried Mary, embracing him.

THE END

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Repairs were speedily effected but all trains from Reservoir between 7.57 and 8.34 a.m. were delayed, the 7.57 being 33 minutes late, the 8.8 27 minutes. So as to pick up the regular running, the 8.15 a.m. train from Reservoir was cancelled. The 8.35 a.m. was four minutes late, and the Whittlesea petrol-electric train was delayed 21 minutes.

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

There were 44 entries for E. C. Yeomans' trophy against par on Saturday, which resulted in a tie between G. S. Gay, P. S. Renn and Dr. Neal .Scores:—

G. S. Gay (41), P. S. Renn (41), Dr. Neal (41), 2 down; W. Ferguson (41), J. S. Jenkins (41), F. O'Neill (41), 4 down; V. E. Atyeo (41), C. Holt (8), F. L. Norris (8), C. Sinclair (15), 5 down.

Next Saturday.—Stroke competition for J. E. Gosney's trophy.

On Monday a stroke competition for a club trophy resulted:—70, A. E. Appleton (6), 71, J. H. Knell (6); 72, J. W. Blaney (15), C. Holt (11); 74, R. T. Bowdler (14), W. Ferguson (18), L. O'Brien (17), G. Sheffield (16); 75, F. O'Neill (8).

UNLICENSED CAR DRIVER

Was Learning To Drive

AT Northcote Court on Tuesday John Thomas Walker, Rupert street, Collingwood, charged that on November 6 he drove a motor car in High street, Northcote, without being licensed, was fined £1.

Constable Goulding, of Preston, said: "When I stopped defendant he had another man named Edwards with him. Walker said he was learning to drive and that the man with him was licensed. Inquiries showed that the man Edwards was not licensed, his driving license having expired.

Walker said: "I was paying Edwards to teach me to drive. Another man in the car had a license."

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Dear Cobbers.—You're back again at school, and I've also returned from a fortnight's holiday, which we spent on a fishing and shooting excursion. We had a splendid time, but the Pets were so disappointed they could not accompany us. However, they will go next time we have a holiday.

A new competition begins this week and we want you all to enter for it. It's quite easy, just word-building. Two new girl Cobbers this week, and Fluffy is delighted, and although Jacko says he doesn't care, he really does. So, boys, buck up and cheer him up.

We were at the seaside for the week-end, and didn't it rain! It just poured down in sheets at times and we had a roaring fire on Sunday. Jacko caught a number of golden-brown beetles on one of our gum trees, and he and Fluffy harnessed five to a match-box tray and had races to see whose team would get to a certain point first. Of course, the teams ran all over the place, any way but the right one. Then one beetle would suddenly decide to fly and upset the other four and the cart, and mess things up hopelessly. They ended by both teams becoming entangled, and the Pets gave up racing as a bad job.

Send in your Competition entries and don't forget the Trias. Love and best wishes from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL.

WORD-BUILDING COMPETITION

Using only the letters in the word "RELUCTANCE," make as many words as possible (proper names and towns excluded), and send the list in to Uncle Phil by February 24, Uncle Phil's decision is final, and the winner will be announced on March 3.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the happiest and heartiest birthday greetings and good wishes to Myra Waite (Feb. 4), Joyce White (Feb. 6), Lila Jolley, Jack Goldsworthy and Les Robertson (Feb. 7), Arthur Stubb (Feb. 8), Gloria Smith (Feb. 9), and Thelma Knell and Mervyn Tippett (Feb. 10).

OUR MAIL BAG

Town Hall Ave., Preston.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Will you please enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club? I am in the sixth class at school and I will be 11 years of age next May. I have just come back from an enjoyable holiday at Daylesford. I am sending some riddles with this short note.

(GOOD) Joyce Findlay

Welcome to the Clubs, Joyce, and please send us a snap of yourself for our album. Will you tell us about your holidays The Pets send love and greetings.—U.P.)

17 Foster Ave., Glen Iris.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I would very much like to join the Cobbers' Club. My sister is a Cobber and thinks it's great fun. Love to Uncle Phil, Grandma and the Pets.

(GOOD) Shirley Wood

(Welcome to the Clubs, Shirley, and we'd like a snap of you for our album. Send along some jokes or stories. Greetings and love from the Pets and U.P.)

Joyce Lawrence.—Have you a second initial, Joyce? If so, use that as well and then you'll know your own marks. Love and greetings from the Pets and U.P.

Rosa Smith.—Please send in another coupon filled in and we will forward a certificate, but you must not lose this one. Cheerio. Greetings from the Pets and U.P.

Colleen Mahony.—Bravo for the three Trias, Colleen. Please call for the prize on or after Monday afternoon with your certificate. Try the new competition. Best wishes and love from the Pets and U.P.

Jean Angus—Congratulations, Jean, for gaining the 100 marks. Will you bring your certificate along on Monday afternoon or after that and the prize will be ready. Try the new competition. The Pets send greetings and best wishes.—U.P.

Tria Competition

There 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," as we will know they are for this competition. The subjects chosen give a wide range of things of interest—holidays, sports, camping, motoring, about the beach or country, anything about hobbies, games to play, about your gardens, and things that can be made by Cobbers. The best each week will receive a special mark, a "Tria" while the other entries just get the ordinary 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

HOLIDAY NEWS

During my Christmas vacation I spent my holidays at Coogee Beach, Sydney. The most exciting incident happened on one Tuesday while at Coogee Beach. We were all in the water having a happy time, when suddenly a shark boil rang. The people knew this meant danger, and before you could count ten everyone was running out of the water. Out in the distance we saw a fisherman's boat, and behind it was something splashing in the water. We knew this was a shark being towed in. When they brought it to the shore they charged 3d. admission to see it. But after a while they threw it back into the sea dead.

(TRIA) D. Dennis

ENGLISH SOLDIERS' UNIFORMS

At one period English soldiers were distinguished by badges. The general color of their dresses appears to have been white, although in 1544 part of the forces of Henry VIII. was ordered to be dressed in blue coats guarded by red, the right hose red, and the left blue. In 1584 Elizabeth ordered the cassocks of the soldiers sent to Ireland to be green or russet, but the cloaks of the cavalry were red. In 1653 the dresses of the soldiers were grey, and those of the drummers purple. The red uniform was probably adopted when the House of Hanover acceded to the throne.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

A BULL'S EYE

"So you've been visiting our schools, eh?" asked the town collector. "Splendid, aren't they? Magnificent buildings, with beautiful furnishings! By the way, I want to ask you what was the first thing that struck you on entering the boys' department?" "A pea item a pea-shooter," said the visitor dryly.

(GOOD) Keith McNamara

A SIMILAR MISSION

A youth who was employed in a butcher's shop was sent out by the manager to collect a debt which had been owing for some time. On arriving at the house he was greeted by the lady, who had been in the act of making bread. "Hello!" exclaimed the youth, "you must be doing the same as I am." "What is that?" the lady asked. "Kneading dough," was the youth's reply.

(GOOD) Jack Miller

OUT OF BREATH

During a sensational talking film the villain could be seen racing wildly towards the railway bridge. Arriving there he stopped, while his deep breathing could be plainly heard. "What is he going to do now, mummie?" whispered a small child. "Hush! He's going to blow up the bridge," whispered mummie. "But—but how can he, mummie" protested the child in a loud voice. "He's out of breath already."

(GOOD) Norma Minihan

WHAT IS THIS?

You see, I have both hands and face, And move before your eye.
Yet when I go my body stands,
And when I stand I lie.
Answer.—A clock.

(GOOD) Joyce Lawrence

STORYETTES

Lady :"You're a big, healthy man. Why don't you look for work? The Tramp: "Well, ma'am, I'm a bit too heavy for light work, and a bit too light for heavy work."

"Did you take your shoes to be soled, Jackie?" mother asked her little boy. "Yes, but the man only gave me a shilling. He said they were nearly worn out."

(GOOD) Patty Kilkenny

Flo: "Don't you think my dog has taking ways?" Joe: "Yes, he tried to take a piece out of my trousers when I came in."

(GOOD) Marjorie Wood

"Could you place my son in your office?" "All right. What can he do?" "What can he do! If he could do anything I would hire him myself."

(GOOD) Rosa Smith

"I've never seen old Bodier look quite so scraggy about the beard." "No; he's just made himself a new set of paint brushes."

(GOOD) Edna Burt

"The snake to which I refer," said the school teacher," is said to move with mathematical precision." "Do you mean an adder sir " suggested a bright pupil.

(GOOD) Terence Power

Tom: "Are you good at arithmetic?" Jim: "Rather. Try me. Tom: "Work this sum. A bar of sawdust and a bundle of logs—have you got that in your head?" Jim: "Yes." Tom: "Then your head must be made of wood."

(GOOD) Lily Southam

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

(GOOD) Brian Mahony.

"Am I the first girl you've ever kissed?" "As a matter of fact, yes."

(GOOD) Coleen Mahony

An enthusiastic young man entered the office of the first big firm he found. "What sort of a chance is there for a fellow beginning at the bottom to work his way up?" he asked. "Not much chance," replied the manager. "we're contractors for digging wells."

(GOOD) Alica Southam

Say to your friend, "What was the man's name?" and he's sure to say, "Well, what was his name?" Then you say, "Watt was his name."

(GOOD) Willie Eaton

Billy: "Can you do any conjuring tricks?" Ron: "Rather. I can make lots of sweets disappear."

She: "You've no business to kiss me!" He: "It isn't—it's pleasure."

(GOOD) Nestor Kerr

Friend: "Was your uncle's mind vigorous and sane up to the very last?" Heir: "I don't know; the will won't be read until to-morrow."

(GOOD) Kevin Power

RIDDLES

What is the difference between a cat and a document?—A cat has claws at the end of its paws, and a document has pauses at the end of its clauses.

(GOOD) Billy Stead

What vegetable must grow very quickly?—A runner bean.

(GOOD) June Burr

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 send to Uncle Phil and say if you prefer a cash prize of 2/6 or a book. It a book give the title.

HOW TO JOIN THE COBBERS' CLUB

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CYCLING

PRESTON PROFESSONALS

The club held a half-mile handicap and a three-mile scratch race at Preston on Saturday. Conditions were ideal for track racing.

The first heat of the handicap was won by Matt Lynch, off 70 yards, who, after a hard, unassisted ride just scrambled home ahead of S. Andrews (55yds.), with R. Bates (5yds.) in third place. Winner's time, 1min. 6 sec. The second heat was won by T. Johnson, off 40yds., in a close finish from T. Gascoyne (25yds.) and J. Kean (45yds.). Time, 1min. 5sec.

The six riders in the final were well spread out, Lynch being the front marker. He rode a good race, but, coming with a wonderful dash over the last 50 yards J. Kean just beat him by half a wheel. Results:—J. Kean (45yds.), 1; M. Lynch (70 yds.), 2; T. Gascoyne (25yds.), 3. Time, 1min. 4sec.

The scratch race was again won by the popular Frankie Thomas, who won several sprint laps. Although Tom Gascoyne succeeded in several sprints he was not able to hold Thomas in the last five laps, and the latter finished a good 50 yards ahead of Gascoyne. Points scored were:—Thomas 37, Gascoyne 16, T. Potter 3. Time, 7min. 6sec.

Bankruptcy. — Arthur John Ramskill, formerly of Kendall St., Preston, now of Nicholson street, East Coburg, tramway employe. Causes of bankruptcy:—Reduction in wages and depreciation in value of house purchased. Liabilities, £104/7/9; assets, nil.

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RECHABITES' PICNIC

AN ENJOYABLE FUNCTION

Under the auspices of the Star of Northcote Tent, I.O.R., the first combined adult and junior picnic was held at Heidelberg Park on Monday last (Foundation Day). Despite the unfavorable weather early in the day about 150 adults and juniors attended, and, as conditions improved in the afternoon, an enjoyable time was spent.

A comprehensive sports programme had been arranged whereby both adults and juniors were catered for, and although "fields" generally were on the small side, this was amply compensated for by the close finishes in the flat races, and the amusement provided in the novelty events. The "star item" in the latter category was the ladies' throwing the rolling pin, and the dexterity with which some of the contestants at least wielded this very useful domestic appliance gave their respective husbands food for thought! The children were not forgotten, as all those of tender age were regaled with toys and lollies

As the day drew to a close everyone felt that they had been well repaid for braving the elements of the earlier part of the day, and the general opinion was that the outing had been an undoubted success. The hope was expressed that this would be the forerunner of many more such functions.

The sporting events resulted as follows:—Junior Boys' Championship: G. Daily 1, I. Craddock 2. Girls Championship: R. Pasco 1, M. Pasco 2. Single Men: M. Carthew 1, A. Robinson 2. Boys, under 12: W. Sanders 1, A. Nathan 2. Girls, under 14: M. Lobbe 1, B. Jolley 2. Married Men: H. King 1, R. Lobbe 2. Married Ladies: Mrs. E. Webb 1, Mrs. W. E. Findlay 2. Boys, under 14: F. Nathan 1, M. Kingston 2. Girls Potato Race: R. Pasco 1, M. Parry 2. Boys' Siamese Race: L. Bevan and F. Akers. Single Ladies: Miss M. Parry 1, Miss J. Angus 2. Throwing the Rolling Pin: Mrs E. Webb 1, Mrs. H. Angus 2. Men's Potato Race: A. Robinson 1, A. Spinks 2. Mixed Siamese Race: Mrs. E. Webb and R. Lobbe. Boys' Potato Race: Juniors, W. Redenbach 1, W. Sanders 2; seniors, I. Craddock 1, L. Bevan 2. Boys' Relay Race: I. Craddock, A. Daly, A. Nathan.

The Star of Northcote Tent wishes to thank all those tradespeople who generously donated trophies for the above events.

What Is The Use Of A Progress Association

SOME weeks ago in these columns there was an article describing progress associations as revolutionary. This led to a question as to the object of progress associations and ratepayers' leagues.

It is suggested that the progress association is simply the logical result of democratic revolutionary ideas which were put into practise in Britain when, as a result of revolutionary effort the British Constitution was modified leading to the establishment of the present royal dynasty.

These associations in Australia are simply due to the realisation of citizens who are interested in good government, that in modern democracy all forms of government tend, owing to poor or defective leadership, to become subject to the whims of officials. In other words, that government instead of being truly democratic, becomes bureaucratic. Progress associations seek to protect citizens from neglect in civic affairs which tends to hinder community progress. They also act as a curb against municipal abuses which may be caused by the inadequacy of their representatives to control the paid servants of the community.

As an illustration: some months ago a progress association appealed to a council in the area covered by this paper, and was told to mind its own business, the actual wording of the rebuke being that the council would carry out its business in its own way.

The progress association quietly organised and during the last elections succeeded in putting in its own representatives and so affecting the policy of the council that the will of the people was made effective. This is possible only because the constitution of all British governments is based upon a settlement which is revolutionary and is why rebellious outbursts which are frequent in other countries are less common throughout the Empire.

The progress association generally is an unconstitutional body with a very great influence in municipal affairs and the promise of influence in the larger sphere of national life. It could be made constitutional very easily; but is better as it is with an entirely free corporate life. It is an asset to any district and can be the medium of improvements beneficial to the community.

It exists not for itself but for all who are true citizens and will become more and more the means through which they may give expression to their civic ideas.

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Wedding Bells

SPORN—HALL

ON Wednesday, January 4, a pretty wedding was celebrated at St. John's Church, Camberwell. Rev. Roscoe Wilson officiating. The contracting parties were Ivy Hall, only daughter of the late Mr. J. Hall, of Ivanhoe, and of Mrs. Hall, 8 Alta street, Canterbury, and Gordon Edward Spohn, elder son of the late Mr. J. R. Sporn, and Mrs. Sporn, Brougham street, Nhill. The bride, who was given away by her brother Mr. C. E. Hall, was a graceful figure in cream-tinted bridal satin, with long tight sleeves and a skirt that graduated to form a train. Her veil was mounted on tulle and caught with orange blossom at nape of neck She carried Christmas lilies. The only bridesmaid, Miss Maude Bryant, was daintily frocked in peach pink peau d'ange, with a hat of maize straw trimmed with berries. A string of pearls was also worn, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. S. Sporn, the groom's brother, was best man. After the ceremony, wedding dinner was served at the Oriental Hotel.

HEGARTY—HARDENACK

AT the Sacred Heart Church, Preston, on December 3, a quiet wedding was celebrated by Rev. Father J. H. O'Grady, when Myra, only child of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hardenack of "Padua," Preston became the wife of James Hilary, only son of Mrs. Hegarty and the late Mr. P. Hegarty, of South Yarra. Entering the church with her father the bride looked regal in a gown of ivory crepe satin with fitting bodice, puffed sleeves tight at the cuffs and a full skirt that hung gracefully. Her beautiful veil of Limerick lace (lent by St. Columba's Convent) was arranged with a coronet of orange blossom and she carried a sheaf of St. Joseph's lilies. Miss Teresa Crowe, as bridesmaid, wore a becoming frock of carnation pink romaine with a toning pink chiffon velvet cape and sash. Pink camellias edged her Juliet cap and her bouquet was arranged with pink carnations. Mr. Leo Curtis supported the groom. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Hardenack held a reception at their home "Padua," Preston.

TRICKS THAT PAY HIGH DIVIDENDS IN CHARM

JUST a few little beauty tricks are passed on by Marlene Dietrich, Paramount star.

Miss Dietrich wears lovely pendant earrings and necklace for both ornamentation and slenderising purposes. She finds that a square neckline shortens the figure, and that the pendant style adds length. If you wear your hair straight with the ends only slightly puffed, try eau-de-Cologne to make them curl. It works beautifully if sprayed on.

To prevent chapping and roughness, Miss Dietrich rubs oil on her face before retiring and before exposure, but in the latter case, the oil is wiped off and powder applied. This is also good for a sensitive skin.

Healthy and wise is the girl who remembers her morning cocktail of hot water and lemon juice says Marlene. It is fine for a clear skin and trim figure.

The short sleeve vogue requires smooth, lovely arms, and you will find that oil rubbed nightly into the skin, especially at the elbows, will keep your arms beautifully soft and velvety.

BROWN TONES FOR AUTUMN

THE chic and ultra smart color for the matron this coming autumn will be cocoa brown, according to Mary Boland, who wears a charming outfit in this shade in Paramount's new production "Evenings for Sale"

The gown is a heavy silk crepe, cut on slendering lines, so flattering to Milady, and for the little extra warmth required, Miss Boland adds a beautiful set of stone-martens. Her felt hat has an aigrette in deeper brown shadings, and the same color is introduced with her suede shoes and gloves.

Burglary at Thornbury

On returning home at 12.30 p.m. one day last week after an absence of an hour, Mr. Thomas G. Thomas, jeweller, of St. George's road, Thornbury, found that his house had been entered and £6 in money stolen.

Peter: "What do you think of Jeeves?" Potter: "He is one of those people that put you on the back before your face and hit you in the eye behind your back."

WHAT'S NEW IN JACKETS ?

THE popular question at this time of the year is "what's new in jackets for the smart evening frocks ?"

This question is answered by Wynne Gibson, Paramount star.

Over a gown of black velvet, Miss Gibson wears a hip-length bolero jacket of velvet, banded with ermine The coat has large raglan sleeves, tapering into severely tight cuffs, which sets off the beautiful antique jewelled bracelet.

Ancient Romans Idolised Their Red Headed Women

THE popularity of the red headed woman is not a modern development. The girl with the auburn tresses was as much the envied centre of attention in the days of Nero as she is to-day and those whose hair was black or blonde resorted to dye to give themselves the glamorous tint according to authorities on life in 64 A.D. in connection with Paramount's "The Sign of the Cross."

Elaborate head-dresses also were the Roman fashion and they even resorted to the lacquered coiffures which gained some popularity in Europe this year. Many of these interesting hair styles are revealed in Cecil B. de Mille's spectacular film.

Claudette Colbert, who portrays the role of Nero's empress Poppaea, wears such a startling coiffure with curled bangs across the forehead and long, stiffly lacquered curls at the neck. Vivian Tobin, in the role of Poppaea's friend, Dacia, has an interesting blonde hairdress, also lacquered.

According to Wally Westmore, the ladies of early Roman history must have had their hair arranged by slaves, and then, like their Japanese sisters of the present day, carefully preserved the effect for several weeks with varnish.

It is said there is no record of Roman women using hair nets or blocks of wood, as the Japanese do, to preserve the immaculateness of their time at Bacchanalian revels and planation may be that they spent all their time at bacchanalian revels and never went to be at all.

INFANTILE DEATH RATE

HIGHEST IN COLLINGWOOD

A COMPARISON of the health of the various suburbs may be made from vital statistics which were supplied by the Government statist (Mr. A. M. Laughton) on January 25. These figures give the infantile death rate—the number of deaths in each 1,000 children aged less than 12 months. They give an indication of the general health of the suburb. The lowest infantile death rate for 1932 was at Moorabbin and the highest was at Collingwood. The death rate at Oakleigh was almost as great as that at Collingwood. The following table gives the rate for the various suburbs and for the City of Melbourne:—

Box Hill	37.88	Malvern	44.32
Braybrook	38.56	Melb. City	58.00
Brighton	44.73	Moorabbin	19.5
Brunswick	64.01	Mordialloc	35.4
C'mberwll	35.81	Northcotet	51.20
Caulfield	47.62	Oakleigh	78.07
Chelsea	53.95	Port Melb.	60.47
Coburg	29.69	Prahran	43.84
Collingw'd	81.07	Preston	42.25
Essendon	37.22	Richmond	54.07
Fitzroy	77.85	S'ham	41.07
Footscray	43.06	Sth. Melb	55.65
Hawthorn	30.39	St. Kilda	43.97
H'berg	44.32	W'town	34.43
Kew	26.72		

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

ON Saturday night, January 21, the Northcote and Preston district C.E. Union held its first council meeting for 1933. The resignation of our past secretary (Mr. C. W. Batten) and the assistant secretary (Mr. G. Bolwell) were tendered and accepted. The secretary elected pro tem was Mr. A. P. Russell, from the Fairfield Church of Christ and Miss D. Clark from Fairfield Methodist Society as assistant secretary.

On Tuesday last the Ivanhoe Baptist Society held a combined meeting of Endeavourers from Ivanhoe, the topic being "Convention Echoes" There were 50 members from the various societies and members who had been to Upwey and Mornington conventions told of the meetings and the spirit thereof. Mr. Arthur Reed, from Ivanhoe Methodist Society, led the meeting.

Fairfield Methodist Y.P. Society have recommenced their meetings for this year and two enjoyable gatherings have been held. Mr. Bampton, of Queen's College, gave a fine address last week and a talk was given by Miss D. Clark on "C.E., What it is and How it Works."

On February 6 The Victorian C.E. Union will hold a moonlight bay trip per the "Weeroona" leaving Port Melbourne station pier at 8 p.m. sharp.

Croxton Methodist Y.P.S.C.E. recommenced their meetings after a very disheartening year but can now face the issue with an average which has grown from 5 to 15. There is also a marked improvement in the interest taken in open-air work, which is heartening. Last Friday night on the corner of Smith and High streets, Northcote, there were 15 present.

At the Northcote Baptist Society on January 23 reports were presented of activities of other societies and members present derived a wonderful benefit and fresh courage to attempt "greater things than these" for Christ. The Society syllabus for the ensuing six months was compiled and they, like other societies, are looking forward to a fuller and more blessed service for the Master in the days that lie ahead.

RESERVOIR NOTES

The Reservoir Progress Association has persuaded the Railway Department to include a fine photograph of Edwardes Lake and Park in a booklet called "Picnic Spots near Melbourne." The Department has also promised to see to the sanitation of the Reservoir Station by the construction of underground drainage and seepage pit.

The Association asked the council for a full time caretaker to the Park

St. George's Church of England held its annual picnic to Sandringham on Australia day.

Miss Moulden has recovered from the effects of a riding accident.

Owing to weather conditions, the sports at Edwardes Park have been postponed by the Glee Club and Band.

Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield spent their holidays at Inverloch; Mr. and Mrs. Lukies at Sorrento and Ballarat

Mr. Roadknight, the University student attached to St. George's Church of England, attended the Summer School at Geelong.

Miss McGregor, senior assistant of the Reservoir School, has been transferred to Fort Melbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Clinnick, with Joan, spent the school holidays at Queenscliff.

Mr. Olney, Mrs. Coy, Miss Coy, all of Delaware street, have recovered from severe illnesses.

In the match West Reservoir v the Golf Club one of the former's players obtained the most remarkable average of 6/8, four wicke's falling with successive balls.

The stork has left a son to Mr. and Mrs. Flanders, Spring street, Reservoir.

Mr. Booth, part owner of the buses on the Edwardes Lake-Dundas street route, has again been ordered to the Military Hospital.

Senior Constable Joiner has been on leave owing to an injured tendon in his leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, with their daughter, Lily, spent the vacation at Point Lonsdale.

Mr. Hastiras is making a fine recovery after his serious illness.

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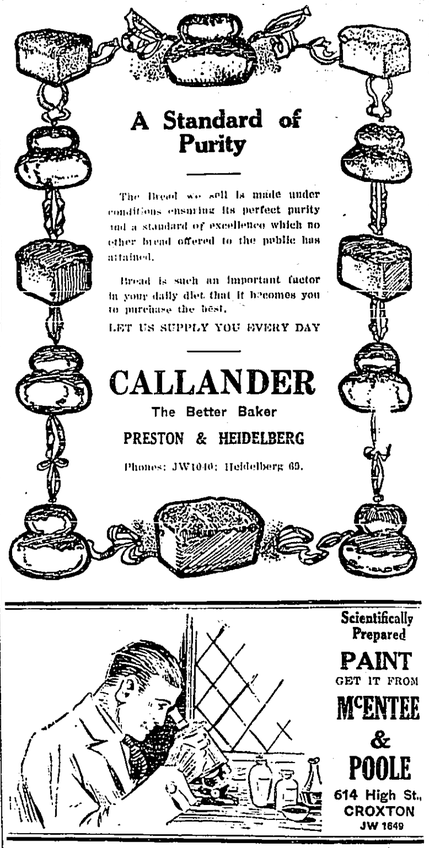
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LIFE-SAVING AND SWIMMING

NORTHCOTE ACTIVITIES

ALTHOUGH the complete figures are not yet available for Northcote "Herald" Learn-to-Swim campaign the club officials are delighted with the progress, and it is estimated that about 100 pupils were taught during the three weeks. Several of the learners are not quite competent in the water but should show still further improvement during the season.

The club had another success at Lilydale on Monday last when Miss Lorna Holmes, a 15-year-old junior member, won both the Junior Girls' 50 yards Handicap and the 50 yards Women's Handicap. These wins should be the forerunner of many more successes, for this promising swimmer, who has been coached from the beginning by the club coach Mr. J. Fogg.

The club is making headway towards winning the premiership of the Royal Life-Saving Society, having already gained more than half the required number of points. The club committee is confident that the cup will be at Northcote this year.

The junior team of girls, which recently gave such a meritorious display is now in great demand, being used at the request of the R.L.S.S. to give demonstrations of correct methods to other clubs.

At Lilydale on Monday the scratch man in each heat of the Junior Handicap was a Northcote lad, indicating the opinion held by the Victorian Amateur Swimming Association of the Northcote swimmers. Although each swam well, the handicap was altogether too great.

Colin French, our Junior Champion of Victoria, added another win to his tally at Castlemaine on Saturday he being successful against some of the best swimmers in the State.

Besides competitive swimming encouragement the club's main object is the free teaching of citizens to swim and life-saving proficiency.

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Rainbow Social C.C. Picnic

The annual picnic of the Rainbow Social C.C. was held on January 29 at Balmoring Beach, the transport arrangements being in the capable hands of Mr. Roy Heather. This outing, which was so generously provided by the club, resulted in a full attendance of members, accompanied by their wives, friends and children, numbering 70 in all. Leaving their club rooms, Bradford Hall, at 8.45 a.m., they arrived at their destination at 11 o'clock. The weather was ideal after encountering one shower at Hastings, which lasted ten minutes. Our leader of melody, Mr. Jimmy Potter, appropriately introduced the old song, "It Ain't Going Rain No Mo." and, for once, "Baldy" was right.

After dinner sports were conducted, the results being as follows:—Girls' Race: A. Kells. Boys' Race: W. Johns. Married Ladies, Mrs. Ayton. Single Ladies: Miss Phyl Edwards. Married Men: Mr. T. Taylor. Weight-for-age Race: "Pop" Saddington. Siamese Race: Miss Phyl Edwards and Mr. E. Clarkson. The principal event of the day was the Rainbow Gift, which resulted in a comfortable win by Roy Johns. His win was made easier by the favorite, Jimmy Potter, starting from limit, falling when victory seemed assured. A word of praise must be given to the handicapper, Steve Howard, the starter, Roy Bassett, and the judge Laurie Tuttle, who carried out the duties entrusted to them. The debit of the day was the treasure hunt, which provided much amusement. The successful sleuths were Roy Heather and A. Kells.

After ten the president (Mr. E. McMahon) presented the trophies. The occasion was availed of to present to last year's captain (Mr. H. Bradford), a trophy from the members on becoming a place-getter in the matrimonial stakes. The president, in making the presentation, wished Mr. and Bradford every success, to which "Soldier" suitably responded.

A vote of thanks was moved by "Pop" Saddington to the organisers of the picnic, and especially to their capable secretary, Mr. Clive McDonald, for the admirable way in which he carried out the arrangements and ensured a pleasant day for all.

About 8 p.m. a tired but happy crowd wended their way homeward, perfectly content after an enjoyable day's outing.

MERRI THEATRE
A most attractive programme comes on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, when "Sunshine Susie" and "The Calendar" form the programme.
"Sunshine Susie" (Renate Muller) is the Happiness Girl who determines to marry a rich man and make every one happy. As a stenographer she leaves home to find a position on the Continent and eventually finds one in a bank. How she meets one of the directors, a young man, who eventually falls in love with her. Her trials in obtaining a position, the boarding house, its landlady and inmates are delightfully presented and supper in a Viennese setting with a splendid male chorus and their humorous conductor are highlights of this charming picture. The theme song "To-day I am so Happy" is irresistible and you find yourself humming the air as you leave the theatre. A quaint climax is chosen and the ending is quite as happy as it should be

For the second feature one of Edgar Wallace's stories has been utilised and Herbert Marshall and Edna Best are co-starred with Gordon Harker, "The Calendar" is a genial and generous English spectacle, filled with many beautiful and thrilling pictures of racing and racing occasions at Ascot, and packed with all the little intimate touches of speech and manner that stamp a film as being of our land and people The famous Ascot Ball is introduced and the splendid dressing and backgrounds are brilliantly presented.

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Turf Notes

(By "LUTEPLAYER")

SUCCESSFUL PLUNGE

Lifeguard was the medium of a successful betting plunge in the first division of the Niddrie Handicap at Moonee Valley last Saturday. In places as much as 20/1 was bet against Lifeguard, but the general quote early was 10/1. So heavy was the support accorded him that at the time of starting he was equal favorite with Lady Syghton at 7/2. One of Melbourne's biggest bettors was behind the plunge.

Lifeguard was in a handy position all the way and took the lead rounding the home turn. Although he ran wide turning into the straight, and hung out in the run home he was able to score a comfortable win.

This was only Lifeguard's second start in a race, so he should be capable of considerable improvement. At the moment he is a plain-looking customer, but he will no doubt develop. He is by The Night Patrol from the Wooraik mare, Wooramblo, and is raced by the Caulfield trainer, Vin O'Neill, who won in the Handicap a few years ago when Spearfelt won the Melbourne Cup and other good races for him.

A BRILLIANT FILLY

Backers considered the William Reid Stakes at the Valley on Saturday to be a race between Waltzing Lily and Umbertana. The former opened favorite at 9/4 with Umbertana at 5/2, but at the barrier rise the positions in the betting had been reversed.

Morah made the running from Greenline and Umbertana, with Waltzing Lily on the outside of the latter. Waltzing Lily ran to the front entering the straight. In the run home Umbertana made a desperate effort to overhaul the filly, but she held him without being ridden out.

Waltzing Lily is certainly the most brilliant galloper of her sex that we have seen for some time, and she should go on to other good successes. She is one of the bargains of the turf, as she cost only 40 guineas as a yearling, and has now won nearly £1900 in stakes. She has won five races, including two important races in the Standish Handicap and last Saturday's event.

SURPRISE WIN

The Juvenile Handicap at Williamstown on Monday was a bell-over, the winner being Coonband, who was a 50/1 chance with the bookmakers, and paid £31/18/- on the totalisator. Coonband, who had previously raced, is owned and trained by H. R. Telford, of Phar Lap fame. The youngster was ridden by the veteran, R. Lewis. Always well placed, Coonband, without being pushed out, put in a brilliant run in the straight and got up in the last stride to defeat the pacemaker, Variance, by half a head.

Coonband is by Dunlaoire, an imported sire, and Monday's winning performance suggests that he might be a cult above the average.

AN EXCITING FINISH

The Australia Day Cup at Williamstown on Monday resulted in an exciting finish. Ridden a well-delayed race by A. Dewhurst, Mural Crown got to the lead shortly after heads were turned for home, and she lasted long enough to defeat the favorite, King Colossus, by a neck, with Sartaress a head away third and only slightly in advance of Lord Whittier.

In this event last year Mural Crown was defeated by Maharatta, from Lou Robertson's stable. In Monday's race Robertson was represented by King Colossus, so that Mural Crown had a somewhat belated revenge on the Robertson stable.

King Colossus had much difficulty in getting a run rounding the home turn. Had he got clear earlier he would probably have won. Sartaress ran a good race, but had every chance. as did Lord Whittier. Beautifully gave a disappointing display, and the well-backed Rulanut let his party down badly, but he will probably be all the better for the race.

A BARGAIN

When heavily backed for a race at the Valley on Saturday Tomtit was hopelessly left. He was again produced for the Trial Handicap at Williamstown on Monday. Before the race, however, C. Quinn sold Tomtit at Flemington to W. Burke, for 200 guineas. Burke secured a bargain, for a few minutes later Tomtit registered an easy win in the race, which was worth £200 to the winner. Tomtit is a four-year-old gelding by Tomatin from Gang Gang, and he promises to develop into a useful stayer.

LIKELY IMPROVERS

Runners at Moonee Valley and Williamstown on Saturday and Monday respectively who should improve in future are:—

At Moonee Valley

PEWTER came home fast from a fair way back to finish second to Lifeguard. Looks a fair sort of galloper.

BREAK UP finished third in the second division of the Niddrie Handicap after being in the ruck at the straight entrance. A promising colt.

NYERIMILANG.—Easily beaten by Kunuma in the Hurdle, but the winner is an extra good one, so that Nyerimilang's performance can be set down as creditable. He should improve with racing.

BURANDO.—His fourth in Trial Hurdle was a promise of something better. He is only a three-year-old, so has plenty of time to make good. He also has the blood, being by Windbag.

COUNT ORLOFF had a bad run in the first division of the Trial, and in the circumstances did well to finish third.

GADMURRA set a merry pace and hung on well in the first division of the Welter. Should win a race of this description.

RUACH.—His fast-finishing second to Iskander suggests that he is returning to form. Will pay to follow.

At Williamstown

CELLOHURST had every chance when second to Vychan in the Hurdle, but it was improved form, and he may go one better next start.

CAPE BORDA ran on nicely in fourth place in Hurdle, and will be considerably improved by the race.

VARIANCE made the running and was only beaten in the last stride in the Juvenile Handicap. Will win a race before long.

BURRA KHANA was the unlucky runner in the Juvenile Handicap, and did well to finish third.

SNOWACRE finished fourth in the Juvenile Handicap, and was running on at end. Can do better than that.

GOLDEN WARBLER did not see the race right out in the first division of the Welter, but needed the run.

ANOMALOUS was not ridden with judgment when third in the Trial, but finished strongly. Will win a Purse event.

GOLDEN LULLABY was only fair third in A.N.A. Handicap, but will be all the better for the outing.

Selections for Ascot (Saturday)

RIVER HANDICAP
First Division
GLENGOWAN 1
JACKIE COOGAN 2
BILL BIRNEY 3
Second Division
MISS CLEVER 1
PHILENA 2
WINGOLD 3

TRIAL HANDICAP
First Division
THE BLACK CROW 1
WINCHMAN 2
MISS YIN BARUN 3
Second Division
DUNLARA 1
TEKESS 2
GREENVIEW 3

JUVENILE HANDICAP
TARADA 1
KUNOPIA 2
DEVON KING 3

FIVE HUNDRED
PACIFIC FLIGHT 1
VALMIST 2
HARRY GAVIN 3

WELTER HANDICAP
PEMBROKE 1
SCINTILLATION 2
GRACPUSS 3

ESSENDON HANDICAP
First Division
MISS LAUGHTER 1
KOGARUH 2
ROSE SARTO 3
Second Division
LADY HEROIC 1
MEROO 2
VALORIA 3

CANOEING.

FAIRFIELD CLUB

Fairfield Canoe Club will be represented at Maribyrnong Henley on Saturday. A strong pair has been entered for the Hulling Cup and if the race is won by Fairfield this year the cup will become the club's property. Fairfield and Elwood have each won the cup twice, and the first club to win the cup three times will keep it.

Carnival

Club members are busy arranging for the annual carnival at the clubhouse, near Rudder Grange on February 11 and 12, afternoon and evening. Arrangements have been made for all kinds of novelties, as well as a full programme of canoe racing and stunting. At night there will be a firework display.

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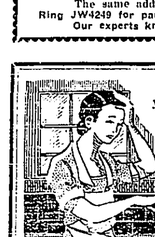

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DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE DEFEATS PRAHRAN

In the first innings Prahran compiled 215 and at the close of the first day's play Northcote had lost one for 20. The not out men were Morgan and Fontaine. The latter got thoroughly set and knocked up 77 (four 4's) in 177 minutes, whilst Metherell, after a most stubborn start (six in 45min) went on to score a further 67 n.o. in 50 min. This included a 5 and five 4's. Fontaine and Metherell broke up the bowling but the only other willow wielders to do any good were Morgan 30, Powell 25, Bassett 17 n.o. and the innings closed with five down for 239. This gave Northcote a first innings' victory by five wickets and 24 runs. Scores:—

PRAHRAN

First Innings	215

NORTHCOTE

First Innings	
E. Vernon, c Davis, b Wallace	0
C. Morgan, c Kruger, b Schrader	37
F. Fontaine, c Hawkins, b Wallace	77
F. Metherell, not out	67
T. Garrett, c sub, b Davis	2
C. Powell b Wasington	25
J. Bagnott, not out	17
Sundries ...	8
Five wickets for ...	239

Bowling.—Wallace, 2/50; Schrader, 1/29; Muir 0/9; Davis, 1/32; Wharington, 1/26; Simpson, 0/26; Thompson, 0/29.

MATCH DRAWN

On Monday Northcote played a match against South Melbourne and the game was drawn. Rain fell at intervals making the wicket soft.

South Melbourne batted first and made 123 for the loss of five wickets. Northcote replied with four down for 40, the latter being Baggott 13 n.o. For Northcote Powell 4/30 did best. The other wickets went to Fontaine 1/5. Scores:—

SOUTH MELBOURNE

First Innings	
R. Flavell, b Powell	5
D. Fitzmaurice, c Metherell, b Powell	22
L. Bassett, c and b Fontaine ...	7
I. Lee c Metherell, b Powell ...	9
W. Cornelius, not out ...	50
J. Bennett, c Goodhuey, b Powell	2
R. Bassett, not out ...	23
Sundries ...	8
Five wickets (closed) for ...	123

Bowling.—Morton, 2/25; Fitzmaurice, 2/15

SUB-DISTRICT

PRESTON v KEW

First Innings by Colton

Faced with the prospect of 296 for nine wickets, made by the Kew batsmen the previous week, the Preston team took the field minus their captain (H. Gordon) who, unfortunately was too ill to play. The rain late in the week had the effect of making the wicket rather tricky with the result that Preston were all out in their first innings for 152. Spargo being the only batsman to reach double figures.

During the interval the wicket rolled out well and Spargo and Colton put on 26 for the first partnership, both batting splendidly and running well between wickets, the second wicket (Pike) fell at 27. Colton and Spargo began an aggressive partnership and scored freely. Colton, in particular, was at his old display of hard hitting all round the wicket. His score of 72 included many boundary strokes, and one six from a perfectly timed hook to leg struck the pavilion on the full. Spargo batted his usual virtuous game for 27. Grierson, after several failures, was a good display in making 42. When stumps were drawn Preston had scored 296 for eight wickets, thus averting an innings defeat. The scores are as follows:—

KEW

First Innings	296

PRESTON

First Innings	
Sioser, c Ryan, b Webber ...	6
Smith, b Webber ...	0
Colton Freake, b Power ...	72
Davies, b Denton ...	3
Grierson, b Power ...	42
Coulthrup b Webber ...	0
Westcott, not out ...	4
Hoff, c R. Thompson, b Power ...	5
Spargo, b Webber ...	27
Gordon, absent ...	11
Pike not out ...	0
Sundries ...	3
Total ...	152

Bowling.—Webber, 5/48; Power, 3/18; Denton, 1/10.

Second Innings	
Spargo, b R. Thompson ...	15
Pike, b R. Thompson ...	0
Sioser, lbw, b R. Thompson ...	27
Colton, c Simnion, b Power ...	41
Coulthrup c Denton, b Webber ...	10
Hoff, b R. Thompson ...	1
Grierson, c Edwards, b Power ...	42
Davies, run out ...	8
Westcott not out ...	5
Gordon, absent ...	0
Smith, not out ...	0
Sundries ...	3
Eight wickets for ...	213

Bowling.—Webber, 1/41; O'Halloran, 0/22; Power, 2/57; Ryan, 0/16; Denton, 1/30; Simnion, 1/7; R. Thompson, 3/38.

Kew won by 244 runs on the first innings.

SECOND XI v KEW

The Preston Second XI are doing well and have great hopes of getting into the first four. Skipper Hodgson has the team playing well together as a team, and great improvement has been shown in recent games. Their win against Kew was very opportune, as Kew came rather lucky, but the juniors are now in great form and will take a power of beating. Their prospects are bright. It should be a great thing for cricket in Preston if one eleven could win a Pennant. It would give an impetus to the game here, which would have far-reaching consequences. What the club requires is that more of the towns people should take an interest in its play and players. Little or no encouragement has been given in the past, but with a progressive committee, trying hard success is bound to result. There are numbers of young men living in the municipality who would like to play, but the facilities for practice are so restricted that it is impossible to provide for them in the way of wickets. However, the committee is very hopeful that the council, with the public and cricket lovers generally will help to overcome the present difficulties and that next year Preston will be able to take part in the matter of ground improvements and it will naturally follow that the teams will improve. The game against Kew last week was won on the first innings, Preston scoring 173 at their first attempt. Preston failed badly and were all out for 47—Rooney being top scorer with 11. Heading 84 to win, Kew gave the locals many anxious moments and they were saved by the clock. Kew scored 58 for the loss of four wickets. The scores are as follow:—

Preston—First innings 173.

Preston, second innings 47 (Littlefield 5 28, Epple 2/11).

Kew, first innings, 137 (Ogilvey 30, Crellin 16; Mason 3/46).

Kew, Second innings, 4/58 (Crellin 28 n.o., Craig 2/22).

Preston won by 36 runs on the first innings.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES

A GRADE
A Wonderful Record

Thornbury Presbyterians 1st team in this competition sustained their first defeat of the home and home matches since the beginning of the season on March 31. This gives two and a half years undefeated—a wonderful record.

Thornbury Presbyterians 181 (A. Shaw 47, R. Williams 12, G. Williamson 12; K. Rose 4/31, R. Stewart 3/44, Rev. J. Ewing 2/15) v St. George's Road Methodist Footballers, six for 125 (A. Berry 77 n.o., Rev. J. Ewing 16, Rose 23, J. Crawford 18, L. Mansfield 13; R. Williams 4/16, J. Douglas 1/25, C. Rose 1/41, C. Taylor 1/42). Footballers won by four wickets and 47 runs on the first innings.

B GRADE

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East Northcote 173 v Bell Ramblers eight for 121 (Lonsdale 44 n.o., Jones 31, Wawn 19; Colson 3/67). Bell Ramblers thus won by two wickets and 18 on the first innings.

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11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
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CITY OF NORTHCOTE

TENDERS

TENDERS are invited and will be received up till 12 noon on SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, for the CONSTRUCTION of DRAIN in EASEMENT between WINIFRED and NASH STREETS.
Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the City Surveyor.
A preliminary deposit of 2½ per cent. must accompany each tender.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk
Town Hall, Northcote.
1/2/1933.

NORTHCOTE CENTRAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

JAM JARS

THE State Relief Committee is employing a number of homeless girls in the making of jam for distribution to the unemployed in the various municipalities. Difficulty is experienced in obtaining sufficient jam jars and AN APPEAL IS NOW MADE to residents who may have spare jars to donate same to the City.
Parcels may be left at the Town Hall, or at any of the local State Schools.
A. H. OLDIS,
Mayor.

Notices

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB
To The Members

LADIES & GENTLEMEN,
I desire to express my sincere appreciation for the support that was accorded me at the Annual Meeting.
I would also like to tender my heartiest thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who worked so assiduously to secure my return, although the objective was not attained.
In submitting to the verdict of the members, I take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Hannah on still retaining the confidence of the members, and wish the club every success.
Yours respectfully,
WALTER J. BOTT.
11 South St., Preston.

THE practice of Mr. GEOFFREY F. WRIGHT, late of 94 Queen street, Melbourne, solicitor, deceased, will be carried on as from the 1st day of January, 1933, at Royal Automobile Club Building, 94 Queen street, Melbourne, aforesaid, under the name of MESSRS. GEOFFREY F. WRIGHT & CORNWALL. Mr. Geoffrey Wright Cornwall having purchased the said practice. The office at No. 482 High street, Northcote, will continue to be open and will be visited at 7.30 p.m. every Wednesday evening, or at any other time by appointment.
G. W. CORNWALL.
31/1/33.

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TEACHER OF PIANOFORTE will resume teaching on Monday, February 6, at
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Auctions

PRESTON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
At 3 o'clock, on the property.
22 KING WILLIAM ST., PRESTON
Mortgagees' Realising Sale
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Tiled roof, containing 5 rooms and conveniences. In good order. All utility services connected. Street made. Land 50ft. x 125ft. 6in. Situate select residential area, within 12 mins. of train, shops and handy to school.
Title, Certificate. Immediate possession.
Terms.—Cash, or deposit of £100, balance by quarterly instalments over 2½ years. Interest at 25 per cent. per annum.
A. F. DEACON
Estate Agent (J. T. Mahony, Auctioneer), of 318 High street, Preston, (tel. JW1236) will sumbit as above.

PRESTON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
At 3.30 o'clock, on the property.
17 ROSEBERRY AVE., PRESTON
Mortgagees' Realising Sale
Modern W.B. Villa
Tiled roof, containing 4 rooms, enclosed verandah and sleep-out, large detached sleep-out, all conveniences. Recently renovated and in excellent order throughout. All utility services connected. Street made. Land 45ft. x 113ft. Situate convenient position within 2 minutes of train and shops. Handy to train and schools.
Title, Certificate. Immediate possession.
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
At 3 o'clock, on the property.
57 RENNIE STREET, THORNBURY
By Order of the Mortgagees
Modern W.B. Villa
Containing 4 rms. and convs. Recently renovated, excellent order throughout. All utility services connected. Street made. Land 30ft. x 125ft. Situate well settled locality, within 5min. tram and shops; handy to train and school.
ALL THAT PIECE OF LAND, being part of Lot 52, Block C on Plan of Subdivision No. 6434 lodged in the Office of Titles, and being part of Crown Portion 136 at Northcote, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke.
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Title, Certificate. For inspection apply to Mr. H. Stuart Hutchison, solicitor, 139-153 Elizabeth St., Melbourne.
Further particulars and inspection apply to
HOWGATE & ROBERTS
Estate Agents, 667 High St., Northcote (tel. JW1921), in conjunction with
W. G. MILES
Auctioneer, 139 Heidelberg Rd., Ivanhoe (tel. Ivanhoe 202).

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70 High St., Westgarth. JW2810.

AUCTION SALE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 3.30 p.m.
On the property,
37 SOUTH STREET, PRESTON
Modern W.B. Villa
Containing 4 rooms, sleep-out, all convs., concrete paths, garage. In perfect order. A lovely home.
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2 p.m.
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Preston Girl Claims £499 For Heartbreak

SENSATIONAL BREACH OF PROMISE CASE

GIRL OF 19 PROCEEDS AGAINST YOUTH OF 21

SOME GILBERTIAN SITUATIONS

On Tuesday Alma Olive Grant, 19, of Showers street, Preston, proceeded, through her uncle, Frederick Charles Cornish, of Pender street, Preston, against Jules Martin, 21, of Bell street, Preston, to recover £499 for breach of an alleged promise of marriage. The hearing lasted all day and was not finished when the court rose. The evidence abounded in Gilbertian situations, one of which arose when it was suggested that a lad of 15 years should accompany the bridal party on their honeymoon!

Denial of Promise and Plea of Infancy

The defence was a denial that any promise was made, and a plea of infancy.

Judge Moule was on the bench.

Mr. P. D. King (instructed by Mr. P. J. Ridgeway) appeared for Miss Grant, and Mr. J. X. O'Driscoll (instructed by Mr. G. F. Pitcher) for Martin.

Opening the case, Mr. King said that Martin had first promised to marry the girl in January, 1932, and had renewed the promise on June 26 after he had turned 21.

In October, 1931, he said, the girl went took Martin to her home. He had been "looked over" by her uncle, who was acting as her guardian, he was allowed to call on her regularly. She was living with her uncle and aunt, her only other relative being her mother, whom she then believed to be her aunt.

Uncle Sanctioned Engagement

In January, 1932, the girl consented to marry Martin, and her uncle sanctioned their engagement. Martin promised to buy a ring when he became 21.

He told Mr. Cornish that he was very fond of Miss Grant, and that he had given up "knocking about with a mob" since meeting her.

"She went to his place and his mother came out and told her to run away because the affair between her and Jules had gone on long enough and must end.

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At his suggestion they went to his solicitor and she was asked to sign an admission that they had never been engaged, but she refused.

Martin became very incensed and made grave threats as to what his mob would do, but eventually cooled down and went with her to her solicitor, who persuaded them to leave negotiations to the solicitors.

Unique Honeymoon Arrangement

Miss Grant, a pretty girl, dressed all in black, wept at intervals as she gave her evidence.

She said that when the honeymoon was being discussed Mrs. Smith suggested that her son Henry should accompany them, and Martin agreed.

Judge Moule: What age was Henry?

Miss Grant.—About 15.

Judge Moule.—And did you not strongly object to this third party accompanying you?—I did not suppose Jules meant to keep his word.

Miss Grant: [illegible] and was known as Mrs. Smith, asked him after he proposed to marry me. Martin and Martin replied, "I'll have my money in the first or second week in July and we can get married straight away." Mrs. Smith told him she was out of work and could not afford to provide a [illegible]. He said she could make it [illegible] for it.

No Ring Bought or Trousseau Made

Judge Moule: Was the ring ever bought or the trousseau made?

Mr. King.—No; he repudiated the contract before that.

On June 26, said Mr. King, Martin told Mrs. Smith that he expected to get his money on the following Wednesday, and would marry Miss Grant in the first or second week of July.

"The way in which he repudiated the engagement was most contemptuous," proceeded Mr. King. "He had bought his Lancia car, so presumably he had received his inheritance.

Sent Friend to Break News

"He failed to keep an appointment on the Monday night, but sent the girl a telegram saying, 'I will be round tomorrow.' She went to his place to turn up and she went to look for him. Late that night he sent a friend to tell her that he was sick of her and didn't want to see her any more.

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"HIGH JINKS" AT EPPING

Man's Extraordinary Behaviour

CONSTABLE P. E. Waldron was hurriedly summoned by telephone on Sunday to a dwelling house occupied by the Hehr family at Epping.

Riot in Progress

On arrival he found a struggle going on which resembled a savage riot. One woman lay on the floor of the room with her face bleeding while two youths and a young woman struggled with a man who fought desperately.

Furniture and crockery were smashed. The constable succeeded in restoring order and then arrested Charles McLaughlin, aged 36, on several charges of assault.

It was alleged that the man had entered the house and finding Miss Magdalene Hehr alone in the first room he entered made a violent assault upon her.

Woman Knocked Unconscious

She fought and was badly bruised before her two brothers Joseph and Stanley, with Mrs. E. Contesse, ran into the room and began to assist her. Mrs. Contesse was struck in the face and knocked almost unconscious to the ground where she was again struck.

CASE BEFORE THE COURT

Five Charges Preferred

Epping, Tuesday.

Charles McLaughlin, of Epping, was prosecuted by Mounted Constable F. E. Waldron at the Whittlesea Court of Petty Sessions to-day on four charges of assault and one of damage against Magdalene Hehr Stanley and Joseph Hehr, and Mrs. E Contesse. The bench consisted of Honorary Justices Messrs. W. MacDonald J. Dawson (chairman) and J. G. Orgill, found accused guilty on four charges and imposed fines amounting to £14, with 10/ damages and one guinea costs, or three months imprisonment.

Drinking and "Acting the Goat"

The case was full of sordid details showing that friendship had been marred by drinking, and what was described by McLaughlin as "acting the goat."

Before the case opened accused asked for an adjournment on the grounds that he wanted to be defended by a solicitor. His request was refused.

Miss Hehr's Story

Magdalene Hehr, aged 21, of Wollert, said on Sunday afternoon she was lying on her bed when accused came in, tipped up the mattress and threw a suitcase at her badly bruising her arm. She cried with pain and then he caught her by the legs and tipped her up on to a chair. Her brother came in to help her and Mrs. Contesse tried to check him. The fight was carried to the kitchen where accused turned over a table and smashed about 10/ worth of crockery.

Threatened to Kill Her

Elsie Contesse said she went in to rebuke accused for going into the girl's bedroom and he then followed her to the kitchen where he caught hold of the girl's legs and tipped her up. Witness had been knocked down in the struggle and accused had threatened to kill her with a chair he had picked up.

Stanley Hehr had picked up a wash bowl and struck accused with it then accused had threatened her with a bottle. They were all sober.

Accused's Version—"Jabbed With Broom!"

Accused, in a statement from the witness box, said that he had been sitting with members of the household in the kitchen talking and joking and drinking when Mrs. Contesse said: "You haven't said 'good morning'" at the same time jabbing him with a house broom. He tried to go out and she cried out to the boys to keep him in.

Tried to Tear His Trousers Off

His hat was thrown into Magdalene's bedroom and he struggled in to get it but three or four persons held him down and tried to take his money and Mrs. Contesse tried to tear his trousers off. Offensive words were hurled about and then he managed to get into the bedroom and to get his hat and in his rage flung the mattress over the girl lying there and the suitcase, which was on the bed, must have struck her.

He managed to get out of the house and went to a neighbour's where he waited until the constable came. The whole trouble was due to "acting the goat." Mrs. Contesse, to whom he owed 10/, had torn money out of his pocket and in the fight others had gathered the silver up.

A stay of 14 days was granted.

DON'T THEY MAKE YOUR MOUTH WATER?

Under the provisions of the Ottawa Conference limited supplies of these luscious bananas are now arriving regularly from Fiji.

Photo by Courtesy of the "Argus" Melbourne.

HOUSEBREAKING CHARGE

MAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

At the Northcote court on Tuesday Carl Holmes, Johnston street, Fitzroy, was charged with having on January 20 broken and entered the house of John Joseph Vines and stolen clothing and a bicycle, valued at £11, the property of John Joseph Vines, and a quantity of clothing and 2/9, valued in all at £15, the property of Grace Vines.

J. J. Vines, carpenter, South crescent, Northcote, said:—Between 7.15 and 9 p.m., whilst I was temporarily absent from my home, a side window was forced and a quantity of goods were stolen. A bicycle (produced) was stolen and had been re-enamelled and the number filed off.

Mrs. Vines said:—The house was ransacked and a quantity of my clothing and 2/9 stolen. I can identify some goods recovered by the police.

Constable B. Long said:—I saw Holmes enter a pawnbroker's shop in Grattan street, Carlton, on January 21 about 10.30 a.m. He left the shop without the parcel. On January 26 I went with other police to Johnston street, North Fitzroy, and as I entered a house Holmes ran out the back, but I caught him. In the back yard I found the bicycle. Defendant said, "A man named Frankie Wyatt left that here." He added that "Darkie" owed him a "few bob" and had given him the bicycle in payment. At defendant's house some clothes were found, which were identified by Mrs. Vines. Holmes said he had bought these in the city.

Constable A. J. Reed said that when Holmes was taken to the pawnshop in Grattan street, Carlton, the attendant there, one Ladd, said that he knew the man's face, but could not swear he had sold any goods there.

Holmes was committed for trial at the General Sessions on February 15.

No old stock at Cornish's. Everything fresh and bright, and stocks replenished daily.—255 High St., Northcote.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By J. and H. Burgess on February 15, at 3 p.m. on property 2 Martin street, Northcote, 5-roomed brick villa and 2 allotments. Details advertised (Edward Houghton auctioneer).

By C. H. Burnham, estate agent, 46 Arthurton road, and G. T. Bourke, 70 High street, Westgarth, on February 11 at 3 p.m. on property 34 Gladstone avenue, Northcote, 4-roomed villa on land 34 x 120 as advertised.

By F. W. Stott and Son at 3 p.m. on February 22 on the property 6 Bellarine street, Preston, mortgagees sale of 4-roomed D.F.W.B. villa on land 41 x 125. Particulars elsewhere.

By F. W. Stott and Son at 3 p.m. on February 28, on the property 39 Cameron street, Regent, mortgagees sale of 4-roomed D.F.W.B. villa on land 40 x 131ft 3in. Advertisement elsewhere.

By Llewellyn Jones, 214 High St., Preston, on Monday, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m., on property, 28 Northernhay St., Preston, 5-roomed W.B. villa, also furniture and effects. See advertisement.

Prestonites! Read Extra Special Bargain Offers

Activities at Preston

By The Roussabout.

They Say—

THAT a convivial gathering composed of three friends took place in Preston a few evenings since. The meat friend (an Irishman) took along a bottle of whisky, the second (a Jew) took a tumbler, and the third (a Scotsman) took his brother. When leaving for home the Scotsman took the empty bottle away.

That friends of Cr. L. Jones joined in wishing him "many happy returns" on Thursday, February 9. Cr. Jones is a bit over half a century.

That Cr. H. P. Zwar, M.L.A., spent Thursday at Kardinong, where he took part in a cricket match between the Parliamentary C.C. and a team selected from members of the local club. The president entertained the visitors and other friends at luncheon.

Leap Year Club

THE Preston Leap Year Club held their first meeting for the new year in the Murray road tennis pavilion. There was a large attendance, in the absence of the president (Miss E. Jones) Mr. S. T. Grey was elected chairman. It was decided to hold a picnic on Sunday, February 18, and members desirous of attending are requested to get into touch with the secretary (Mr. D. Williams). A further revue is to be staged, this time at Heidelberg. The first practice will be held next Monday night. A bus will be at the Preston Town Hall to transport the members. Nominations for officers were received, and many names were proposed for all positions except the secretaryship. Owing to Mr. Williams' excellent work he was the sole nominee. Dancing and tennis completed a pleasant night.

Wayride House, Wollert

ON Saturday, February 18, at Wayride House, Wollert, a £2/2/0 prize will be offered for the daintiest frock. Dancing is on the programme, and a bus will leave Heather's corner, 168 High street, Preston, at 7.15 p.m. for conveyance to Wollert. See advertisement.

Preston Boys' Band

THE Preston Boys' Band in the near future will give consideration to a new style of band cap. Mr. Harold Booth, secretary, owing to the state of his health, has been granted six months' leave of absence. During his absence Mr. W. Sayer, assist. sec., will be acting sec., and Mr. Tom Lawrence, acting assist. sec. Next month Mr. Hy. Hellings, the bandmaster, completes 40 years of active band work as bandmaster, soloist and bandsman among all grades of bands. For a number of years he was trombone soloist to the Collingwood A Grade champion band, and it will be interesting to know that during part of that period Mr. Harry Shaw, of the Malvern Tramways Band, was cornet soloist to the band.

The usual weekly social took place on Saturday evening, prizes for euchre being won by Mrs. Ward and Mr. Watson. Arrangements are going ahead for the picnic the band will hold at Aspendale on Sunday week, when the boys will be entertained. Four vans have been engaged, and a good day is promised.

Fire Alarm Pests

ONCE again, or to be correct, twice again the Rendish fire alarmist is to the fore. At 10.45 p.m. on Friday last Preston firemen went in all haste to the corner of St. George's road and Ballantyne street, Northcote, only to find no sign whatever of a fire. On returning to the station they rested for an hour or so, and then responded to another call, only to find it was another hoax from the same spot.

Politicians and Theatricals

MEMBERS of the Legislative Assembly, including Cr. H. P. Zwar, will try conclusions on the cricket field with representatives of J. C. Williamson's theatrical ventures on the Albert ground, St. Kilda, on February 17.

Reidford Avenue

A GANG of workmen is busily engaged in fidding Reidford avenue of unnecessary and unsightly weeds and litter. The clean-up was badly needed.

West Preston State School

WEST Preston Workshop Male Choir drew a large house to the community singing on Friday night. Under the baton of Mr. C. R. Penrose the items rendered won unstinted applause and encores. The promoters are grateful to this combination, several of whose members came from Williamstown, Brunswick and other suburbs.

A great improvement has been effected by the Public Works Department in asphalting footpaths at the school and in the quadrangle.

The gardens are looking particularly well just now, with a profusion of pansy and petunia blooms, together with a well-clipped cypress hedge facing Murray road.

The school boys' band and their parents were treated right royally at Mornington on Saturday last, when the boys played at the Dunlop Perdriau picnic.

Baby Health Centre

SISTER Holland's report on the Preston Baby Health Centre for February contains the following figures:—Attendances, 868; mothers, 441; babies, 427; new cases, 88. "I am enclosing," reports Sister Holland, "some very illuminating vital statistics, which show the headway health centres have made in dispelling ignorance, superstition, disease and death:—Year 1931, Preston infantile death, 29 per cent., which is one of the lowest in Greater Melbourne. In 1929, 1930 and 1931 Preston had more actual births than Prahran. The population of the latter suburb is 51,100, and Preston's 29,460."

Proposed Loan for Preston

PRESTON Council has under consideration the advisability of floating a loan with a view of easing the unemployment problem and providing a sum of money for private street construction. The matter has been referred to Cr. L. Jones to investigate and furnish a report on the prospects of obtaining the necessary money at a reasonable rate of interest.

Phone Charges at Preston

THE P.M.G. has forwarded a letter to Preston Council intimating that investigations have been made into the mileage charges, and a new schedule, which is likely to prove of great benefit to Preston citizens, will come into force on March 1. Phone subscribers will be notified by the Postal Department in due course as to the new scale of charges. (See special article).

Preston Anglers' Club

LAST week-end a party journeyed to Mordialloc and had a happy outing, although the returns were not as good as hoped for. It was generally regarded as "small stuff" which was hooked, and consisted of flathead, schnapper and rock cod. A. Watkins headed the list with 15½lbs.

On Saturday the boys connected with the Angling Club undertook a trip to Heidelberg. The result was poor, and the fish caught would only feed a very small multitude of small boys.

Bell Railway Station Business

THE comparative statement for the month of January, 1933, compared with January, 1932, showed an increase of £204. The respective increases were:—Passenger traffic, £71. due to more workmen's tickets being sold; goods traffic, £135, due to an increase of 1110 tons handled during January this year. The increase is mostly due to better business with the local tanneries.

Heidelberg Sports Ground

MESSRS. H. T. Munro, of Coburg, and Laurence Jones of Preston, being councillors of the League of Victorian Wheelmen, met on Sunday last Cr. Service, president of the Shire of Heidelberg, and Cr. Bartram, of the same municipality, and inspected the sports ground at Heidelberg with a view of advising as to the best means of laying down a cycling track. This track will be of four laps to the mile and oval in shape. It will be slightly banked. The first racing on the track will be staged on March 20 (Eight Hours Day) at a sports carnival in aid of the Heidelberg unemployed.

More About Meningitis

THE following paragraph is supplied by the Preston municipal authorities:—"With reference to the report appearing in the "Leader" with regard to the prevalence of meningitis in the Preston district, and reporting the deaths of two children from cerebro-spinal meningitis, the medical officer of health (Dr. W. H. Steel) reports that, although in two instances provisional death certificates were given as T.B. meningitis, they later proved to be incorrect. No cases of meningitis have been reported in Preston for the last six months at least, and there is no foundation whatever for anxiety."

A Town Hall Sensation

LADIES connected with St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary were spending a busy and enjoyable afternoon on Wednesday in their customary quarters at Preston Town Hall when suddenly there arose cries of "Oh!" "Ah!" and "Help!" and a sudden clutching at the up-to-date ankle-length frocks, and also a wild appeal arose to the men folk in the building to go to the rescue. The cause of the sudden upheaval was a loose water tap. Mrs. Lane was one of the busy bees helping in the preparation of afternoon tea, and as she gave an extra turn the water tap came off. There was a rush of water all over the floor of the room, and it spread into the adjoining apartment where members of the auxiliary were hard at work. One rather near-sighted lady at the far end of the room had an idea that a mouse had lost the run of its usual nesting place, and held her frock well together in the vicinity of the ankles. The many cries of the alarmed ladies brought timely assistance, and it was not long before the tap was righted and trouble waters ceased to flow.

Preston Red Cross Auxiliary

THE first meeting of the year was held during the week, the mayoress (Mrs. A. E. Newton) presiding. Among those present were Mesdames F. Sheppard, A. K. Allchin, L. Cathcart, E. Box, C. Turner, T. Cathie, D. Carr, M. Todd, E. Bedson, G. Larsen, S. Netherton, O. McGregor, E. McIntosh, H. L. Chapman. Apologies were received from Mesdames L. W. Williams, F. Yann, Duncan, Henderson and Arthur. The annual bazaar will be held in May, and quite a number of new ideas will be introduced this year. A sum of £2 was voted for the purchase of clothing and boots for a T.B. case going into a sanatorium. Mrs. Yann will donate a prize for the best worked apron for the bazaar. The next meeting will be held on March 1, and new members will be welcome.

Preston Ladies' Cricket Club

HILDA Hills, Preston's vice-captain and wicket-keeper, has been chosen to keep wickets for the Victorian XI. against Queensland and N.S.W. during the interstate matches in Brisbane from March 6 to 11. Hilda is Preston's only representative and she is to be congratulated on her inclusion in the Victorian team. Her action behind the stumps is neat and snappy, and up to date she has stumped 11, caught 3, and allowed only 29 byes in 17 innings. She is also a fine batswoman, with a variety of neat, powerful strokes. On Saturday Preston will meet Seaford at Seaco Park, Black Rock. Members and supporters will meet on the corner of Bell and High streets at 1.15 p.m.

Fires on U.F.S. Dispensary

PRESTON U.F.S. dispensary is having prepared a number of preparations to take the place of proprietary medicines, which they propose to sell at a lower cost. This contemplated action is to give service to its members is made possible by the absence of manufacturers' and wholesalers' profits. These lines are recommended by the medical profession, and members are well advised to take advantage of this opportunity, which is of benefit to themselves and also the dispensary.

BOOMERANG SOCIAL CLUB

JANUARY has been a great month for the club. Since its inception in November the rapid strides it has made may be noted by increased membership and attendances at social functions. A picnic was held at Seaford on A.N.A. Day, when more visitors than were expected made the trip, with the result—overloaded. However, this should not occur again as the committee have taken precautions to have another bus available. All who made the trip had an enjoyable time, and will look forward to further picnics. A party was held on Saturday night, which was a fair success for such a hot night. A mystery picnic will be held on Sunday. Although the exact place is not disclosed, it may be Heidesville, Park Orchard, Mt. Evelyn, Belgrave, Ferntree Gully, or East Kinglake. The club's colors are red, white and black, and a group system has been put into operation with a view of having various sports, such as athletics, swimming, basket ball, cricket, football, etc. Each group will consist of an equal number from either sex. A trophy for the group with the most points, and also an individual prize will be offered. A sports committee consisting of Messrs. A. Millman, G. Millman, H. Carey, V. Smith and Misses E. Fry, N. Shipley and R. Sharman has been elected to arrange a syllabus. The Boomerang Cricket Club played a friendly all day match with the Rose Street (Preston) Club last Sunday, the latter winning by a narrow margin. Boomerang bowlers were on top all day, but there is a decided weakness in the batting sphere. The captain (P. Buckley) would like to hear from other social organisations in the Preston or Northcote district desiring home matches on Sundays. New members for the last month were:—Messrs E. Bradford, F. Farrer, W. Lovelace, A. Osmotherly, G. Peters, A. Thelsz, A. Waite, W. Wink, McCormick, Misses E. Jones, K. Letchford, S. Maase, J. Maase, A. McCann, E. O'Brien, E. Storer, W. Snelson, E. Webb, M. Wall, E. Young and Mrs. R. Millman. The hon. secretary is Mr. D. V. Smith, 67 Kellett street, Northcote, N16.

MERNDA

The noxious weeds inspector paid a visit to the district after a report of the Progress Association had appeared in the press last week and several residents have been persuaded to begin clearing their infested land. Scarcity of money is everybody's complaint

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BUSINESS people and residents, especially those in the more northern areas of Preston where the charges are highest, have groaned and labored under the excessive and unjust imfliction and many of them have had the telephone removed. Their voice of protest, while it received support from the Preston Council and other bodies, had not been instrumental in having the charges reduced. The matter was taken up by Cr. S. Dennis immediately after his return as a member of the House of Representatives, and the following letter indicates how his efforts have at last been crowned with success:—

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I am enclosing a copy of letter received from the Postmaster-General regarding telephone charges in the Preston district. You will remember I have been busy trying to have the rates reduced to a reasonable level. The letter indicates that relief will be afforded to those who are at present being charged excessively. I have sent a copy of the letter to the Preston City Council and will be glad if you will give publicity to this matter.—Yours &c.

S. DENNIS.

Postmaster-General's Department.
Treasury Gardens, Melbourne C.2.

Dear Sir,—In connection with the representations made by you some time ago on behalf of the Preston City Council respecting the rental charges for telephone services in the Preston district and your recent remarks in Parliament on the subject, you will be pleased to learn that the comprehensive investigations which have been conducted by the Department into the question of extra mileage charges have been completed.

Happily the studies have disclosed a practical and equitable way of meeting the position, and preliminary action is now proceeding with the object of introducing a revised basis of charging on and from the 1st. March, 1933, which will extend a very substantial measure of relief to subscribers in Preston and other similar centres who are paying excess mileage fees. With regard to Preston, it is anticipated that the extra mileage charges will be discontinued in the majority of cases and that a reduction in the rates now paid will be effected in the remaining instances.

Each subscriber concerned will be advised in due course of the effect of the amended basis in his case and I feel sure that the Preston City Council, yourself and the local telephone subscribers will agree that the Department is extending liberal treatment in the matter.—Yours faithfully,

ARCHDALE PARKHILL,
Postmaster-General.

Jan. 24/33.

RESERVOIR NOTES

Diphtheria is again making its appearance.

The Presbyterian Church has constructed a new tennis asphalted court for the use of church adherents.

The council ward of Reservoir is getting a clean up; High street has been cleaned, Thackeray road and Delaware streets are receiving attention, while a repairing party is reforming the asphalt footpath in High street.

The postponed carnival promoted by the Reservoir Glee Club and the District Band in conjunction was held on Saturday last. Despite the want of publicity the promoters will show a small credit balance.

The Reservoir school has been awarded the A.N.A. prize for the most improved grounds. The picnic committee has decided to hold the school picnic at Williamstown and arrangements are well forward.

The Reservoir Progress Association at its monthly meeting decided to draw the attention of the council to the wandering cattle nuisance and to ask the council to consider some way of paying tribute to Mr. Dyer Edwards, the donor of Edwardes Park, by the erection of a cairn.

The ladies dressing sheds near the swimming pool are in process of demolition, and emphasise the need of a caretaker for the park.

A fatal case of meningitis has been reported.

Mr. Webster with family, enjoyed a motor tour to Sydney, doing the round trip by both the highways.

GOLDFISHERS' BALL

DOREEN CLUB AT WOLLERT

THE Goldfisher's Club held a successful dance at the Wayside House, Wollert, on A.N.A. night and attracted nearly 200 dancers. This is the second effort of this progressive club and proceeds are in aid of the Eye and Ear Hospital. The "Radio Aces" an orchestra of five instruments, considerably helped to make the occasion a most enjoyable affair. Items were rendered by the members of the orchestra, tap dancing, banjo and piano solos. Novelty dances were much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

A splendid supper on buffet liner was ably catered for by the committee ladies and others who made many dainties. A profit of £11 was cleared and owing to the success of this occasion, a further dance is to be held next month, of which particulars will be advertised.

Special Organ Recitals

AT HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY

THE new pipe organ at Holy Trinity, Thornbury is one of the most beautiful features of the new church and since the opening of the church several prominent musicians have given public recitals on it. The most recent visitor was Mr. Frederick J. Nott, Mus. Bac., A.R.C.M.; A.R.C.O., organist of the Independent Church, Collins street, who performed on the instrument last Sunday afternoon. In a programme comprising excerpts from the works of modern composers as well as the older masters, Mr. Nott took the opportunity of revealing the infinite capabilities of the instrument. He displayed once again his own versatility and assisted by Miss Jean Brunton (contralto), provided one of the most outstanding musical performances ever held in the church.

On Sunday afternoon, February 26, Mr. Horace Weber, organist of the Capitol Theatre, Melbourne, and one-time assistant organist at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide; will give a recital. A noted Melbourne vocalist will assist and it is Mr. Weber's intention to vary his programme and make it as interesting as possible.

These recitals should help in the development of an appreciation for music interpreted on the pipe organ and it is hoped that all music-lovers will make an effort to attend. The collections are devoted to the restoration funds.

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St. Aidan's Church Northcote

A pleasant social was held on Saturday. The Cricket Club continues on its successful career, the last two matches resulting in victories.

Rev. J. O. Hughes, besides his other duties visited Clifton Hill Presbyterian Sunday school and delivered an address on Promotion Sunday.

CHURCH NEWS

James Street Presbyterian Church

Rev. A. J. Jones resumed his ministry on Sunday. In the morning he stressed that God was an ever ruling Providence. In the evening the text was Ecclesiastes ix 11. The anthems were rendered by Mrs. Clarke and Mr. J. A. Thomson.

Church of the Epiphany, Northcote

A social gathering was held on February 2 to welcome Rev. G. G. and Mrs. Tymms and their daughters. Rev. J. O. Hughes presided and addresses were given by Messrs. Wanless and Singleton. Rev. F. J. Jennings spoke for the Ministers' Fraternal. Rev Tymms responded. A good programme was rendered by Misses Lees, Rickerby and Taylor, Messrs. E. and S. Ramsden and Oates; and Misses Clara Lees and Bohme. Supper was provided by the ladies.

High Street Methodist Church

Mr. J. E. Blackney was the preacher last Sunday morning whilst the Rev. F. J. Jennings occupied the pulpit at night. At the evening service Mr. Hawthorn treasurer extended a welcome to Mr. Nelson from the members of the church and the trustees on his first Sunday as conductor of the choir. Rev Jennings, in addition to conducting three services as president of the Victorian Union of the Christian Endeavour Society, gave a broadcast address from 3AR on the occasion of the fifty-second anniversary of the movement.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

Sunday next will mark the second anniversary of the induction of Rev W. H. Chamberlain as vicar. At the celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. the vicar hopes to meet as many parishioners as possible, especially the confirmees who have been trained by him. Other services will be conducted at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m as usual.

The Harvest Festival will be held on February 19 when the Rev. Sydney Smith, of Yarraville, Rev. C. H. Nash and the Precentor of St Paul's Cathedral (Rev. R. Sherwood) will be the special preachers. One of the features of the festival will be the special children's flower service at 3 p.m.

On Tuesday, February 21, at 8 p.m. the annual meeting of parishioners will be held. Following the recent restoration of the church properties this meeting is of considerable importance.

Community Singing

Preston Methodists commence their first monthly community singing for 1933 on Feb 14 at 8 p.m. Mr. G. J. Mackay is the conductor and the soloists are Miss Ailsa Mackenzie (contralto) who was a first prize winner at the 1932 South Street Competitions. Miss Mackenzie is a cousin of the famous singer Mr John Brownlee. Mr. William McEwan (tenor) is a popular favorite in Preston and those attending are assured of an excellent night's enjoyment.

Church of Christ, Northcote

A successful "Back to C.E." meeting was held on February 2 when past members were entertained at supper by present members.

On Sunday evening a C.E. service was conducted. Messages were given by Miss G. Wilkins and Messrs. Anderson and Hing. Mr. C. Beck, of Elsternwick, was the speaker.

All Saints' Church, Northcote

The Archbishop is expected to visit the parish in March, when he will dedicate the communion table and rails to the memory of the late vicar (Rev. A. C. Kellaway). A brass book rest for the communion table, given by Mr. Justice Lowe, to the memory of his parents, will be dedicated.

Mrs. Meades has presented the kindergarten school with a framed picture "The Light of the World."

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

At the meeting of the Young Men's Club an interesting address was given by Mr. Gilbert Parker, on "Mespotamia," and many relics were shown. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by Rev. C. E. Hadley and Mr. Watson.

Croxton Methodist Church

The preacher last Sunday was the Rev. T. H. Indian and in the evening Mr. Blackney.

At the P.S.A. Rev. F. J. Jennings entertained with a history of Brother Lawrence, an ancient monk. The soloist was Mr. W. Armstrong. Mr. Sheldrick was the elocutionist.

St. George's Road Methodist Church

The preachers on Sunday were Rev. Jennings in the morning, and Mr. Perkins at night. On February 1 at the W.A.F.M. meeting the president (Mrs. Tulk) occupied the chair. Rev. Jennings gave a helpful address. Solos by Mrs. J. Goad were appreciated.

AIR CRASH AT POINT COOK

TWO CADETS KILLED

Locked together after a collision in mid-air, two Royal Air Force machines crashed at Point Cook on Monday afternoon. Both pilots, who were senior air cadets undergoing a twelve months' course at the school were killed instantly. The machines, upon striking the ground, caught fire and were completely destroyed.

The pilots were Kenneth Aloysius Crispe, 24 years, and John Charles Bolton McDonnell, 19 years.

Air Cadet Crispe was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Crispe, Queen street, Preston, and a grandson of the late ex-Cr. C. T. Crispe. He was educated at Xavier College, and later graduated as a bachelor of civil engineering at the Melbourne University. About 15 months ago he was selected for training for a short-term commission with the Air Force, and entered into training about a year ago. During the beginning of his course he experienced a serious illness, and he did not resume training until about July last. He was regarded as an excellent pupil, and in addition to dual instruction had flown for 46 hours solo.

Much sympathy is felt for the parents in their tragic loss. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the interment being made at the Strathfield cemetery, Preston, with full Air Force honors. Prior to the funeral a service was held at the Sacred Heart Church, Preston.

McDonnell's mother lives in South Australia.

Britain's consumption of cocoa is equal to one cup a week per head of the population. Chocolate is eaten at the rate of two ounces per week per head.

FOOTBALL

PRESTON F.C. SECOND 18

The annual meeting will be held in the supper room, Preston Town Hall, on February 27, at 8 p.m. Nominations for office-bearers must be signed by two members and the nominations close at 9 p.m. on February 20. Full details are advertised by the secretary, Mr. J. H. Sievwright, of 76 Fyffe street, Thornbury.

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PERSONAL

In the passing of Sir George Cusaden, K.B., of South Yarra, on Monday, those associated with baby health centres and other charitable activities, have lost a good friend. The Cusaden retired from active practice some years ago, and since has devoted his time to public health and civic work. He was well-known in Northcote.

We regret to announce the death of Traffic Inspector Ernest W. Francis of the Tramways Board, who passed away at his residence, "Rothleigh," Mansfield street, Thornbury, on February 8. The late Mr. Francis had been in the tramway service for 15 years and was due for retirement next month. He was well known on Clifton Hill-Northcote lines, having been in the district some years. He was much looked up to and respected by all employes of the Tramway Board. His remains were interred at Fawkner Cemetery on Monday in the presence of a large and representative gathering. An impressive Masonic service was conducted at the graveside. His widow, Mrs. Francis, takes an active interest in charitable work, being a member and one time treasurer of the Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary.

The Editor will be pleased to receive personal items for publication in this column. All paragraphs must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

His friends will be pleased to know that Mr. John Whalley, of Shafts-bury parade, Croxton, who has been seriously ill, is making a good recovery. Mr. Whalley has been much missed in bowling circles during his indisposition.

Miss Evelyn Bean, of Pender's street, Thornbury, who underwent an operation for appendicitis on Tuesday, is progressing as well as possible.

Many expressions of regret were heard when it became known that Mrs. T. W. Law, Woolton avenue, Thornbury, had passed away at her residence last Monday morning at the age of 56. Numerous expressions of sympathy were forwarded also floral tributes to the sorrowing husband, who is an employe of the "Age" office, and family of two sons and two daughters, also to a sister, Mrs. Llewellyn Jones, an ex-mayoress of Preston. The remains of Mrs. Law were cremated at Fawkner cemetery on Tuesday, Rev. Gilbert Latter, of St. Kilda, reading the service. Mrs Law, in a quiet way, did much work in charitable movements, including Thornbury Red Cross, and Preston Blind Asylum auxiliary. The relatives of the deceased lady received a letter of sympathy signed by Mr. Ben Johnson, Town Clerk, on behalf of Preston City Council.

To Miss Helen Ryan, Thornbury, student of St. Brendan's College, Coragulac, conducted by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, we tender our congratulations on her recent scholastic successes, leaving honors in English, Latin and French.

On February 7 Major R. Olver and Mrs. Olver, of Falconer street, North Fitzroy, celebrated their golden wedding. The wedding took place in 1883. Cr. W. Olver of Northcote is a son.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Freda White, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy I. White, of Mitford street, St. Kilda, to Mr. Israel Sher, second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sher, South terrace, Clifton Hill.

Thornbury Younger Set

The first meeting for 1933 of the Thornbury Younger Set will be held on Tuesday evening in Normanby Hall, Thornbury. Members are asked to attend in full force.

Northcote Auxiliary for the Blind

On Monday afternoon the Northcote Auxiliary for the Blind Institute will hold an afternoon at the Northcote Town Hall. Members and friends are invited to come and enjoy this social gathering.

Bob: "Here's the change, mum—half a crown." "What! I thought I gave you just the right amount!" Bob: "It's Cornish's cheap prices, 255 High St., Northcote."

BREACH OF PROMISE CASE

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Miss Grant said that on the night Martin and his mother told her that she was not wanted any more she fainted outside the Martin's gate. A young man picked her up and took her home.

When she tried to talk to Martin a Mr. King, who was with him, prevented him and led him into the house, although Martin said to King, "You can't do a thing like that."

Judge Moule.—Why didn't you call out to Jules and insist on his coming out to talk to you?

Miss Grant.—His mother would not let him come.

Miss Grant said she did not write to Martin the next day because she was told he had gone to Sydney.

Arranging for the Ring

The case was resumed on Wednesday when Gordon Robertson, manager of the Mont de Piete, Northcote, said that on June 8 last Martin came to the shop and selected a diamond engagement ring, which was put aside for him, as he said he had not the money to pay for it then.

Robertson said that he thought Martin's last visit was about the beginning of August. He asked if Robertson still had the ring, and requested him to continue to hold it until the end of the month, as he was expecting his money then. On that occasion Miss Grant was with Martin.

Robertson said he could not be absolutely sure of the dates of Martin's visits.

Uncle Gives Evidence

Frederick Charles Cornish, tramway employe, residing at Racecourse road, North Melbourne (uncle of Miss Grant), said that last year she was living at Pender street, Preston. At that time he believed her to be his sister-in-law.

Martin, said Cornish, was introduced by Miss Grant in October, 1931, and thereafter he visited the house frequently.

Late one night in January, 1932, Martin asked him whether he would consent to his becoming engaged to Miss Grant.

"I asked him," continued Cornish, "whether he was sure of his ground, and what his mother thought of it. He said that he was sure of his ground, and that he had taken the girl to his mother on the previous Sunday, and his mother approved of the step he was taking.

"I said I would leave the decision to Alma, and he said Alma was very willing.

"He turned to Alma and said, 'It is all right now, honey. We are engaged.'

"I told him I had always acted as guardian to the plaintiff, and that I would assist in any way to make them happy.

"I asked whether it was to be a hurried wedding," Cornish added, "and he said he would have to wait until after he came into his inheritance to buy the ring. He said his mother was very grateful for his keeping company with Alma, as it had induced him away from a mob he used to associate with, to the detriment of his character."

Martin was a frequent visitor after that, and he and Alma were on affectionate terms.

One night, towards the end of June, when he, his wife, Martin and Alma were sitting round the fire, Martin said he was disappointed at losing portion of his inheritance through the compulsory conversion loan.

"My wife asked: 'When are you going to be married?' Martin said: 'In the first or second week of July.'"

In answer to other questions witness said that on a Sunday night towards the end of June his wife asked: "When is the ring coming along, Joe? We are anxious to see it." He replied, "I will be getting it very shortly."

Mrs. Alice May Smith, of Melrose street, North Melbourne, said Miss Grant was her daughter by a former marriage. She first made Martin's acquaintance in February, 1932, when he told her that he did not want his mother to know about the engagement. He said that he would wait until he was 21 before telling her. He explained that his mother had stopped his sister from getting married.

Trousseau Problem

Subsequently she asked Martin when he was going to get the ring, and she thought he said he would go down on Friday and get it. She then said, "What about Alma's clothes for the wedding? I can't afford to buy them." Martin replied, "I'll give you a fiver and you can make them."

On another occasion Martin said he would take Alma to Mount Buffalo for the honeymoon. When her son Henry aged 15, asked if he could go too, Martin said "Yes."

He asked for information as to what it would cost to keep him and Alma, the best church to be married in, and what the marriage fees would be.

The case was continued on Thursday and had not concluded when this issue went to press.

Mr. F. C. Cornish, cash and carry grocer, High street, Northcote, desires us to intimate that he is not the F. C. Cornish connected with the breach of promise case.

The Week's Social Gossip

Coming of Age Dance

Pink and mauve flowers in tall silver vases made an artistic display in the reception rooms at Normanby Hall, on the occasion of a dance given by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Goold, of Princes' Hill, to celebrate the coming of age of their elder daughter, Maisie, on January 31. With her parents and sister Dorothy the young hostess received her guests at the entrance to the lounge. Her frock was gracefully and modishly cut of white crinkled crepe. She wore silver sandals. Mrs. Goold was becomingly fracked in black velvet.

Among those present were:—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sharp, Cr. W. Olver and Mrs. Olver, Cr. J. Green and Mrs. Green, Cr. Pinkney and Mrs. Pinkney, Mr. and Mrs. W. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Horsley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. A. Little, Mr. and Mrs. E. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Dalgleish, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. C. Henkle, Mr. and Mrs. R. Nicholls, Mr. and Mrs. J. Merrick, Mr. and Mrs. W. Holman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson; Misses Dorothy Goold, P. Rowe, M. Green, G. Olver, M. Beynon, S. Beynon, D. Lewis, R. Wharton, W. Wharton, I. Green, I. Burrows, M. Burrows, K. Burrows, M. Morris, G. Riches, R. Steele, A. Brewer, K. Brewer, J. Sims, J. Dorward, A. Hatfield, G. Mogg, J. Hornbury, S. George, J. Percy, D. McPick, H. Andrews, I. Bradley, D. Smith; Messrs. V. Scott, J. Parsons, W. Harvey, J. Bruce, I. Stokes, A. Rae, H. Hunt, K. Riches, K. Olver, D. Youren, M. Dunn, L. Little, D. Rist, W. Steele, T. Swain, E. Jones, C. Jones, T. McLean, G. Heron, A. Blackman, D. Anderson, C. Van Beede, S. Hall, N. McGinnis.

Mr. Sharp was M.C. and carried out his duties as excelling himself to the delight of all. Excellent music was supplied. The usual toasts were honored. Mrs. Olver-shaw catered in her usual lavish manner and the tables groaned under the weight of all the good things provided; the service was excellent. "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very happy evening to a close, long to be remembered.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church

About 120 friends of Mr. Howard Cornish met in the school hall on February 7 to offer their good wishes to him on the eve of his departure for Sydney. Competitions, games and vocal items were enjoyed by all. Mr. Swain, son of Cr. H. Swain, High street, Preston, is enjoying a well-earned holiday at Bainarring, a popular seaside resort.

Friends are offering congratulations on the birth of a son to Mrs Bert Miller, wife of Fireman Miller, of the Northcote Fire Station.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tingate, of Sebastopol, are rejoicing in the advent of an infant daughter. Many Preston friends will remember Mr. Tingate, who was associated with Preston municipality in the engineering department.

Congratulations are being showered on Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones, of 28 Spring street, Preston, who are rejoicing in the birth of a son.

Miss Muriel Morton, who completed a brilliant course last year at the Teacher's Training College, has been appointed head teacher of Spring Plains State school, near Kyneton. Miss Morton, who graduated at West Preston school, is to be congratulated on attaining such an important post at the early age of 19 years.

Mrs. Roach, of Albury, is making a short stay with her daughter, Mrs Keith D. Bennetts, Plenty road. Mrs Roach has not been in the best of health and appreciates Preston's invigorating atmosphere.

The president of the Ladies' Committee of the Regent Central Progress Association (Mrs. C. T. Barling) entertained guests at a card afternoon at her residence, Queen street, Regent, on Tuesday in aid of the Association's building fund. Over 30 ladies were entertained, those not playing cards indulged in games and competitions. The winners of prizes were—Cards: Mrs. Palmer; novelty games: Mrs. Staines; competition: Mrs. Schultz. Among the ladies present were Mesdames W. Dalgleish sen. and jun., A. Perkins, K. Thompson, J. Franke, W. Howell, E. Terpidich, W. Henderson, J. Schultz, G. Evans, A. and L. Painter, B. Negri, S. Naunton, A. Douglas, D. Hyland, C. Junor, A. Staines, C. Davis, W. Smith, A. Kneshore, H. Westwood, T. Grindlay, J. Bastian, A. Forbes, A. Ulhorn, K. Graham, A. Walker, J. Thomson and Miss D. Ballantyne. The funds for the building were swelled to the extent of 23/6/6.

"LUTEPLAYER'S" SELECTIONS

Williamstown—Saturday

SUMMER HURDLE
KUNAMA 1
ORTALON 2
NYERIMILANG 3

ELECTRIC HANDICAP
STAGHORN 1
VARIANCE 2
L'ELITE 3

C. F. ORR STAKES
KUVERA 1
CHATHAM 2
GREENLINE 3

WYNDHAM HANDICAP
FLAIL 1
ORATORY 2
RULANUT 3

MARINE HANDICAP
GREENWAVE 1
VAUNTRY 2
CALL BIRD 3

FEBRUARY TRIAL
STRANGER 1
METALLURGY 2
STAR PLAYER 3

HENLEY ON THE YARRA

The Fairfield Canoe Club will hold its annual Henley on the Yarra at its clubhouse (next Rudder Grange) next Saturday, February 11, and the following Saturday, February 18, afternoons and evenings. The programme includes canoe racing and novelty and aquatic events. There will also be stalls of all kinds and a music & dance in the evening a fireworks display will be given. Admission is the small sum of 3d. per session.

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LICENSING CASES.

Several Offenders Fined

At the Northcote court on Tuesday, before Mr. E. R. Stafford, P.M., several licensing cases were heard.

Disposal of Liquor.

Alexander Harris was charged that on Sunday, January 1, being the licensee of the Croxton Park Hotel, a disposal of liquor took place. There was a second charge that on the same date persons were found on the premises.

John Clancy, Spencer street, Croxton, and Daniel Clancy, Gooch street, Thornbury, were each charged with having been found on the premises, and also with carrying away liquor.

Licensing Constable O'Toole gave evidence that while the hotel was under observation two men were seen to enter and leave the premises. When intercepted each man was found to have two bottles of beer in his possession. When questioned the licensee said he did not know anything about the incident, as he was out cleaning his car.

Cross-examined.—You could not say if the men had the beer in their possession when they entered the hotel?

Witness.—No.

Alexander Harris, licensee of the Croxton Park Hotel, said:—I did not see either of the men in my hotel before the police brought them back to the hotel. I had the keys of the bar and the storeroom in my pocket.

Edward Burke, barman at the Croxton Park Hotel, said:—On Sunday, January 1, I did not see the Clancy brothers before the police brought them to the hotel.

The P.M. said there would be a conviction in each case, as he was of opinion that the beer came from the premises that morning.

Harris was fined £3 for the disposal of liquor. The second charge was withdrawn.

A stay of 21 days was granted.

The men charged with being found on the premises did not appear, and were each fined £2 on each charge.

OTHER CASES

Mabel Davidson was charged that on January 14, not being the licensee of the Albion Hotel, she supplied liquor to a person at the premises of that hotel.

Arthur Harris, St. George's road, Northcote, and Arthur Byrne, Merri parade, Northcote, were charged with being found on the premises of the Albion Hotel during prohibited hours, and with carrying away liquor.

Licensing Constable Hamilton said: On January 14, with other police, I saw two men enter the Albion Hotel, and on being intercepted I found that each man had three bottles of beer. Mabel Davidson said the men had paid for the beer the day before, and she had put the beer in the doorway about 10 minutes before Harris got it.

The charge of being on the premises was withdrawn.

Byrne said:—I live next door to the hotel. On the night in question I was at my gate when Harris came along, and I walked to the corner with him. He picked up two parcels of beer and gave me one. We walked along the street and the police car overtook us. I was upset.

The P.M.—Why? You were innocent.

Byrne.—When the police jumped out of the car I did not know whether they were "hold up" men or not! (Laughter).

Harris said:—I ordered and paid for the beer about 5 p.m. It was to be left on the doorstep for me.

Sub-Inspector Mooney. — You told the police five bottles?

Harris.—Yes. I thought the police would "collect the lot, and I wanted at least one bottle for myself. (Laughter.)

How did you know the beer was there?—I got the "office" from the top window.

The P.M.—Where do you live?—About 500 yards from the hotel.

Why did you not take the beer home when you paid for it —I was going into town.

Are you trying to tell me the beer would be put on the door step? Would it not be risky to put bottles in the public street?—Miss Davidson could see me from the top window.

How long have you been going to this hotel?—Fifteen years.

Mabel Davidson, employed at the Albion Hotel, said:—When Harris paid for the beer I took it to my room. About 10 p.m. that night I saw Harris on the corner and I put the beer on the doorstep. A few moments later the police brought Harris and Byrne to the hotel.

The case against Davidson was dismissed; but the men were each fined £2 for carrying away liquor.

A Bruckner-Cycle

Next winter the Mittel Deutsche Rundfunk (Leipzig and connected transmitters) will broadcast the whole series of the Anton Bruckner symphonies. Nearly 50 well-known conductors have been chosen for the leading of these concerts. These include also Carl Schuricht, the well-known leader of the Scheveningen Kurhaus concerts.

It costs nearly $3,000,000 a year to supply London with its water, which comes from the Rivers Thames and Lea, with a few springs in addition.

BOWLS.

A PENNANT

Thornbury Go Down

Thornbury visited Brighton on Saturday and were soundly trounced, the scores being 109 to 78. Two of the Thornbury rinks were ahead by small margins, but Marsden's and Johnson's rinks were each down by 19. Scores:—

Brighton (109).—Plunkett, Nash, Brown, jun., Loveridge, 24; Ferguson, Sloans, Stone, Rankin, 29; Brown, sen., Holt, Bennett, Duggan, 35; Rasmussen, A. Mole, Stewart, Grant, 30.

Thornbury (78).—Robertson, Hayes, White, Frencham, 25; Morris, Thomson, Rogerson, Sharpe, 26; A. Allen, Corpish, Warren, Murdoch, 16; Thomas, Rose, Allen, Johnson, 11.

Northcote Defeated

Northcote were at home to Oakleigh, but were not nearly good enough for the visitors who won very comfortably by 103 to 82. Northcote started well when Catarinich finished with a score of 7, but Howell's rink was down by 16. Shaw's rink, with a margin of 15 (29-14) saved the situation for a while, but Pollock's rink was completely annihilated, finishing with an adverse margin of 27 (42-15). Scores:—

Oakleigh (103).—Deegan, Sumsion, Simmonds, Walker, 17; Martyr, Newton, Gronow, Robbins, sen., 26; Hart, Cameron, Rowlands, Geggie, 34; Denton, Wilson, Robbins, jun., Jones, 42.

Northcote (82).— Purnell, Davies, Plant, Catarinich, 24; Allen, Hawthorn, Thompson, Howell, 14; Brown, Jackson, Sharp, Shaw, 29; Threlkeld, Dunn, Pinkney, Pollock, 15.

Other Matches

Alphington, 11 d. Prince's Park, 80.
Armadale, 119, d. Croxton, 79.
Collingwood City, 92, d. Heidelberg, 78.

B PENNANT

Prince's Park, 109, d. Alphington I., 99.
Middle Park, 99, d. Ivanhoe, 91.
Fairfield, 105, d. Malvern, 90.
Heidelberg, 107, d. West Brunswick, 80.
Ascot Vale, 103, d. Alphington II., 86.
Thornbury had a bye.

C PENNANT

Northcote, 72, d. Footscray, 70.
Thornbury, 72, d. West Brunswick, 62.
Fairfield, 99, d. Mordialloc, 45.
Ivanhoe had a bye.

PRESTON CLUB

The green has been receiving its fill issue of play during the last few weeks.

On Saturday it was fully occupied by pennant matches. The B's were at home to Glen Iris, and an important match between Armadale and Ivanhoe in the A section was contested on the green, as the Ivanhoe green has not been up to standard during the last few weeks, and they mutually agreed to request permission for the use of four rinks, which Preston were pleased to grant. Judging by the comments of the visitors, they were delighted with the excellent running surface of the green prepared by the curator, J. Lockhart, and the arrangements made on their behalf by the refreshment committee.

On Monday evening all the lighted rinks were engaged by competing teams in the V.B.A. charity tournament, two rounds being played. The four Preston teams competing in the tourney were knocked out. The two victorious teams from Ivanhoe will carry on at Thornbury.

It was a fine sight to see 64 ladies playing the L.B.A. champion rinks on Tuesday afternoon. Next Tuesday the green will again be fully occupied by 16 more rinks competing in the competition. These games were witnessed by several of the teams' supporters, including men bowlers, who are unstinted in their praise of the excellent play shown by most of the rinks.

The Preston Ladies' Bowling Club during these crowded matches has a busy time attending to the refreshments, and they "man" fully play their part on every occasion. The spirit of co-operation for the benefit of the club is highly commendable.

Mrs. Davidson defeated Mrs. Cohen in the final of the ladies' club single-handed championship.

Pennant Games

By their loss to Collingwood on Saturday the Heidelberg team dropped down on the list, leaving Brunswick next to Preston A's, who are just leading in their section. Preston had to play a hard, tiring game against Cheltenham on their green on Saturday, but Preston had the satisfaction of being 10 points up and a two rinks' win when the final tally was computed. R. Broadhurst's rink was again successful in winning the spoons, closely followed by F. Pike's rink.

The B's, although having a run of outs just at present, are getting a lot of enjoyment out of their games nevertheless.

The C's were all smiles at being able to turn the tables on Coburg in a three-rinks win on a narrow margin of 8 points. Carthew's rink were the spoon winners.

Following are the scores:—

Preston v Cheltenham

Preston (96).—Crispe, Shepherd, Shaw, Morgan, 15; Hill, Sindsen, Dahl, Henshaw, 24; Siddons, Tatchell, Nevill, Pike, 27; Birchall, R. Lewis, Zwar, Broadhurst, 30.

Chelteham (86).—Taylor, Philips, Walton, Ellery, 27; Judd, Kingston, King, S. Gouldthorpe, 26; George, Burgess, Stooke, McCoubrie, 17; Courtney, Cane, Watson, H. Gouldthorpe, 16.

Glen Iris v Preston

Glen Iris (115).—Lederman, Stewart, Rosenblum, Arnott, 26; Atkinson, Hodgkiss, Crouch, Lover, 29; Gibbett, Ellis, Parkes, Pennyfather, 26; Greig, Barnes, Piper, Briggs, 34.

Preston (97).—Allardice, Farr, Sinclair, Howe, 15; Cohen, Ross, Lewis, Apted, 30; McIntosh, Davidson, Fleming, Condie, 32; Merrie, Jowett, Whittle, Welch, 20.

Preston v Moreland

Preston (79).—Swain, Kin, Herries, McIntyre, 23; Butterfield, Pipe, Rae, Carthew, 26; Norris, Dayo, Simmons, Crowe, 30.

Moreland (58). — Pilmer, Band, Douglas, Orford, 16; Taylor, Farrow, Inglis, Atyeo, 13; Finlay, Porter, Philips, Conway, 13.

Saturday's Games.—The A's go to Collingwood, the B's will entertain Toorak, and the C's visit Fairfield. All these matches should be of an interesting nature, resulting in some close finishes.

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On each assessment form the particular class of taxpayer concerned is given instructions how to proceed. To employes who are paying instalments under the "group scheme" it is suggested that they consult their employers in regard to the deductions already made from their salary or wages, and that they increase or decrease their weekly payments to ensure that the deductions up to the due date for payment will amount exactly to the tax assessed. If this request is complied with the employer is authorised to stop making deductions after the due date for payment, which will be the same for all his employes who come under the "group scheme." Employes who do not make this arrangement with their employers must obtain from their employers a certificate of the total deductions made, and send it to the department, together with the assessment notice and a remittance for any tax not covered by the deductions. In these cases the employer is not allowed to cease making the deductions until the employe presents to him a certificate of exemption issued by the department.

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The Little Surprise

By LUCE DENNIS

If it is true that the world is divided into two classes—those who give and those who take—then what happens when an arch-taker meets a super-giver?

The cynic would expect the super-giver to be left destitute: but that does not always happen.

Albert Haines did not call Mary Forest a giver: he called her privately, an old fool, and, to her face, "dear lady."

"And where did you get hold of this, dear lady?" he asked examining the fine old tea-service which she had brought to his antique shop.

"My brother was in the Merchant Service, and he had a great fondness for china. He used to bring back pieces of china from all over the world."

"Ah, these amateurs! We professionals live by cheating you, Miss Forest," he said, smiling so warmly that the anxious old woman was comforted.

"I'm quite sure you don't cheat Mr. Haines."

"Well, I hope not—I hope not. But this stuff——" He rung the china with an expert finger-nail, and shook his head sadly, though the ten-set was worth, as between twenty and thirty pounds at least, "Tell me," he said intimately, "do you particularly want to sell just now, eh?"

"I do, indeed."

"Ah. That's a pity. Hard times, eh? Well, we should all help each other in these hard times. Look here, if you're hard up, I'll make it three pounds."

She was disappointed, but she realised that he was doing the best he could—out of sympathy. Indeed:

"I hope you're not cheating yourself?" she asked.

He looked at her sharply, but she was quite serious. She probably had more stuff worth buying: it would be well to encourage her.

As she was leaving the shop he opened the door for her, with old-fashioned courtesy, and pressed an rather ten shillings into her shabby glove.

"I'm not a poor man, dear lady. You must allow me. I don't suppose I shall lose by it, in the long run."

Mary Forest, flushing all over her gentle, lined face, went home beaming at the goodness of man.

She should have lived in a country cottage, surrounded by roses and foxgloves; but her dead brother the Merchant sailor, had only left her a few shillings a week, a houseful of furniture, and his collection of china. Therefore, having sold the furniture, and buried her brother, she had settled into two attic rooms in one of the tall houses looking over the harbour to the sea.

She was not alone. Her brother's orphan grand-daughter, Sheila, lived with her, and helped her with the needlework, which they sold to the shops. She was now eighteen. They were the easiest people in the world to rob.

Mary Forest came in, smiling.

"I've got the rent, Sheila," she said. "You've got—but how, darling?" And then: "Oh, not the Japanese tea-service, Aunt Mary? You loved it so much!"

"Sentiment," Mary Forest said firmly, "isn't so necessary as a roof over our heads. Now, that's enough business for today. We'll have a cup of tea and forget disagreeable things."

The tea-service was only first of her treasures to go. Next, she parted with a set of old Toby jugs. Haines bought them for about one-twentieth of their value, but he called the bargain with such friendly solicitude, such Christian goodwill, that Mary Forest thought she had found a friend.

Two things puzzled Albert Haines at this period of his life. How the old woman, being so simple, had survived so long; and why he, being so clever was not a rich man.

He was not prosperous. Indeed, he was obliged to find a partner, to bring more money into the business, and this was not easy. He had been advertising for seven months, when Clifford Scott came to see him one Wednesday afternoon.

Haines saw that he was interested, but not convinced. He worked, with a spider's patience, to convince the young man.

"It's a good business, and I'm a good business man. Look at my books; they'll talk for me."

"They don't talk much," Clifford Scott said doubtfully.

"Well, in these times! but it's an ideal position for such a business. People come nosing round here." And so on.

Clifford Scott worked in an estate agency, and he knew a great deal about antiques.

He had saved a little money, inherited a little more, and he was not going to waste any of it in partnership with the wrong man. He was fair, thin young man, with fresh complexion, an innocent, grey eyes. But their innocence did not deceive Albert Haines This fellow was astute.

Clifford Scott was still considering the partnership when, one Wednesday afternoon, Sheila Forest came into the shop. He got down politely from the Welsh dresser on which he had been sitting. Sheila spoke to Albert Haines.

"It's half-past four!" she said breathlessly. "Have you forgotten?"

"Half-past four."

"Oh, don't you remember? I'm Sheila Forest, and Aunt Mary asked you to come to tea to-day, and you promised you would. She's been looking forward so much to entertaining you; she wants to do something to repay your kindness, Mr. Haines."

"That's right," Haines agreed, looking impressively at Clifford Scott. "A lady with whom I've done business," he said.

"*She hasn't many friends.* She doesn't often give a tea-party," Sheila said. "She's been getting ready for this afternoon all the morning. You'll come, won't you?"

"I can come in another afternoon, Haines. You go," Clifford was speaking.

Sheila looked from one to the other. Her aunt was, at that moment, sitting at a table set with the best china, set out on a fine lace cloth. She was waiting for her good friend. Mr. Haines. She had prepared a little surprise for him. She would be a trifle disappointed if he did not come.

"Go on, Haines. Look here, I'll wait till you come back, and look about me."

The young man had inspiration.

"But bring your friend with you," Sheila said. "Please!"

That was how it was arranged. The three of them climbed the attic stairs together, and came into the attic sitting-room, where Mary Forest was waiting for her guests

To be Continued

BOY SCOUTS.

1ST PRESTON TROOP

The cricket team continues to do well, and dismissed Thornbury West for 68 and made 126 for five wickets. T. Sayers made 41 and took 5/15, and R. Underhill made 25. The match will be concluded to-morrow. Last Wednesday week the troop repeated its concert at Janefield Sanatorium, where it was enjoyed by the patients and friends who numbered about 60. The weekly Friday night dances are becoming popular and will be continued to-night. Next Wednesday night the annual meeting of the troop and pack will be held and all scouts and cubs are reminded to be present. Parents, friends and old scouts are cordially invited. Leaders and office-bearers are reminded of the annual reports to be submitted.

Crank: "Do you mind walking with me when I'm not wearing a hat?" Miss Modern: "I'd rather walk with you when you're not wearing a hat than walk with you when you're wearing the kind of hat you'd wear if you wore a hat."

AN UNLICENSED MILKMAN

Convicted On Six Charges

FINES AND COSTS TOTAL £17/5/-

Six charges in all were preferred against Thomas Walsh at the Northcote court on Tuesday, the informants being the Northcote Council and the Department of Agriculture

No License

Thomas Walsh, Plenty road, Preston, was charged that on December 14, not being the holder of a license, he sold milk.

Action was taken by the Department of Agriculture

Inspector Tyeman said:—On December 13 I watched at the Northcote and District fee Works. At 3.15 a.m. next day I followed defendant to Victoria road, where I saw him enter a house carrying a hand can. Inspector Walters asked defendant to sell him some milk, but he refused to do so. Later Walters purchased a *pint of milk. Asked if* he was selling milk for himself defendant said, "No, I am working for my brother at Templestowe."

James Bernard Walsh, Main road, Templestowe, said:—On December 14 my brother was not employed by me as a driver.

Defendant, who did not appear, was fined £2, with 11/- costs.

Other Charges

Walsh was also charged that on December 14 he sold milk in bottles that were not labelled: that he had a vessel containing water in his milk cart; and that he was not wearing clean overalls when delivering food (milk).

Action in these cases was taken by the Northcote Council, for which Mr. A. M. Lonie (Maddock, Jamieson and Lonie) appeared.

Inspector Gunst said:—I was with other inspectors on December 14 in Victoria road. Upon stopping Walsh's cart I found a treshy emptied can of water, and a water trail covering about 90 yards. The bottles of milk bore the brands of several dairies, and defendant was not wearing overalls.

Walsh, who did not appear, was fined £5 for having water in his cart; 10/- for not having overalls, and £1 for not having the bottles labelled. He was also ordered to pay £2/2/- costs.

Walsh was further charged with having on January 17 hindered an officer in the execution of his duty; and with having, on the same date, sold milk in bottles which were not properly labelled.

Inspector Gunst said:—I asked defendant for a sample of milk, but he refused to sell and drove on. I overtook defendant in a car, and, holding the horse's head, I again asked for a sample of milk, but again he refused to sell. I then sent for a constable and eventually I took two samples. The milk, on being analysed, was found to comply with the standard. A number of bottles of milk were not labelled, and the bottles bore the names of dairymen from Northcote, Preston, Clifton Hill, and all over the city.

For not having the bottles labelled defendant was fined £1, and £5 for the obstruction; and he was also ordered to pay £2/2/- costs.

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Just outside our house there's an opossum hanging by its tail on the electric light wire. I expect the 'possum had been frisking about on the electric light pole, had slipped and curled his tail round the wire for support and was instantly electrocuted. Jacko wanted to pull it down, but Grandad wouldn't allow him to interfere.

All have a try at the new Word-Building Competition, Cobbers and send along your entries and Trias. Heaps of love from the Pets and UNCLE PHIL

WORD-BUILDING COMPETION

Using only the letters in the word "RESISTANCE," make as many words as possible (proper names and towns excluded), and send the list in to Uncle Phil by February 24. Uncle Phil's decision is final, and the winner will be announced on March 3.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Happiest and Heartiest Birthday Wishes and Greetings to Albert Stephens, Allan Reid and Ted Cameron (Feb. 11); Hazel Norris and Katie Kreighran (Feb. 13); Margaret Dent (Feb. 15); Marjorie Membrey (Feb. 16) and Bonnie L. Small (Feb. 17).

OUR MAIL BAG

Enid Love.—Bravo for the 100 marks Enid. Will you call with your Certificate on or after Monday and the prize will be ready. Try the new Competition. Love from the Pets and U.P.

Joyce Lawrence.—Please send in your clippings Joyce and then we'll let you know through the Corner when to call for your prize. Have a shot at the Competition. The Pets send Greetings and love.—U.P.

Tria Competition

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

TRIAS

MY HOLIDAYS

I spent my holidays at a farm at Warburton, and I was very sorry when I had to come home. I was staying 14 miles from Warburton township, and we found it just a nice walk too. We were just two minutes from the river, and running along the side of the big house was a large creek. Many hours we sat down at the river fishing, but only caught a few fish. There were blackfish, spotted trout, and perch, also eels. One thing I noticed was, wherever the cows are in the paddock, they just sit down and milk them. Feed was plentiful, and the cows very quiet. I saw the aqueducts that bring the water to Melbourne and one day we walked up to Cement Creek, which is six miles from Warburton, on Mt. Donna Buang road. The road winds up the mountain all the time, but it was worth seeing, as the ferns and views are marvellous. Snakes were plentiful. I saw several killed. A youth shot one with a pea-rifle one day as we were sitting by the river. It was only about three yards behind us too. There also were plenty of Scouts and other campers around us, and wherever we went we would see people swimming.

(TRIA) Brian Mahony

MY TRIP TO THE SEASIDE

On Sunday morning we started for the beach. We went to St. Kilda and when we arrived there we got undressed and went into the water. About an hour after lunch we went for a walk around the pier which is a wonderful sight. We then had tea and played for a while. After packing up we went home and I enjoyed the day's outing very much.

(GOOD) Dulcie Phayer.

THE FLORAL CLOCK

While spending my holidays at Sydney, I visited the Taronga Park Zoo. Situated in the gardens was a clock made of thousands of plants. It was about seven feet in diameter. It must have been our lucky day because the plants were all in bloom which made it look very pretty. Alongside the clock was an enormous gum tree in which sat an artificial cuckoo bird. It was worked by electricity and on every quarter, half and full hour it cuckoo-ed. We heard it "cuckoo" which made our day more lucky still.

(GOOD) Dorothy Dennis

A TRIP OVER THE BISCUIT FACTORY

One thing I enjoyed very much while staying at Warburton for my holidays was a visit to the Granose Biscuit Factory. First of all we were shown the wheat being steamed, then it went to be cleaned so that it could be pressed into a thin wafer. After it is pressed it is put into trays and divided off into small compartments which form the biscuits. Then it goes into a big revolving oven to be baked. As they are taken from the oven the trays are sent upstairs and the biscuits packed in boxes. It is one continuous operation; the trays moving all the time; as they are emptied they come downstairs ready to be filled.

(GOOD) Coleen Mahony

—CHAINS—

Now that the warmer weather is here I expect you all look for games you can play out-of-doors. Try this jolly game. Any number of players may join in, and, first of all, someone must be chosen to be the "Link." The other players scamper away and the "Link" tries to catch them. Now, as soon as he catches one player that player runs behind him (or her) holding his (or her) hand and they run off to catch someone else. As soon as another player is caught he joins hands until a long chain is formed. It is such fun when the long chain is trying to catch the two or three players left. The last one caught is then the winner.

(GOOD) Lily Southam

—RUDE—

There was an inverted gas-mantle in the kitchen; the other day it was broken and a little jet of gas flared out and Freddy, running up and down the room, suddenly stopped, and looked up. Then he said, very seriously, "Oh, Mother, that naughty gas is putting his tongue out at you."

(GOOD) Agnes Southam

—A RECIPE—

If you don't like the taste of medicine mix it up with the cat's milk. Then boil with an equal quantity of cabbage water, sprinkle with nutmeg bring to the boil and add sugar to taste. Then pour the lot down the sink and have a drink of sherbet.

(GOOD) Jack Miller

WASTED ENERGY

A kind-hearted old man observed a woman slowly pushing a pram up a very steep hill. He volunteered assistance, which was gratefully accepted. When, after much exertion, he reached the top, he said to the woman, who was thanking him profusely: "It was a pleasure to do it But as a little reward, may I kiss the baby?" "Baby!" cried the woman in surprise. "Lor, bless you, sir, it ain't a baby; it's me 'usband's beer."

(BOOD) Vera P. Keele

—KINDNESS—

The old lady had just used the telephone for the first time, and had given the exchange girl a lot of trouble. After she had finished the conversation, she called the exchange girl again. "I know, Miss," she said, "I have given you a lot of trouble, but I'm putting another penny in the slot for yourself."

(GOOD) Roy Murphy

—BABY—

Baby has no legs at all—
They're soft and pinky crumpled things.
If he stood up, he'd only fall;
But then, you see, he's used to wings.

(GOOD) Mavis D. Lobbe

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in bear and also in beast;
My second in breakfast but not in feast;
My third is in apple and also in pear;
My fourth is in dark but not in fair;
My fifth is in many, though not in few;
My sixth is in neither one nor two;
My seventh is in sun but not in fade;
My whole is one who for Australia has played;
And wonderful scores has successfully made.

Answer.—Bradman.

(GOOD) Allan Love

DO YOU KNOW THAT:

Eggshells consist mainly of carbonate of lime or chalk.

The rat, rabbit and other gnawing animals have teeth which are always growing.

The Chinese have a flower which is white at night or in the shade, and red in the sunlight.

A person expends about three times as much energy in ascending stairs as in descending.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

—SO TIME GOES—

"Can February March?" he said. "No: but April May," was the reply. "Look here old man, you are out of June." "Don't July about it." "It is not often one gets the better of your August personage." "Ha! Now you have me N-October."

(GOOD) Joyce Lawrence

STORYETTES

Brown: "Are you going to have a holiday at Christmas time?" Grey: "I am! My wife is going to her people."

(GOOD) Lorna Joyce

If a stone were thrown at you and fell into th water what would it become?

Answer.—Wet.

(GOOD) Cyril Steal

The little girl returned from school and said: "Oh, Mummy, we had a lovely lesson all about Mr. Adam and Mrs. Eve and they lived ever so happily in the Garden of Eden until the servant came."

(GOOD) Reg Keele

Willie: "How many peanuts for a penny?" Grocer's Son: "Oh a handful." Willie: "I'll take a penny's worth, but let your father get 'em for me please."

(GOOD) Terence Power

He: "Will you marry me?" She: "No; but I will always respect your good taste."

(GOOD) R. Burt

The boy who was always late: "I've come first, at last, sir. I've usually been behind, before!"

(GOOD) Rosa Smith

"We'd better stop the game now that we're even," said the first card player. "Even," exclaimed the other "How do you make that out?" "Well a little time ago you had all my money, and now I've got all yours."

(GOOD) Ruby Keele.

May's Brother: "Daddy says you are like the month of June." May's Suitor: "How's that?" May's B: "Cause when you come in, May goes out."

Pauline: "Paul, this suit is very shabby, may I give it away?" Paul: "Heavens, no; that's the suit I got to protest against my income tax assessment in."

(GOOD) Edna Southam

Man With Beard: "I want a haircut, singe and shampoo. I want my moustache clipped and beard trimmed, and or—and where can I put this cigar?" Barber: "Would you mind keeping it in your mouth, sir it'll act as a sort of a landmark."

(GOOD) Alec Murphy

Christmastime Seaside Visitor: "I suppose everyone in this hotel dresses for dinner?" Chambermaid: "Oh, yes, Madam. Meals in bed are charged extra."

(GOOD) Bert Moylan

Jack: "When is a fish like an airman" John: "I don't know." Jack: "When he takes a rise and then a fly."

(GOOD) Alice Southam

Mother: "You are a naughty boy, Bobby; so I'm going to send you to bed without any supper." Bobby: "But what about the medicine I have to take after meals."

(GOOD) Billy Steal

Mr. Winkle: "Why do you expect a Christmas box from me. I have not had any dealings with you." Little Boy: "Yes, please sir, you tripped over my scootor last week."

(GOOD) George Joyce

Boy (after watching golfer vainly looking for lost ball): "Excuse me, Sir, but would it spoil your game if I told you where the ball is"

CYCLING

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS

Although several members were competing in events at country meetings, 15 riders took part in the club's 1½ mile handicap and 3 mile scratch race held at the dirt track, Oakover road, Preston on Saturday afternoon. In the first heat of the handicap P. Thomas (15yds) rode a good race off the back mark. Overtaking the leaders in the last lap, Thomas (15 yds) and Gascoyne (60yds) went around the bunch and a great finish was fought out between these two riders, Thomas winning by a small margin. Two riders nominated for the final by the third place were a dead heat between N. Duckworth (135 yds) and Matt Lynch (180yds). The winner's time was 3min 30sec.

The second heat was slower than the first, but over the last half lap the riders were well out of their seats. Racing for first place J. Roadley (180yds) and T. Johnson (120 yds) dead-heated for the place; P. Wells (60yds) was further back third; time 3min 35sec.

The final proved a victory for the front markers, who worked well together, keeping off the back markers Soon after the start Tom Johnson had a heavy fall when his tire blow off. The riders behind him had to slow down considerably to pass Johnson's sliding machine. Johnson received nasty abrasions. At the bell Roadley passed Lynch closely followed by Duckworth; with half a lap to go Roadley and Duckworth sprinted neck to neck down the straight Roadley winning by half a wheel in the finish. Results.—J. Roadley (180 yds) 1; N. Duckworth (135yds) 2; P. Thomas (15yds) 3. Time—3min 29 2-5sec.

Once again the scratch race resulted in a win for Frankie Thomas, who scored 40 points. Tom Gascoyne, who won second place with 13 points, is rapidly re-gaining the form we all know he is capable of. Fireman P. Wells, 3 points, was third. Wells was very tired at the finish. Perhaps it is because there have been so many fires recently. Winner's time—7min 30sec.

Special note to riders wishing to compete in the social committee wheel racing on February 25:—Only riders riding on February 11 are eligible to ride on February 25. Racing listed for this date is as follows:—P.P.C.C. Wheel Race; First Grade Scratch Race; Second Grade Scratch Race. Other clubs racing on the Oakover road dirt track on February 25 are:—Preston Amateur Cycling Club, Fitzroy Amateur Cycling Club, Coburg Amateur Cycling Club. Followers of cycling are in for a treat as some of the best professionals and amateur cyclists in Victoria will compete.

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

To-day's Stroke event attracted 56 entries and the winning card was returned by P. N. Davies with a net 66. Scores:—

66, P. N. Davies (17); 70 C. Ferguson (20); 71, R. W. Thomson (14); 72, G. T. Savey (11); J. S. McCulloch (14), F. O'Neill (8), J. C. Tainsh (14); 75, G. Dyke (11), L. E. Jaques (14), A. E. Appleton (5), G. Balfour (8), T. S. Lingford (17), W. G. Popp (17), G. Sheffield (16), W. Sevior (11).

Next Saturday—Novelty par competition.

George: "When I was in Canada I was chased by a bear and got away by climbing a tree." Tom: "But bears can climb trees." George: "Yes, but I pulled the tree up after me."

(GOOD) Enid Love

RIDDLES

Why is a water lily like a whale?—Because they both come to the surface to blow.

What is the difference between a baby and a cost?—One I wear and the other I was.

What is the gentlest kind of spur? A whis-pur.

(GOOD) Joyce Findley

Why are fish well educated?—Because they are often found in schools

(GOOD) June Burr

Which is the greatest peer that England ever produced? — Shakespeare.

(GOOD) Thelma D. Stead

Dick: "What gaiters can't you wear?—Jack: "Alligators."

(GOOD) Keith McNamara

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Wedding Bells

CAMPBELL—KELPE

A GUARD of honor, formed by the First Coburg Girl Guides, of which the bride was formerly a lieutenant, greeted Miss Evelyn Marguerite Kelpe as she entered St. James Church of England, Ivanhoe, on December 17. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kelpe, Ivanhoe, and the groom is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Campbell, of West Coburg. Rev. J. C. W. Brown performed the ceremony and the bride was given away by her father. Individuality was introduced into the bridal gown in a yoke of fine needlerun lace with puffed sleeves. Fine tucked panels gave grace to the skirt which extended in a fan-shaped train, over which fell billows of tulle. Christmas lilies formed her sheaf. Ankle-length apricot georgette frocks with Eton collars edged with fine pleating were worn by the bride's attendants, Misses Hilda Kreiger (cousin of the bride) and Edis Campbell (sister of groom). Harmonising flowers garlanded their hair, and delphiniums and apricot gladioli were their flowers. Mr. Colin Campbell was best man and Mr. Bruce Thomson groomsman, in the parish hall the reception was held and the guests were entertained at breakfast and afterwards at a dance.

TURNER—JACJUNG

ON December 24, 1932, at the Croxton Methodist Church, St. George's road, Rev. Jennings solemnised the marriage of Mr. Wilfred John Turner eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Turner of 63 Queen street, Regent, and Miss Elma Gertrude Jacjung, youngest daughter of Mr. E. J. Jacjung, of Boolarra, Gippsland. Delphiniums, gladioli, and hydrangea decorated the church and Mr. A. E. Miller officiated at the organ. "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden" was sung before the ceremony. Entering the church with her father the bride was an arresting figure in her white satin gown, cut on classical lines, with flared godets falling to the toes and full puffed sleeves. A wreath of orange blossom held her lace veil and long flesh tulle train, and she carried a sheaf of water lilies. Her attendants were Misses Dorothy Yates and Doris Goss, frocked alike in apricot georgette with frilled godets in skirt and frilled flares on the shoulders. Floral caps in apricot and blue were also worn and each held a sheaf of delphiniums with apricot bow. The trainbearer was Miss Selma Jones (niece of bride) who was daintily frocked in delphinium blue organdie with flared frills to the ankles and she carried a basket of toning flowers. The groom's gift to each maid was a string of crystal beads. Messrs. L. Hurdis and R. Inglis supported the groom. The breakfast was held at the home of Mrs. G. Pringle, 116 Clarendon street, Thornbury, where apricot gladioli, delphiniums, chrysanthemums, and hydrangeas formed a bower. Mrs. Pringle wore a brown floral georgette frock with hat to match and Mrs. L. M. Jones (sister of the bride) was attired in ultra-modern blue crepe-de-chene with toning hat. The groom's mother chose a gown of wine georgette and lace with small fawn straw hat and sable furs. The bride travelled in a Persian orange frock relieved with brown button trimmings and a brown matching toque. On their return the couple will settle at 12 Ethel avenue, Preston.

A NAIVE COIFFURE

A CHARMINGLY naive departure in coiffures, the Coronet Bob, is introduced by Nancy Carroll in Paramount's "Hot Saturday." It is a perfect answer to the maiden's prayer for a distinctive, simple and new hair arrangement.

The hair from the crown of the head is brushed in equal sections forward, to the sides and down at the back. The hair is then shingled closely and waved in a deep border circling the head. The other hair is closely curled and permitted to fell softly about the face. The Nancy Carroll type with hair inclined to curl will find this coronet effect unique.

For the more sophisticated coiffure you could follow Miss Lilyan Tashman's lead. Lilyan's coiffure embodies almost every style point of the current mode. There are the revealed ears, smooth, suave front contour, bangs and a pyramid of tight curls. The hair is parted at the left, brushed back in broad, flat finger waves, where the ends are caught in myriad curls. The design of the finger wave is copied in a lacy bang, a modish and softening touch to the long, slim or delicately moulded face. Naturally curly or hair susceptible to a finger wave is adaptable to this coiffure.

FROM HERE AND THERE

MANY varieties of coat frocks, and small coatees have been given the fashion world, but the chic thing now is an interchangeable coat, which is featured by Dorothy Jordan in the Paramount picture "70,000 Witnesses" She wears a smart royal blue silk coat which has a collar, an extra back, and a belt made all in one piece which is removable. When these accessories are put aside the coat is a simple and smart afternoon model gown, accented with white trims.

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Kay Francis, who appears in Paramount's "Trouble in Paradise,' says that it is smart, due to the higher *front decolletages and a vast bit of* back exposure, to wear your evening jewellery hanging down the back, and it is particularly attractive against a nice dark sun tan.

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"There is less emphasis on the wide shoulders in the new models," says Jeanette MacDonald, of Paramount, "and skirt lengths have the longer trend. Dark dresses and bright belts are favorites, and the sleeves may be set in entirely different on each side."

FANCY FASHION FADS

AMONG the most charming of the new season accessories brought back by Paramount's expert from European fashion centres, are the quaint little crystal bead bouquets in pin form which add a jewelled touch to simple necklines. Another use for the crystal is to have a duo of clips, which give a lovely and unexpected appearance to the most sedate neckline.

The appropriate bag for afternoon wear is quilted satin with a "zipp" fastener, and another chic idea is black calf generously studded with silver nailheads. White brocade will come back again for evening shoes, says Mr. Banton, who recently designed a charming pair for Nancy Carroll. The sandal-strap shoes are gaily patterned in tiny flowers, accented by an unusual use of braid.

WHITE KID, BLACK VELVET FASHION NEWEST GLOVES

TWO color velvet gloves are the newest accessory fancy, according to Marlene Dietrich.

They are made of black velvet and designed with white gauntlet cuffs lined with white kid. The cuffs are worn turned back over the hand so that the white shows.

Another idea in hand-covering is the dainty, long, fingerless affair of perforated kid which are smartest for evening wear. For day time, Marlene Dietrich chooses duvetyn gauntlets, lined with leather.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE, I.O.R.

There was a large attendance at the fortnightly meeting on February 2, Bro. J. Rawady, C.R., presiding. The balance sheets of John Vale and Sam. Manger Jnr. Events were received. The stewards reported on the progress of members on the sick list. The report of the annual picnic on Foundation Day brought forth commendatory remarks from the members on the manner in which the outing had been conducted, despite the inclement weather, and the general opinion was that it was the most successful function you held by the tent. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. Harris, who obtained trophies for the sporting events.

At the conclusion of business the quarterly social evening was held, and the popularity of these evenings was evidenced by the large attendance of members and friends. A varied programme of dancing was indulged in to the full, with Bro. W. Walker as M.C., the music being supplied by Miss Townsend. A vocal solo by Mrs Coles added to the enjoyment of the evening, which terminated with "Auld Long Syne' and the National Anthem.

The next meeting (quarter night) is on February 16, the syllabus item being "Grievances." It is expected that a district officer will attend, and as there is much important business to be discussed a large attendance is requested.

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PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB

IRREGULARITIES AT POLLING BOOTH

(To the Editor)

Sir,—Now that the annual election of the Preston Football Club has taken place I feel impelled, in a sense of justice, to draw attention to several irregularities which took place throughout the election at the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 31. The crowd of supporters exceeded all expectations, and was so dense that congestion greatly hampered those desirous of recording their votes. When voters did obtain their ballot papers, after considerable trouble, they managed to clear a space at the tables, where in the presence of "urgers" and leading officials (who could be seen leaning over the shoulders of voters advising them how to vote) they marked the ballot paper.

Now, Sir, I ask, is this fair play? Surely the time has arrived when greater provision should be made to ensure that elections are conducted fairly and above suspicion, and that voters may be afforded the protection of being permitted to vote how they feel disposed without being embarrassed or intimated, or requested to vote as certain officials feel disposed to advocate. Why should candidates for positions in the club be permitted to stay in the precincts of the booth while the poll is proceeding and there take advantage of the opportunity of finally touting for votes Where do the privileges of the secret ballot come in?

Trusting that when the election comes round again next December the officials of the club will take every care to prevent a repetition of the irregularities which undoubtedly existed at the last election, and to ensure a fair deal to all.—Yours &c.,

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PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB

(To the Editor)

Sir,—The method under which the recent election for office-bearers for the Preston Football Club was conducted, leaves ample room for improvement. The system of presenting membership tickets in order to obtain ballot papers (whether they are the rightful owner of the ticket or not) is a method which requires a searching and thorough investigation and the necessary steps should be taken to prevent unscrupulous persons resorting to such unfair tactics at future elections. The practice of taking ballot papers out of the polling booth should also be forbidden. Why not have the list of legitimate ticket-holders typed in book form, and their names struck out as they record their votes and not give a second vote when once a vote has been recorded? The same method as used in municipal and parliamentary elections might be followed as a means of securing the wishes of the members.—Yours &c.

"WELFARIST".

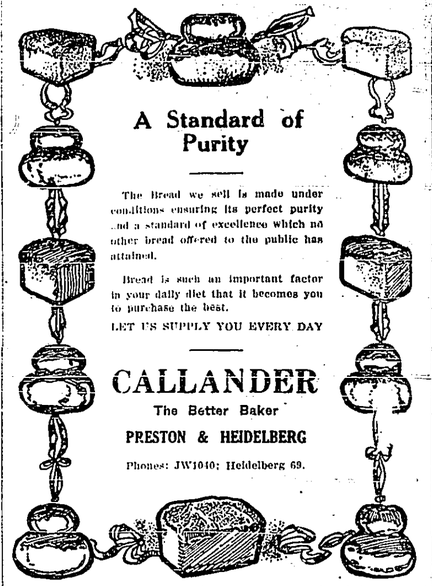
Thornbury, Feb. 5/33.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—Re the election of officers for the above club, may I crave space to make a few observations? First of all, may I congratulate all concerned for the interest they created, and it is to be hoped that it continues But why did certain candidates stick to the ballot room like a lot of leeches? Surely there must be something in this football business. Anyway, "leg theory" has nothing on some of the things done in that room. One candidate is boasting that he filled in ballot papers for at least 30 persons. I was very pleased to note that not one of the defeated Re-Construction party was a party to this rather doubtful procedure. Any way, the elections are over now, and it is to be hoped that they have quite a successful year, and providing there are not too many "parties' like the one before that now famous semi-final, perhaps they may win the premiership. In conclusion, may I say that I hope Preston traders in sporting gear may get the opportunity of tendering for the requirements of the coming season and good luck to the club.—Yours &c.,

"MERE MEMBER."

Preston, Feb. 6/33.



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NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Before Mr. G. Stafford, P.M., and Mr. P. J. Carney and Mrs. A. A. Glanfield, J.'s.P.

Licences

George Howard Caulfield, was granted a sub-agent's licence; James *William Kirkpatrick was granted a* carrier's licence.

Sustenance Case

Albert James Panter, Clyde street Thornbury, was charged that between November 5, 1931, and March 10, 1932 he received ... stenance from the Relief Committee by a fraudulent device.

It was shown that in November 1931 defendant was granted sustenance on an application made before Mr. P. J. Carney, J.P. In the application a statement was made that the income into the house was nil. Inquiries later showed that defendant's single brother, who lived with him, had been employed throughout the period averaging over £4 a week; and defendant's mother received a small pension of about 6/ a week.

Defendant said he was ignorant of the fact that he had to include his brother's earnings. The house was in the name of another brother, and the single brother was only paying board.

The P.M. said that offences of this kind called for imprisonment. Sustenance was only meant to prevent people starving. Sustenance frauds were altogether too prevalent.

A sentence of one month's imprisonment was ordered. The sentence was suspended upon a bond of £20 to be of good behaviour for 12 months; during which defendant is to refund £25, the amount overpaid.

Worked Overtime Without Notification

Croft's Stores Pty. Ltd., High street, Croxton were charged that on November 22 two employees worked for three hours beyond the ordinary hours without notification being given to the Chief Inspector.

Mr. G. Wilson, instructed by the Crown Prosecutor, appeared to prosecute.

Ernest William Webber, manager of Croft's Croxton store, said: "On November 22 I worked from 8-30 a.m. to 10 p.m. with two hours off for meals. Another employee, T. Nelson, was working with me. We were dressing the window."

Cross-examined:—You were paid full overtime and tea money?—Yes

It is the practice for branch managers to make a request when working overtime?—Yes. I did that.

H. Ingamells, inspector of factories, said: "No notification was received by the Chief Inspector of intention to work overtime at Croft's Store, Croxton.

For the defence it was stated that Crofts head office had been notified and by an oversight no notification had been sent on to the department The overtime worked had been paid.

Fined 10/ with £1/1/ costs.

No Tail Light

Edward Cunningham, Main road Templestowe, charged that on December 9 he drove a motor car without a tail light in Separation street, was fined 10/.

Truck's Offensive Noise

William Cullen, Barkly street, Croxton, who, on January 11 drove a motor truck which emitted an offensive noise in Queen's parade, was fined £2.

Constable Wightman said the offence occurred at 3.30 a.m. and the noise could be heard 500 yards away

Case Adjourned

Lucy Moffatt was charged that on October 20 she drove an unregistered motor car.

Mr. R. R. Gray said that he was acting for Mrs. Dorgan, the person on whom the summons was served. The defendant had left the address about a month before, and Mrs. Dorgan had done everything in her power to assist the police to find the defendant Moffatt.

Senior Constable Fowles contended that the service was good.

Mary Dorgan, single, Betts street, North Fitzroy, said: "I own a dairy in Betts street, North Fitzroy. I was selling that dairy to Mrs. Moffatt, and as she fell behind in her payments I re-possessed the dairy. When the summons was served at my home I notified the police that Mrs. Moffatt was not there and that she had left last October."

When did Mrs. Moffatt leave?—The day after she was caught by the police.

Did you take any steps to get in touch with Mrs. Moffatt; — I informed her husband.

Husband and wife were not living together;—Not since the fuss.

The P.M.:—That complicates the position.

The case was adjourned for 14 days.

Unregistered Car

George Timms, Bell street, Preston, charged that on December 17 he drove an unregistered car in High street, was fined £4.

Constable McDonald said the registration of the car had expired in December 1931.

Timms said: "On that day I had been to the Motor Registration branch to register the car, but was told it was too late. The same evening I was in High street when the constable spoke to me. The car has since been registered.

Interpleader Summons

A. J. Townsend, judgment creditor H. W. Cohen claimant: Constable McMahon, applicant.

Constable McMahon said that under a distress warrant A. J. Townsend v Mrs. Fothergill, he made a seizure of a sewing machine. Later a claim was received from H. W. Cohen.

Mr. A. E. O'Connor (for the judgment creditor) said that the particulars of the claim were insufficient.

These were amended by supplying the full name of the claimant as Harold William Cohen, railway employee, Strettle street, Thornbury.

Cohen said: "I purchased and took delivery of a sewing machine from Mrs. Fothergill on October 10 last Seven weeks later I hired the machine to Miss Fothergill,

Mr. O'Connor:—Do you know Mrs Fothergill?—As a tenant for two or three years.

Miss M. Fothergill said that she hired the machine from Cohen at 1/ a week for her own use.

After hearing a good deal of evidence the claim was allowed without costs.

Around Northcote

Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary

The Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary for Queen Victoria Hospital will hold their usual monthly meeting at 2.30 on February 15 at the Dispensary Hall. New members are invited. Mrs. E. B. Scott, hon. sec., has an announcement elsewhere.

Community Singing

On February 2, at the Northcote Town Hall community singers greeted Mrs. McIntosh on her 53rd birthday. "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Many Happy Returns" were lustily sung by the company present and several gifts were presented. Master Jack Bowkett (comedian) and pupils of Miss Hopkins (physical culture) gave the items and the singing was conducted by Mr. Will Nicoll.

Northcote A.W.A.

The A.W.A. meeting, which was postponed from A.N.A night was held in the Town Hall Lodge Room on February 6. Miss McDonald presided over a well-attended meeting. Members and friends who attended the picnic arranged by the Metropolitan Social Committee of the A.N.A spent a most enjoyable day, notwithstanding the wet weather. This function will probably lead to many more interesting and enjoyable gatherings as there is much scope in enlarging the idea. Members and intending members are invited to the next meeting on February 13.

Girl Sent for Trial

Dorothy Blokheerus, 17, machinist Leicester street, Fitzroy, pleaded guilty to a charge of having on January 29 received a pearl necklace knowing it to have been unlawfully obtained. Evidence was given that the ornaments had been stolen from Mrs. Ellen Thomas, Thornbury, and it was alleged that Blokheerus had admitted having received them from a man. She was committed for trial

Pender's Grove School

Mr. L. Weissenfeld has gained a student scholarship in the Teachers' Training School at Carlton. Miss Clowes is relieving the new appointee to the staff, Miss Davidson, who is recovering from a severe illness. In addition to gaining 19 merit certificate passes out of 20 entrants the school won 2 business scholarships and one technical school scholarship. The dux prizes presented by Cr. W Olver were won by the respective school captains Miss Joyce Hooper and Master Laurence Clifton. The school picnic on February 18 at Eltham is the main topic of interest The school band suffered by the transfer of its trained players to secondary schools, but recruiting by the bandmaster (Mr King) is resulting in gradual filling up again. The infant department under the supervision of Miss Woodgate, assisted by Misses Haase, Jenkins and Bass, has been selected by the District Inspector, Mr. Osborne, M.A. to try out the new course of instruction.

Price-Cutting of Bread in Northcote

Price-cutting in bread continues. The attention of the health inspectors of the city was recently directed to the fact that bread was being carried in motor cars, in contravention of the health laws. Inquiries were made, but it is said that the inspectors found nothing objectionable in the manner in which the bread, which is being sold at 6d. a large loaf, was delivered by motor vehicle to shops.

It is said that a master baker is continuing to supply a shop at Northcote at which bread is being sold at a price-cutting rate, whereas other traders are not permitted to receive bread from master bakers unless they agree to retail it at 8d. a large loaf They claim that they should be supplied with bread to sell retail at the lower price, instead of being compelled to resort to inconvenient methods of obtaining their supplies from other suburbs.

Northcote Jubilee Celebrations

Committees working in connection with the "Back to Northcote" Jubilee Celebrations, which will take place between May 16 and 25 next are now working hard. A booklet is being prepared dealing with the early history of Northcote, and giving a resume of the progress made since Northcote was declared a separate municipality on May 25, 1883.

Residents who have relations and friends interested in the early days of Northcote are requested to submit names and addresses to the joint hon. secretaries (Mr. J. A. Thomson, Town Clerk, and Mr. H. C. Ferguson assistant Town Clerk) Town Hall, Northcote, so that invitations may be sent for the "Back to Northcote" week.

Northcote Town Hall Renovations

After some months of work the renovations at the Northcote Town Hall are well on the way to completion, and finishing work is now in progress. The inside of the main hall has been completely transformed and the work should be completed at an early date.

Sales Tax Prosecution

Leo Lannan, of Lannan Bros. High street, Northcote was fined £5 by Mr. Cook, P.M., in the District Court on Tuesday for failing to supply information in regard to payment of Sales Tax.

Fires in Northcote

On February 5 the Northcote Fire Brigade was called to a fire in a cypress hedge at 178 Separation street, about 25 feet of which was damaged. On February 7 firemen were summoned to Wilmoth street, where an unoccupied 4-roomed dwelling owned by A. Edwards was threatened. The bathroom and an outhouse were severely damaged.

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BREAKING AND ENTERING AT THORNBURY

Man Remanded for Sentence

John Anthony Reidy, aged 40 years labourer, of 11 Fyffe street, Thornbury, appeared before Judge Foster in General Sessions on a charge of having broken and entered a shop and of having stolen a quantity of ten valued at £11/10/.

Mr. Cussen, prosecuting for the Crown, said that at 10 o'clock on the night of November 29 police went to a branch of Crofts Stores Pty Ltd., in High street, Thornbury. They found the back door open and saw Reidy come out of it. Reidy ran to a fence and climbed it, and the police pursued him. Reidy kept ahead of them through several yards and over several fences. Two shots were fired by the police during the chase When Reidy was caught he was taken back to the shop. The police found that several bricks had been removed from a wall, making an opening large enough for a man to crawl through. A quantity of tea was found packed ready for removal

Mr. R. Chin (instructed by Mr. Harris) said that Reidy's explanation was that he had seen the back door of the shop open and had heard a noise He entered to see what was wrong, intending to tell the people next door

After a short retirement the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and Reidy was remanded for sentence.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

Northcote - Thornbury Branch — The card afternoon, arranged by the Northcote-Thornbury Auxiliary will take place at "Georges" Cottage tea rooms, on Tuesday afternoon, February 14, at 2.30 (bridge and euchre)

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TURF NOTES

By "LUTEPLAYER"

SKIDMORE'S SUCCESS

A feature of the meeting at Ascot last Saturday was the continued success of the apprentice rider, H. Skidmore. He had three mounts, and backers paid him the compliment of sending each out a hot favorite. Skidmore justified the confidence of his admirers by winning on all three.

Very early in his career Skidmore was hailed as the most promising rider for years, but, following a fall at the Valley he lost form, and until a month ago he was not very prominent in the winning list. It looked to be another case of an apprentice showing some ability, getting good mounts while he can still claim an allowance, but when he can no longer claim an allowance is allowed to drop into obscurity.

At Epsom on January 7, however Skidmore showed a return to form with a winning double, and since that date, up to and including Saturday's treble success, he has ridden 13 winners, and all but one of them in the metropolitan area. Skidmore is now second on the winning list, being one win behind W. Duncan. He has been riding for a little over two years, during which time he has had something like 105 winning rides. This must be regarded as a remarkable performance. Skidmore is only 16, and he does not look the type who will ever be seriously troubled by weight. He is again riding with full confidence, and there is every prospect of him fulfilling the earlier promise of being a rider of outstanding ability.

HIS FOURTH WIN

Valmisi scored his fourth successive win in the Ascot Five Hundred. As was the case in other races, Skidmore jumped Valmisi out in front and he led all the way. He held a commanding lead turning for home, and, running out the race well, won comfortably from Harry Gavin.

The improvement made by Valmisi in the last few weeks has been wonderful. One might say that he is now running true to his breeding, for he certainly has the blood. He is a five-year-old horse by Valasian, whose sire, Valais, had a wonderful career at the stud, getting, among many good performers, two champions in Heroic and Manfred. Land Mist, the dam of Valmisi, is by Land of Song, who sired the Toorak Handicap winner, Somora.

UNLUCKY HARRY GAVIN

Harry Gavin registered his tenth placing in as many starts, and on Saturday he chased Valmisi home for the third successive time. Harry Gavin is certainly an unlucky gelding. While he was being taken to Ascot by float on Saturday he received a severe knock and had to be treated on the course for more than an hour. In the race he got into trouble early, so that, all things considered, he recorded a meritorious performance to get within one and a half lengths of the winner.

A SMART GALLOPER

Sent out a hot favorite for the first division of the Trial, Harding never gave his backers a moment's anxiety. He took up the running at the end of two furlongs, and for the remainder of the journey simply played with his opponents, winning as he liked. Harding is a pretty smart galloper, and should win better class events. He is a four-year-old gelding by Heroic from Oboe, and is trained by the Flemington mentor, Steve Murphy, for Mr. W. Burke. Harding gave Skidmore his first of three winning rides.

LIKELY IMPROVERS

The following runners at Ascot on Saturday were marked down as likely improvers:—

AZWARDY.—Although well beaten by Harding, his performance left the impression that he will win a Trial event.

DUNLORA was the unlucky runner in the second division of the Trial, as he met with interference at two different stages of the race. He is a good galloper and will win before long.

PANHALA.—While his third in the second division of the Trial was not particularly brilliant, he finished on, and he should be capable of winning a similar class of race.

TORADA was not well ridden in the Juvenile Handicap. Twice she lost ground through her jockey trying to force through where there was not sufficient room; second time was turning into the straight, and for this the stewards censured the rider. Torada will make amends.

GRENADIER struck trouble early in the Five Hundred, but came home well in third place. Worth following.

KAOOTA.—At the end of the first furlong of the Five Hundred was third last, but finished fast in the straight and was fourth passing the post. This effort suggests that he is returning to his best form.

THE AUTUMN DOUBLE

With the declaration of weights this week interest in the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup increases, and discussions on the double will become more animated.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP

Greenline and Chatham share top weight honors for the Newmarket, but with 10.2 they are set a difficult task against a smart field of sprinters. A detailed examination of the candidates can serve no good purpose at this stage, so brief comments on the more likely horses will suffice.

The three-year-olds Closing Time Waltzing Lily and Captivation must be included among the early fancies. Closing Time is one of the fastest gallopers in training at present, and although his 8.10 is a big impost for one of his age, he must be regarded as very dangerous.

Waltzing Lily is the most brilliant galloper of her sex, and Captivation is the holder of the Australasian record for seven furlongs (1.23¾). The handicapper has not taken any risks with Vanitry (8.1), but the son of Heroic is very brilliant and is worth consideration.

We expect greater brilliance from Bronze Hawk this autumn, and if he recovers from his long spell he has a great chance with 8.3. Whittingham is a possibility with 8.5, while lower down on the list is Multuda, a promising galloper. Tom Pinch, Umberula, St. Ardent and Parkwood are proved gallopers who have to be considered.

At this stage Closing Time, Waltzing Lily, Captivation, Vanitry, Multuda and Greenwave make most appeal.

AUSTRALIAN CUP

Handicaps for the Australian Cup are headed by Vellmond with 9.9, but one cannot fancy him with that weight at this stage of his career. Vellmond won in the Moonee Valley and Williamstown Cups, and second in the Melbourne Cup have been responsible for his rise to 8.6, but even with this weight he must be hard to beat as he is such a sound stayer.

If the former New Zealander, Peter Jackson, strikes anything like his true form he will have a great chance with 8.9. Lough Neagh has the stamina, and we do not say we have seen him to a more favorable light that when he was here in the spring.

The three-year-olds, Gaine Carring-ton (8.1) and Oratory (7.4), if not reserved for the Derby, will have to be seriously considered. At these weights Oratory is preferred. Although he is still competing in the minor class of race, Stranger looks like developing into a sound stayer, and he is a decided lightweight possibility.

As the winner of the Perth Cup, Atlantis naturally invites attention. Protea showed plenty of stamina in winning the Oaks, and she must be entered in the list of possibilities. Flail and Wilts also claim consideration.

At the moment the following look likely half-dozen:—Yarramba, Peter Jackson, Oratory, Protea, Stranger and Atlantis.

A LIKELY DOUBLE

A double that makes strong appeal just now is CAPTIVATION and YARRAMBA.

RIFLE SHOOTING

MILITIA FORCES MATCHES

Sargood Shield

The 58th Battalion were on top in the sixth stage of the Sargood Shield shoot on Saturday, gaining 234 points. The 57th Battalion (Preston) No. 1 team was second with 229 points, 57th Battalion scores:—Lieut. Davey, 29; Pte. Jordan, 29; C.Q.M.S. Windley, 29; Captain George, 28; Cadet Morton, 28; Pte. Hindmarsh, 28; C.Q.M.S. Webb, 27; Cadet Blackburn, 27.

Kellow Shield—B Grade

The 57th Battalion No. 2 team was placed third with 219 points against 2nd Medium Brigade (228) and 58th Battalion (Essendon) (227). 57th Battalion scores:—C.S.M. Whitford, 29; Lieut. George, 29; Pte. Aldridge, 29; Sgt. Waters, 28; Cadet Whitford, 27; Pte. Lebon, 26.

Challenge and A.N.A. Shield Matches

In the senior cadet matches at Williamstown 57/60th Battalion (Northcote-Preston) had a runaway win, scoring 253 points. The shoot was at a small in hat target. 7 shots at 300 yards. Cadet J. Morton (57/60th Battalion) was one of two to gain a possible. 57/60th Battalion scores:—Cadets J. Morton, 35; W. King, 33; M. Armstrong, 33; H. Jackson, 32; W. Blackburn, 31; R. Wilford, 31; W. Wyatt, 31; R. Rickard, 27.

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INSURANCE AGENT'S EVIDENCE

At the Northcote court on Tuesday Morton Clarke, Collins street, Thornbury, was charged that, not being registered as a dentist, between December 15 and January 31 he practised dentistry for reward.

Mr. E. Joske, registrar of the Dental Board, appeared to prosecute.

Donald Horsely Fowler, insurance agent, said:—On December 16 I had been having trouble with a tooth and went to a dentistry, outside which was the name of "S. A. Pitts." There I saw Clarke, who examined my mouth. Clarke tried to draw a wisdom tooth, but the tooth kept breaking. After some time Clarke said he could not get all the fragments of the tooth out. I paid him 2/6. I returned next day and he rinsed my mouth. The pain increased and I returned, and he again rinsed my mouth. During the Christmas holidays the swelling increased, and an abscess formed. He treated this and said that it would remove the tooth next to the wisdom tooth, and then remove the fragments. I went to another dentist, and under an anaesthetic, administered by a doctor, the fragments were removed.

Mr. Graye.—You have instructed your solicitors to make a claim against Clarke?

Witness.—Yes.

You are no longer employed by the Mutual Life Insurance Company?—No.

Upon what grounds were you suspended?—For inefficiency.

It was alleged there was a shortage of money?—Yes.

Of about £30 to £40?—No. About £13 was mentioned.

Bernard T. Seeley, qualified dentist, Collins street, Melbourne, said:—On January 21 I examined Fowler's mouth and found portion of a tooth in the gum.

Clarke said:—I am employed by S. A. Pitts, 544 High street, Croxton. Between December 16 and 21 I saw Fowler, who complained of an aching tooth. Pitts was not there, and I instructed Fowler to take a dose of medicine and to wash his mouth out. I told him to return two days later, when it would be necessary to have the tooth removed under an anaesthetic. I only saw Fowler once.

Mr. Joske.—Did you get a fee?

Clarke.—No.

You deny that you tried to extract a tooth?—I do.

Mr. Stafford, P.M., said that after considering the evidence there would be a conviction. A fine of £15 was imposed, together with £2/4/6 costs.

The P.M. said there was a prima facie conviction, and the matter was a serious one from the point of view of the public.

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CRICKET

DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v COLLINGWOOD

RYDER'S CENTURY

Northcote began a match against Collingwood last Saturday. At the conclusion of the seven play Collingwood had lost seven wickets for 231. J. Ryder, Collingwood's captain, for 231. J. Ryder, Collingwood's captain, made 122 and Andrew Street 64, their third wicket partnership yielding 157 runs. Mitchell was the only other double figure scorer, with Cosgrave (17) and Sundries (13). Chivers was the only other bowler to do anything, and his most successful method of attack was on the side where he had seven fieldsmen.

Scores:—

COLLINGWOOD

First Innings

J. Ryder, c Fleming, b Chivers	118
A. Street, c Vernon, b Thorn	0
R. Cosgrave c Morgan b Chivers	17
A. G. Andrew-Street, run out	64
A. Grancel, c Woodbury b Vernon	8
R. Bond, lbw b Chivers	4
H. Bird, lbw, b Chivers	4
F. McCutchan not out	0
S. Fitzgerald not out	0
Sundries	13
Seven wickets for	231

Bowling: Thorn, 1/41; Zachariah, 0/40; Chivers, 1/113; Powell, 0/15; Fontaine, 0; Vernon, 1/48.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

NORTHCOTE BALLERS v BRUNSWICK CITY

At the old Brunswick ground on Saturday Brunswick City won the toss and sent Northcote in to bat, when a sensational cricket match was played. Cole opened the innings for Northcote, Fraser, who has decided to open up with Cole for the rest of the season, used great judgment and is to be complimented on his compilation. He played a great innings, making 58 and gave a perfect display of batting. He, with Cole, put on 134 for the first wicket, for Northcote, breaking all previous records for the Ballers. Cole's batting was the talk of the ground. He played Sinclair (Brunswick) for the best left-hand bowler of the North Suburban Association who was 1931 champion with the greatest of ease. Then came Bert Downs, the dashing forcing batsman, and Cole and Fraser had finished the bowling about. Downs went at the bowling, hitting ten 4's in his score of 52 not out. His powerful driving all round the wicket was magnificent. This is the Ballers greatest innings. Closing with four for 266. Scores were 112, H. Fraser 59, G. Simmonds 5, H. Bert Downs 52 n.o., Fraser, North-Ballers' captain declared at 4/266. Brunswick then batted losing two of their best batsmen for 1. Fraser took 2/7.

Players and supporters meet at the corner of High street and Arthurton road at 9.30 on Saturday.

REGENT CLUB

First XI v West Preston

Played at Crispe Park. On winning the toss West Preston elected to bat. By getting stubbornly West Preston occupied the wickets for most of the day for 69 runs and slowness of the scoring rate is reflected the fact that only one boundary shot was recorded during the innings. Al Sawkins worked hard for the quick dismissal of batsmen but the spin bowlers Bill Ryan and Ken Ryan were most effective. Dropping into a good length early he secured 5/18 off 6 overs while R. Cameron obtained 2/11 D. Cameron 1/10 and J. Hamilton 2/20. Regent opened with D. Cameron and L. McKean's pace was accelerated when 25 were on the board with McKenzie out for 7. Cameron was moving nicely and when R. Ryan stole followed to be run out for 1, the score stood at 33. E. Newbegin joined Cameron and the two played well and put the total down for 38. Cameron's share was 21 and he showed good form whilst Newbegin was 9 not out. The match will be concluded next Saturday.

The Second XI is in a good position in the match against the Rovers which was commenced at National Park, Clifton Hill on Saturday. Regent dismissed the home side for 127 and on the Rovers batting tried obstinately for 38 wickets cheaply. W. Presswell secured 5/17, J. Forrest 2/3, W. Duggin 2/9, N. Willard 1/7 whilst J. Thurgood was unsuccessful with no wickets for 16. Forrest and Thurgood opened for Regent and the first wicket fell at 3, the former going for one. Presswell followed and failed to score and two were out for 4 when Duggin joined Thurgood. The pair carried the score past that of their opponents' first innings, who had had to play to good style, lest his wicket with 29 beside his name. His hand was more subdued than usual but the circumstances demanded resolute batting. L. Rott made 7 before being dismissed and four were then down for 77. Meanwhile Thurgood had been batting along sedately and at stumps was accompanied with 47 whilst A. Cooke was 8 not out with score at 94. Next Saturday will see the conclusion of the match.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES

A GRADE

Croxton Methodists 146 (Wilson 88, Ellis 31, Nekder 13, Book 18; Pink 5/26) v St. James Church of England Three 64 (Ward 30, Weeks 30 n.o., Caroline 19, R. Osborne 27 n.o.).

Thornbury Presbyterians 67 and three for 40 (D. Taylor 17, A. Shaw 15 n.o., G. Williams 12, C. Kaufman 7/25, D. Tarrant 5/8, H. Kaufman 1/51) v South Preston (Gadsby, 35 (A. Curood 14; C. Taylor 5/7 Bowden 3/13, G. Duncan 1/0).

B GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians five for 104 (T. Taylor 39, T. Love 23; F. Chatley 2/24, Collier 2/8, C. Sankey 1/30) v Preston Church of Christ 17 (A. Blake 12; H. Clayton 5/10, D. Anderson 4/26).

West Preston Methodists, nine (closed) for 54 (Paddle 74, Allen 40, Brewer 18, Gibbs 12, Ellis 12; Ward 5/53) v Croxton Methodists 81 (Gates 22, Ward 20, Brewer 2/22, Spoll 1/10).

Sunday School Grade

Thornbury Presbyterians A, 185 (A. Snell 41, Chefters 44, E. Baker 31 E. Laming 17, Ellis 12, Anderson 12, Antiem 19; I. Nelson 4/22, L. Chefters 2/27).

Thornbury Presbyterians A, 127 (A. Snell 24, E. Baker 28, J. Chefters 24; G. Sandiford 4/39) v Northcote Church of England 92 and 24 (R. Wallace 13; L. Nelson 4/6, L. Chefters 5/22, E. Sellers 5/8). Presbyterians won by an innings and 55 outright.

Thornbury Presbyterians B 81 and 21 (R. Williams 4, Adkins 7; J. Sellers 3/12, Simmons 16) v St. Alban's Church of England 48 (Williams, 12; A. Smith 7/16, J. Pike 1/18). St. Alban's won by innings and 1 run.

Thornbury Presbyterians B, 83 and 82 (J. Pike 14, A. Love 11, R. Montgomery 9; J. Trudgeon 4/7 R. Baker 4/10, L. Watts 5/23) v Westgarth Baptists 113 (L. Young 32, L. Watts 21 n.o.; A. Smith 6/56 J. Pike 4/55, R. Montgomery 1/1). Westgarth Baptists won by 1 innings and 49 runs outright.

Croxton Methodists, 89 (Davies 10; Trudgeon 4/61) v Westgarth Baptists, nine for 128 (Melcher 14 Young 24, Mills 18 Chenoweth 18 n.o.; Ballantyne 4/29).

OTHER MATCHES

Sons of Temperance

Alpha, three for 88 (McCutcheon 49, Robinson 26 n.o., Pretelow 10; Shields 2/10) v Rising Star, 94 (Wigston 28, E. Ashmore 17, Main 12, McIntosh 10 n.o.; Hegarty 6/23; McCutcheon 2/0).

JIKA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

(By "Observer")

ASSOCIATION cricketers in the ninth round of matches which commenced on Saturday were favored with excellent weather conditions for the commencement. Against *the teams occupied the wickets all the afternoon* With two more rounds to go off the home and home matches the position is interesting and after Saturday's play points to several obscure bolters in the field. Rain came for the day was made by East Northcote, 221, in the match with Bell. There were some fine individual performances both with bat and ball. Hannah (Preston Footballers) scoring 86 for Preston Footballers against Bell Ramblers. Juston (Reservoir) was in good form in scoring 80 against Preston C.Y.M.S. and Gibson (T's East Northcote) and Tate, 72 n.o. (Croxton United). The latter continues his attractive batting display each Saturday. The best bowling feat of the day was that of B. Varcoe (F. G. Smith) who took four wickets for one run against Coburg (28) and Jones (14) also batted in excellent style. The last wicket partnership put on 25, Hainbow (9) was not out.

Preston Footballers made a sensational opening. D. Varcoe, in his first two overs having 3/0. At one stage the Footballers had lost four for 4, Leake (16) was able to reach double figures and at stumps the board showed five for 35. B. Varcoe was also in excellent form with the ball securing 4/6. This match will be interesting on the concluding day.

NORTHCOTE P.A.F.S. v DENNIS

Northcote P.A.F.S. 168 (Humphries 67, Pierce 22; Constance 4/21) v Dennis one for 62 (Gray 23, Graham 21 n.o.).

This match is of importance and being played by the leading teams of the Jika Jika Association will be a deciding factor for the P.A.F.S. Having 153 for their total Northcote P.A.F.S. had first use of the wicket against Dennis. Humphries batted well for his 67, Pierce was also attractive in making 22. The bowling honors went to Constance (Dennis) with 4/21. Dennis, the leading team in their section had lost one for 62 at stumps, Gray (23) was one of the chief scorers and Graham (21) was not out. This match is in an interesting stage.

THORNBURY WEST v SCOUTS

Thornbury West 68 (Sayers 5/16) v Scouts five for 128 (Sayers 44, Underhill 35, Dickens 20 n.o.).

Thornbury West, playing at home, first use of a fast wicket and outfield and were all amazed for the small total of 68 in the match with Scouts. The latter, who have been playing good cricket have always been just failing at the finish. Evidently they have driven home the attack this time and on formidable opponents. Sayers bowled exceptionally well and figures like 5/16 speak for themselves. In response, Scouts had five for 128 at the call of time. Underhill (25) Dickens (20 n.o.) and Sayers (44) were the chief scorers. The latter is a good all-round player this season for Scouts. The fielding was keen by both sides and many runs were saved.

NORTHCOTE JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS v CRAMER

Northcote Junior Footballers eight for 212 (closed) (Proposch 50, Waite 30, Emmins 30, Akers 32; Horsfield 7/38) v Cramer none for 13.

The feature of the game at the Cramer ground where Northcote Junior Footballers batted first was the high score registered. The Footballers declared with eight for 212 made in 150 minutes. This is the second occasion they have passed the double century in an innings. The batsmen who were chiefly responsible for the total and who were delightful to watch were Proposch (50) Waite (30) Emmins (30) and Akers (32) Horsfield with 4/38 gained bowling honors for Cramer. At stumps Cramer had lost none for 13.

B GRADE.—No. 1 Section

PENDER'S GROVE FOOTBALLERS v F. G. SMITH

Pender's Grove Footballers five for 35 v F. G. Smith, 99 (Varcoe 22 Goodwin 28).

Pender's Grove Footballers were at home to their visitors, F. G. Smith who won the toss and decided to bat and just missed the century by one, and being dismissed for 99. It was a fine performance against one of the leading teams in their section. D. Varcoe, who is playing consistently this season, was responsible for 42 made by good cricket, which included five 4's. Goodwin (28) and Jones (14) also batted in excellent style. The last wicket partnership put on 25, Hainbow (9) was not out.

The Footballers made a sensational opening. D. Varcoe, in his first two overs having 3/0. At one stage the Footballers had lost four for 4, Leake (16) was able to reach double figures and at stumps the board showed five for 35. B. Varcoe was also in excellent form with the ball securing 4/6. This match will be interesting on the concluding day.

THORNBURY WEST v BROADHURSTS

Thornbury 154 (Lovelace 30, Ferguson 29, Kane 30) v Broadhurst 22, Black 23) v Broadhursts one for 27.

Broadhursts were the visitors. The home club batted in a fast wicket and again for the second time made a high score, having 154 out on the board before being dismissed. Lovelace 30, Nance 21, Black 23, Ferguson 29, and W. Lovelace 30 were chief scorers. The batsmen showing his best as a runmaker, the wickets were divided, there being no outstanding bowler. At stumps Broadhurts had lost 1/27.

PRESTON FOOTBALLERS v BELL RAMBLERS

Preston Footballers nine for 172 (closed) (Hannah 86, Wheston 30) v Bell Ramblers none for 27.

Having first use of their own wicket against Bell Ramblers at Gower Park Preston Footballers declared with nine for 172. Hannah was the chief scorer with 86, made by first-class cricket, while associated with Wheston (30). This pair gave the spectators some scintillating cricket by nicely placing shots all round the wicket. The remaining batsmen were equal to adding 53 runs between them in the same left. Ramblers managed to get 27 on the board for the loss of no wickets. This match is full of interest owing to this being the Footballers last chance of gaining a position in the final four. Having a good batting side Bell Ramblers will make the game interesting on the concluding day.

GOWERVILLE v EAST PRESTON

Gowerville 103 (Clarkson 44 n.o. Marsland 41, Baines 47) v East Preston.

Gowerville occupied the wickets all day against East Preston and reached 103 when the last man was dismissed at 5.58. Baines was the highest scorer with 47. There were five hits to the boundary. He gave a good display. Marsland 41 and Clarkson 44 n.o. were the only others to start but livened up considerably with boundary strokes coming from each batsman. The former had 5 and the latter 4 in their totals. The remaining batsmen contributed 55 between them. Of the bowlers called by East Preston there was nobody outstanding, each contributing his share. Gowerville seem to be in a safe position for the final four.

B GRADE.—No. 2 Section

RESERVOIR v THORNBURY C.M.C.

Reservoir 218 (Juison 80, Forde 63, Rose 38) v Thornbury C.M.C.

Reservoir occupied the wickets all day in the match with Thornbury C.M.C. playing at home and on a fast wicket. Reservoir was responsible for a score of 218. Juison batted very attractively for his 80 which included six 4's. He was ably assisted by the most consistent bat in the side (F. Forde) who had 63 before being dismissed. Rose, with 38, also did well. The bowling honors for C.M.C. were evenly distributed with nobody in particular outstanding.

PASTRYCOOKS v PRESTON C.Y.M.S.

Pastrycooks 113 (Barry 33, Saunders 20) v Preston C.Y.M.S., five for 78 (Pitts 37).

Preston C.Y.M.S. disposed of Pastrycooks for 113 at Gower Park Barry was the top scorer (33); with Saunders 20. Their runs were put together in faultless style.

Preston C.Y.M.S. with six for 78 at stumps were best served by Pitts, who was responsible for 37 made by excellent cricket. The fielding of both sides saved many runs and was also responsible for the low scores.

THORNBURY SOCIALS v. CROXTON UNITED.

Thornbury Socials 58 (Baxter 37 n.o.) Forde 6/18) v Croxton United six for 160 (Grade 12 n.o., Forde 37, Boyce 23; Baxter 4/41).

Thornbury Socials' engagement on Saturday was with Croxton United, who were the visitors. Having first use of the wicket the Socials were dismissed for the small score of 58 made chiefly by Baxter, who carried his bat right through the innings for 37 n.o. The remaining batsmen only contributed 21 between them. O. Forde was in fine form with the ball and had the fine average of 6/18.

Croxton United, this year season, had lost six for 160, Forde was again successful in the batting division with 37. Boyce (23) and Grade who has struck form at the right time being not out with 12 were a great factor to his side in the semi-finals.

SOCCER v HIGHVIEW

Soccer 90 (Jessop 31; Burt 6/30) v Highview three for 65 (Cooper 21).

The match was played on Saturday on the Soccer ground, the home team having first use of the ticket. Highview opened the bowling with Burt and the first wicket fell at 5. J. Fraser being dismissed. Colgrave was joined by Jessop and the score was brought to 33. Colgrave (16) was caught out Burt with two out for 35. Gray followed and with the addition of 7 lost his wicket to Burt, who, at this stage, had 5/15. Knowles 9 and Nelson 7 ably assisted Jessop in his 31 made by patient cricket in a score of 90. Burt with 6/32 to his credit, bowled well and also A. Pike with 3/23.

Highview made a bad start losing two for 10. L. Pike and Cooper carried the score for the third wicket to 44 when Cooper was run out after making 21 in good style. L. Pike was partnered by J. Pike and carried the score along to 65 when stumps were drawn (both batsmen were not out with 14 and 12 respectively.

BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN NORTHCOTE

New Factory and Bank Started

NORTHCOTE SHOE CO'S NEW FACTORY

THE Northcote Shoe Co., which commenced operations 12 years ago in Eastmont street, Northcote, is erecting a new structure at the corner of Helen street and Arthurton road.

The new building will have a 60ft frontage to Arthurton road by a depth of 123ft. Natural lighting will be provided for by steel windows facing both streets and a saw-tooth roof. Mr. H Osborne, B.C.E., is supervising the structure which it is expected will be ready for occupation by Easter time. All local men are being employed in the erection.

NEW QUARTERS FOR BANK OF AUSTRALASIA

A start was made on Monday on the new home of the Bank of Australasia which is to be erected in Northcote. The site is at the corner of High street and Elm street (next market). The building, which is to be a brick structure, will be handsome addition to the Northcote business centre. It is expected that the structure will be ready for occupation in a little under three months.

WHITTLESEA.

On Saturday Harold Reilly, of Northcote, a French polisher, sustained severe injuries, his leg being broken in two places through a log of wood rolling on him. He, with two mates, was loading firewood on a motor lorry at Kinglake West when a log rolled and knocked him down crushing his leg badly. He was brought to the doctor at Whittlesea who ordered his removal to the Melbourne Hospital.

Tennis

Whittlesea defeated Donnybrook.—Final scores 60-33. Through some mistake Reservoir team visited Whittlesea. Evidently they did not want to be late so they came a week early!

Cricket

Whittlesea Shire Association. — Humevale 37 and 115 (Draper 40 Wallis 29, Robinson 16 and 13, Adams 11; Blair 7/43, Funston 3/11, H. Beney 3/26) lost on the first innings to Whittlesea, 73 and seven for 69 (Thornton 15 and 17, Clancy 10; T. Draper 6/38, Wallis 5/38, Gale 3/39).

Strathewen defeated Glenvale.

The picnic excursion committee has received a rebate of £6/14/ from the Railway Department on the special train to Mordialloc.

General

The Whittlesea Revue Company has donated £3 to the Whittlesea branch of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary to complete the quota of £25 for the endowment of a bed. Previously £22 was donated to the auxiliary.

Merrymakers' Tennis Club

A pleasant function took place at "Glannawarra," 12 McCracken avenue, Northcote, when the "Merrymakers" formally opened their tennis season on their new court. A large number of friends and members were present. Mrs. McCann declared the court open and speeches were made by the court captain (Mr. Walker) and by Mr. Lucey (Mr. Fisher). Afternoon tea was served and many enjoyable games were played by both visitors and members. The committee were congratulated on having secured such a fine court.

Among the old-time remedies which are omitted from the new edition of the British Pharmacopoeia are camomile and leaches.

ATHLETICS

PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE CLUB

C Grade's Narrow Victory

Footscray, who were second on the list, were Preston's rivals on Saturday. An even contest was expected, and members were not disappointed.

Footscray scored first blood in the javelin throw. W. Perry registered 102ft. 4in., but this was not quite good enough.

R. McCann, A. Robinson and W. Perry started in the 220 yards. Robinson and McCann fought out a good battle, in which the former turned the tables and won from McCann by inches in 23 4-5 sec. Perry was sixth.

In the half mile J. Tannock went to the front early and maintained his lead to win nicely in 2min. 9sec., with D. McAthen fourth. R. McCann also started, but after a hard race beforehand could not finish.

J. Wawn represented Preston in the hop, step and jump and leaped 38ft., but was defeated by a foot. This brought the points to 20 all.

Owing to V. Kirkland not being available in the hurdles, E. McCann accompanied B. McNabb to the start. McNabb went from the gun to win easily in 17 1-10 sec., but owing to a following wind a club record could not be allowed. McCann baulked at one hurdle and went around it, and was therefore disqualified. A Footscray competitor who hit three hurdles suffered the same penalty. This gave Preston a lead of 2 points.

Again the result depended on the last event. Would Preston shake off their "hoodoo"? What a thriller the race was! W. Wolghtman did the half run, and Blackburn took over for the quarter, giving B. McNabb a start of a yard for the first 220 yards. R. McCann carried on to the finish and won by 2 yards in 3 min. 49 3-10 sec. This gave Preston victory by 22 points to 25.

Next Saturday C Grade team meet Achilles in 2.15, high jump; 2.30, 100 yards; 2.39, walk; 3.03, mile run; 4.0, shot putt, 4.22, 440 yards.

Carlton Defeat E Grade

L. Bransgrove, who has improved out of sight, competed in the pole vault, and won with a height of 8ft.

The half mile was next, in which G. Kirkland ran well, but round the Carlton man had too much load and had to be content with second place. A. Lucey was just behind third. K. Brennan, having his first run for the season, finished sixth.

In the 220 yards J. Quinn was the only Preston man to gain a place, he finishing in third place. G. Connor was fifth and A. Tassio sixth.

C. Owen tried his luck at the hop, step and jump, but found this is not the same as walking and was defeated after clearing 35ft. 7½in.

J. Lacey and G. Kirkland went over the hurdles and did well to run second and third respectively.

The relay team (half, A. Tassie; quarter, G. Connor; 220 yds, J. Lacey and J. Quinn) were easily defeated. Carlton won by 36 points to 23.

Next Saturday E Grade meet Old Scotch as follows:—2.15, Discus; 2.27, 100 yards; 2.27, walk; 3.30, broad jump; 4.34, mile run; 5.18, 440 yards hurdles.

Club Championships

440 Yards Hurdles (holder, B. McNabb; record, 60 4-5 sec., B. McNabb).—V. Kirkland 1, B. McNabb 2, D. McEachen 3. Won by 4 yards. Time, 64 sec.

100 Yards (holder, A. Robinson; record, 10½ sec., A. Robinson).—First Heat: V. Smith 1, B. McNabb 2, J. Lacey 3. Won by half a yard. Time, 11 1-5 sec. Second Heat: J. Quinn 1, V. Kirkland 2, D. McEachen 3. Won by a yard. Time, 11 1-5 sec. Final: B. McNabb 1, V. Smith 2, J. Quinn 3, V. Kirkland 4. Won by a yard. Time, 11 1-10 sec.

Next Tuesday the mile run will be held, and on Thursday the 220 yards. Members are requested to notify the captain two days before the event about starting if they desire to enter.

Club Picnic at Warrandyte

An enjoyable day was spent at the above picnic grounds, two vans carrying members and their friends. On arrival swimming was indulged in till lunch, after which several novelty races were run, resulting as follows: —Ladies' Slamsack: Miss P. Bell and friend. Gents' Slamsack: G. Kirkland and W. Perry. Egg and Spoon Race: J. Speedy. During the afternoon swimming and sun-bathing was enjoyed, after an early tea the threat the needle race was won by C. Owens and Miss L. Manson. Much excitement was caused by the invitation relay race of 400 yards, won by J. Tannock, W. Wolghtman, D. McEachern and C. Willis (Coburg). All returned home after enjoying themselves wonderfully.

Club Notes

The club's dances will start at the Orient dance hall, David street, on Monday.

Members are in full training for the final in C Grade, and expect to carry off another pennant, making the third.

A meeting is called for February 12 at the ground.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE
Sunday, February 12
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—In Memoriam Service for late Miss Bennett.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
Preacher: Rev. A. H. Constable.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE (Bayview Street)
Sunday, February 12 (Septuagesima)
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Mattins.
3 p.m.—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Rev. G. Gordon Tymms, Th.L.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY Shaftesbury Parade.
Sunday, February 12 (Septuagesima)
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar (The Rev. W. H. Chamberlain)
Harvest Festival, Sunday, Feb. 19.
Organ Recital, Sunday, Feb. 26, by Mr. Horace Weber, of Melbourne.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON (East Preston Tram Terminus)
Sunday, February 12.—Septuagesima
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
Rev. F. Parsons, Vicar.

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Second Eighteen
NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the Supper Room, Town Hall, Preston, on MONDAY, FEBRARY 27, 1933, at 8 p.m.
Nominations for all office-bearers must be signed by two members and the nominee, and close with the Secretary at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 1933. Forms obtainable from the undersigned.
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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 3rd day of February, 1933, at Northcote, in the said Bailiwick and State, the said unknown owner being the owner of certain cattle, to wit, One Bay Pony Mare, about 13.3 hands, black points, no visible brands, found on certain land off St. George's 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.
William 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 14th day of February, 1933, 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.
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THREE FAMILIES TOGETHER

Wife Alleges Food Shortage

ORDER MADE FOR THREE CHILDREN

CIRCUMSTANCES were rather unusual in a maintenance case at Northcote Court on Tuesday when it was revealed that children of three marriages were brought together under one roof. The husband was a widower with a family, and the wife a widow with a family, and after the marriage there was a third family.

The wife alleged that her husband had not supported her adequately, and there was not sufficient food and clothing provided.

Mrs. Anne Matilda Dean, of Latham street, Northcote, sought a maintenance order against her husband, Henry Dean, Mitchell street, Northcote, in respect to herself and three children.

Just a Cricket XI

"The wife went into this 'community marriage' with her eyes open" said Mr. Barnett (for the husband). "Five children on one side, four on the other, and three more just makes a cricket eleven (including 12th man)"

WIFE'S STORY

Mrs. Dean said: "I married Dean in 1932. At that time I was a widow and he was a widower, each with four children. Since then he has adopted a child of his sister's.

Previous Litigation

"In 1926 I got a maintenance order against him for myself and two children. He appealed and my order was quashed in June last, as he often came to stay with me at weekends.

"I brought further proceedings and eventually these were withdrawn and we became reconciled.

"Only a Few Shillings"

"He is a gardener employed by the Collingwood Council and earns about £4/9/- a week. I have only had a few shillings at odd times from him, and he used to provide food, but what he got was not suitable for the children. When I told him the food was not suitable he said 'I won't give you any money. I'll see you in Hell first.'

"I started a baker and a milkman but both stopped as my husband would not pay.

"He did not provide any clothing and the children were badly dressed.

Baby Put Outside

"The baby is nine months old, and he takes no notice of it. One night the baby was crying and he said 'Take the howling brat outside' and though it was a cold night he put the pram out in the yard.

"It's My Money"

"He goes dancing and buys himself clothes. When I said that I wanted money for food he said 'It's my money and I'll do what I like with it.'

"The baby health centre ordered the child broth but he would not provide the money for this purpose.

"We'll See Who is 'Top Dog'"

"By newspaper advertisement my husband denied liability for debts contracted by me, and also notified carriers not to remove furniture. I spoke to him about it and he said 'You can't clear out now. We'll see who is top dog now.'"

Cross-examined:—When you returned to him in July last how many came with you?—My son and daughter of my previous marriage, myself and three children of the marriage.

He had three sons?—Yes.

From July to December was your daughter working?—Yes. She gave me her money and I put it into the home.

Was your boy working?—Yes except for three weeks.

You deny that he gave you £2/19/- a week regularly?—It is a lie.

Outside of your husband's debts what do you owe? — About £6 to tradespeople.

Has this been paid?—No.

When you finally left him did you say you were going?—He knew I was packing up but I did not tell him I was going that day.

You took the children without consulting him?—Yes.

Will you return?—No. Because he doesn't support me. Often we had only bread and dripping to eat.

HUSBAND'S VERSION

Henry Dean, said: "I have a house at Mitchell street, and it is still open for my wife and children to return.

"My average earnings are £3/19/0 a week out of which I paid the rent and give my wife £2/10/ weekly.

Wife's Debts

"When she returned to me in July last she owed nearly £40 and the tradespeople kept pestering me to pay her bills.

"There was always plenty of food in the house. Whatever food my wife asked for she got and I provided whatever was necessary for the baby.

"Want Wife to Return"

"I want my wife and family to return on the condition that they are prepared to stay."

Cross-examined:—Is your wife truthful?—Yes.

Do you go dancing a lot?—No. A look at my boots will show that.

Order for Children

After hearing further evidence the bench decided to make no order in respect to the wife, but an order of $/- weekly for the support of each of three children was made. The husband was further ordered to find a surety of £30 that he would comply with the order and to pay £2/7/ costs. The wife was given legal custody of the children.

THREE VAGRANCY CASES

MEN SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT

At Northcote Court on Tuesday Clarence Mummery, Owen Gibson, and George Johnston pleaded not guilty to vagrancy charges.

Plainclothes Constable Veness said that he arrested Mummery and Gibson on February 9 in a lane at the rear of the Carters' Arms Hotel. Both men were drinking, and were with two other convicted men. Mummery and Gibson are "winefiends" and drinkers of methylated spirit, and had been warned on many occasions to leave the district. There had been complaints that these men had accosted women in the streets asking for money.

Continuing Constable Veness said "I have known Johnston for some time. He has been warned to leave the district and goes away, but he returns within a short time. All three men are companions of convicted thieves and suspected persons."

Plainclothes Constable Edwin said "I saw Johnston stop two people in the street, and then he went into a wine saloon. The proprietor ejected him a moment or so later. I arrested him. In the past eighteen months I have not known him to follow any lawful occupation. None of the three men has a fixed place of abode.

Gibson said that he was a driver residing at Gordon House, Melbourne, and went to the country periodically to look for work. He last worked at Bendigo for two days within the last fortnight.

Johnston said: "I am an engineer and live at Monbulk. I have lived there intermittently for the last six years, and have always earned my way."

The P.M. (Mr. Hauser): — How much do you spend in Melbourne?—About six months.

Might it not be nine?—It may. It is true I get drunk, but it is my own money I spend.

Where have you been staying in the past fortnight?—Sometimes with friends. Sometimes I sleep out.

Gibson had no previous record. Mummery's record showed a couple of convictions for minor offences whilst Johnston's record, ranging back to 1900, covered a wide range of serious crimes. The record showed that in the last six or seven years that the man was doing his best to go straight.

The P.M. said that after considering all the facts each man would be sentenced to a month's imprisonment. Johnston said he would appeal.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Before Mr. A. Hauser, P.M.; Messrs A. H. Oldis (mayor), W. Hayes, P. J. Kean, P. Carney, and Mrs. A. A. Glanfield, J.s.P.

Noisy Motor Cyclist

Norman Bowen, Pioneers street, Thornbury, charged that on December 29 he allowed a motor cycle to emit an offensive noise in High street, was fined £2.

Speed: Noise

Fred Avison, High street, Northcote, charged that on January 1 he drove a motor car in High street at a speed dangerous to the public, and emitted an offensive noise. On a second charge of having allowed the car to emit an offensive noise Avison was fined £2.

Motor Cyclist Fined

Arthur Thiesz, Simpson street, Westgarth, charged that on December 21 he rode a motor cycle which did not have an effective tail light was fined 10/.

He was also fined 20/ for not having the motor cycle fitted with an effective silencer.

Traffic Constable Mallard said: "I heard a motor cycle making a noise in Westgarth street, and upon giving chase could not see the number plate which the tail light should have illuminated."

Defendant said: "I had left the motor cycle at Clifton Hill and some children knocked it over and damaged the battery. I had had the machine for about two and a half years and it had always been up sable. I have since fitted another pipe to it."

Tram Passed on Wrong Side

Cyril Sullivan, Dodds street, East Brunswick, who on January 6 drove a motor truck past a tramcar on the wrong side was fined £2.

Traffic Constable Hudd said that road repairs were being done at the time and that defendant could have turned on to metal which had just been rolled, and could have passed the tram on the correct side.

Railways Cases

Thomas Dunn, Cecil street, South Melbourne, who on November 18 rode in a railway carriage between Westgarth and Fairfield without a ticket, was fined £2. On a second charge that he failed to give his correct name and address defendant was fined £2. He was also ordered to pay 10/ costs.

Business Name Not Registered

Frances Josephine McKenzie, High street, Thornbury, trading under the name of "The Golden Key to Fashion" was fined 10/ for not having registered under the Business Names' Act.

Ejectments

John Brown, as agent for his brother, obtained an ejectment order against Hector Liversidge, Smith street, Thornbury.

Walter Morrison, as agent for the owner, obtained ejectment order against Mrs. Millicent Jones, St George's road, Northcote; and Annie Joseph, Francis grove, Northcote.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By F. W. Stott and Son at 3 p.m. on February 22 on the property 6 Bellarine street, Preston, mortgagees sale of 4-roomed D.F.W.B. villa on land 41 x 125. Particulars elsewhere.

By F. W. Stott and Son at 3 p.m. on February 23, on the property 33 Cameron street, Regent, mortgagees sale of 4-roomed D.F.W.B. villa on land 40 x 131ft 3in. Advertisement elsewhere.

By J. G. Robson (Geo. Henderson, auctioneer) on March 1 at 3 p.m., on premises, 16 Hawker Ave., Preston, 4-roomed villa, as advertised.

Elsewhere the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. A. H. Oldis, J.P.) asks citizens to forward names and addresses of former residents to the secretaries of the Northcote Jubilee Committee c/o Town Hall, so that invitations to the celebrations may be issued.

"I am sorry to hear, Captain Storm that your wife left you so unceremoniously." "My mistake. I took her for a mate and she proved to be a skipper."

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB GYMKHANA

TO-MORROW NIGHT AT FOOTBALL GROUND

THE committee of the Northcote Football Club have provided a most attractive sporting programme for their big sports gymkhana on Saturday night, February 18.

Record entries for a suburban athletic meeting have been received from runners who promise to give a splendid display. World's champion runners in Austin Robertson, ex-sprint champion of the world and record breaker; Tim Banner, present world's sprint champion, Jack Fitt world's champion distance runner and present leading runners will perform and spectators are assured of a wonderful treat.

There are many novelties, side-shows, &c., to help complete a wonderful programme. Included is an Championship Event for Northcote footballers, to be run in full uniform final of District State Schools' Championship and humorous burlesque by the Darktown Fire Brigade, by members of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

Your support and attendance is required to make this event a success and to compensate the club for their painstaking work in bringing this splendid entertainment to your district.

Mr. P. J. Mitchell is the hon. sec. The prices of admission are 1/1 for adults and Children 6d. Full details are advertised elsewhere.

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Late Selections for Caulfield

WARRIEN HURDLE
KINAMA ... 1
WHURLIC ... 2
DARK DAWN ... 3

FEDERAL STAKES
First Division
BREAK UP ... 1
MIRAMOND ... 2
MAID OF ORLEANS ... 3

Second Division
HALLMARK ... 1
SNOWCREE ... 2
CHIEF MATE ... 3

BOND CUP
PROTEA ... 1
BEAUNILLY ... 2
ORATORY ... 3

ST. GEORGE STAKES
LIBERAL ... 1
KIVERA ... 2
VIOL D'AMOUR ... 3

SALISBURY WELTER
First Division
REGALIC ... 1
COUNT ORLOFF ... 2
MAYBE ... 3

Second Division
GAY GIRL ... 1
GREAT NIGHT ... 2
FIRST ARROW ... 3

LONGEST CONSIGNMENT BY RAIL

The longest consignment ever carried by the Victorian Railways left Rokeby last month en route to Williamstown Pier. It was a 120ft. pile, selected from the towering eucalyptus of central Gippsland, and tapered from 22 inches in diameter to 10 inches.

The "Q" trucks, fitted with swing bolsters, and a "R" safety truck were used to carry the huge tree trunk, but no difficulties were experienced during its progress by rail

PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Before Messrs. T. J. McMahon, and W. J. Seabrook, J's.P.

Debt

The City of Preston obtained orders for arrears of rating rates against T. H. Crain, Wingrove street, Toorak, £6/1/-; J. J. Colville, Coode Island, £9/11/-; W. H. Cook, Doncaster road, £8/10/-; £4/8/; S. J. Prescott, Victoria, £5/1/7; J. Smith, Rokeby street, Essendon, £4/3/-; T. Connelly, Gower street, Preston (rates, etc.) £18/15/3.

Motor Cases

Lione A. Mitchell, truck driver, Raleigh street, Thornbury, was charged that at Preston on January 20 he passed a tramcar on the wrong side in Plenty road.

There was a second charge that he did not have on his motor car two efficient sets of brakes.

Traffic Constable Brown said: "Mitchell who was driving a 3-ton truck loaded with sand passed a tramcar on the wrong side. When I overtook him he applied his brakes and the truck did not stop for about 20 yards. When I said to him 'Your brakes are not too good,' he said 'No they require adjusting'. When Mitchell got out of his truck he stopped the engine and put the vehicle into gear to prevent it rolling down a slippery hill."

Mitchell said: "The tram passed the stop before coming to a standstill. Just as I came on to the tram a car shot out in front of me and I had to swing to the right, and passed the tram on the wrong side. After the police stopped me I found that the thread on the brake adjustment was stripped, and I had it attended to at once."

A fine of £5 was imposed on each charge.

Norman Stoneham, Kellett street Northcote, who on January 13 rode an unlighted bicycle was fined 10/.

Frank Bassiere, Crawley street, Regent, charged that on January 1 he rode a motor cycle which emitted an offensive noise in High street Preston, was fined £3.

Traffic police said that the noise could be heard for 300 to 400 yards.

Handel Firth, Storey road, Reservoir, who on January 1 allowed a motor cycle to emit an offensive noise, in High street, was fined £3. On a second charge of having ridden a motor cycle without being licensed a fine of £1 was imposed.

Ejectments

C. W. Green, as agent for the Third Extended Starr Bowkett Building Society, obtained an ejectment order against Laurence Baron, Roseberry avenue, Preston.

City and Suburban Investments Ltd. obtained an ejectment order against Arthur Wilson and Angus Wilson in respect to premises, Larne grove, Preston.

State Savings Bank obtained ejectments against Eileen Ruth Jones, Butler street, Preston; A. E. Moody, Kenilworth street, Reservoir.

William Hodgkinson, as agent for the owner, obtained ejectment orders against — Lerm, Edith street, Preston; and William Hunter, Newton street, Preston.

Maintenance Order

Mrs. Ellen Margaret Juckert, of Austral avenue, Preston, obtained a maintenance order against her husband, Robert Augustus Juckert, of Austral avenue, for £1 weekly for herself and 10/ weekly for each of two children. Desertion by the husband was not denied but it was stated that he was out of work and had been precluded from taking another position in Perth (W.A.) by reason of the fact that he feared, if he left Victoria he would be arrested and brought back. The husband, who is an X-ray technician, was formerly employed at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Prestonites! Read Extra Special Bargain Offers

Activities at Preston

By The Rouseabout.

They Say—

THAT the cricket match between the Police and outdoor staffs of the Preston Council has been arranged for Saturday afternoon, February 25.

That Sister Holland, of the Preston Baby Health Centre is absent owing to ill-health.

That the illness is mainly due to overwork and mothers in attendance at the centre and others concerned that Sister Holland should be granted the services of an assistant.

That Cecil Dempsey, Plenty road, Bundoora, who is a keen worker in the Trinity King system, is recovering after illness.

Broadcasting at Preston

LAST Sunday morning, between 2 and 10 o'clock, a fine programme was transmitted over the air from the Preston experimental station "Station Arthur street, which is operated under the direction of Mr. Chris Radyk. The following programme was contributed, the reception being excellent: Cornet duet, "Turboard Watch," Messrs. Fitz and Hasley; bass solo, "The Corporal's Ditty," Mr. Noel Bunker, who later by request sang, "Sergeant-Major On Parade"; recitation, "Lisa," Miss Marie Newell; humorous solos, "Nothing Comes Off Except Buttons" and "Terence McCue," Mr. R. Heather; cornet solos, "Arbuckleolon" and the polka, "Besser the Bats," Mr. A. C. Fitz, and two nicely rendered soprano solos, "Vale" and "The Lilac Tree," by Miss Pat O'Connor. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. J. Smith and Mr. E. Garrett, and Mr. Noel Bunker proved a able announcer. Next Sunday morning another excellent programme will be transmitted from the studio, by friends and the staff of Callaway and Co., estate and finance agents 213 Collins street, Melbourne.

[illegible] Preston Public Quartette who are also members of the Northcote Choral Society, having by request several of the works of Mr. Vincent Austin, a composer of Mr. R. Heather, of Northcote street, will be rendered; and Mr. R. Heather, bass, a song from South America, will also be heard.

Items giving particulars of dates and places of dances, entertainments, meetings, annual meetings, &c., can only be inserted when accompanied by an advertisement (cost from 1/- upwards). Personal paragraphs and weddings are welcomed by the Editor, and are inserted without charge.

Preston A.N.A.

THE Preston branch, A.N.A., held its usual fortnightly meeting on Monday, the president (Mr. W. McConchie) being in the chair. There was a fair attendance, and some keen discussions took place. A representative of the Melbourne Dental Clinic placed full particulars before the branch. It was decided to affiliate with the clinic, and members will now have the privilege of securing dental treatment. Full information can be obtained from the secretary. One new member was elected and welcomed by the president. Reports were received from the sub-committee appointed by the branch re the proposed cricket club. This committee is a real live one, and, judging by the reports received Preston branch will be represented next season. Any member interested in cricket is urged to get in touch with any of the sub-committee. After business the syllabus was carried out, viz., impromptu speeches. By the way the younger members spoke the future for this branch looks well. In the near future Preston will enter teams in the debating competitions. Next meeting is on February 20, and the syllabus then is Quarter Night and Financial Talks. This should be very interesting to members, as a special summoned meeting is to be called for 8.30 p.m.

Dog Suckles Kitten

MR. W. Shaw, landlord of the Council Club Hotel, High street, Preston, is the owner of an Alsatian female dog which recently gave birth to four puppies. The domestic cat at the hotel also added to the feline population about the same time to the extent of three or four. Most of the kittens were unwanted, and met with a watery death, one being retained. The cat, however, left, and the motherless kitten was suckled for several days by the Alsatian. On Wednesday morning Mr. Shaw paid his customary visit to where the dogs and kitten were provided with comfortable quarters, and found that one of the pups had lain on the forlorn kitten and suffocated it.

Fire Brigade Items

TWO class fires received attention at the hands and hoses of Preston firemen—one last Friday afternoon on a vacant piece of land off Bell street, and on Sunday afternoon at Plenty road, near Tyler street. On Saturday there was a false call to Oakover road, and a second one on Tuesday to Miller and Taylor streets.

West Preston State School

MISS Nela Vand-uberg, who held a position as "excess" teacher at the school for several weeks, has been transferred to Ivanhoe.

On Friday, February 24, Preston and Northcote schools' swimming carnival will be held. Preston section will meet at the local baths, and the other, which applies at Northcote, will be attended by the school authorities along glass jars, which are awarded to headquarters of the Public Relief Fund, where the jars will be filled with jam and distributed among the unemployed.

In petition by Municipal Representatives

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Unemployment

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St. John Ambulance

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A squad of first aid men were on duty at the carnival in Edwardes Park and attended two accidents. Football clubs requiring the services of first aid members to attend to players in the coming season should make application to the secretary, 32 Symon street, West Preston, N18.

A special hygiene class will be formed on Tuesday, February 28, at the Preston Girls' School, with Mrs. E. Lewis as instructress. On the same evening a V.A.D. meeting will take place, when an interesting lecture will be delivered.

Preston Benevolent Society

THE first meeting for the year was held in the town hall on February 1. There were nine present, and Mrs. Aitchin presided. Fifty-four families have been assisted during the past two months. Owing to the Government giving the Central Committee the choice of the unemployed girls three important meetings were held in Melbourne Town Hall, and a report of these conferences was given by our delegate. Donations were received from Mr. F. C. Coles, £1; Lord Mayor's Fund, £17/9/2; Felton Bequest, £30/9/2. Christmas gifts included plums from Mrs. W. R. Hewett; Mrs. Hogg, 51 for sugar; Mr. Pridham, groceries and meat; Mr. H. Howe, 150lbs. flour, and a load from road, and a second one on Tuesday to Miller and Taylor streets.

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Reservoir Mothers' Club

THE eighth annual meeting took the form of a social afternoon. There was a fair attendance. The report and balance sheet showed that £125/15/10 had been raised. A birthday cake made and donated by the president (Mrs. Rose) was cut with due ceremony during afternoon tea. Presentations were made to the retiring president and secretary. Mrs. Batty was awarded the trophy for introducing the greatest number of new members for the year. The election of officers resulted: — President, Mrs. Batty; vice-president, Mrs. Allison; secretary, Mrs. Pagram; treasurer, Mrs. MacKenzie; committee, Mesdames Pryer, Quadros, Mitchell, Robertson, Sykes and Williams.

Estates Assigned

THE estates of Robert Millership and Albert Millership, trading as Millership Bros., of High street, Preston, grocers, have been assigned to Mr. E. G. Balding in trust for creditors. The estimated liabilities are £528/8/2, and the estimated amount of property is £23s/1/4.

Preston Ladies' Cricket Club

PRESTON girls were defeated by Semco on Saturday by 69 runs. The outstanding performance for Semco was that of Elsie Deane, with 65, while Jean Day made 42 not out. For Preston, Hilda Hills made 41 out of the total of 68, and Hilda McKeown took two smart catches. Scores:—Semco, 5 (closed) for 137 (E. Deane 64, J. Day 42 n.o.); E. Burkett 2/27, H. McKeown 2/35, M. Hall 1/26; Preston, 68 (H. Hills 41, I. Cooksley 2/9, D. O'Mara 1/4) and 2 for 12 (J. Day 2/8). On Saturday Preston meet Ramblers on the latter's ground at Brighton.

Preston St. Vincent's Red Cross

THE first meeting for the year at the Preston Town Hall on February 9 was well attended. After general business had been completed the Lord Mayor's appeal for £50,000 in three months was brought up. A plan of campaign was mapped out for a record number of functions to take place during March, April and May in order to assist the appeal in every way possible.

A Fishing Expedition

MESSRS. E. Eagles and Bob Gilchrist spent the week-end at King Parrot Creek. The first-named returned with a few fish and Bob with a swollen eye, caused by the sting of an insect.

It is hard to score off O'Reilly, but you can always score by buying your groceries from Cornish, Cash & Carry Grocer, 255 High St., Northcote.

Ladies, Look!

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BOWLS

A PENNANT

Northcote Defeated

Northcote sustained a further defeat at the hands of Glenhuntly at the Northcote green. Only Pollock's rink was up, this being in some measure an atonement for the decisive one at Glenhuntly on this rink last week. Scores:—

Glenhuntly (100).—Nash, Jamieson, Hearle, Swann, 35; Vining, Warren, Murdoch, Baulke, 22; Ashton, Moneke, Kneen, Dowding, 23; Treloar, Hetherington, Hedges, Shiblow, 20.

Northcote (78).—Brown, Pinkney, Shaw, 16; Allen, Hawthorn, Remy, Rowell, 17; Purnell, Davis, Plant, Catarinich, 20; Threlkeld, Jackson, Norman, Pollock, 25.

Thornbury Go Down

Carlton, on their own green, were far too good for Thornbury, the visitors being soundly trounced by 119 to 74. Not one Thornbury rink was "in the money," and Sharp's rink could only score 9 against 33. Scores:—

Carlton (119).—Jenson, Solomon, Swain, Shelley, 23; Sims, Buckle, Thomson, Hildeeway, 33; Stephens, Frost, Stanton, Buckman, 31; Setford, Kennedy, McLennan, Hardham, 27.

Thornbury (74).—Robertson, Ross, Warren, Allen, 13; North, Thompson, Rogerson, Sharp, 9; Whaller, White, Hayes, Frenchum, 23; Allen, Cornish, Johnson, Murden, 24.

Other Matches

Ivanhoe, 104, d Footscray, 84.

Mordialloc, 109, d Heidelberg, 52.

Essendon, 105, d Alphington, 94.

B PENNANT

Canterbury, 111, d Alphington I., 96.

Thornbury, 111, d Melbourne, 67.

Camberwell, 108, d Ivanhoe, 80.

Surrey Hills, 109, d Fairfield, 91.

Heidelberg, 103, d Hawthorn, 59.

Alphington II. had a bye.

C PENNANT

Northcote, 97, d Sunshine, 53.

Elsternwick District I., 31, d Thornbury, 69.

Fairfield, 101, d Preston, 48.

Ivanhoe, 64, d Surrey Hills, 63.

PRESTON CLUB

The club received another knockout on Saturday, results showing defeats for the A, B and C teams. Collingwood, who had administered a hiding to Heidelberg on the previous Saturday, also ran the rule over Preston to some order on their own green. The weather conditions were almost ideal, except for a short spell of windy gusts. The opening ends soon showed that Preston would have to play at their top to counteract the excellent bowling of their opponents. Henshaw's rink encountered some heavy broadsides in the opening ends at the hands of the opposing skipper, W. Dance, who piled up a lead that was demoralising, the final scores being 29 to 14. Hughie Lane, who had just returned from a holiday at Numurkah, resumed charge of his rink and put up a good fight against J. Mumford's team, who were also victorious by 5 points. Fred Morgan was 2 down against Smith. The spoons were won by Fred Pike's rink, which was the only one with a winning margin. By their defeat the A's have to step down to second place as sectional leaders, Brunswick taking the lead as a result of their win against Coburg.

Preston's next three matches are on their own green. On Saturday they hope to turn the tables on the Mordialloc team who were victorious on their seaside award; while Brunswick have to play Heidelberg, so the position is rather interesting, and the sectional leaders will have some hard fixture to retain position until the end of the pennant draw.

In the B section Preston was again well down against Toorak. Condie's rink being the spoon winners; and in the C's against Fairfield Carthew's rink won the spoons. Scores in all matches were:—

Preston A v Collingwood

Collingwood (109).—Bell, P. Hibbert, W. Page, Smith, 26; Fenton, Brockenshire, C. Hibert, W. Dance, 29; W. Hibbert, Latimer, McIntyre, Brockenshire, 18; G. Page, W. Mumford, R. Dance, J. Mumford, 27.

Preston (88).—Shepherd, Shaw, Broadhurst, Morgan, 23; Hill, Hindson, Joiner, Henshaw, 13; Siddons, Tatchell, Nevill, Pike, 30; Birchall, Lewis, Zwar, Lang, 22.

Preston B v Toorak

Toorak (114).—Kidd, Edgar, Greenwood, Romanis, 33; Fussell, Richardson, Berwick, Crano, 32; Wynne, Cranston, McNaught Neale, 26; Paterson, Paterson, Lorimer, Willey, 23.

Preston (96).—Allardice, Farr, Dahl, Howe, 18; Cohen, Ross, W. Lewis, Apted, 21; McIntosh, Davidson, Fleming, Condie, 31; Jowett, Merrie, Whittle, Welch, 26.

Preston C v Fairfield

Fairfield (1/1).—Allen, Sturtevant, Green, Ward, 39; Morgan, Williams, Brownley, Lee, 31; Butterworth, Clarke, Hill, 31.

Preston (48).—Swain, Herries, Ikin, McIntyre, 20; Butterfield, Pipe, Rae, Carthew, 15; Norris, Jensen, Simmonds, Watson, 13.

Saturday's matches:—A v Mordialloc at home; B v Auburn away; C v West Brunswick away.

On Thursday, March 2, Preston will play a match against the Parliamentarians on the Preston green.

CYCLING

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS

On Saturday the club held a one mile handicap and a three mile scratch race at the banked dirt track at Oakover road. The first heat was won by Matt Lynch (off 120yds.) after a wonderful unassisted ride throughout. Second place went to Tom Gascoyne (40yds.), with N. Duckworth (80yds.) third. Time, 2.14. During the first lap F. Thomas, riding from scratch, skidded on the bend and fell heavily. He escaped with severe abrasions, but his front wheel was smashed. The second heat was won by N. Reitzel (50yds.) after an exciting finish with S. Andrews (110 yds.). L. Potter rode into third place. Time, 2.13 2-5. The final was matter than the heats, the front markers making the pace a cracker right from the start. Matt Lynch was doing more than his share of the pacing. At the bell lap S. Andrews and Lynch were close together, and with 50 yards to go Andrews forged to the front and finished half a wheel ahead of Lynch. Third place went to Gascoyne after a hard ride. Results: — S. Andrews (110yds.), 1; Matt Lynch (120yds.), 2; Tom Gascoyne (40yds.), 3. Time, 3 min 8.25 sec.

Soon after the start of the three mile scratch race F. Thomas had his second fall for the day when his tyre rolled off. The race resulted in a victory for Tom Gascoyne, who had a great tussle for the sprint laps with R. Bates throughout the race. Finishing with a great sprint Gascoyne also won the final sprint, gaining an extra 4 points. Bates finished fast in second place, and N. Duckworth, who recently changed over from the amateurs, rode into third place. Results:—Tom Gascoyne, 31 points, 1; R. Bates, 22 points, 2; N. Duckworth, 4 points, 3. Time, 7min. 49sec.

Owing to an open race meeting being held at Collingwood cricket ground on February 25, the special track racing listed at Preston for that day will be postponed to a further date.

World's Cycle Record Attempt

NICHOLSON TO VISIT NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON

Ossie Nicholson, the famous Australian cyclist, who has covered upwards of 5,500 miles since January 1 in his attempt to lower the world's 12 months' continuous riding record of 36,007 miles annexed last year by A. A. Humbles (England) will pay an official visit to Northcote and Preston at an early date, when Mr. Bruce Small (Nicholson's mentor) is hopeful that civic and sporting leaders will avail themselves of the opportunity of utilising the auspicious occasion to raise funds for local charitable objects. When arrangements take definite shape it is likely that local wheel bodies will escort Nicholson through these cities per medium of a procession of bicycles. During his attempt to better the world's 12 months' mileage (36,007), Nicholson will endeavour to beat the highest number of consecutive hundreds, the world's record of which stands at 258 established in 1911 by an American rider. Added interest is being centred in the Australian's activities by virtue of his using a three-speed cycle gear. At the moment the Australian is some 500 miles ahead of the Englishman's record for this period of his memorable ride, which augurs well to culminate in unqualified success for Australia.

THEATRICAL PARTY

On Monday, March 6 a cycling theatre party will be held at a city theatre. The Club Delegates' Association, a body formed of representatives from each of the professional cycling clubs of Victoria, intends during the coming winter road racing season to stage a large handicap road race, probably of two days duration, and proceeds from the theatre party will go towards the expenses of same.

FAIRFIELD CANOE CLUB

ANNUAL CARNIVAL

In ideal weather the Fairfield Canoe Club held its annual river carnival on the Yarra last Saturday. The canoe racing was keenly contested, there being present representatives of the Elwood, Essendon, Victorian and Burnley Clubs.

The chief event was the singles championship of Victoria, and after a close race L. Turner (Fairfield) defeated A. Sainsbury (Burnley) in the first heat, and Turner went on to win the final.

Other results:—Novice Pairs: C. Anderson and McIlderno (Burnley). Senior Pairs: J. Martin and J. Barrow (Burnley). Canoe Fours. Burnley, 1; Elwood, 2.

At night the grounds were ablaze with festoons and colored lights, and during the evening a fireworks display was given.

The carnival will be continued on Saturday next with a programme of canoe novelty events.

ATHLETICS

PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE CLUB

C Grade's Runaway Victory Against Achilles

Preston met Achilles last Saturday in the last inter-club match before the semi-finals. By winning easily Preston finished in second place and will meet Metropolitan on March 4. The Victorian championships will be held on February 18 and 25.

W. Perry competed for Preston in the high jump, and was placed second after clearing 5 feet. For the 100 yards R. McCann, B. McNabb and W. Perry faced the starter. All got away well and McCann won easily from McNabb, with Perry a close third. The time was 10 1-10 sec., but owing to a slight breeze no club record could be allowed. H. Gardiner and C. Owen had a walk-over in the walk. The former made a new club record by doing 7min. 15sec. In the mile D. McCachon went to the front early and made the pace to the half-mile, where McCubbery (Achilles) took the lead, closely followed by Weightman. At the bell Weightman forged ahead and won comfortably in 4min. 42sec., with G. Kirkland third and D. McEachen fourth. J. Angus, in the shot putt, was too good for his opponent with 29ft. 6in. More points followed in the quarter, which R. McCann won from V. Smith and B. McNabb in 54 1-5 sec. The total points were: Preston 51, Achilles 16.

C Grade Scores Over Old Scotch

Old Scotch drew first blood by winning the discus, R. Pearce, with 81ft. 2½in., being second. J. Quinn in the 100 yards, was just pipped on the tape in 10 4-5 sec., with V. Kirkland fourth and J. Lacey fifth. In the walk N. Harris won in 8min. 4sec. J. Wawn was not up to his usual form in the broad jump, only doing 16ft. 5in., and found Old Scotch too good for him. In the mile J. Lacey had to be content with third place, followed by K. Brennan and G. Connor. V. Kirkland registered his best time over the 440 hurdles and won in good style in 63 1-5 sec. E. McGann showed improvement by finishing second in 64 4-5sec. Final scores:—Preston, 35 points to 31. This was E Grade's last match as they failed to gain a place in the four.

Club Championships

One Mile (holder, D. McEachen: record, W. Weightman, 4 min. 35 2-5 sec.). — Weightman made the pace from the start, doing the first lap in 62sec., followed by McEachen, Tannock, Bates and Brennan. At the half mile, covered in 2min. 11sec., he was still leading by two yards from McEachen, but the others were starting to string out. At the bell Weightman had gained a big lead and looked a sure winner. At this stage Brennan had picked up McEachen and was fighting for second place. Weightman went on to win by 20 yards in 4 min. 36½ sec. McEachen beat Brennan in the sprint for second, with F. Bates fourth and J. Tannock fifth.

Club Notes

Next week the 440 yards heats will be run on Tuesday and the final on Thursday. The time for starting is 6.30 p.m. sharp.

H. Gardiner, the club captain, has entered for the three mile Victorian championship walk next Saturday, and the following week in the mile walk. A. Angus will compete in the hop step and jump championship. The club wishes these members every success.

Over the week-end at a special meeting many matters were discussed. The secretary (Mr. C. Thorne) handed in his resignation, and after much discussion it was received. Mr. C. Owen was elected in his stead.

Last Monday night the club commenced their fortnightly dances at the Orient Dance Hall, East Preston, and everyone enjoyed a good night. The next will be on February 27.

Training is in full swing, and the boys are looking forward to the semi-final. They hope to win the pennant again this year.

The club congratulates Alan Angus on winning the shot putt (33ft. 8in.) and the hop, step and jump (44ft.) at the C.Y.M.S. annual sports.

On February 21 the V.A.A.A. will hold a picture night at the State Theatre. The programme will include slow motion pictures of leading runners. Tickets are obtainable from Mr. N. Harris.

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Northcote C.Y.M.S. Activities

ON Sunday the annual combined C.Y.M.S. sports were held at the Mentone Racecourse. The day was ideal and there was a fine attendance, Northcote's quota being in the vicinity of fifty. Ascotvale won the day, scoring 45 points while Glen Iris and Malvern tied for second with 32½points. Northcote scored 16 points occupying fifth position. The M. M. Nolan Shield was won by Ascotvale, Malvern being second (43½ points) and Glen Iris third (40½ points).

Despite the fact that the Northcote branch had only five competitors in the field, it gave a creditable display. Allan Angus won the shot putt in excellent style, with a brilliant throw of 33ft 8in. In the Hop Step and Jump he created a C.Y.M.S. record with 44ft. We congratulate Allan on his fine performance in winning two championship events. Other competitors were R. Angus, second in his heat of the 220 yards handicap and third in heat of the 100 yards championship; J. Lacey third in heat of the 220 yards handicap, and seventh in the mile championship; R. Hickey eleventh in the mile championship and seventh in the half mile handicap; E. McNamara ninth in the half mile handicap, in the medley relay race R. Hickey (half mile), J. Lacey (quarter mile) E. McNamara and H. Angus (220 yards) were unsuccessful. After a refreshing swim in the sea, the branch concluded the day with a social.

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Williams was sentenced to imprisonment for nine months on each charge, the sentences to be concurrent. Judge Foster ordered that at the end of the sentence Williams be detained in a reformatory. Dykes was sentenced to imprisonment for six months on each count. An order was made that the sentence be suspended on his entering into a bond to be of good behaviour for two years.

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PERSONAL

Friends of Cr. Walter Glanfield and Mr. Arthur Glanfield of Northcote will regret to learn of the death of their mother who passed away in Sydney three weeks ago, at the age of 81 years. Mrs. Glanfield sen. came to Northcote about 45 years ago, and was a resident for about 30 years. She was well known to the older residents of Northcote and during that period took a keen interest in public affairs. About 15 years ago she went to Sydney where she had resided over since. Throughout her life Mrs. Glanfield sen. enjoyed the best of health, until about the last five months. The end was very peaceful. The Northcote Council on Monday resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to the sons.

Mr. A. E. Smithers, teller at Preston branch of the Bank of N.S.W., is relieving at the West-end (Little Collins street) branch. Mr. R. T. Hodge is relieving at Preston.

The Editor will be pleased to receive personal items for publication in this column. All paragraphs must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

On February 9 at his residence 77 Clarendon street, Thornbury, Charles Gray passed away at the age of 57. Deceased leaves a wife and three children, Beryl, Albert and Allan.

Miss Betty Child, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Child High street, Preston has been awarded a bronze medal for the advanced intermediate section in pianoforte at the recent London College of Music examinations. Miss R. M. McDonald, A.L.C.M. has been responsible for Betty's tuition.

CHURCH NEWS

St. Aidan's Church Northcote

A concert for the organ fund on February 9 resulted in a return of £2. The items were provided by the Yarra Harmonica Band, Miss Betty Neill's pupils, the tennis club and members of the choir. A most enjoyable evening was concluded with supper, dispensed by the ladies.

High Street Methodist Church

Rev. Walters was the preacher last Sunday morning whilst Mr. Phil Back occupied the pulpit at night. At both services solos and anthems were rendered.

The Women's Auxiliary to Foreign Missions held its first meeting for the year on February 10.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

Rev. Sydney Smith, of St. Luke's, Yarraville, will preach at 11 a.m. on Sunday when special Harvest Festival services will be held. At 3 p.m a children's service will be conducted by the Precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral. At evensong the vicar will be assisted by Rev. C. H. Nash as the preacher.

Social activities include a dance sponsored by the choir on Monday in the parish hall. On Tuesday the annual meeting of parishioners will be held.

Mr. Horace Weber, of the Capitol Theatre, Melbourne, has arranged an interesting programme for February 26 when he will give a recital on the new organ.

St. George's Road Methodist Church

The preacher on Sunday morning was Mr. Oates. The Young people conducted the musical portion of the service. In the evening Rev. Walton of Ivanhoe was the preacher. The choir rendered the anthem "The Lord is Loving."

St. Mark's Church of England West Preston

On Sunday next special services will be held at St. Mark's on the occasion of the Harvest Festival celebrations. At 11 a.m. Holy Communion (fully choral) will be celebrated by the vicar (Rev. C. Powell) and at evensong at 7 p.m. the special sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. H. Nash, M.A. On Monday February 20 at 8 p.m. a social evening and harvest supper will be held in the church hall Good artists will supply a musical programme and there will be dancing after supper. A most enjoyable evening is promised those who attend

The Week's Social Gossip

Mr. and Mrs. Les. McCasker, High street, Thornbury have returned from an enjoyable motor tour to Adelaide.

Cr. H. P. Zwar, M.L.A. took part in a bowling match between a Parliamentary team and Heidelberg players, at the latter place on Wednesday afternoon.

Sergeant and Mrs. Lang spent most enjoyable holidays at Numurkah, Echuca, Barmah and Tocumwal, finishing up with a few days at Cockatoo. Sergeant Lang, who was accompanied during portion of the time by Inspector Jones, now stationed at Numurkah, did some snipe shooting and fishing.

Cr. M. C. Jones, of Gooch street, Northcote, accompanied by Mrs. Jones will leave for a trip to Sydney on February 25. Cr. Jones is president of the Victorian Retail Grocers' Association and will attend the annual conference of the Retail Grocers' Federation of Australia as a Victorian delegate.

Miss Doris Smith, Thornbury, has returned after a holiday spent at Mornington.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Dorothy Norien Edmondson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Edmondson, of Parkville to Mr. Dudley Trevor Bain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bain, of St. George's road, Croxton.

The first meeting for 1933 of the Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary of Women's Hospital will be held in the town hall, Northcote, on Thursday, February 23.

About sixty friends of Miss Minie Ede, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ede, of Flinders street, Thornbury, were entertained at the Memorial Hall, Northcote, on January 28 to celebrate her coming-of-age. Miss Ede looked charming in a pale green georgette frock trimmed with pink roses. The hall was gaily decorated and the guests were entertained with dancing and games, the music being rendered by Mr. H. Nash. The principal toast was proposed by her uncle, Mr. P. Ede, and suitably responded to by Miss Ede and her father. The tables were prettily decorated and 21 kewpies adorned the two-tier birthday cake, which was later cut and pieces handed to each guest A pleasant evening concluded with the National Anthem. Mr. J. Ferrie catered in his usual pleasing style, much to the satisfaction of the guests.

Mrs. J. A. Thomson, of Preston, has returned from Chelsea where she has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Julius Mayer.

Mr. A. J. S. Wilson, of Regent street, Preston, who was an unfortunate victim in a recent motor car crash, has gone to Mount Buffalo in order to recuperate.

Mr. Jas. Kupsch, of Wilcox street, Preston, left last Saturday for a fortnight's respite at Daylesford.

The secretary of the Preston Mayoress' Guild (Mrs. H. Fraser) notifies that the first meeting of the year will be held in the Preston Town Hall on Tuesday, February 21

Mr. Hugh Marsland, L.L.B. has been appointed as hon. legal adviser to the Jika Cricket Association.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bean, Oakhill avenue, Preston, left to-day (Friday) for Tasmania, and expect to be absent for about a fortnight. Mr. Bean who is making a business circuit, takes in Hobart, Launceston, and Burnie, decided that pleasure could be combined with business. Their many friends wish them an enjoyable time.

Mr. L. Roberts, of Thornbury, has been on a shooting expedition during the last two weeks, touring New South Wales and Victoria.

Miss Alma Leith, of High street, Preston, has not been too well lately so has decided on a month's holiday in Tasmania to recuperate.

Mr. Christopher R. B. James, of Southernhay street, Regent, and 39 Queen street, Melbourne, has been advanced to the stauts of Fellow of both the Federal Institute of Accountants, and the Australasian Institute of Secretaries, Melbourne. Mr James, who is a Victorian councillor of the Australasian Institute of Secretaries, has been re-elected unopposed as a member of the Victorian State Board of the Federal Institute of Accountants. He is also a vice-president of the Preston Rowing Club and the Public Accountants' Students' Society of Victoria.

The Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs A. H. Oldis) will hold a reception in the Northcote Town Hall on Thursday March 9. By this date the reconstruction and renovations, which have quite transformed the halls will be completed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burkett, of 55 Town Hall avenue, Preston, entertained about 150 guests at the Bradford Hall on Saturday, February 11, to celebrate the coming-of-age of their only daughter, Edna. A delightful supper was provided during which Mr. Lee Haughton extended, on behalf of all present congratulations to Mr. and Mrs Burkett and best wishes to Edna, to which both suitably responded. Dancing was indulged in, interspersed with Reno and games, which provided much amusement. The Burkett received numerous beautiful presents. At a late hour these present wended their way homewards with happy recollections of having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Coming-of-Age Dance at Thornbury.—Pink and mauve flowers made an artistic display in the reception rooms at Normanby Hall, Thornbury on the occasion of a dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomson, of "Somerset," Greensborough, to celebrate the coming-of-age of their daughter Phyllis. The lounge and hall were cleared for dancing, and supper was served in the dining hall where flowers in tone of pink and blue. With her parents the young hostess received her guests at the entrance to the lounge. Her frock was gracefully and modishly cut of white broaded taffetas, with cuching to the waist and large puff sleeves and Parma violet sash with large bow and ends, and cape to match. Mrs. Thomson was becomingly suited in a black Chantilly lace frock. Mr. Montford was M.C. and carried out his duties to the delight of all present. Acceptable music was freely supplied by Mr. Balnam's orchestra. One hundred guests entered enthusiastically into the festivities which were duly honored. Mrs. Olorenshaw catered in her usual lavish manner and the tables groaned under the weight of good things provided. The service was excellent. "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very happy evening to a close

Rev. Douglas Gibbs, minister of South Preston Methodist Church is slowly recovering from an accident received on the cricket field shortly before Christmas. The reverend gentleman still finds it necessary to make use of a crutch

MERNDA

The annual sale of gifts organised by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, assisted by ladies of other churches under the direction of Mrs. J. A. Johnson for the benefit of the Shakeland Children's Homes, was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday. There was a good display of fruit, flowers, vegetables, groceries and needlework. The sale was opened by Padre H. E. E. Hayes, who mentioned that the late Cr. W. Thomas had opened the sale for 18 years in succession. The event had been successfully carried on for 22 years. The homes had been established about 25 years, and now had some 50 children, varying from babies to children of school age.

The stalls were as follows:—Produce, Mrs. G. Cockerill and Mrs. Walker; needlework, Miss Robertson; confectionery and soft drinks, Misses A. Cockerill and E. Benson; teas, Miss E. Smith; flowers, Mrs. H. E. E. Hayes; Mrs. A. Johnson organised the bran tub, and other ladies assisted; miniature Aunt Sally and electric shocks Padre Hayes. The sum received was £17/11/- and donations, etc., are expected to considerably increase the amount. The matron of the home, with a number of the smaller children, was in attendance, and the children entertained the visitors with community singing and solos. The afternoon was a most enjoyable and profitable one, with a large attendance.

The local group of Freemasons on Feb. 14 decided to meet fortnightly in the Mechanics' Institute until further notice, pending the preparation of a petition to Grand Lodge for the consecration of a lodge to be known as Mernda Lodge. £60 was guaranteed by some members present and other guarantors are coming forward. Certain of the officers were named for the proposed lodge.

The recent request of the Progress Association to the Minister of Lands for an inspection of the shire by an officer of the Noxious Weeds Department has led to considerable activity in efforts to eradicate the pests. Several farmers and others, owing to the enormous extent of the evil, have had to appeal for relief in clearing their land through inability to pay for the necessary labor. There is much heartburning here and there, as the efforts of the association are not always appreciated.

LIFE-SAVING AND SWIMMING

NORTHCOTE CLUB ACTIVE

The official figures for the North coate section of the "Herald" Learn to Swim Campaign were made available during the week. The number taught to swim the required distance was 71, whilst fully 50 others, although unable to cross the baths, are showing decided improvement. The club committee has a number of the later entrants in hand and will persevere until proficiency is acquired

The club is training applicants for the awards of the Royal Life Saving Society, and wonderful success is being obtained, no failures having been recorded.

The 50 yards club race held on Wednesday evening resulted in Tom Seanell winning the first heat, and Cyril French the second heat. The final will be run during the week.

The club is now sending out instructors to several of the metropolitan clubs, thus furthering the aims of the Royal Life Saving Society.

ROWING

PRESTON LADIES' CLUB

Preston ladies retain the Victorian championship fours title. After being beaten the previous Saturday by Essendon on the Maribyrnong River crews, they came out last Saturday in the Albert Park Lake and won the inaugural Victorian championship from Essendon after a hard race all the way. Preston always had the advantage. The lake was very choppy. It was a great race and Preston well deserved their victory. They also retained the championship shown pairs title, toward the same day, from the Essendon pair, while the maidens lost at Maribyrnong the previous Saturday and did likewise last Saturday, but notwithstanding, they are a very good promising crew which should win next time they race, as they lack of the racing experience, which is so essential. However the club is very pleased and proud of the girls' efforts, and hopes to be able to raise the money to send the championship crew to Tasmania in March to compete for the Australian championship, now held by N.S.W. Ladd's Club. The crew was the same as the last year's crew, with the exception of Miss James, replacing Miss Radcliffe (now Mrs. C. Owen). The girls took their seats in the boat (both maiden and senior) wearing black armbands as a token of respect for one of their crew who had suffered a bereavement, namely, Stella Peters, who deeply appreciated her clubmates' kindly thought. Mr. G. Williams was the coach. Results:

Senior Championship Fours.—Preston (bow Edna Twite, 2 Nell James, 3 Stella Peters, stroke Doreen Kampfhenkel, cox Vi Allender), 1; Essendon (bow A. Lowther, 2 E. Matthews, 3 E. Barlow, stroke M. Anderson, cox R. Gideon), 2. Won by a length after a hard race.

The Maiden Fours was won by Albert Park, with Essendon second, Preston third and Y.W.C.A. fourth. A close finish. The winners annexed the double event.

The Junior Fours was won by Essendon, who, like Albert Park, won the double for Maribyrnong and Albert Park regattas.

The Championship Sen'or Pairs was won by Preston (bow Stella Peters, stroke Doreen Hampfenkel, cox Vi Allender) from Essendon (bow E. Barlow, stroke M. Anderson, cox R. Gideon).

The club will be holding their monthly meeting in the shed at Albert Lake on Monday night, when they will welcome any new members.

WHITTLESEA

On Sunday about 8 p.m. a fire broke out in Mr. Tout's property at Glenaroua near Whittlesea, in grass about 3 feet high. Volunteers from the Whittlesea Bush Fire Brigade were soon on the scene, and by about 10 p.m. the fire which had entered Mr. H. Barclay's property, was well under control.

Another outbreak of fire occurred in Mr. P. W. Clark's property adjoining Eden Park. A number of volunteers got the fire under control after about 30 acres of stubble had had been burnt.

The annual meeting of Whittlesea Free Library was held on Monday night, when the election of three members of the committee resulted in Messrs. C. McDonald, H. C. Johnson and H. A. Michell being elected, Mr. J. Bonny was elected chairman, Mr. J. Mackenzie, vice chairman, Mr. H. Campbell, secretary, Mr. J. C. Gibbs, treasurer; Messrs. G. Allen and A. Mitchell, auditors. £61 was received in rent, and library subscriptions were £12. The balance was £18. It is the intention to get a little money in hand before commencing the proposed additions and improvements. A number of old magazines are to be distributed amongst benevolent institutions.

Women's Hospital Auxiliary.—Fifteen members were present on Wednesday to meet Mrs. Kimpton, president, and Mrs. Chapman, organiser. Mrs. Kimpton presented the prizewinners certificates to Mrs. Elliot and Mr. Posey, sen. The Whittlesea Rest Co. has raised £25, the cost of endowing an office and hand cot in the way. Preston always had the advantage. The lake was very choppy. It was a great race and Preston well deserved their victory. They also retained the championship shown pairs title, toward the same day, from the Essendon pair, while the maidens lost at Maribyrnong the previous Saturday and did likewise last Saturday, but notwithstanding, they are a very good promising crew which should win next time they race, as they lack of the racing experience, which is so essential. However the club is very pleased and proud of the girls' efforts, and hopes to be able to raise the money to send the championship crew to Tasmania in March to compete for the Australian championship, now held by N.S.W. Ladd's Club. The crew was the same as the last year's crew, with the exception of Miss James, replacing Miss Radcliffe (now Mrs. C. Owen). The girls took their seats in the boat (both maiden and senior) wearing black armbands as a token of respect for one of their crew who had suffered a bereavement, namely, Stella Peters, who deeply appreciated her clubmates' kindly thought. Mr. G. Williams was the coach. Results:

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Northcote Council

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

The first meeting of the Northcote Council for the year was held on Monday. Present were the mayor (Cr. A. H. Oldis, J.P.), Crs. J. O. Hughes, J. Sutch, S. Pinkney, J. H. Green, A. J. Cornish, W. Hayes, A. Bird, W. H. Turner, M. C. Jones, W. Oliver, W. Glanfield and S. Bennett, M.H.R. An apology was received from Cr. B. E. Johnson.

Correspondence

Bank Interest.—The Commonwealth Bank advised that from January 1 the rate of interest on Commonwealth loans would be at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum.—On these figures the council will save something like £730 over a period of four years.

Money for Streets.—The Municipal Association advised that the Employment Council would make available money for private street construction at a rate of 4½ per cent. for 13 years, the repayments being called for in the first three years.—Committee of the council to consider the matter.

Food Analyses.—Dunn, Son and Stone reported that during the past year 125 food samples had been analysed. Of 102 milk samples one was not up to standard, of 13 samples of butter none was all were satisfactory; one out of 10 samples of margarine three did not comply with the standard

National Picnic.—The Federated Municipal Employes' Union advised that a picnic would be held on March 18. P.W. Committee.

Unemployed Workers.—West Ward Progress Association expressed approval of the efforts of the men who were engaged on Christmas relief work in St. George's road, and the standard of efficiency shown.

Cr. Turner said he was glad of this appreciation in the face of so many adverse comments on the work of the unemployed generally. The council should be more than pleased at getting so much more done than was expected. Over 60 per cent. efficiency was shown, which was splendid considering the men were not experienced in the class of work they were doing, and only worked three days at a time. The unemployed had given excellent service on this job, and had not only worked well, but also intelligently. The money had been spent wisely and well.

North Ward Paths. — Thornbury Branch, A.L.P., wrote re conditions of footpaths generally in the North Ward, particularly Speight street, near the Prince of Wales Park school.—Referred to P.W. Committee, which will consider the construction of this and other paths out of ward appropriations.

Cr. Hayes said if the residents waited for ward appropriations it would be a long time before the paths were on right.

Cr. Oliver said before the depression a proposal had been made that an allotment of £3000 to £4000 should be made to attend to the North Ward, but nothing had been done. The North Ward, he considered, had done well with the money at its disposal.

Petition

Cr. Hayes presented a petition signed for ward appropriations it would Flinders street, re the insanitary condition of channels in the section east of Victoria road, and also drew attention to the fact that the channels had not had any attention from sweepers for some months. Th

PRESTON BREACH OF PROMISE CASE

Verdict For Defendant

IN the action in which Alma Olive Grant, aged 19, of Showers street, Preston, through her next friend, Frederick Charles Cornish, of Pender street, Preston, sued Jules Martin, of Bell street, Preston, claiming £400 damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage Judge Moule, before whom the case was heard, gave judgment for defendant. The hearing lasted for three days. The case for the girl was that Martin had promised to marry her and that he had asked a jeweller to put a ring by until he was in a position to pay for it.

Mr. O'Driscoll, for the defence, said that it had been suggested that Martin had been associating with an objectionable "mob." There was no truth whatever in that statement. Martin had been educated at one of Melbourne's oldest public schools, and he had reached the matriculation standard. He was well behaved and possessed of some means.

Martin, in evidence, said that he had never promised to marry Alma Olive Grant, and he had never discussed either marriage or engagement with her relatives.

Judge Moule indicated that he did not wish to hear Mr. O'Driscoll address him for the defence. He asked Mr. King (for the plaintiff) to address him on certain aspects. Having heard Mr. King, Judge Moule said that he was unable to accept the evidence of Miss Grant or her witness. He had pleasure in giving judgment for defendant, with costs.

RESERVOIR NOTES

Mr. Robertson has been appointed enrolling officer for the West Reservoir Progress Association.

Quail are numerous in the paddocks to the north of the municipality.

Mr. Trathen opened the new tennis court in the grounds of the Presbyterian Church in the presence of about 50 tennis enthusiasts. Afternoon tea was handed round.

Wandering cattle have damaged the Edwardes street gardenette.

Mr. Marshall, of Ashley street, left for Sydney on Friday last, travelling overland.

Grave fears are entertained by the residents of Leamington street at the advent of hot weather owing to the stagnant water in the drains.

Mr. Irwin is still very ill and his friends are hopeful for an improvement.

The sustenance workers operating in the northern part of the Centre Ward struck work on Wednesday last as the result of agitators of non-Australian origin. The excuse for the act was that the workers desired their pay on the Saturday morning instead of the Monday so that the money could be better spent in the purchasing of supplies in the markets. The sustenance officials promptly arrived, explained the practicability of the convenience, the steadier men influenced the others. Work proceeded as usual on Thursday morning.

Mr. Hastings has resumed business after his serious illness.

Rev. Powell has removed from Reservoir to West Preston.

Mrs. Currie, of Crookston road, has left Reservoir. She will be missed by a large circle of church friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Beacom have left the district to live at Thornbury.

The Progress Association has asked the Railway Department to grade the western entrance embankment.

The Reservoir Progress Association has been asked to nominate representatives to attend an initial meeting for the re-establishment of the Central Council of Progress Associations.

Mr. Gore has left Reservoir. He will be missed in the local cricketing circles.

Senior Constable Joiner is preparing a petition for the appointment of another Justice of the Peace as the work is too much for the existing justices.

PARLIAMENTARY MEMBERS V COUNCILLORS AT CRICKET

Members of State Parliament and of Metropolitan councils will meet on quite a new plane at Ivanhoe on Thursday, February 23, when a cricket match will be played.

It has not yet been disclosed whether a ban has been put on "leg theory," but not doubt if it is used by the councillors with devastating effect, the politicians will find ways and means of banning it.

In a match at Dandenong last week Members of Parliament v the Dandenong Shire Council the latter had a comfortable win scores being Parliament 166, Dandenong Council 338. Amongst the Parliamentary batsmen were Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A. (Northcote) who scored 1 and Mr. H. P. Zwar, M.L.A., (Heidelberg) whose contribution was in round figures.

The Little Surprise

By LUCE DENNIS

INSTALMENT TWO

CLIFFORD SCOTT was a pleasant guest. He was observant, as well as imaginative. He saw the hospitality—and the poverty. He wished he were a rich man, to give Mary Forest a cottage, and a companion, and an income; and he would give Miss Sheila Forest all the jolly things in life which she was missing. Also, he thought, he would give her a blue silk kimono, embroidered with roses.

"You're very quiet, Mr. Scott."

"Why—I was thinking. Miss Forest. I was thinking that you've some very pretty things in your flat"

This gave Mary Forest an opportunity for introducing her little surprise. She had hoped Albert Haines would have noticed it before.

"You like our flat?" she said, smiling. "Well we still have one or two interesting little mementoes here, I think."

And she glanced at the window, where, standing by itself on a shelf, she had placed a Chinese figure of Buddha.

She, waiting, looked anxiously at Albert Haines. Herself, she liked the little statue; she fancied it was quite good. But so often, lately, Haines had gently ridiculed her absurd fancies, that she was nervous. She might be mistaken again.

Haines got up and strolled over to the window. He looked out at the wide and interesting view for some minutes before he "discovered" the Buddha.

He picked it up, smiled sadly, and shook his head.

"If that were genuine, Miss Forest, it would be worth a mint on money"

"Oh, it's no good, then? My brother was so sure of that."

Clifford Scott went over, and he also examined the Budda.

"But——" he said.

"A very clever fake, Birmingham" Haines said firmly. "Well, Miss Forest we must be going. We've had a most enjoyable afternoon, I'm sure. If you're ready, Scott?"

Going down the stairs, he shook his head with fatherly reproof, at Clifford Scott.

"You want to keep your head in our line of business. Why, the old woman'll sell us that figure for ten bob, probably, next time I see her, and you nearly let out what it was worth. See? Two or three hundred pounds you might have lost, through losing control of your tongue."

"I see," Scott said.

Almost, he saw red, but he was a cool young man. He walked home, silently, with Albert Haines, but he did not go back into the shop. He would rather go into partnership, he said, with a conger-eel. He said good-bye, firmly and finally, to Albert Haines.

He went back to the attic flat. They were pleased to see him again.

"That Buddha, Miss Forest," he said crisply, "is worth quite £300, I think. May I examine it further?"

"Why, of course; but—— Yes, of course you may."

Clifford Scott said, in a few minutes:

"Yes, all of that. I'll give you £250 for it now. Will you sell?"

"Two hundred and fifty pounds? But Mr. Haines said——"

"Mr. Haines is a——" Never mind. He doesn't tell the truth."

Mary Forest was bewildered and hurt. She went to the window and stood looking out sadly. Sheila was young, had never liked Haines, and had an infectious sense of humour. She pulled Clifford Scott over to the opposite window, and whispered:

"You must share this joke! Aunt Mary loves giving presents. She wanted to repay Albert Haines for his kindness, but she was afraid of offering such a connoisseur anything that might be a valueless fake. So she put the Buddha where he'd see it, and waited to see what he'd say. If he'd praised it at all, she was going to give it to him!"

Clifford Scott also had a sense of humor. He shook with inward laughter.

Mary Forest, gentlest of women, scolded herself for her despondency. After all, this Mr. Scott was a delightful young man and an honest friend. And £250!

She did wish she could make him some little gift. Perhaps there was something he fancied? She turned round, and saw he and Sheila stood together, smiling at each other. He was looking at her; that, at any rate she could recognise to be genuine. Oh; not yet of course! They would hardly know it themselves for weeks; but surely, one of these days—. There was one lovely Chinese teaservice left, which would make a beautiful wedding present!

(The End)

Electrolysis Damages Water Mains

Cr. Dennis informed the Northcote Council on Monday that since December 15, 1931, the roadway at Clarke and Charles streets had been opened on no less than 29 times to locate leaks caused by electrolysis. Wandering electric currents had eaten into the mains, and the problem was a most serious one. The board had an officer detailed to deal with this matter, and on the south side of the creek in this locality the measures taken had proved effective, and steps were now being taken to overcome the trouble on the Northcote side of the creek. The council, continued Cr. Dennis, had had a lot of trouble with damage to Arthurton road caused by electrolysis, and after exhaustive investigation it was found that the trouble was caused by leaks of electricity not from the Reservoir railway line, but from the Heidelberg line.

SUCH IS LOVE

Brother Jack was bemoaning his lost romance to his sister. "Yes, it's all up," he said. "I've loved and lost" "I suppose you got the ring back from her?" said the girl, trying to comfort him. "No: that's what I mean—she didn't return it," said her brother.

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Dear Cobbers.—We attended a canoe carnival on Saturday and the Pets had the time of their lives. What with ice-creams and cakes, afternoon tea, fortune telling and then going out in a canoe on top of that, it's a wonder they're alive to tell the tale. It seems Jacko promised to take Fluffy on the river, so when they saw a vacant canoe, in they hopped and started off. Of course as they are both so light, they didn't tip up, but you should have seen the course they steered, zigzagging all over the place and getting in everybody's way. However they came back to the landing after a while and the canoe was none the worse for its outing. Later on we missed them again, and hearing shrieks of laughter, went out to see what was happening. Would you believe it, Jacko and Fluffy were stunting in a pair of water skis, which they borrowed somewhere sliding along most awkwardly and causing heaps of amusement. They did look funny but enjoyed themselves quite apart from several compulsory duckings.

Send along your competition entries and Trias. Heaps of love from the Pets and UNCLE PHIL.

WORD-BUILDING COMPETITION

Using only the letters in the word RELUCTANCE, make as many words as possible (proper names and words excluded), and send the list in to Uncle Phil by February 24. Uncle Phil's decision is final, and the winner will be announced on March 3.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Happiest and Heartiest Birthday Wishes and Greetings to Joyce Sutton (Feb. 19); Jack Cooper (Feb. 20); Robt. Price Claude Batten and Kevin Mackay (Feb. 21); Lily Scrimes and Norma Keeble (Feb. 22); Kathleen Pratt (Feb. 23); and Cyril Webb (Feb. 24)

OUR MAIL BAG

37 St. David St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Please would you enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club, also my little brother Noel, who was 7 years old on December 12 last. I am 9 years old, am in the 5th grade at school. I am very keen on sport, reading, and nature study. We play cricket every evening on the back lawn with Daddy. Love from Noel and myself.

(GOOD) Eric Kirton

Welcome to the Clubs Eric and please send us a snap of yourself for our Cobbers' Album. Will you send in a coupon for Noel and then we'll post your Certificates. The Pets like cricket too. Try the Competition. Love and Greetings from the Pets and U.P.

Bert Moylan.—Please fill in another coupon and send it in, but if you lose this certificate we can't supply another. Try the Competition. Pets send Best Wishes.—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 others 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 the corner.

TRIAS

MY HOLIDAYS

I spent my holidays at Huonville, a small township in Tasmania. We had an enjoyable holiday and were sorry to leave. We left Melbourne on the "Nairana" on December 21 and arrived at our destination after two days travelling. Sailing up the Tamar river the scenery is beautiful, much prettier than the Yarra. After a very long train and coach journey right across Tasmania we arrived at Huonville in the night so could not see much. We woke in the morning to sounds quite different from those heard in the city. Huonville is a pretty little township surrounded by hills. One hill called like a woman's face and body. Some "Sleeping Beauty" is formed exactly of the hills had snow on but we did not reach any. We climbed up two of the hills but found it exceedingly rough and tiring as they are fairly rocky. There are two rivers nearby—the Huon and the Mountain rivers. We went fishing twice in the night. The first time we did nothing better than lose ourselves. It was hard to get on the right track as we had to climb over fallen trees. The second time we caught a few blackfish and trout. We stopped one night at Launceston coming back and went all over the town. It is only about as big as Northcote and does seem small after Melbourne. We went through the Gorge and found it beautiful. The English cricketers were fishing just near us at Huonville. One of the men we knew was talking to them. We arrived home after a rather rough trip over the Straits but none the worse for our experiences.

(TRIA) Jean Dixon

THE CONSERVATORY

One day we went to the Fitzroy Gardens. We were going for a long walk and admiring the pretty flowers we came across a little house with glass doors. It was the Conservatory. We went in and saw the most beautiful hydrangeas. There were blues, pinks, greens and some greens were tinted with a streak of pink. They were very big and beautiful. The ferns were lovely and fresh. When we went out we sat on the lawn and talked of the beautiful hydrangeas.

(BETTER) Mavis D. Lobbe

OUR BAND TRIP

On December 23 our band left the Northcote State School to go to Castlemaine for a holiday. It is 78 miles and we travelled by a big motor van. We were to stop there for ten days and then come home again. After a very enjoyable time the band came home but went on 11 miles further to Maldon for 13 days

(BETTER) Colin Hammond.

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(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen.

—WHY—

"I saw a doctor going into your gardener's house yesterday. Is he ill?" "Well, they had to call the doctor because he couldn't stop laughing." "Whatever was he laughing at?" "Well, you see, his wife caught her double chin in the mangle."

(GOOD) Thelma D. Stead.

HAVE YOU READ

"Cutting it Fine," by Moses Lawn. "The Corn," by Honor Pooks. "The Sovereign," by Iona Dudden. "Knighted," by Watts E. Dunn. "The Mother-in-law," by George Orr. "The Housing Problem," by Rufus Quick. "His Sin," by Harriet Onions. "Stand and Deliver," by Ann Dover.

(GOOD) Frank Dixon.

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A BRAVE BIRD

Whilst in the bush on Monday I was surprised to hear a small whimper, and looking about, I observed a little brid hopping about as if it was lame. I hopped along for about a quarter of a mile, with me following; when all at once, as I stooped to pick it up, it fluttered back to where I had first noticed it. I walked back, and looking up into the tree, saw the mother bird in the nest, with three baby birds sitting back with her head on one side as if to say "Too clever that time." This clever deceit was really an act of bravery on the mother's part to protect her young.

(GOOD) Jean Angus

"SO BE IT"

"What would you say, Bobby," remarked the minister, who was dining with the family "if I should ask your Mama to let you have another piece of pie" "I would say 'Amen'" replied Bobby, devoutly.

(GOOD) Marjorie Wood

—GENEROUS—

"Now, look here," said Uncle to Bobby, who had eaten all the soft parts of his toast and left the crusts, "when I was a little boy like you I always ate the crusts." "Do you like them, Uncle?" asked Bobby "Why, of course I do!" said Uncle. "Then you may eat these," said Bobby.

(GOOD) Frances A. Truman

A LESSON IN MATHS

He was teaching her arithmetic,
He said "It was his mission,"
He kissed her once, he kissed her twice,
He multiplied them chick and fast
In great satisfaction,
Then as he took a few from her,
He said: "Now, that's subtraction"

But Pa came in and caught him there
And snorted with derision,
The fellow lobbed a mile away;
Pa said: "That's long division."

(GOOD) Brian Mahony

LIMERICK

A soldier stood cleaning his sabre,
And chatting away to a neighbour;
In the midst of the chaff,
The sword broke in half;
So wasted was all his hard labor.

(GOOD) Allan Love

STORYETTES

Peggy: "This article says that every kiss shortens life by a minute." Phil: "What's a few minutes between friends?"

(GOOD) Bert Moylan

Little Boy: "Mother, what does trans - Atlantic mean?" Mother: "Across the Atlantic of course." Little Boy: "Does 'trans' always mean 'across'?" Mother: 'I suppose so." Little Boy (later): "Mother does 'transparent' mean a cross parent?"

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

Dustman: "I am the one who empties your dust bin." Lady: "I am the one who fills it."

(GOOD) Jack Miller

Sergeant (discovering jacket button undone on parade): "Here what is this? Face forward and fasten it up. Don't want none of your sunbathing tricks here m'lad."

(GOOD) Joyce Lawrence

Professor: "You can't sleep in my class." Student: "If you'd talk lower I could."

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen

Teacher: "Oh how scratched you are. Have you been fighting?" Monty: "Oh, no, we moved yesterday and I had to move the cat."

(GOOD) Edna Southam.

"So Phillis and that nice young doctor have quarrelled?" "Yes, she sent him back his ring and he sent her a bill for two hundred visits."

(GOOD) George Joyce

The book salesman knew his job "This book will do half your work for you," he said. "Good," was the reply, "I'll take two."

(GOOD) Dorothy Dennis

Sweeper: "I'm sweeping up the the leaves of course!" Dicky: "But how can you be sweeping up when you're sweeping the leaves down that hole?"

(GOOD) Lily Southam

Hotel Clerk: "Did you take a bath this morning sir?" Guest: "No; is there one missing?"

(GOOD) Cyril Stead

Mick: "I understand you have an excellent watch dog for sale." Mack "Too late. It's been stolen."

Prison Barber (to prisoner): "How long are you in gaol for?" Prisoner: "For life." P.B.: "Well, how about having a permanent wave?"

(GOOD) Enid Love.

Foreman: "What are you doin' Jim?" Bricklayer: "Only sharpenin' a bit of pencil?" Foreman: "Sure you'll have the Union after you, mind. That's a carpenter's job."

(GOOD) Lorna Joyce

"That man wants me to lend him some money. Do you know anything about him?" "Why, I know his ar well as you. Don't lend him a shilling, old man."

(GOOD) Terence Power.

Daddy: "How dare you make a bonfire? Fetch my cane at once!" Bobby: "That's one of the things we have burnt, Daddy!"

(GOOD) Billy Stead

MAYOR OF PRESTON'S BAZAAR FOR UNEMPLOYED

PROFIT OF £185

The following is the balance sheet of the bazaar in aid of unemployed relief, promoted by the mayor of Preston (Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P.) on December 8, 9 and 10. It was expected that the profit would have been larger, but owing to prevailing conditions the profit realised (£185/12/-) must be regarded as satisfactory:—

Receipts.—Regent Central Progress Association, £5; Dances, 15/11/32, Messrs. Barrett and Jenner, £2/2/6; Reservoir District Band, Massed Bands Recital, £2/7/4; Regent Tennis Club, £1/1/-; Hon. H. H. Olney, M.L.C., £1/1/- Cr. S. Dennis, M.H.R., £5/5/-; Refreshment Stall, £2/14/3; Cake Stall, £10/6/9; Sweets Stall, £14/7/9; Fancy Stall, £12/5/2;; Flower Stall, £8/11/9; Dip and Fish Pond, £5/9/8; Produce Stall, £16/7/6; Stationery Stall, £4/5/5; Lucky Envelopes, £28 2/-; Baby Show, £4/13/7; Concert Sky, £4/2/4; Pahlas de Danse, £1/6/3; Kyle-Grieve Stall (Mrs. Orr), gross takings, £14/9/8; Jumble Stall Dance, £5/12/32, £6/1/2; Jumble Stall, £12 12/6; Sergeant Lang's Dance, £22/3/6; South Preston Public School (ex-Nancy Brewer) and Junior Red Cross, 14/-; Women's National League Card Afternoon, £3/15/-; Excelsior Boys' Band, £2/7/4; Invalid and Old Age Pensioners' Concert, £2/7/7; T. R. Scott, £1/1/; G. Prentice Pty. Ltd., £10; Sales, Orders on Various Firms, £29/7/6; Sales, Motor Requisites (incomplete), £1/17/6; total receipts, £265/19/9.

Expenditure. — Calico Signs and Posters, £3/4/6; Printing and Advertising, £21/2/2; Ice Cream, £3/7/8; Mucflowers Pty. Ltd., Sweets Stall, £18/2/-; Soft Drinks, £1/9/7; Goods, Produce Stall, £2/13/1; Do., £3/16/2; Cocoanut Shy, materials, £2/8/-; Fancy Stall, materials, £2/7/9; Pahlas de Danse Orchestra, £3; Nightwatchman, £1/10/-; Miscellaneous, £1/14/6; Baby Show, Cash Prizes, £1/5/; Lucky Envelopes, Goods, £6; Postage, £3/7/4; total expenditure, £80/7/9; profit, £185 12/-; total, £265/19/9.

Town Hall Preston, 14/2/33.

Full particulars, books and accounts and records are open for inspection at the Town Hall, Preston, during office hours, and all information will be gladly supplied to interested parties.

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

F. L. Norris' Trophy—Novelty Par Competition. In this event competitors played against Par off scratch, adding to their final scores half their par handicaps. An interesting card was selected by R. R. H. Gee who won four consecutive holes, i.e.—12th hole, 267 yds, par 4, scored 3; 13th hole, 415 yds, par 4, 3; 14th hole, 495 yds, par 5, 4; 15th hole, 156 yds, par 3, 3.

Out of the 56 entries only nine of the cards showed a win at any hole These were returned by Messrs. Gee Faraghor, O'Neill, Balfour, Medcalf Tainsh, Hanger, Duff and Wilkinson. Scores—1 down, G. Balfour; 1 down, C. Faraghor, 1 down, F. O'Neill; 1 down, R. H. Gee; 2 down G. P. Davey; 2 down, R. Duff; 3 down, C. Medcalf; 4 down, W. Wilkinson.

Next Saturday—Stroke — Nine Secret Holes—Special trophy.

Mrs. Somebody: "Now Gardener I want you to get finished early today because I am having a garden party this afternoon." Gardener: "Yes Missus I'll knock off about mid-day and that will give me plenty of time to go 'ome and get dolled up for it."

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen

RIDDLES

Why does a railway guard punch a hole in your ticket?—To let you pass through.

(GOOD) Agnes Southam

When you think of it, it is unusally the careful motor driver who is the wreckless one.

(GOOD) C. Y. Mahony

What is always at the head of fashion, yet always out of date?—The letter "F."

What is it though black itself enlightens the world?—Ink.

(GOOD) Edna Burt

What kind of a ship has two mates and no captain?—Courtship.

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn

COMPETITION CORNER

Stories, riddles, catches, puzzles, jokes, short verses, or anything you think will be interesting to the Cobbers' Club should be sent to Uncle Phil, the "Leader," High 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 send to Uncle Phil and say if you prefer a cash prize of 2/6 or a book. If a book give the title.

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Wedding Bells

BEACOM—ALLEN

ALL Saints Church of England, Preston, was the setting of a pretty wedding on January 7 when Miss Hilma Allen became the wife of Mr. Robert James Beacom. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. Herbert Allen and the late Mrs. Allen, of Chaleyer street, Preston, and the groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Beacom of Kelby street, Reservoir. Rev. Wilkinson officiated and the bride was given away by her father. Ivory satin formed the bridal gown, styled in ankle-length with graduating train; close fitting bodice and long sleeves coming to a point over the back of the hand. A Limerick lace veil was arranged with two rows of orange blossom and water and Christmas lilies formed the bridal bouquet. The bride wore a crystal necklace, the groom's gift. Mrs. H. L. Field, as matron of honor, attended the bride and wore a shell pink georgette frock with godets of lace in the ankle length skirt. Flowers garlanded her hair and she carried delphiniums and carnations.

Pink gladioli graced Normanby Hall, where the breakfast was daintily served and the beautiful wedding cake was made and decorated by the bride's father. The catering was carried out capably by Mrs. Olorenshaw, who attended to every detail for the guests' comfort. Dancing followed the breakfast and a pleasant evening was spent. Black marocain frocked the groom's mother and her hat was also black. For travelling the bride chose a pale green georgette with hat and coat to tone and the honeymoon was spent at Ocean Grove. On their return the couple will reside at Chaleyer street, Preston.

PORTBURY—MURRAY

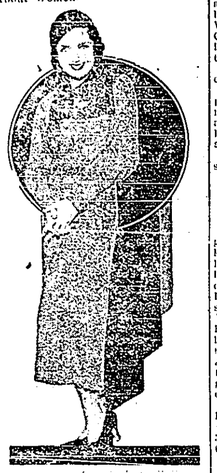
REV F. Parsons officiated at St. Mary's Church of England, East Preston, on January 21 at the wedding of Miss Feodore Mary Murray, youngest daughter of Mr. and the late Mr. D. Murray, of Preston, late of Keswick. The groom is the son of Charles Thomas Portbury, only child of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Portbury, of Springvale. The service was fully choral and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. E. Murray. White satin and lace were allied in the charming gown worn by the bride, the lace sleeves being puffed into a long tight satin cuff and she wore a string of crystal beads, the groom's gift. Her veil was held with orange blossom and she carried chrysanthemums and heath, in a dainty frock of pink georgette and lace. Miss Frances Keene acted as bridesmaid. Her bouquet was arranged with pink carnations and delphiniums. Mr. Tom Christopherson (cousin of the groom) was best man. The reception and breakfast were held at St. Mary's Hall where the tables bore tall silver vases of pink gladioli. Mrs. Olorenshaw, of Normanby Hall, had charge of the catering, which was carried out to the satisfaction of all present. Mrs. Murray wore a smart black marocain crepe with shady straw hat and carried pink carnations and fushias. The groom's mother chose navy marocain with hat to tone for her ensemble and fushias and delphiniums were her flowers. The honeymoon was spent at Cowes, the bride travelling in a brown marocain two-piece frock with toning hat. On their return the couple will reside in Junction street, Preston.

ROADKNIGHT—BURGE

ON January 20 All Saints Church, Northcote, was decorated with white agapanthus, pink hydrangeas, and ferns, for the marriage of Mr. Tasman Vivian Roadknight, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Roadknight, of "Durham," High street, Northcote, and Miss Elsie Marian Burge, youngest daughter of the late Mr. W. Burge of 32 Walker street, Northcote. Rev. A. H. Constable officiated and the service was choral. The bride who was given away by her brother, Mr. C. A. Burge, wore a gown of ivory satin, cut on straight lines with long tight sleeves. Her lace veil (lent by Mrs. Stringer) was held with orange blossom, and a diamond pendant (gift of groom) completed her toilet. She carried a sheaf of pale pink gladioli and water lilies. The bridesmaid (Miss Elva Challon) wore a frock of rose-pink lace, with small toque to match, and carried a shower bouquet of blue delphiniums and pink carnations. Mr. Warwick Roadknight was best man. The wedding breakfast and reception were held at Normanby Hall which was decorated with pale pink. The honeymoon was spent at Marysville. The bride travelled in a Wedgwood blue crepe-de-chene frock, brown wool crepe-de-chene coat and brown hat trimmed with blue flowers, toning with frock. The future home will be 66 Union street, Northcote.

THE MID-SEASON FROCK

JUST the frock for the mid-season's unsettled weather is displayed by Susan Fleming, who will shortly be seen in Paramount's "He Learned About Women."



The MID-SEASON FROCK
As worn by Susan Fleming
in the Paramount Picture
"HE LEARNED ABOUT WOMEN"

The frock is fashioned of gold-colored rabbit's hair, with a straight skirt which seems to be the chic idea nowadays, and the long sleeves are slightly gathered into the wide cuffs which finish with copper buttons.

A charming idea introduced by Miss Fleming is the deftly draped scarf of green jersey cloth which can be worn snugly round the neck when the winds are keen, and the same green is introduced in the two-tone belt.

BLONDES HAVE BIGGEST CLOTHES PROBLEM

THE clothes problems of a blonde far outnumber those of a brunette, according to Carole Lombard, star for Paramount, who is considered one of the best-dressed blondes in Hollywood. Miss Lombard says the difficulty confronting those of the golden ringlets comes because they have to select clothes that offer them subdued backgrounds.

"The brunette may safely enhance her dusky hair with bright yellows, gay reds, and flamboyant blues," asserts Miss Lombard, "but these gestures are denied the blonde, who must not permit bright colors to clash with her bright hair.

"Theatrical effects offer a yawning pitfall for blondes. For instance, the all-black costume invariably appears too dramatic with masses of golden hair. The remedy for this is the addition to the black outfit of a few beige or white accents. The urge to add ropes of pearls to black frocks should also be resisted, and jade, crystal or rose quartz jewellery used in their place."

The blonde coiffure demands constant attention, since the slightly tousled or careless hairdress, that usually compliments dark hair, is anathema to fair tresses.

The flat, loose water wave that ends in a roll, if the hair is short, and in a soft coil, if the hair is long, is selected as the ideal blonde coiffure by this star. She indicates that light hair should never be waved tightly or dressed so that it covers the forehead. Brilliantine should be applied generously to keep the hair shimmering and sleek.

Among the popular shades offered by the season's modes that glorify golden heads, Miss Lombard selects currant-red, a dull, dark hue lightly flattering to the blonde; bottle green autumn-leaf brown, black with white and chartreuse.

THEFT OF MILK CAN

YOUNG MEN WHO HAD HAD CHANCES

At the Northcote court on Tuesday, Thomas Hall, gardener, of Mansfield street, Thornbury, and James Heeney, milk can finder, of Mansfield street, Thornbury, aged 20 and 21 years respectively, were charged with having, on January 26, stolen a milk can, the property of Arthur Fuller.

The evidence showed that Fuller left the milk can at the rear of his house in Wales street, Thornbury, about 1.10 a.m., and at 7 a.m. on the same day it was missing. Inquiries by Constable Mensch, of Thornbury, led to the recovery of the can from another dairyman, to whom it had been sold by one of the defendants. When the men were questioned by Constable Mensch, Hall admitted having taken the can, and Heeney admitted having sold it.

Both accused pleaded guilty and elected to be dealt with summarily.

The P.M. (Mr. Hauser) said it appeared that the theft had been premeditated. Both men had been given a chance before when in trouble, but had no learned by the leniency then extended to them.

Each man was sentenced to imprisonment for 14 days.

TENNIS.

PRESTON ASSOCIATION

With only a few more matches to go the struggle for the four is getting keener each week. Reservoir, having lost three matches in succession, were badly in need of a win, and were all out against Hill, winning by 30 games. Regent recorded their fourth win in succession against Oakover.

In the B Grade Oakover defeated Regent by 16 games. Regent will have to keep on winning from now on to have a chance of gaining a place. After a close game Hill turned the tables on Reservoir to win by 6 games. All Saints defeated Barton easily. Results:—

A Grade.—Reservoir, 68, d Hill, 38; Regent d Oakover.

B Grade.—All Saints, 71, d Barton, 37; Hill, 59, d Reservoir, 53; Oakover, 62, d Regent, 47.

Matches for Saturday:—

A Grade.—Rechsay v Reservoir; Danella Park v Oakover, Hill v All Saints, Cooma v Nonnurray.

B Grade.—Reservoir v Danella, Oakover v Danella Park, All Saints v Hill, South Preston v Barton.

CLAIM FOR RETURN OF LOAN

At the Northcote court on Tuesday William J. Ellis, retired, of Anderson street, Northcote, sued Frederick A. Parkes, municipal employe, of Martin lane, Heidelberg, for £16/3/6 due on two dishonored promissory notes.

Ellis said that he lent Parkes sums of £2 and £10 in 1930, and later Parkes gave him promissory notes for the amounts and interest, which notes had not been met.

Parkes said the total amount he borrowed was £117/5/, and not £12. The amounts were lent in 1929 and 1931. He said he earned £2/17/- a week and had a wife and three children to keep.

Cross-examined.—You have a car?

Parkes.—It is my wife's. She meets all the running expenses on it.

An order was made for the amount claimed, with 3/6 costs.

Summer Riding Habits

WIDE girdles of brilliant colors, and silk blouses with full sleeves create the unusual trend in summer riding habits. The first of these startling riding costumes is worn by Tallulah Bankhead of Paramount.

The blouse of the outfit is beige crepe, displaying full sleeves caught at the wrist with white cuffs, while at the waist a girdle of scarlet and white silk is worn at a high line.

AN EVENING GOWN FOR THE OLDER WOMAN

A GOWN specially designed for the older woman is worn by Alison Skipworth in her Paramount picture "Night After Night." It is fashioned in green with a long bodice buttoned right up to the neck in front with green and gold square buttons. The sleeves are leg-o-mutton, and the ankle-length skirt is circular. Over this dress, Miss Skipworth has a fitted, rather long jacket of the same velvet, lined with broadcloth and with a silver fox scarf collar and band around the bottom. Her dinner cloak is of green velvet, trimmed with green and gold ornaments.

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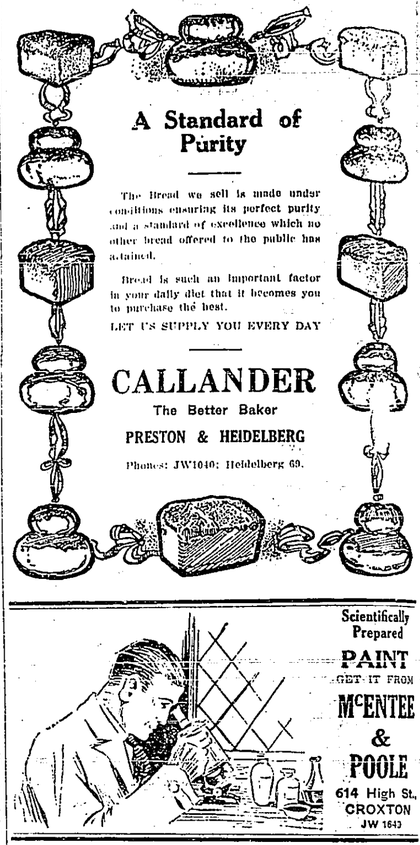

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

At the installation of officers last Tuesday night, at the Northcote Baptist Church, there was a good attendance. Pastor Saunders, the intermediate past-president being chairman, and Rev. D. E. Reeves, speaker for the evening. The address was based on the question asked by Paul of the Phillipian jailers: "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" showing us the longing of men for higher inspirational and spiritual things, and the continual questioning.

Regent Baptist Y.P.S.C.E. resumed on January 25, a very fine meeting being held. January 8 was "Back to C.E. Night," a consecration meeting. Pastor Lowson gave the address.

An open-air meeting was held on Friday night at the corner of High and Smith streets, Northcote, when 20 Endeavourers took part.

At the Ivanhoe Methodist Y.P.S.C. last Tuesday Mr. D. Oldmeadow, gave an interesting address on "Is It Justifiable to be a Secret Christian," pointing out that it was to everyone's advantage to make Christianity openly known, as without this it would gradually lessen.

BOY SCOUTS.

1st. Northcote Troop

The above troop held a hamper picnic at Frankston on Sunday last, February 5, which was well attended by the Parents Committee. The next picnic will be to Lancefield on Sunday February 19. Motor buses will leave the Scout Hall, Arthurton road no later than 9.15 a.m. This promises to be the trip of the season with sports, hot water, fishing free. Mr. Cohen was the winner of the box of soft drinks. During the evening at the West Melbourne Stadium on Saturday evening the 1st. Northcote Boy Scouts Band rendered selections under Bandmaster Gore. Picnic arrangements are in the hands of Mr F. W. McLean, organiser.

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THE OLD HOME

A beautiful morning, as viewed from the verandah of our home, where the stately old gums stand sentinel, their leaves swaying in the gentle breeze of the sweet morning air. I am reminded of my beloved childhood home away in the hills and valleys of old Kilmore. There gums grew in beauty and loveliness, side by side, when the forests of the bush were untouched by the woodman's axe. Pink, white and red heath was profuse in all its native beauty, and purple sarsaparilla climbed around the saplings and twined its clinging shoots among the nearest branches.

Oh, for those happy, happy days gone by when we children would wander, hat in hand, through our beloved home lands, sometimes entirely forgetting that the silent, peaceful night was coming on apace, and an anxious mother would be waiting! How often have we watched the mother native bear and her young ones in the gum trees and listened to their almost human cry!

It was, to us, a glad and joyous time, going for a ramble through the quiet bush in the back paddocks, and along the lane to school—first the steep hill, then the valley, and again the long, high hill. Our small school nestled amongst the eucalyptus trees, sweet-scented and fragrant; and the gentle stream nearby has flowed on through all the years that have passed, and now is still murmuring and singing, although the teacher who taught us passed on many years ago. But memories still live of that happy time, long gone.

Many of us will not walk that way again—one lies in a soldier's grave somewhere in France, while another fell on the battle-field in Africa. The flowers bloom as in the long ago, but the boys who trod that way to school in those sunny bygone days will not come back again, and only memories remain of our dear beloved.

Each face, each form, each hallowed spot
Is to our heart still dear;
And seems to say "Forget me not,"
And call up memory's tear.

How much city children miss that which country children enjoy! How we would love to return to the dear old home at holiday time. It was good to be at home again, to hear mother call as "the children" (even though we were long since grown up), to see our father's smiling face, and to be once more at the home where our parents had lived for forty years. Growing in our garden is a small red rose and a bush of Southernwood (old man), taken from bushes that flourished in my mother's garden for sixty-five years.

Something we long for a trip home again, to be just children once more, to go for that early morning walk and bring home Brindle, Daisy, Cowslip and their mates to be milked, some times returning with our arms laden with wattle blossom. To see the silver wattle growing in the still bush, laden with its golden blooms, dotted here and there amongst the grim old gums, is a picture no artist can paint. He might paint the wattle and catch the glamour of the sunlight, but the early morning dew from heaven could never be portrayed.

Australia! Australia! Most beautiful name,
Most kindly and bountiful land:
I would die every death to save her from shame
Should a black cloud arise on the strand,
And whatever the quarrel, whatever her foes,
Let them come, let them come when they will;
Though the struggle be grim, 'tis Australia who knows
That her children will fight while the wattle grows.
And the wattle blooms out on the hill.

—Henry Lawson.

(Contributed by Mrs. S. Coles, Bell street, Heidelberg.)

Larwood bowls down the wickets. We knock down the prices.—Cornish's, Cash & Carry Grocers, 255 High St., Northcote.

Thanks

The Northcote Unemployed Association has sent a letter of thanks to the mayor (Cr. A. H. Olds, J.P.) for his assistance in the Christmas function for unemployed.

Around Northcote

A Sportsman's Paradise

One Northcote resident at least has located a "Fisherman's Paradise." He is Mr. J. W. French, a well-known business man. Mr. French has returned from a fortnight's holiday at Tarra (via Yarram) and the delights and big 'uns of McEvoy's beach would please even the most pessimistic fisherman. In one night a haul of 12 dozen flathead was made. Flounder are plentiful and oysters in abundance. Mr. French, a keen sport, thoroughly enjoyed the holiday and assures anglers that this is "the spot." Now that the duck season is open game is plentiful and bags are assured in this district.

Tender for Drain

Northcote Council has accepted the tender of Bridges and McKendrie for £99 for the construction of a drain in an easement between Winifred and Nash streets.

Unknown Owner Not Found

A laugh was raised at Northcote Court when Constable Newton solemnly called "the unknown owner of one bay pony mare" and a few seconds later gravely announced "No appearance your worship." The unknown owner was fined 5/ with £2/6/ costs and the court made an order that the animal be sold if not claimed.

Northcote Council's Board Representative

Cr. S. Dennis, M.H.R., the Northcote Council's representative on the M. and M. Board of Works, by unanimous vote of the Council has been reappointed for a further three-year term as the Council's representative. Cr. Dennis was first appointed to represent Northcote Council on the Board in 1920-21, succeeding Cr H. E. Bastings. Since then Cr. Dennis has held many important positions, including that of chairman of the sewerage committee.

Cr. Dennis was the recipient of many congratulations from his fellow councillors upon the able way in which he had represented Northcote.

Pender's Grove State School

Things are moving along well for the new year, dances and euchre parties have been held and Saturday is the day of days for the children, as the second annual picnic will be held at Eltham, leaving the school at 9.45 and 1.45. The committee has worked well for this, and all the children are taken free, provided with meals and there will be races and sweets. The school band will play at intervals during the day under Mr. W. King.

Theft of Canaries

Mr. McKenzie, Clapham and Murray streets, Thornbury, reported two valuable canaries, which were stolen from their cage on Tuesday. Although a fox terrier is part of the McKenzie household, a thief got away with the birds.

Dust in High Street

High street, Northcote, is having its annual dust bath whilst the tramway tracks are being carried out. The dust so far has not been so bad as in previous years, as the wind has not gone round to the north, but the dust even so, is bad enough. Bitumen and fine screenings are being used in giving attention to the tracks.

Northcote A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting was held on February 9 when Mr. H. Pearson presided over a large and interested attendance. The resignation was received and accepted with regret of the vice-pres. Mr. C. Ballard. Nominations for vice-president resulted in Mr. F. Murcutt and Mr. R. Nowell standing for the position and the election will be held at next branch meeting. The bowls match played against Fairfield Free Gardeners on February 7 resulted in a tie of 13 all. Messrs. F. Evans and A. Colley reported attending the A.N.A. banquet on A.N.A. Day in the Masonic Hall, Collins street, where members of both Federal and State Parliament were present.

The next meeting will be quarter night and members are asked to roll up. All members are to take particular notice of following notice: All correspondence must be addressed to Mr. R. L. Fitch, acting-secretary until further notice.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

Northcote - Thornbury Branch — An enjoyable afternoon was held at George's Cottage tea-rooms on Tuesday. Euchre and bridge were played by the assembly. Prize winners were (bridge) Mrs. J. Howse; (euchre) Mrs. J. Daly. A sweet comfort was won by Mrs. T. Daly and Mrs. W. Mahony was the lucky basket prize. The next event will be a euchre party and dance in St. Joseph's Hall, Northcote, on March 2.

Cycle Accident in St. George's Road

When he was riding a motor cycle along St. George's road, Northcote, on Wednesday morning Joan Tupnock, 22, biograph operator, of Normanby avenue, Thornbury, collided with a car and was seriously injured. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital with a fractured skull:

Register Your Dog

It is notified elsehere that all dogs within the City of Northcote must be registered on or before March 16.

Wood and Petrol

Cr. W. Olver reported to the Northcote Council on Monday night that the northern group of the Weights and Measures Union was pressing suggestions that in the new Weights and Measures Act all wood sold in the metropolitan area should be sold by weight, and not by measure; and that all petrol pumps should be stamped by a Weights and Measures inspector before being put into use.

New Valuation

The Northcote Council has instructed its valuer (Mr. W. Mombrey) to make a valuation of property within the city for the year 1933-34.

Northcote Council Auditor

Mr. A. M. Hislop has been appointed by the Department of Public Works as auditor to the City of Northcote for the current year at a salary of £140.

Noxious Weeds

The Northcote Council has been notified that Shore thistle has been proclaimed a noxious weed in the City of Northcote.

Compulsory Acquisition of Land

The Northcote Council has directed the town clerk (Mr. J. A. Thomson) to acquire for drainage purposes, an easement through the rear of land fronting the east side of Victoria road, between Bastings and Mitchell streets.

Epiphany Branch C.E.M.S.

The syllabus item for February 9 was the "Oxford Movement" on which two addresses were given. Mr. A. W. Singleton spoke of existing conditions before the movement and Mr. A. Gray expounded what the movement had achieved. In the short time at their disposal the speakers gave members a good outline of this movement and its bearing upon present-day practices. Rev G. Tymms, who is acting vicar in Rev. Cole's absence, and an ardent student of the movement, co-related the two speaker's remarks. Supper concluded an interesting evening. Prior to the opening Mr. H. Singleton, vice-president, welcomed Rev. G Tymms, who presided at the meeting.

On Tuesday evening a delegation attended the branch meeting of St. Paul's, Fairfield, and heard Mr. Ireland, of Heidelberg, deliver an interesting lecture on the Douglas Credit System. Consideration will be given to having a similar lecture delivered at Epiphany branch.

Under the auspices of the above society a dance will be held in the parish hall on February 18. Admission will be nominal.

Thornbury Younger Set

On Tuesday the first meeting of the year was held in Normanby Hall. Resignations were accepted from Miss G. Mott (president) and Mr. Jack Banks (treasurer). Miss D. Clack was elected president; Miss Muriel Stabb vice-president; and Mr. A. Archbold treasurer. Several functions were arranged for the following month and after general business was dispatched and a dance followed

BOOMERANG SOCIAL CLUB (PRESTON)

The club held a "mystery picnic" to Healesville on Sunday, the weather being exceptionally good. Starting from the corner of Gower street and Plenty road about 10 o'clock, a course through Ivanhoe, Box Hill, Blackburn and Lilydale was followed, the destination being unknown to members until almost on arrival. Dinner was served, and then began a tour of the Maroondah dam, where several snapshots were taken. A return to Healesville was made, and members indulged in swimming at the baths, basket ball, boomerang throwing and cricket, while a few hired ponies, much to the onlookers' amusement, especially when Rex Gent was mounted. At 6 p.m. tea was served, then all went to the recreation ground where the championships, under the group system of red, white and black, were held. The events were 100 yards for gents, and 70 yards for ladies. The results were:—Gents, 100 yards.—First Heat: R. Sherman (red), 1; J. Short (White), 2; W. Ellis (Black), 3. Second Heat: R. McCann (Black), 1; P. Buckley (Red), 2; G. Millman (White), 3. Third Heat: V. Smith (White), 1; W. Lovelace (Black), 2; G. Hall (Black) 3. Final: R. McCann (Black), 1; V. Smith (White), 2; P. Buckley (Red), 3. Ladies, 70 yards.—First Heat: E. Storen (White), 1; E. Webb (White), 2; S. McCann (Black), 3. Second Heat: E. Fry (Black) and I. Rowe (White), dead-heat, 1; D. O'Brien (Red), 3. Final: E. Storen (White), 1; E. Fry (Black), 2; I. Rowe (White), 3. Total points:—White 40, Black 32, Red 16. R. McCann and V. Smith, who finished first and second respectively are both members of the Preston and Northcote A.A.C., while Miss E. Storen, who won the ladies' event, is a member of the Preston and Northcote Ladies' A.A.C.

It is proposed to arrange a trip to Daylesford on March 12.

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TURF NOTES

By "LUTEPLAYER"

A BRILLIANT COLT

A convincing display of brilliance was given by the Windsor colt, Liberal, in winning the C. F. Orr Stakes at Williamstown last Saturday. He handled his 10lbs. penalty with ease, having no difficulty in following the pace set by Chatham and Viol d'Amour. Rounding the home turn Liberal went on the outside of the above-mentioned pair and quickly gained the lead, and running out the race well, scored by the best part of a length from Chatham and Gaine Carrington, who ran a dead-heat for second.

Liberal will be considerably improved by the race, and he looks like playing a prominent part in the important autumn events, as he did in the spring, when the winner of the Caulfield Guineas and Victor's Derby.

Chatham, who was having his first race since his victory in the Linlithgow Stakes in the spring, showed his usual pace, and can be expected to give a good account of himself in the Futurity Stakes, for which he was a late entrant at a cost of 25l.

Backed down to favoritism at 7/2, Gaine Carrington ruined his chance by beginning slowly. He had some difficulty in getting a passage roundine the home turn, but once clear the Hunting Song colt put in a brilliant run to make the dead-heat with Chatham.

Viol d'Amour showed unexpected dash, and he missed a place by a narrow margin. That form suggests that Viol d'Amour is not far from his best. The well-backed Top Hole ran a long way below expectations.

WIN FOR DUNCAN

W. Duncan resumed riding at Williamstown after an enforced holiday for three months. It did not take the crack jockey long to strike winning form. His third mount was Eastern Chief, who proved favourite for the Wyndham Handicap, and Duncan justified the confidence of his admirers by landing Eastern Chief a comfortable winner.

Never further back than fifth, Eastern Chief took charge as heads were turned for home, and in the run to the judge he had no trouble in holding off Lord Whittier, who ran so nicely, and Trevallion, who was prominent all the way.

Eastern Chief is a colt by Eastern Monarch from Eleanora, and in the spring was expected to distinguish himself, but this he failed to do. However, his running in the Williamstown Cup indicated improvement. He looks a good deal better now than he was in the spring, and the decisive manner in which he won on Saturday raises hopes of him during will in the St. Leger. He now has also to be considered for the Australian Cup, in which he has 7-3.

A GOOD PERFORMANCE

The Caulfield trainer, Frank Robinson, has for some time had hopes of winning the Australian Cup with Stranger, and these hopes were strengthened by the way in which Stranger won the February Trial at Williamstown. A bad start saw Stranger left ten lengths behind the field, and with only half the journey cover, he had to head only one horse behind him; yet so generously did he collect that he had the race won before heads were turned for home. He ran the race right out and won comfortably from Vigilant and Metalmark.

It was a good performance on the part of Stranger, with stamina a keynote. Stranger is a four-year-old gelding by Bayardo from Bindweed. It is a big jump from Trial stakes company to an Australian Cup, but Saturday's success made it clear that Stranger is capable of better things, and with only 6.11 in the long handicap he must be considered. Frank Robinson thinks Stranger is as good as Defence.

NEWMARKET FANCY

Vaunitry, who is a strong fancy for the Newmarket Handicap, pleased his admirers by winning the Maribyrnong Handicap. The Heroic colt followed the pace to the home turn where he forged ahead. Hallside put in a fast run on the outside, but failed by a half a length to catch Vaunitry, with Metal finishing on better than usual a head way third and just in advance of the pacemaker, Turbine Flight.

Vaunitry was having his first race for some time and was not strongly fancied. This fact, coupled with the heavy support accorded Some Hero, was a reasonable fee Vaunitry easing from 2/1 to 6/1.

My first reading of the Newmarket weights caused me to regard Vaunitry as having his full share of weight with 8.6, but after seeing him win on Saturday one has to revise his opinion to say that Vaunitry will be a formidable Newmarket candidate.

LIKELY IMPROVERS

CELLOHURST ran on fairly well in third place in the Summer Hurdle. Will win a hurdle even before long.

DANILO came with a fast run to gain second place in the Electric Handicap. A very promising colt.

HALL MARK was nicely placed all the way and battled on well in third place in the Electric Handicap. His first race since the spring, so should be very much improved.

METAL LARKY came from a long way back to finish third in February Trial, and did not have the best of luck in running. Shapes like a real stayer.

TREVALLION was prominent all the way and struggled on well in third place in Wyndham Handicap. Should win a similar event.

CALL HIRD, although unplaced in Marine Handicap left the impression that he will show as something better before long.

V.A.T.C. RACES

Oakleigh Plate Prospects

The first of the important autumn races will be decided at Caulfield tomorrow, when the Oakleigh Plate, of five and a half furlongs, will be run off. When final acceptances were declared on Tuesday it remained in doubt as to a smart field of sprinters engaged, and the V.A.T.C. sprint looks like being a very interesting event.

THREE-YEAR-OLD FANCIED

My fancy is Closing Time. With 8.12 he has a big weight for a three-year old, but he is a brilliant galloper. It will take an exceptionally fast horse to lead him in the early stages, and this ability of Closing Time to gather speed quickly is an important consideration when it comes to asking him telling to get the full journey. At Randwick on December 26 he carried 8.1 and had two lengths to spare at the end of six furlongs in 1.10½, the time equalling the course record. Subsequently he won the Carrington Stakes in 1.12 without being extended. Since his arrival in Melbourne he has been cathophic well, and he promises to take some out of beating.

Captivation, another three-year-old from Sydney, is also a brilliant sprinter, and is the holder of the Australasian record for seven furlongs, his time being 1.23⅖. He, too, has been pleasing in his track work since arriving in Melbourne. He must be regarded as a danger, but I have an idea that he may be better suited at Flemington.

Vaunitry won well at Williamstown, but for that success he has incurred a penalty of 3lbs., making his weight 8.13. The son of Heroic is brilliant, and is sure to be dangerous by last Saturday's race. He is worthy of respect, but I very much doubt if he is fit better than Closing Time.

IMPROVED SPRINTER

Valmitz is a much improved sprinter who has broken at his best three starts. It would be a fitting reward for his consistency to wind up the run with an important race like the Plate, and he has a good chance of doing so. He fitted in the top of his form, and with 8.7 he has a handy weight. Also it is in his favor that his four wins have been largely due to him leaving the barrier smartly. Valmitz will be meeting his strongest field in Plate, but he is a decided possibility. His owner is confident of success.

Recent form does not recommend Brand but he is a horse a lot better than his form indicates. He is very ill at present, and has been coming through trials in excellent style. He has a weight of 7.13 to handle, and may be one of the outsiders of the race.

By finishing a good second to Wallaby Lily in the Standish Handicap, St. Ledger showed that he is not far from his best form which enabled him to win the Newmarket Handicap of 1932 as a three-year-old. He must be voted a chance and he certainly makes a strong appeal than his stable mate, Unfortunate, although the latter is entitled to some consideration.

Mulunda has not raced for months, but he is held in high regard and is reported to be pleasing his trainer in private gallops. Although he is a quiet fancy for the race he has to be taken on trust, and one naturally inclines to the candidates who have shown us something.

FAST, BUT SQUIBBISH

Pacific Flight is fast, but is inclined to be squibbish. At Williamstown last Saturday, however, he hung on a bit better than usual, and while he cannot be seriously considered on his form he may prove the best outsider in the race.

Harry Gavin is consistent, but unlucky. He is deserving of a win, but his recent form is suggest that he will not begin fast enough to score it in this race. With 10.3 Greenline has a most difficult task to print off the mark with brilliant horses lower down in the list; nor can Merab be recommended with 9.4. Of the heavily weighted brigade Winooka looks the best propositon. He is very speedy and handles weight well.

Eminere won the Plate at Ascot on Tuesday only to lose it on protest, but he meets different class in this race and one cannot hold out any hopes of him succeeding. Varietas and Deux Fils are hardly class enough.

Closing Time appears to me to hold the best credentials, and, selecting him as the probable winner, I expect the placings to be:—

CLOSING TIME ... 1
ST. ARDENT ... 2
VALMIST ... 3
BRIANI ... 4

Selections for Minor Events

WARRIEN HURDLE
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DARK DAWN ... 3

FEDERAL STAKES
HALL MARK ... 1
COONBAND ... 2
PALPHAR ... 3

BOND CUP
PROTEA ... 1
EASTERN CHIEF ... 2
YARRAMBA ... 3

ST. GEORGE STAKES
LIBERAL ... 1
KUVERA ... 2
VIOL D'AMOUR ... 3

SALISBURY WELTER
GAY GIRL ... 1
GREAT NIGHT ... 2
REGALIC ... 3

DIVORCE DECREE GRANTED

Husband's Suit Successful

At the Practice Court on Monday, Mr. Justice Wesley had before him a petition in which Francis Alexander William Scott, aged 32 years, of Lees street, Northcote South, saddle-tree maker, sought divorce from his wife Myra Pearl Scott, aged 33 years, of Lees street, Northcote, on the grounds of mis-conduct with Joseph Cooper, of Turner street, Abbotsford, laborer, was joined as co-respondent. The marriage took place on May 8, 1920, at Clifton Hill, and there is one child. The wife was defended by both respondent and co-respondent, who denied misconduct. A divorce decree nisi was granted, with costs against Cooper. Mr. Voumard appeared for Scott, and Mr. H. H. Gray (instructed by Mr. R. R. Gray) appeared for Mrs. Scott and Cooper. Mrs. Scott's costs were fixed at £15; and Scott was ordered to pay them. He was given the right to recover them from Cooper.

RIFLE SHOOTING

CLUB SHOOTS

There was only a small attendance at Port Melbourne rifle range on Saturday, when several clubs fired over various distances.

Northcote.—West Torpy, 600 yds.—Parsons, 42 (7), 49; Randall, 44 (4), 48; Kaye, 41 (3), 45; Waters, 39 (3), 46; Hook, 37 (4), 41.

Preston.—Practice, 900 yds.—Ryan, 43; Blowett, 39; Chynoweth, 38; Sutherlan, 38; S. Chynoweth, 37; Court, 37; Piggott, 37.

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CRICKET

DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v COLLINGWOOD

GAME DRAWN

Collingwood, who had scored 213 for the loss of seven wickets, resumed and in half an hour carried the score to 250 without further loss, when the innings was closed. Northcote, who had lost one wicket at the resumption of play, was then 9 and McCutcheon was another 7. Sundries increased from 13 to 15.

Northcote started slowly and the batsmen took no risks. In 212 minutes Northcote had scored wickets for 207, and the match was drawn. C. Powell (57) played a good innings and Woolworth (63) closely followed with 56 not out at the call of time. Zachariah (11) was the other not out man.

Scores:—

COLLINGWOOD

Innings closed (closed) for 250

NORTHCOTE

E. Vernon, lbw, b. Muir	20
J. Morgan, b. Muir	1
Hamilton, lbw, b. Muir	3
C. Powell, b. Muir	57
C. Gravell, c. Hodge, b. Langel	8
J. Woolworth, c. Bird, b. Pearce	63
J. Burgett, run out	22
J. Mitchell, not out	56
R. Zachariah, not out	11
Sundries	15
Seven wickets for	207

Bowling: Muir, 6/33; Granzol, 1/17; Pearce, 1/57; McCutcheon, 0/29; Ryder, 0/37 Langel 0/21; Scott, 0/4.

Game drawn.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES

A GRADE

Preston Methodists 146 and four for 186 (Brown 21 and 34 Wilson 38 and 48, Nobes 24 and 24 not out, Lock 15; Pink 3, Jones 2, St. James Church of England, 185 (Mr. M. W. Johnson and Mr. A. Thomson 40; consolations: Miss D. Young and Mr. N. Robinson; Monte Carlo: Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Lucky Number: Mrs. A. Graham.

First XI v West Preston

With two wickets down for 38 on the first day, Brunswick continued its innings at Crispe Park and was dismissed for West Preston's total of 95. D. Cameron and E. Newman opened and carried the score to 40 before Newbegin, by a smart piece of fielding, was thrown out when he had reached 12. Cameron and Newman added 52 before being bowled and when F. Sambleble was 7 Cameron passed 50 for the second time. Sambleble and D. Cameron put on 47 runs, Sambleble's share being 7 and then the innings collapsed, the last five going down for 11 runs. Cameron revealed excellent form in carrying his bat for 75 not out, including one 6 and at no time was he troubled by the bowling. Regent required and outright win to obviate its position on the foot but on many previous occasions the fielding of Brunswick side was far below par. West Preston, profiting by the mistakes, managed to scrape out eight wickets with six down for 95 and won on the first innings with one to spare. The successful bowling was Pirie, 2/33, J. Hamilton 2/38 whilst R. Hamilton 2/7 and Sporgo 2/7 were responsible for the last five wickets. Brunswick had to be satisfied with taking a wicket. Next Saturday West Preston will meet the leaders of the section, Court Little Pine C.C. at Princes Park, Clifton Hill, and the 'bus will be available for the convenience of players and supporters.

Second XI v Abbotsford Rovers

In response to 61 by the home side, Rovers had lost four for 94 on the first day. Resuming on Saturday but the latter was dismissed for 146, without any addition to the total. F. Hamilton joined Thurgood and added 21 for the sixth wicket when Thurgood was caught with the score at 116, his share being a well made 56. Although he had added only 9 to his first day's score his knock was valuable to the side. P. Welland followed and in his usual free style collected 18 quickly including two 6's. Hamilton contributed 11, A. Hosking failed to score and W. Scott ans G. Ross scored 15 and 18 not out respectively when the innings was closed at nine for 163. With 103 runs required to avert an outright defeat the opponents could only manage 97 and the 4 points went to the seconds.

The fielding was again of a high standard and all bowlers shared in the successes Thurgood followed up his success with the bat by taking 5/27 off 4 overs, whilst P. Welland obtained 2/9, W. Presswell 1/4 and W. Dungin 2/34. Next Saturday the Second XI is not engaged as the team drawn against them for the ninth round has withdrawn and by this another 4 points are assured.

Scores:—

ABBOTSFORD ROVERS

J. Thurgood, c. Ross, b. Welland	56
F. Hamilton, c. Presswell, b. Welland	21
A. Hosking, c. Presswell, b. Welland	0
W. Scott, c. Welland, b. Welland	15
G. Ross, not out	18
Sundries	16
Nine wickets for	146

Bowling: Welland, 5/27; Presswell, 1/4; Dungin, 2/34.

Game drawn.

WOMEN'S CRICKET

Northcote Ladies v Brunswick

Northcote ladies defeated Brunswick on Saturday the match resulting in a drawn game. Scores:

Northcote (closed) six for 64 (G. Higgs 20 and J. Mann 18 not out, Wilson 2/10); Brunswick four for 39 (M. Rensch 13 not out, A. Mcdowan 11, N. Thompson 6/23).

G. Higgs put in a creditable performance in defying the bowlers for over two hours securing 20 not out. It was a similar fest to that of Thelma Thompson in the previous match against Collingwood, when her 22 not out saved the side from probable defeat. J. Mann also batted well in scoring 18 not out. Northcote will play Senco on Saturday on their own ground.

JIKA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

(By "Observer")

The ninth round was concluded on Saturday in beautiful weather. The wickets and outfields were in good condition and favorable for batsmen. The highest individual total for the day was secured by Robinson of Preston Methodists (92) and the second highest was by Tivey of Pender's Grove Footballers (90). The highest bowling average was secured by O. Forde (Croxton United) taking 11/37 against Scotals.

OUTSTANDING EFFORTS

The principal individual efforts were:—

Batting. — Robinson (Dennis) 92; Tivey (Pender's Grove Footballers) 90*; Hughes (Bell) 76*; Wawn (Bell Ramblers) 69*; Maslin (Bell) 68*; Hardie (Prestonite) 62, 8No.

Bowling.—Forde (Croxton United) 11/37, 2Ch, Wollington 10/35, Tinsley (Bell Ramblers) 7/18; Vercoe (P. G. Smith) 7/44; Ireland (Pastrycooks) 5/13; Cronin (Pastrycooks) 5/15.

POSITIONS OF CLUBS

Following are the points and positions of the clubs after the ninth round:

A GRADE

Prestonite 34, West Preston Progress 27, Bell Ramblers and Greville 24, Preston Footballers 17, East Preston 16, East Northcote 12, Thornbury and Bell 8, Broadhurst nil.

B GRADE—No. 1 Section

Preston Footballers 29, Croxton Footballers 29, Northcote P.A.F.S. 24, Thornbury West 23, Northcote Junior Footballers 20, Northcote A.O.F. F. G. Smith 8.

B GRADE—No. 2 Section

Croxton United, Highview, Reservoir 24, Pastrycooks 23, Thornbury C.M.C., 17, Soccer 16, Preston C.Y.M.S. 8, Thornbury Socials nil.

DRAW FOR TENTH ROUND

Following are the umpires for the tenth round, in accordance with the fixtures to be played on the ground of first-named club:—

A GRADE

Gowerville v Bell, Dean and Lack; East Preston v Thornbury, Carlin and Rhodes; Bell Ramblers v East Preston, Freeman and Mellitt; Broadhurst v Prestonite, Crannston and Monagle; West Preston Progress v Preston Footballers, Sergeant and Bowden.

B GRADE—No. 1 Section

Northcote P.A.F.S. v Thornbury West, Dominick and Patrick; Scouts v P. G. Smith, Newell and Cassidy; Cramer v Pender's Grove Footballers, Pratt and Hickey; Northcote A.O.F. v Northcote Junior Footballers, Andersen and Murphy; Dennis, bye.

B GRADE—No. 2 Section

Thornbury C.M.C. v Reservoir, Cohen and Rose; Croxton United v Pastrycooks, Loughlin and Hellings; Preston C.Y.M.S. v Thornbury Socials, Mallow and Jutson; Highview v Reservoir, Brown and Newman.

Emergencies.—Kirton, Cramer, Thompson Osten.

Easter Trip.—The C.A.C.U. Colts will visit a country centre during Easter and all clubs are asked to submit the names of players under 23 with their averages in a bowling average for 1932-33 season only, to the secretary at the next meeting of the Association.

General Meeting — The general meeting will be held on February 27 in the Preston Football Pavilion at 8 p.m.

RESULTS OF NINTH ROUND

A GRADE

GOWERVILLE v EAST PRESTON

Gowerville 103 v East Preston 101 (McLaren 31 not out, Sporgo 17, Newman 12; Clarkson 9/53).

Gowerville with 103 to their credit on the second day Saturday, East Preston opened with McLaren and Rundle to the bowling of Storey and Clarkson. The latter was in good form and it was not long before the side was dismissed for 64, McLaren 16, T. Sparge 17 and Newen 12 being the only batsmen to make any show. E. Clarkson took the first eight wickets and Storey two. East Preston followed on and reached the century for the loss of seven wickets when stumps were drawn. Clarkson had the average of 9/79 assisted by Storey with 4/80. Gowerville thus won by 120 on the first innings.

EAST NORTHCOTE v BELL

East Northcote 230 v Bell 102 and two for 165 (Hughes 76 n.o., Maslin 68 n.o.).

East Northcote, having occupied the wickets all day on the first day, Bell commenced their innings in delightful weather with Currie and Maslin opening to the bowling of Armstrong and Bassett. These two were batting nicely and had reached 34 when Currie was bowled by Lockhead for 21. Maslin went soon to a beautiful catch by Armstrong off Bassett for 13 including one 6. Hughes followed and after scoring 10 was caught off Lockhead—three for 46. With the exception of Johnston, who scored 13 not out, the remaining batsmen did not add materially to the score and the innings closed for 102 bell being 128 runs behind. Having to follow on they put up a good performance with 165 for two wickets—Hughes 76 and Maslin 68 not out. These batsmen played splendidly. In Hughes' total there were eight 4's and two 6's and Maslin got two 4's and one 6 in an over. East Northcote won by 128 on the first innings.

PRESTON FOOTBALLERS v BELL RAMBLERS

Preston Footballers nine for 172 (closed) v Bell Ramblers 132 (Kenzie 23, Jones 13, Wawn 69), and 165 in the second innings (Jones 13, Lane 46/61 n., Punch 4/22).

Having compiled nine for 172 on the previous Saturday preston Footballers closed and Bell, none for 21, continued on a fast wicket at Coburg Park. Jones managed to get 192 before the innings closed. Morgan batted in good style for 26 which included three 4's. The veteran, Dad Wawn, with 69 not out, was on top of the bowling all day and proved a great acquisition to the Ramblers. Lonsdale (13) and Angus (23) put on 30 for the last wicket, considerably defying the bowlers until a change was made when Lonsdale fell lbw to Deacon. Owing to the Football being the game their chances of being in the final four are remote. Lane with 1/61 and Punch 4/22 shared the bowling. Bell Ramblers won by 29 runs on the first innings.

WEST PRESTON PROGRESS v PRESTONITE

West Preston Progress 147 and two for 43 (Morton 11, Dineen n.o. 29) v Prestonite 232 (Jarvis 27, Hardie 53, Temple 12, Leake 32, Le Page 39 n.o.; Marotte 5/46).

Resuming on Saturday with two for 22 McRae (4) and Parker (6) for one run between were to the wickets. After 5 runs McRae was bowled by Hargreaves. Hardie joined Parker and having most of the strike Hardie went for the runs scoring a 4 and 6 off the first two balls, taking the score to 39. Parker, who had only added 3 to his previous score, was bowled by Marotte. Allen followed and was soon sent back, the score having fallen for 4 runs and the bowling five for 72. Harkleau was next and along with Hardie (who was batting in good style) the partnership added 24 runs, Harkleau (7) was caught by Dineen off Marotte—six for 94, four wickets having fallen since commencing, for 55 runs. Murray's stay was short with seven down for 105. Still requiring 42 to catch their opponents Temple joined Hardie, who at this stage had 45 to his credit. With steady batting this partnership added 41 bringing their total to within 1 of the Progress' score when Temple, who had made 12, was caught on the boundary off Marotte—eight being down for 146. Leake joined Hardie and in his first stroke scored 2 putting his side in front by 1 run. With the addition of 7 Hardie (76) was out lbw to Heatline (who should be made more use of as a bowler). Hardie saved his side from defeat and deserved the congratulations he received. Le Page joined Leake and the last wicket partnership put on 79. The innings closed for 232. Marotte with 5/46 bowled well for Progress. After the score had been passed all interest went out of the game which turned itself into a burlesque. At stumps Progress had lost 2 wickets, Morton (11) and Dineen (29 n.o.) were chief scorers.

Prestonite won by 85 on the first innings

THORNBURY v BROADHURSTS

Thornbury 164 and five for 66 (W. Lovelace 21, Ferguson 11; Thomas 4/16) v Broadhurts 157 (Midiren 34, White 12, Coulson 26, Wollington 30, Thinley 12; Woods 5/60).

Having lost one for 27 in the match with Thornbury, Broadhurts resumed their innings which was completed for 157. Having six wickets down for 148, and requiring 17 to win with four wickets in hand the remaining batsmen failed badly, only contributing 10 runs between them. They thus lost the game by 7 runs. Midiren (34 and White (12) gave the side a good start, the first wicket falling at 42. The latter was the first to go, off Wood. Coulson joined Midiren and without adding to the score the latter lost his wicket to Lovelace. Wollington followed and along with Coulson they were responsible for 56 between them. Coulson (26) was bowled by Hayes. Wollington partnered by Tinsley, followed immediately being bowled by Woods who at this stage was bowling well. Tinsley (18) was the only batsman to reach double figures. Woods took the last three wickets for 1 run and 5/60 to his credit, which was a good performance. With the time left for play Thornbury had lost five for 66. At stumps Lovelace 21, Ferguson 17 had reached double figures; Thomas took 4/16 in the bowling.

Thornbury won by 7 runs on the first innings.

B GRADE.—No. 1 Section

THORNBURY WEST v SCOUTS

Thornbury West 68 and 92 (Kendall 28, Rainsford 17, Stevens 41; Floyd 5/28, Sayers 5/15) v Scouts 189 (E. Goulon 14, Sayers 11, Hill 12, Dickens 20, Underhill 25, Goulon n.o. 32, Floyd 13; Rainsford 4/09, H. Trotter 4/58).

Scouts had a good lead and five wickets in hand and continued their innings bringing their total to 189 before boly dismissed. Scouts commenced their second innings badly, Dickens and Underhill put on 45 before them for the sixth wicket; Dickens (20) was bowled by Rainsford. W. Goulon followed. He went for the bowling and finished with 32 not out Rainsford 4/63 and Trotter 4/53 divided the average for bowling between them. With plenty of time left Thornbury West had to bat a man short and were all out for 92 in the second innings, the score coming chiefly off the bats of Stevens 41, Kendall 28 and Rainsford (17) who were responsible for 86 runs. Dickens with 3/31 and Floyd 5/28 secured the bowling average for Scouts. Scouts won outright by an innings and 20 runs.

NORTHCOTE P.A.F.S. v DENNIS

Northcote P.A.F.S. 153 and three for 26 v Dennis 268 (Graham 24, Gay 28, Smith 43, Steele 34, Robinson 92, Bell 10, Noel 13; Warren 5/76).

This match was of importance to P.A.F.S. who had made 153 on the first day. Dennis having lost one for 62, resumed their innings in perfect weather and reached the score to 203 Robinson, by attractive cricket, made 90 before being run out. Steele (34) and Graham (34) stazed a nice partnership for the second wicket Warren was the best of the bowlers, having 5/76. When stumps were drawn P.A.F.S. had lost two for 26, W. Ward having made 14. With this win Dennis take the leading position in No. 1 Section.

Dennis won by 110 on the first innings.

P. G. SMITH v PENDER'S GROVE FOOTBALLERS

P. G. Smith 99 and five for 104 v Pender's Grove Footballers 175 (Tivey 90 not out, Leake 15, Lee 33).

Pender's Grove, who started their innings badly on the first day; at stumps had lost five for 35. However they stazed a wonderful recovery on the second day in their match with P. G. Smith and when the last wicket fell had 175 on the board, the remaining five wickets put on 140; 99 came from Tivey who went in sixth and carried his bat. He played a good innings and succeeded most, being assisted by W. Birchall (19) and Lee (33) made by good cricket. Varcoe (7/44) had the bowling honors for Smiths. Smiths, in their second innings, through Clarse (28) Callick (21) and Varcoe (18) put up a total of five for 104 at the call of time. P. Birchall took 2/17.

Pender's Grove won by 76 on the first innings.

NORTHCOTE JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS v CRAMER

Northcote Junior Footballers eight for 212 (closed) (Dropsch 34, Akers 36) v Cramer 165 (Harris 21, Light 31, Horsefield 19, Nichol 16, Sparks 21, Crocker 20; Emmins 4/52).

Northcote Juniors, having compiled a big score, closed with eight down for 212. Cramer with no wickets for 13, continued their innings in pleasant weather, and in answer to their opponents' score had 165 on the board for one being dismissed. Harris (21) and Light (36) put up a fine partnership for the first ticket. Horrefield, in his usual style, was responsible for 19, and was run out in attempting a short run. It was excellent fielding on the part of Cramer that sent him back. Nichol who is improving, played a first-class innings for 16. Martin claimed him as a victim for the ninth wicket. Sparks (21) and Crocker (20) were also responsible for adding 49 for the partnership. Emmins captured 4/61 and bowled well. With the time left for play the Footballers in their second innings had four for 81, Dropsch (34) and Akers (36) were the chief scorers. The fielding of both sides was good there being no less than 14 catches accepted. Northcote Junior Footballers won by 47 on the first innings.

B GRADE.—No. 2 Section

RESERVOIR v THORNBURY C.M.C.

Reservoir 218 and five for 27 (T. Forde 21 not out, Thornbury C.M.C. 138 (Mr. S. O'Connell 45, Gibson 26, Gilmore 12, Gough 16 n.o.; Smythe 3/18).

Reservoir having made 218 for their first innings against Thornbury C.M.C. the latter commenced their first innings with Bloom and Milten The first two wickets fell cheaply (O'Connell joined Bloom and playing good cricket, carried the score to 50 when Milten was bowled by Dwyer, three being down for 53. Gilson contributed 26 before being run out and McGough (16) secured the one not out. When the last man was dismissed the board read 138, being 40 behind their opponents in the first innings. Taking 3/18 Smythe and Wooland (2/31) were the best of the bowlers. In their second innings Reservoir had lost five for 27, T. Forde not out 21, was the chief scorer. Sheehan took 4/5—a creditable performance.

Reservoir won by 49 on the first innings.

THORNBURY SOCIALS v CROXTON UNITED

Thornbury Socials 56 and 36 (Baxter 14, Banks 11; Forde 11/37) v Croxton United 182 (Gracie 78, Forde 37, Boyce 23, R. Forde 17; Baxter 5/50, Banks 3/46).

With six wickets down for 160 in response to their opponents' score of 56 Croxton United continued their innings.Gracie not out 72, carried his score to 78 when he was bowled by Broadhurst. The last wicket partnership contributed 16 between them in a total of 182. Baxter 5/50 and Broadhurst 3/46 were the best bowlers. Of the two men who made Thornbury Socials went to the wickets for their second innings they had lost five for 27, Baxter (14) and Banks (11) made 25 between them. O. Forde was at his best and took 11/37 for the match. His best bowling in the second innings secured five wickets and he was the chief factor in bowling his side an outright win. He was ably assisted by Coutts who took 3/16. Croxton United won outright by an innings and 90 runs.

SOCCER v HIGHVIEW

Soccer 90 v Highview six for 178 (Cooper 21, A. Pike 68, L. Pike 50 n.o., Hill 21 n.o.; R. Gray 3/67).

Highview were in a good position at the commencement of their match with Soccer, having seven wickets in hand and requiring 25 runs to pass Soccer's score. L. Pike (14) and A. Pike (47) not out from the previous Saturday, continued batting and by careful cricket, mainly in defence, carried the score to 138, when A. Pike with 58 was bowled by R. Gray. It was a good third wicket partnership, having produced 95—four more than for 13b. The next two fell cheaply and Six for 140 was the total when Hill joined L. Pike, who had 46 made by patient cricket. Hill put on 21, which included three 4's in succession, with Pike added 5. At stumps the 178 Highview declared Hill (21) and A. Pike (50 being not out. The latter's knock was a good one. R. Gray with 3/67 was the most successful bowler for Soccer.

Soccer commenced their second innings and lost J. Frazer, their opening bat, for nil, the first wicket falling for none. Colgrave was joined by Joseph and these two batsmen were responsible in bringing the score to 40 and bettled very attractively. Colgrave (18) was caught off Gilbert, the third wicket falling for 45. The remaining batsmen could not master the bowling of Gilbert; the rest of the seven wickets fell for 23 about 5 minutes after stumps. Highview secured an outright win, Gilbert's performance was particularly fine for a bag of 25. He had the fine average of seven for 18 at the conclusion of the innings Highview won outright by an innings and 15 runs.

PASTRYCOOKS v PRESTON C.Y.M.S.

Pastrycooks 113 and eight for 60 (closed) (Gilkes 48, Ryan 11 n.o.) v Preston C.Y.M.S. 91 and 50 (Pitts 37, White 16; Ireland 5/38 and 19; Cronin 5/13, Ireland 5/18).

Commencing their unexpired innings with six for 72 C.Y.M.S. were hard put to place 15 more on the board for the remaining four wickets, bringing their total to 91. The runs were made by Pitts (37) White (16)

Pastrycooks in their second innings, declared with eight for 60 Gilke being responsible for 48 n.o. C.Y.M.S. had three men out and were dismissed for 50 White (19) being the chief scorer. Cronin was right on the spot and accounted for 5/13. Pastrycooks won outright by 62 runs.

A GRADE v B GRADE

In delightful weather and before a large attendance A v B Grade match was commenced It was pleasing to see the enthusiasm shown by the players of the respective grades. Winning the toss the B send A in to bat. The first wicket fell cheaply, Lane c. Bassett 7 and Wellington 4. Three for 20. Morgan and Bloom carried the score to 71 by good cricket when the latter lost his wicket to Smith. The partnership put on 51. Hughes followed and after adding 23 was run out. Morgan, at this stage, who was batting carefully, became associated with Black and the score steadily mounted. Morgan going for a hit, was bowled by Gracie for 38. The stalwart Black fell for 147. Hargreaves followed and along with Black, brought the total to 182 when Black (45) was caught off Smith. Hargreaves was not out with 9. Pike bowled exceptionally well and secured 4/51. Gracie having 182 on the board, B opened with Fowler and Smith. After the second ball from Dineen Forde stepped out to drive and a rare chance was given and missed. Nevertheless the score was carried to 18 when Dineen bowled Forde for 7. Gracie joined Smith and the two batsmen carried the score to 63 when time was called, Smith had 41, not out made by perfect cricket which included below chief scorer. Cronin was right on the spot and accounted for 5/15. Pastrycooks won outright by 62 runs.

A GRADE v B GRADE

In a match Galah v. Tempy (Malley) a good performance was put up by Jim Woods, Tempy's skipper, who is claiming many victims with his nippy left-hand deliveries. He has only failed to get a wic

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Sunday, February 19
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7 p.m.—Holy Communion.—Rev. C. H. Barnes.
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11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
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Sunday, Feb. 19.—Sexagesima. Harvest Festival
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins.—The Rev. Sydney Smith, of St. Luke's, Yarraville.
3 p.m.—Children's Service. — The Rev. S. Sherwood (Precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral).
7 p.m.—Evensong.—The Rev. C. H. Nash.
Sunday, Feb. 26, at 3 p.m. Organ Recital by Mr. Horace Weber, of the Capitol Theatre.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON (East Preston Tram Terminus)
Sunday, February 19
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
Rev. F. Parsons, Vicar.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND, WEST PRESTON
Sunday, Feb. 19—Harvest Festival
SPECIAL SERVICES
11 a.m.—Holy Communion, Choral. —The Vicar.
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FOLLOWING the policy of being Northcote's Leading Butchery, Ecker's are making a bold bid for bigger business, and have bought several truck loads of prime mutton and beef. This is all A grade stock, and will be used by us during our campaign.

BEEF
PRIME RIB ROASTS, from ..... 3½d. lb.
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SIDES from ..... 2d. lb.
LEGS from ..... 2½d. lb.
FORES, from ..... 1½d. lb.

LAMB
CHOICE SPRING, sides 3d. lb.
CHOICE FORES ..... 3d. lb.
CHOICE HINDS ..... 4½d. lb.
CHOICE LEGS ..... 5½d. lb.

PORK
DAIRY FED, from ..... 5½d. lb.
CORNED BEEF from ..... 2½d. lb.

— SMALL GOODS —
Sausages, beef & pork, Brawn, Frankfurts, Mince, Black Puddings, &c.

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Municipal Notices

City of Northcote
REGISTRATION OF DOGS

NOTICE is hereby given that ALL DOGS within the City of Northcote MUST BE REGISTERED at this office on or before the 16th DAY of MARCH, 1933.

Any person having an unregistered dog after that date will be liable to be proceeded against in accordance with the Dog Act 1928.

By order,
J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices, Northcote.
14/2/1933.

City of Northcote
FOOTBALL GROUNDS

APPLICATIONS, closing 12 noon on SATURDAY, 4th MARCH, are invited from Clubs desiring the USE of the FOLLOWING PARKS for Football Season 1933:—

HAYES PARK.
MERRI PARK.
MAYER PARK.
McDONELL PARK.

Applicant clubs must forward the sum of £1/1/0 and state name and rank of Club and Park of which use is desired. The £1/1/0 will be refunded to unsuccessful clubs.

By Order,
J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices, Northcote.
14/2/1933.

City of Northcote
ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS IN ABSTRACT

RATES

Rates, Amount Due	£67216 4 10
Arrears Carried Forward	£11146 14 4

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Receipts	
Total for Year	£95191 19 2
Bank Overdraft 30/9/32	492 10 11
	£95594 10 1
Expenditure	
Bank Overdraft 30/9/31	£1760 17 4
Total for Year	93832 12 9
	£95594 10 1

LOAN LIABILITY

Total of Loans	£492881 15 0
Less Repaid	154695 3 6
Balance Due	£372252 11 6

STREET CONSTRUCTION

Expenditure	
Overdraft 30/9/31	£6508 0 6
Loan Repayments	16479 2 10
Works	623 17 0
	£23591 0 1
Receipts	19913 6 9
Overdraft 30/9/32	£3677 13 7
Total Due by Owners	£92576 14 8

ELECTRIC LIGHT ACCOUNT

Receipts	
Balance 30/9/31	£2256 1 11
Consumers, &c.	63350 10 4
	£72606 12 3
Expenditure	59701 5 10
Balance 30/9/32	£12905 6 5

The accounts were certified as correct by the Government Municipal Auditor, Mr. H. J. Mulford, and finally settled, found just, true and allowed at a meeting of the Council held on the 13th day of February, 1933.

A copy of the statement may be inspected at the Municipal Offices.

J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk

14/2/1933.

NORTHCOTE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
May 16 to 25, 1933

CITIZENS are invited to forward names and addresses of former residents to Secretaries, Town Hall, Northcote, in order that invitations may be extended to permit them to take part in the Celebrations.

A. H. OLDIS, J.P., Mayor, Chairman.

City of Northcote
RECEPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that, in view of the completion of reconstruction and renovations of the Northcote Town Hall, the Mayoress, MRS. A. H. OLDIS, will hold a RECEPTION in the Hall on THURSDAY, 9th MARCH next, at 3 p.m.

J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk

Auctions

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
At 3 o'clock, at the property, 6 BELLARINE STREET, PRESTON
Mortgagees' Realising Auction Sale of
Modern D.F. W.B. Villa
4 rooms, sleep-out, linen press, porcelain, bath, E.L., gas, sewered, made street. Land 41 x 125. Close station and school.
Title, Certificate. Long easy State Savings Bank terms.
F. W. STOTT & SON
203 High St., Northcote, and 423 High St., Preston. Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
At 3 o'clock, on the property, 29 CAMERON STREET, REGENT
Mortgagees' Realising Auction Sale of
Modern D.F. W.B. Villa
4 rooms, all convs., white tiled recesses, E.L., gas, sewer, recently renovated. Made street, on land 40 x 131ft. 3in.
Title, Certificate. Long easy State Savings Bank terms.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, at 3 p.m.
16 HAWKER AVE., PRESTON
Mortgagees' Realising Sale
Modern W.B. Villa
Cont. 4 large rooms and sleep-out, linen press, sep. bathroom, porcelain bath, pantry, white tiled stove recess, large allotment, fernery and sheds. Street made. High position. 1 min. of tram.
£100 dep., bal. approx. 15 weekly, pays interest and principal.
Full particulars—
J. G. ROBSON
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Amusements

EUCHRE, Anglers' Hall, Murray Rd., Preston, Wednesday and Saturday, 8.30 p.m. Admission 1/-. Good prizes.

RESERVOIR PALAIS

GALA Night, Saturday, 18th. Second Semi-final Great Fox Trot Competition. Prizes for judge and popular vote. Exhibition dances and extra novelties. 1/6, inc. supper and tax. Dancing Classes, Sat. Afternoon, 2.30. Every Monday Night, Modern Dancing. Adm. 9d.

Old Time and Modern Dance

PICCADILLY Palais, David St., Preston. — EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT. Palma Waltz Competition, judge and popular votes, silver cups. Mildren's Band. Adm. 1/6d. — A. Dunnick, M.C.

—DANCING—
WAYSIDE HOUSE, WOLLERT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Dainty Frock Competition, first prize £2/2/0.
Bus leaves Heather's corner, 198 High St., Preston, at 7.45 p.m.
Admission: Gents 1/6, Ladies 1/-.

PRESTON MAYORESS' GUILD
THE first meeting of the year will be held in the Council Room, Preston Town Hall, on TUESDAY, FEB. 21.—(Mrs.) H. FRASER, Hon. Sec.

CARNIVAL! CARNIVAL!
Enjoy the cool of the river at the
Fairfield Canoe Club's
ANNUAL
HENLEY ON YARRA
will be continued on
Saturday Next, February 11
(Afternoon and Evening)
CANOE RACING AND NOVELTY EVENTS.
ALL KINDS OF AMUSEMENTS STALLS AND PALAIS DE DANSE
Location:
FAIRFIELD CANOE CLUBHOUSE
Near Rudder Grange, Fairfield.
Admission: 3d. per Session.

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BOTTLES, Bones, Rags, Zinc, Lead, Brass and Copper. Highest price given. Cash on delivery. Letters receive prompt attention.—H. BISHOP, Darebin Rd., N'cote. Phone JW3363.

FUN — SPORT — NOVELTIES GALORE
COME TO THE NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB'S
MONSTER SPORTS GYMKHANA
To-morrow--Saturday, at 7.30 p.m.
At the Northcote Football Ground
(Under Brilliant Electric Light)
Your one chance to see these world-famous runners in action. AUSTIN ROBERTSON, ex-World's Sprint Champion and Record-Breaker; TIM BANNER, World's Sprint Champion; JACK FIFT, World's Half-mile Champion; W. M. ("Tickle") WHYTE, ex-Olympian Champion; and Other Brilliant Performers in
NORTHCOTE GIFT—SPRINT AND HALF MILE HANDICAP
NORTHCOTE FOOTBALLERS' CHAMPIONSHIP
(Run in Full Uniform)
See the DARKTOWN FIRE BRIGADE AT WORK
NOVELTY RACES. SIDE SHOWS GALORE. NO DULL MOMENTS
Admission 1/1, Children 7d. P. J. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec., N.F.C.

NOTICES

A.N.A. Northcote Branch.—All members are asked to address all correspondence, etc., to Mr. A. L. Fitch, acting secretary, 66 Darebin St., Northcote, N17, until further notice.

FOR Second-hand Timber, Gal. Iron, Window Sashes, Doors, &c., try R. W. WILLIAMS, cnr. Elm and High Sts., Northcote, N16.

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LAWN mowers repaired and sharpened; saws and scissors set and sharpened; hedge clippers, shears, knives sharpened. Orders called for and delivered. Keys cut.—I.X.L. (W. J. Carnell), 604 High St., Northcote.

STOVES.—For Stove Repairs, Sell Stoves, &c., Fish and Chip Stoves a specialty. See MADDIGAN, 602 High St., Croxton, N17. Work guaranteed.

SPORTS Wear.—For the latest in sports wear you cannot do better than inspect our range of high quality stocks at reduced prices.—LES. WHITE, High St., Northcote (note new address).

GENTLEMEN!
COLLECT your Xmas Box, comprising 1 Fashion Shirt, 1 Fashionable Tie, 1 Pr. Half Hose, 1 Pr. Garters 1 Pr. Armlets, 1 Pr. Braces, ABSOLUTELY FREE with your Suit to Order from E. L. GATES, 473 High St. Northcote, N16. Phone JW1812.

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Lost

LOST.—Pomeranian puppy, white. Finder please return 459 High St Preston. Reward.

LOST. — Gold ear ring, brilliant centre, Scout Hall, or between Scout Hall and address. Reward—160 Cramer St.

Wanted

WANTED.—Unfurn. room, private house, garage, bathheater, near High School.—"C.L.H.," High School, Northcote.

WANTED.—Girl for light housework and mind children.—Apply 260 Gower St., Preston.

Board and Residence

BOARD available for 1 or 2 refined gents in clean private home, mod. convs.—63 James St., Northcote.

ROOM and board required for partly crippled lady, near Queen St.—Queen St., Regent

NORTHCOTE (Head Office): 499 High St., Northcote; 'Phone JW 1015.
PRESTON (Branch Office): 371 High St., Preston (opp. Town Hall).
Private:—JW 4154.

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RAY HATTAM
— THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS —

Bib and Brace Overalls	3/11
Men's Fashion Shirts	3/11
Men's Pyjamas	3/11
Men's Fancy Hose	1/
Ladies' Artificial Silk Hose	1/6

917 High Street, Thornbury, N17
JW 3059
Try Our Collar Laundry

SENSATIONAL LEVEL CROSSING SMASH

MAN'S PROVIDENTIAL ESCAPE

A SENSATIONAL accident occurred at Normanby avenue level crossing on Friday last about 6.30 p.m. A heavily-laden motor truck, which is said to have got out of control, crashed through the gates and stopped in a position across the rails, where it was struck by a train.

The driver of the truck, George Cole, 55, of Bell street, Coburg, had a remarkable escape from death.

Truck Smashed; Driver Thrown Fourteen Feet

The train struck the truck with great force, smashing it to pieces. Cole was thrown 14ft on to the opposite set of rails.

He received internal injuries, a lacerated hand and shock, and was admitted to Melbourne Hospital. His condition is not dangerous.

Brakes Fail to Hold

The truck was loaded with lucerne and was descending an incline approaching the gates, when Cole applied the brakes. They failed to work, and it broke through the gates.

The front wheels rested in the centre of the track along which the train was travelling. The driver had no chance to leap from his seat.

The train which was involved in the smash and another were delayed about 11 minutes while the line was being cleared of wreckage.

CHRISTMAS DINNER TO UNEMPLOYED

THE DONORS THANKED

The undermentioned is a copy of a letter forwarded by the Central Relief Committee to the Mayor (Cr. A. H. Oldis): Cr. S. Dennis, M.H.R., and Mr. P. W. Tomkins.

"Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the Northcote Central Relief Committee held on the 17th inst., it was directed to convey to the Mayor (Cr. A. H. Oldis), Cr. S. Dennis, M.HR. and Mr. P. W. Tomkins the sincere thanks of the Relief Committee for their most generous and thoughtful act in entertaining 60 families, totalling 230 persons in all, at dinner on Christmas Day.

The occasion was another of the many kindnesses which you have shown to those unfortunately placed and that it was appreciated is evident by the remarks of the representative of the Northcote Unemployed Association on the Relief Committee when the function was duly reported. He stated that those who partook of the dinner, whilst regretting the need for its acceptance, were most grateful and deeply acknowledged the courtesy and consideration extended to them.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk
Hon. Sec.

MR. SCULLIN AND THE BANKS

At the invitation of the Thornbury Labour Party, Mr. J. H. Scullin, Leader of the Federal Opposition, gave an address on Monday night at the Dispensary Hall.

Mr. Scullin blamed the private banks for having accentuated the effects of the depression. The banks had refused advances to Governments on the ground that they had been too extravagant, yet the strongest indictment could be made against the banks for their greed for profits. One of the weaknesses of the present banking system was "long term overdrafts with short-term credits," which many persons had entered into for the purchase of farms or the erection of factories, and had found themselves in difficulties when the banks had recalled the credit.

Mr. Scullin added that the only means of preventing a recurrence was to have complete national control of banking and credit. If the workers would put Labour in power that "job would be done."

WAGES OF A DRIVER

EMPLOYER TO PAY £20/6/ ARREARS

At the Preston Court on Thursday before Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan P.M., J. V. Dalton, produce merchant, Preston Market was charged that for the week ending January 7 he failed to pay to one Allan Page, a driver all wages due subect to the provisions of the Carters' and Drivers' Award.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for the defendant.

Allan Page, 18 years, said: I was employed by defendant from October 17 to January 7. At first I was paid 10/ weekly and later 15/ a week. In the last week I worked 42½ hours and was paid 15/.

Cross-examined: Prior to October 17 Dalton was renting a stable from your father?—Yes.

How did you enter Dalton's employment?—Dalton offered me a job on his cart after some discussion with my father.

Did you ask what the wages were? —No.

You were not employed exclusively by Dalton?—I was. I only did two delivery jobs outside my employment, and they were with Dalton's consent.

Were you hawking vegetables?—On one occasion.

You gave Dalton a receipt for £11 for work done as a casual driver up to January 7?—I only got £1 of that money. He promised me a permanent job and "went back" on it.

You told him you had been offered work in the country and he advised you to accept it?—Yes. That I was only trying to get more wages out of Dalton.

William Hall, inspector of Factories and Shops said: For this class of work Page should be paid £2/12/6 a week. I called upon Dalton who said "Page's father asked me to give his son a job at 12/ to 15/ a week, and I did so.

Dalton said: I did not employ Page. He only did casual carting for me at 10/ to 15/ per week: and he had use of my cart to earn whatever money he could.

When the matter of wages was drawn to my notice, I told Page I could not afford to employ him. I had a receipt made out in blank and he filled in the sum of arrears at £11 and said "I'll take £1 in settlement."

A conviction was recorded and a fine of £2 was imposed. Dalton was also ordered to pay £20/6/ arrears of wages.

The default was fixed at two months' imprisonment.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

IN accordance with the Unemployment Relief Act a Public Assistance Committee has been appointed at Preston to assist in the administration in that city.

A meeting was held at the Preston Town Hall on Wednesday when the following appointments were confirmed:—

Mesdames C. Jones, R. Fraser, A. K. Allchin, H. McGregor, E. McIntosh, E. Yann, Messrs. A. Black, Tivey, J. F. Yann, Messrs. A. Black, Tivey, J. J. Geraty, Dr. W. H. Steel, Adjutant Mawson, Rep. of Preston Ministers' Fraternal, Messrs. D. J. Matthews, W. J. Davis Crs. H. Swain E. Norris and Geo. H. Mott.

Cr. Norris was unanimously appointed chairman Cr. Mott nominated the Town Clerk (Mr. Ben Johnson) as secretary and referred to the able way in which he (Mr. Johnson) had acquired a grip of the Act. Mr. Johnson was appointed. Other office-bearers were:—Treasurer: Mr. L. W. Williams; auditors: Messrs. Geo. Pike and Hammond.

A vote of thanks for the valuable work done by the retiring committee was moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mrs Yann, and carried unanimously. Cr. H. P. Zwar replied.

Finance

Approximately £80 was handed over by the Mayor (Cr. A. E. Newton) being the balance of the proceeds of the bazaar held last year. It was felt this would give the committee a good start. The matter of raising funds was discussed and several projects were mooted, including one of requesting progress associations in the city to contribute.

Sub-Committees

The following sub-committees were appointed:—

Ibakos' and Expectant Mothers':—Dr. Steel and Mrs. McGregor

Firewood and Evictions:—Messrs. Geraty and Tivey.

Clothing.—Mesdames McIntosh and Jones.

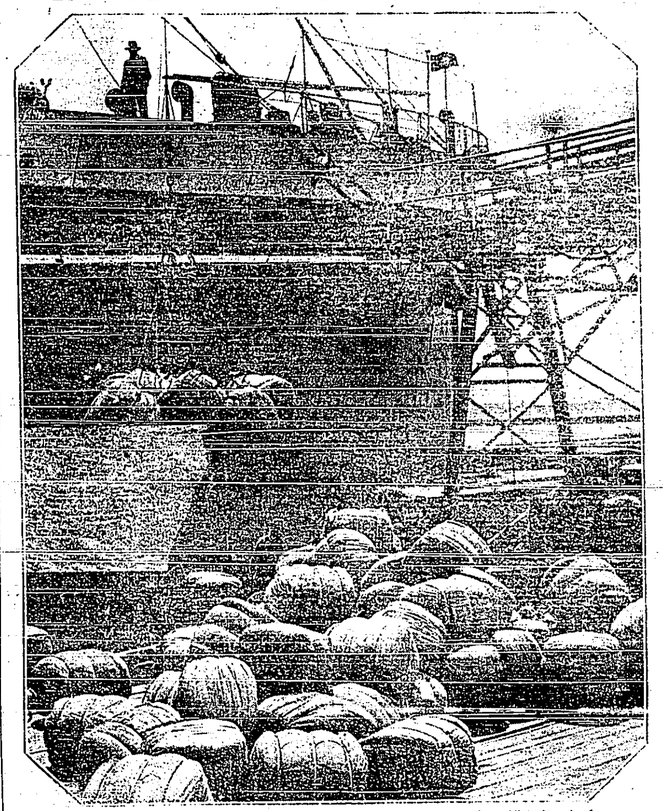
Foodstuffs.—Mr. Black and Rep of Ministers' Fraternal.

Medical Attention.—Dr. Steel and Mr. W. J. Davis.

Social Workers:—Mesdames Fraser, (Mayoress' Guild); Yann (Dorcas Society); Allchin (Ladies Benevolent).

Executive, Finance Committee and Appeal Board.—Three councillors, Mr. Matthews (Rep. Preston Branch, R.S.S.I.L.A.), Adj. Mawson (Salvation Army).

LOADING THE WOOL—VICTORIA'S UNTOLD WEALTH



Much primary produce for export including a record consignment of prime Victorian beef, was loaded at Port Melbourne by the Jervis Bay. Wool bought at the recent sales is being taken aboard in slings

Photo by Courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne

SWIMMING.

PRESTON CLUB

At the Preston Baths on Tuesday night the first portion of the Robinson Cup was raced. Results are as follows.

First Heat—L. Green. Second Heat—D. Rankin. Third Heat.—D. Truman Fastest time.—N. Anders. D. Rankin beat Green by a touch and N. Anders secured third.

The second event of the Robinson cup, 110 yards, will be competed for next Tuesday night. The winner of each event secures 10 points; second 5 points; third 3 points. A number of club members will compete in the 3 mile swim in the Yarra on March 4. Jack Moylan has been training very hard at Coburg. Curious members of the club are becoming anxious to know what event he intends taking part in.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By J. G. Robson (Geo. Henderson, auctioneer) on March 1 at 3 p.m., on premises, 16 Hawker Ave., Preston, 4-roomed villa, as advertised.

By P. B. Kingsbury (late S. L. Willmot, and Co.) 563 High street, Northcote, on Thursday, March 2, on property, 7 St. George's road, modern brick villa, on land 40 x 125ft. 6in. as advertised.

Selections for Minor Events at Caulfield

ST. CLAIR TRIAL
METALLURGY 1
EZIC 2
COUNT ORLOFF 3

ALMA STAKES
DANILO 1
SNOWACRE 2
PALPHAR 3

WOODCLIFF HANDICAP
PROTEA 1
RUACH 2
YARRAMBA 3

STANBY PLATE
DAME ISA 1
FICTITIOUS 2
VARIETAS 3

HAWKSBURN HANDICAP
GREENWAVE 1
IBRANI 2
VALMIST 3

Prestonites! Read Extra Special Bargain Offers

BOWLS

PRESTON CLUB

In the A Pennant match against Mordialloc on Saturday our players were hard pressed to stave off a second defeat by the Mordialloc team. Our victory by a margin of 8 points was attributed to Lang and Henshaw having a good run in the opening stages of the game which they maintained throughout to win by 22 and 16 respectively. While Pike and Broadhurst were down 22 and 3 in their games, Hancock, who opposed Pike as skipper, played a solid game and saved ends repeatedly when the shot was against him. We are all pleased that our most aggressive skipper is back in his game again as in our next match we meet Brunswick, the sectional leaders, on our own sward and we will not have to throw away any bowls to again deprive them of this coveted honor.

The B's and the C's returned defeated but happy. Condie and Carthew were the spoon winners.

On Thursday evening we entertained a great gathering from the Preston branch of the Returned Soldiers. As we have several members who are "Diggers" they joined up with our visitors and materially helped to even up the sides. An excellent supper was provided by our ladies. During an interval Mr. Hughes, our President, extended a hearty welcome to the Diggers. Mr. Norman Brown, president of the branch, briefly responded. At 11 o'clock the game was finished and Mr. Hoey presented the spoons to the winning rink, skipped by J. Fleming, and also a spoon to Mr. Brown, as a souvenir. On March 23 the Diggers will take over the green and entertain the bowlers to a return match.

Mrs. Barney and Mrs. Appleton came second in the novelty pairs competitions conducted by the Ladies Association.

At our last committee meeting a letter was received from Mrs. Henshaw, hon. secretary of the Ladies' Bowling Club, forwarding a cheque for £60 on behalf of the club. This is the second dividend received from the ladies, whose great assistance is very acceptable and much appreciated by the club.

Bowlers will be pleased to learn that one of our vice-presidents, Mr. Robert Crowe, who has been indisposed, is making a good recovery.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S PLAY

A PENNANT

Preston 105 (Shepherd, Dahl, Shaw, Broadhurst 21; Hill, Hudson, Joiner, Henshaw 4; Simmons, Simmons, Tutchell, Neyill, Pike 10; Birchall, Lewis, Zwar, Lang 42) d Mordialloc 97 (Andrews, Casey, Ryan, Cooper, 24; Groves, Lawn, McMurtrie, Plant 22; Hunt, Harding, Butterworth, Hancock 32; Bargery, Werrett, Waller, Coleman 19).

B PENNANT

Auburn 122, (Runciman, Green, Wheland, McDonald 34; E. Smith, Evans, Nathan, Griffiths 24; Cooper, McCully, Blake, Morris 24; Lewis, Walker, Tomkin, Slatterie, 40) d Preston, 71, (Allardice, Barnes, Jewett, W. Lewis 19; Watson, Ross, Cohen, Apted 26; McIntosh, Davidson, Fleming, Condie 26; Merrie, Jensen, Whittle, Welsh 9).

C PENNANT

West Brunswick, 87, (Elliott, Roberts, Hannon, Rice 34; Martin, Canavon Hensell, Higgs 30; Snelling, Hill, Davis Swartz 23) d Preston, 60 (Swain, Williams, Skin McIntyre, 29; Norris Herrick, Subway, Simmons, 16; Butterfield, Pipe, Rae, Carthew, 25).

A PENNANT

Footscray Defeats Northcote

Northcote visited Footscray on Saturday and were soundly beaten by 136 to 68. Only one Northcote rink—Catarinich's—was up, and then the margin was only 1. Scores:—

Footscray, 136 (Brown, J. McKenzie 4, Williams, McDonach 17; Archer, Moran, Smith, Gleeny 24; Mitchell, Day 4, Griffiths, J. Griffiths 28; Johnstone, Howell, Clayton, Rogers 37) d Northcote, 68, (Allen, Peckner, Reed, Thompson, 9; Purnell, Davis, Plant, Catarinich 25; Threlkeld, Jackson, Hayborn, Pollock 21; Brown, Hodges, Sharp, Shaw 13).

Thornbury Go Down

Thornbury were at home to Moonee Ponds and the visitors had a win by 103 to 71. Scores:—

Moonee Ponds 103, (McNaught, Tozer, Ramsay, Kruse 33; Maplestone A. E. Young, Royle Ellis, 24; Ahern, Fuller, Nunn, Mullany 27; Watson, Wood, Hixson, Thomas 19) d Thornbury, 71, (Whalley, White, Jones, Hayes 15; Robertson Rose, Warren, G. Allen 17; Morris, Thomson, Rogerson, Shorey 20; A. Allen, Cornish, Johnson, Marden 23).

Other Matches

Middle Park 96, d Alphington 55.
Ivanhoe 102, d Oakleigh 93.
Brunswick, d Heidelberg.

B PENNANT

Alma 101, d Ivanhoe 89.
Heidelberg 104, d Alphington 2 81.

C PENNANT

Northcote 90, d Elsternwick District 2, 59.
Dandenong 104, d Ivanhoe 39.
Fairfield 88, d Moreland 57.

RESERVOIR NOTES

Mr. George Anderson has succeeded Mr. Gore as secretary of the Reservoir Cricket Club.

The council has decided to grade Leamington street.

Miss Fay has been appointed to the staff of the Reservoir school.

The figures at the Reservoir station during February show an increase of 673 passengers over February, 1932 (15,573 and 14,900). The goods traffic shows a rise of 54 tons, resulting in a gross increase in revenue of £84 and a total increase of £142.

Guard Halseed is off duty being relieved by Guard Turley.

The Reservoir Railway Repair Gang consisting of Ganger Hughes, Platelayers Barlett, Bachelor, Gavrot and the late E. Varcoe won the first prize for the best kept length in the North-Eastern District during 1932. Ten pounds has been divided among the party and Mrs. Varcoe.

At a parishioners meeting of the St. George's Church of England on Sunday night, Messrs. Pola and Matthews were elected as church-wardens, and Messrs O. McKenzie, Stevens, Thorpe, Clinnick, R. McKenzie and R. Hastings were elected vestrymen. Messrs. Withers and Clinnick were elected as auditors. Income £240 with £10 credit balance.

The bazaar showed a profit of £48 which will be allotted for the reduction of the church debt.

Mr. Werner's party, including Messrs J. S. McFadzean and R. J. Clinnick (Sport) bagged 17 ducks at Avalon, near Geelong on the opening day.

Complaints have been made by swimmers in the lake to the drainage from Reservoir streets being diverted into the nothern entrance to the lake.

As the new hall at Thomastown is nearing completion the Railway Department has been asked to consider the running of the rail-motor that waits at Reservoir on Saturday nights from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. to Thomastown and back to Reservoir

BOOMERANG SOCIAL CLUB (PRESTON)

A house party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Woods, of Reservoir, on Saturday last. A large number of friends and members gathered. The club wish to express their appreciation for the fine services of Mr. and Mrs. Woods. The nomination of new members has now closed for an indefinite period, there being nearly 80 members enrolled up to date. A picnic will be held to Warrandyte this coming Sunday where a cricket match will probably be played. Only members are permitted to make this trip. Arrangements are in hand for a trip to Healesford, on March 12. The price have been fixed as follows:—5/ double, 3/ single. Only limited accommodation is available. Tickets will be available on application from the secretary. A return match has been arranged with the Rene Street Cricket Club at South Morang, on March 26. The "Mock Murder Trial" arranged by Mr. P. Buckley has been suspended for an indefinite period. Members chosen to play parts are requested to attend rehersals. There is a possibility of the Boomerang Club entering a football team in the newly formed local football association, although it has not been discussed in committee up to date. Correspondence and reports should be addressed to the hon. secretary, Mr. V. Smith, 67 Kellett street, Northcote N.16, or Mr. M. B. Millman, 339 Plenty road, Preston N18 (corner Gower street).

PRESTON PARK AND FOOTBALL CLUB

A recommendation was made by the Committee to the Preston Council on Monday that the Preston Football Club be granted the use of the Cramer Street Park for all Saturdays from March 18 until the end of the football season, and of the use of the ground and dressing rooms from March 14 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (similar arrangements to last year) be adopted; the question of the financial arrangements to be deferred for one month.

Cr. Zwar said that the football club was anxious to proceed with a programme to raise £1200, and desired to know the council's intentions as soon as possible.

Cr. Jones said that the council last year had given the football club a greater proportion of the gate receipts than the club was entitled to receive and he was not prepared to again acquiesce in this arrangement, and at the same time allow the club the use of the City Hall at reduced charges.

After some discussion the recommendation was adopted.

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GARDEN COMPETITIONS AT RESERVOIR

A COMMENDABLE enterprise has been undertaken by Federal Estates Pty. Ltd. at Reservoir. To stimulate a love of gardening and make better citizens, this company has inaugurated a scheme whereby keen competition is stimulated amongst amateur gardeners on their estate.

A very successful competition was brought to a close on Monday last among owners and tenants of houses controlled by the Federal Estates Pty. Ltd. at Reservoir. Many of the gardens showed great improvement and the competitors a remarkable enterprise in itheir gardens. It was only with great difficulty that the Judge, Mr. Charles Rose, came to his decisions.

The following is a list of the prize-winners in the various sections:—

Group 1.—Best front and back garden, old established: W. Marston 1; G. Weekman 2.

Group 2.—Best front and back garden, *established this season*: W. Brooks and H. Green equal 1; J. Allan 2.

Group 3.—Best front garden, old established: H. Bower 1; J. Vice 2.

Group 4.—Best front garden, established this season: R. Kay 1; J. Quinn 2.

Group 5.—Best vegetable garden: H. Bate 1; C. Thomson 2.

Group 6. — Owner's best all round front garden: F. Lindsay 1; M. Teague 2; J. Wallis hon. mention.

Special Prizes, Meritorious Improvement: M. Hull, H. Gibson, R. Creek, S. Vincy, A. Bliss.

Valuable assistance was rendered by the company's local agent, Mr. E. G. Sutton, who devoted a considerable amount of time to the competition.

MERNDA.

The annual lantern lectures of the British and Foreign Bible Society for the Mernda District were held this week in Wollert, Mernda and Hazel Glen Methodist Churches. Beautiful pictures illustrating the work of the society in many parts of the world were shown and explained by Padre H. E. E. Hayes. Mr. E. Schultz took the chair at the Wollert meeting and the Rev. H. Sunderland Th.L. presided at the other meetings. The work of circulating the scripture throughout the world was shown to be ever increasing.

MOTOR TYRES DISAPPEAR

YOUNG MAN FOR TRIAL

On the night of February 10 four motor tyres, and a battery, valued in all at £15 disappeared from two motor trucks in a locked yard at the rear of the premises of Graham and Gilbert, fuel and fodder merchants, High street. The matter was reported to the police, and within a few days, Northcote police stopped Frederick John Baron, Dally street, Northcote, who was driving a motor truck. One of the tyres on the truck was identified by Albert Edwin Gilbert, as being part of the stolen property.

At the Northcote Court on Tuesday, Baron was charged with having stolen the tyres, and after hearing evidence the bench committed him for trial.

Bail was fixed at £100 with a surety of a like amount.

NORTHCOTE UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

A general meeting was held on Friday night, the president, Mr. J Staff being in the chair. The association will hold a picnic for children on February 25 at Yarra Bend National Park; a varied programme of events will be conducted. There will be a free distribution of sweet ice cream, fruit, cakes etc., and adults will be supplied with hot water, tea, milk and sugar free.

The first social and dance for the year was held on Friday, the attendance being good. These socials will be conducted every Friday until further notice.

Commencing on Thursday evening February 24, a series of euchre tournaments will be conducted in the old lodge room, next to the town hall every Thursday evening until further notice. Admission silver coin.

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They Say

THAT sneezing powders and smelly bombs were much in evidence at a week-end outing patronised by some of Preston's leading citizen's, some of whom appreciated the situation while others did not.

That the bright days of sunshine and delightful breezes now being experienced are causing people in Preston and district to take a more optimistic view of things in general.

That Mr. W. O'Doherty, ranger in the employ of Preston City Council is spending a pleasant holiday at home.

That a Preston Council employee, who at one time had the honor of driving what was known as the municipal "state coach," recently purchased a bicycle for £3.

That after going to an exhibition of dirt track riding during the lunch hour on Wednesday he succeeded in selling the machine for £4/10/.

That speculation is rife as to whether the leg theory will be in force at the municipal cricket match on Saturday.

That the growing of water lilies, combined with gold fish keeping is the latest hobby of a gentleman whose figure is familiar to Preston and Northcote residents.

Little Girl Assaulted

ON WEDNESDAY morning, Mr. Justice Mann presided over the sittings of the Supreme Court, Melbourne. Frederick Herring, 13, labourer was called upon to answer a charge of having indecently assaulted a little girl at Thornbury, on January 19. Plainclothes Constable Egerton gave evidence in the case and accused was ordered to be imprisoned for six months.

Travel Talk

AT THE request of the Young Men's Society connected with Preston Congregational Church in Wood street, Cr. H. J. Zwar has consented to deliver his popular travel talk on the evening of March 1.

The Mayor's Fund

PRESTON Town Hall has been engaged for a dance to be held in aid of the Mayor's Fund on Tuesday March 14. The dance is being organised by Sergeant Lang.

More Cricket

THE Parliamentary Cricket Club tried its luck against surburban municipal mayors at Ivanhoe last Saturday afternoon, when Cr. H. E. Olney, M.L.C. provided afternoon tea for the teams and visitors.

Preston Masons Visit Ballarat

MEMBERS of Leamington (Preston) Masonic Lodge intend paying a visit to Ballarat on the coming Saturday, where they will be entertained by the City of Ballarat Lodge of Freemasons.

Municipal Cricket Match

TO-MORROW (Saturday) afternoon (the indoor and outdoor staffs of Preston Council will take part in a friendly game of cricket in Gower Street Park.

Letter From Old Prestonite

MR. PIKE, rate collector to the City of Preston received a letter from Mr. Arnold Dean, who many years ago occupied the position of shire secretary and engineer at Preston and is now comfortably situated as secretary to the Shire of Bellarine. Mr. Dean says—"A few lines showing I still remember old friends at Preston. I hope the depression is not getting you all down for you are sure to have a lot of Job's comforters who cannot see any signs of the sun coming through the clouds."

Alteration of Pay Day

THE pay day for men employed in Preston to work in lieu of receiving sustenance has been altered from Monday to Friday at the local municipal buildings.

Fishermen's Outing

LAST week-end half-dozen anglers from Preston tried their luck at Stony Point. The result was only fair about two dozen whiting and schnapper being caught and distributed among the weekenders.

Fire Brigade News

PRESTON firemen had a fairly busy week in responding to calls one of which came from St. George's road Northcote where the rear portion of a house owned and occupied by J. Jones also contents were severely damaged by fire.

An acre and a half of grass was burnt on an unfenced allotment at Plenty road near Rubicon street, and two acres of grass at Spring Street, Reservoir.

On Tuesday outbuildings and a fence were damaged by fire at the home of L. Roberts, Flinders street, Northcote.

There was a false call to Bell and Paterson streets, Preston on Tuesday

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

ON Sunday last harvest thanksgiving services were held at All Saints' Church Preston. The preacher for the day was Archdeacon Hancock. The congregations were good morning and evening. The fruit vegetables etc. were sent to Church of England Homes on Monday.

Transfer to Mounted Police

BARNEY Higgins, for eight years an efficient and popular member of Preston police force is now a full-blown mounted constable, stationed at the depot, St. Kilda road.

Head Master Retires

AFTER 42 years' service in the Education Department, Mr. John Sinden has retired. His last position was head teacher at Fawkner Street State School, North Fitzroy. On Tuesday last Mr. Sinden was "farewelled" by a number of friends, who assembled in a room at the State School, Helen street, Northcote, and presented him with a case of pipes. Mr. J. F. Roe represented West Preston school, Mr. D. Black, Reservoir and Mr. H. Bennett, South Preston. Mr. Sinden, accompanied by his wife is leaving on a trip to Japan and expects to arrive in that land of trouble in cherry-blossom time.

Ballarat Scholars Visit Zoo

MR. R. A. FRANCIS, who at one time was head master at South Preston State School is now in charge of a Ballarat school. Last Friday Mr. Francis took his large family to the Zoo at Royal Park, where a most enjoyable day was spent. The ticket sales for the special train conveying the party realised £15/1/3 out of which the Ballarat school received 10 per cent as its share to be spent on the school.

West Preston State School

MISS M. A. ROSEVEAR has been transferred from Brunswick Central State School to West Preston.

An open brick drain is being fixed up in the school grounds and it was a very necessary work. For a very long time when heavy rain fell portion of the school grounds became flooded. Now, it is hoped that with the new order of things (or bricks) the inconvenience will be obviated.

Swimming Carnival

THE V.S.S.A.A.A., Thornbury and Preston district annual swimming carnival takes place at Preston bath on Friday.

P.F.C. Social Committee

A VERY large gathering of ladies and gentlemen are attending the meetings of the Preston Football Club Social Committee which are held every Thursday evening in the pavilion. The social committee are all most energetic and their numerical strength to date is 60, and there is still room for more. The committee is headed by Mr. Harry Parsons, as secretary, who has been a live wire for the past 16 years, with Mr Woods (a new member) as treasurer whilst an ardent supporter and vice-president of the club in the person of Mr. Bert Howse has been appointed chairman.

Experimental Station 3JR

ANOTHER interesting programme was transmitted from experimental station VK3JR, 18 Arthur street, Preston, last Sunday morning. A feature of the broadcast was the rendering of several numbers of the Australian composer, Mr. R. J. Heather, of Northernhay street, Preston. The programme commenced with a well rendered soprano solo "Angus Donald" by Mrs. Hutchinson. "The Cottage by the Roadside" (Heather) a contralto solo was nicely sung by Miss White. The humorous element was again supplied by Mr. R. J. Heather, his selections being "Farmer Brown" and "Molly Malone." An interstate visitor in Miss Evelyn Brook, favored with the mezzo soprano solo "Love's Old Sweet Song." The tenor accompaniment by Mr. Heather greatly enhanced the effect. Miss McKenzie a relative of Mr. John Brownlee, the Geelong baritone, was pleasingly heard, her contribution being "Still as the Night." Another of Mr. Heather's compositions was the bass solo "A Brigand Bold," which was sung by Mr. E. J. Hutchinson. The selections of the Apollo Male Quartette were finely rendered, their items being "Calm as the Sea," and "There are Women," whilst their final contribution was "Do Gospel Train." The accompaniments were again shared by Mrs. J. Smith and Mr. E. Garrott, with Mr. Noel Bunker at the microphone. The popularity of this station can be gauged by the continual ringing of the 'phone throughout Sunday morning session whereby listeners in conveyed their appreciation of the varied programme. The station is controlled and operated by Mr. Chris Rainbow.

Leap Year Club

THE Leap Year Club spent a pleasant day at the seaside at Seaford last Sunday. A van left the Town Hall at 9 a.m. Swimming, cricket and games were enjoyed. Walter Perry gave several juggling performances. Mr. Dudley Williams (secretary) completed all arrangements, which were without a hitch. Two long and one short horn blasts soon gathered the club together and at 9 p.m. a pleasant return completed an enjoyable day's outing. Several members journeyed to Heidelberg last Tuesday night to practice for the revue to be staged in Heidelberg next month.

Wood Street Park

PRESTON Council has deferred a request for the provision of seats at Wood Street Park, also the lighting of that park until the council's June meeting.

East Preston State School

THE committee of the East Preston State School has seen to the asphalting of the play ground and succeeded in raising £30 towards the cost. Thanks to the assistance rendered by Cr. H. P. Zwar M.L.A., the Government lent a hand in the way of financial assistance which practically amounted to £ for £. A ramp has also been erected. The school is making good headway under the head mastership of Mr. Mitchell.

St. John Ambulance

THE new class is progressing favorably under the instruction of Superintendent Campbell. A start was made by brigade members who are not going through class, on a new syllabus. Mr. E. Davis occupied the chair, and gave a lecturette on Treatment of Fractures, which greatly interested members. Many questions were asked of the chairman, who made lucid replies. Mr A. Tucker will occupy the chair next Monday night for the second item on the syllabus, viz: Treatment of Fractures, and a lecturette on the Circulation of the Blood and Practical Roller Bandaging. Superintendent Campbell will shortly begin the instruction of the boys of the Northcote High School on a cadet course of first aid. Instruction will also begin of the boys of the Excelsior Boys' Band in a cadet course of first aid by a member of this Brigade.

A social evening will take place in the Murray road Tennis Hall on Tuesday. Hospital duty next Sunday:—Messrs. Greathend and Manning.

Preston Mayoress' Guild

THE Guild met for the first time this year on Tuesday afternoon at the Town Hall. The secretary, Mrs. H. Fraser, expressed regret at having to resign, but other duties occupying most of her time compelled her to give up an office she had always valued. Members also regretted losing such a good secretary Mrs. L. W. Williams (treasurer) was nominated as new secretary, Mrs. S. T. Grey to remain as assistant secretary, and Mrs. Campbell will take over Mrs. Williams' former office as treasurer. It was reported that approximately £11 was raised on the Guild cake stall at the Mayor's Relief bazaar last year, and a discussion took place on how to raise further funds, many good suggestions coming forward. The meeting concluded with afternoon tea given by Mesdames Binnor and Yann. Members present were:—The Mayoress (Mrs. Newton) Mesdames L. W. Williams, H. Fraser, S. T. Grey, G H. Mott, H. P. Zwar, H. Swain, Mutimer, Allchin, Yann, Llewellyn Jones Campbell, Binney and Miss McFadden. Apologies were received from Mesdames Shaw, Bean and Hemburrow and Green.

South Preston Mothers' Club

MR. & MRS. ROY HEATHER lent their home for the first euchre party of the year on Wednesday evening, February 15, and quite a good number of familiar faces were noticed. Mrs. H. Chalmers, Mrs. C Jenner, Mrs. E. Rabey, Mrs. Arthur Mrs. A. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Yann Mr. and Mrs. Bedson, Mr. and Mrs Walter Crowe, Mr. E. G. Green and Mr. Laidlaw. Prize-winners were:—Mrs. C. Jenner and son, Mr. Redson and Mrs. Arthur.

Preston Boys' Band

THE social committee held their third annual picnic to Aspendale last Sunday, when 100 adults and 50 children motored to the picnic ground palais. Bathing conditions were ideal. The weather being so hot the sports were held after tea Boys' prizes went to Reg. Robinson, E. Roberts, R. Cadell, G. Cadell, K McKenzie. Girls' races: Merna Harris. Married ladies' race: Mrs. P Harris. Old Buffers' race: Tom Lawrence and S. Caddell (dead-heat) The prizes for the boys' races were donated by Messrs Shearin, Hangar and Cooper. Donations for the girls' races were made by Mesdames Hayes and Cooper. Praise is due to Mr Roy Heather for the efficient manner in which he carried out the motor transport.

Letting of Preston City Hall

AT THE meeting of the Preston City Council on Monday Cr. Norris moved on notice, that two previous resolutions of the council in regard to the letting of the hall be rescinded, and that the matter be referred to the commitee of the council for consideration.

After considerable discussion the motion was agreed to by five votes to three, The young was: For the motion, Crs. Norris, Zwar, Swain, Hemburrow and Mott; against, Crs. Jones, Adams and the Mayor (Cr. Newton).

Inspection of O'Shannassy Watershed

DURING last week-end a party consisting of Preston councillors and prominent citizens under the guidance of Commissioner Llewellyn Jones paid a visit of inspection to the O'Shannassy, Maroondah and Sylvan watershed areas. Leaving Preston on Friday morning the party went first to the Sylvan Dam which has a retaining wall of a unique type Members of the party entered a tunnel in the retaining wall and inspected the pipes, which convey the water to Melbourne. At the Maroondah Dam, which was next visited a comprehensive tour was made by motor boat. Proceeding the party continued via the Black Spur and Acheron Way to Cement Creek, and thence to the O'Shannassy Quarters, where a stay was made for two days, it being used as a base from which to visit the Upper Yarra Scheme. A jovial spirit pervaded the party and the business of the occasion was lightened by the social element interspersed with bed-time stories One member achieved special fame by his rendition of the "Last Post." Commissioner Jones was congratulated upon his splendid organising ability and the pains he had taken to entertain his guests.

One particularly interesting feature of the trip was the "boat-race" Excitement ran high as the winner drew to the tape and the result was accepted in true sportsmanlike spirit.

The party returned to Preston on Sunday evening.

PRESTON TELEPHONE CHARGES

At the meeting of the Preston City Council on Monday a letter was received from Mr. S. Dennis M.H.R. advising that after he had taken up the matter of telephone ground rents with the Post Master General's Department, he had been able to secure substantial reductions for the Preston district.

Cr. Jones said that for many years the Preston Council had been endeavouring to secure relief from the exorbitant telephone charges, but no concessions had been made by the department until Cr. Dennis took the matter in hand. Cr. Dennis had aired the matter on the floor of the House and had followed up the matter until he had obtained the desired result.

Cr. Mott said that Cr. Dennis, when conducting his election campaign, had given an assurance that he would endeavour to obtain a reduction of the telephone ground rents at Preston, and had fulfilled that promise.

It was decided to send a letter of thanks to Cr. Dennis, M.H.R.

BICYCLE DISAPPEARS

PASTRYCOOK CHARGED WITH THEFT

AT Northcote Court on Tuesday Ronald William Breen, pastrycook, Monash street, West Preston, was charged with having on February 10, stolen a bicycle valued at £5.

Frederick Arthur Farmer, assistant stationmaster at Croxton, said: "On February 10 at about 5 p.m. my bicycle was stolen whilst I went into a shop in High street. I was only in the shop about two minutes."

P. C. Grinter, of Footscray, said: "At about 7 p.m. on February 20 I saw Breen with a bicycle in a second hand dealer's shop at Footscray. When questioned Breen said that his father gave him the machine about two years ago. I told him that I suspected that the machine was stolen, and when he denied that that was so, asked why he had ridden from Northcote to Footscray to sell it. Later in a statement, which he signed himself, Breen said that whilst listoning to test match scores at a wireless shop in High street, a man named Poulter offered to sell me a bicycle. This man said that he would let me have the bicycle for £1. I paid him 10/ and was to send him another 10/ to Thornbury post office when I sold the bicycle. He gave me a bicycle and I rode away. I did not think of the need for a receipt until I was almost home."

Breen pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. His case was adjourned for trial at General Sessions on March 1. Bail was fixed at £50 with a surety of a like amount.

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PERSONAL

At the recent annual November-December examinations of the Yallourn Technical School, Mr. Norman Wardell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Wardell, of Warrain, David street Preston, gained the possible number of marks in both theory and practice in connection with grade II of the electrical section of the school. This young student also obtained 75 marks for electrical technology (part II), and 65 for heat engines. Ever since receiving a position at Yallourn he has attended the technical school there with marked success. Should his last year prove as successful as his previous years, he will receive a certificate qualifying him as an expert in electrical and mechanical engineering. Mr. Wardell is also president of the junior engineers at the school.

The Editor will be pleased to receive personal items for publication in this column. All paragraphs must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

Senior Constable Fowles of Northcote has received notice of his transfer to the Motor Patrol Branch. Russell street, and will leave Northcote at an early date to take up his duties. Senior Constable Bowden, of Fitzroy, has been transferred to Northcote to fill the vacancy.

Sergeant M. J. McEniff, officer in charge of the Northcote Police Station is on a month's leave, during which he is visiting Daylesford.

John Tuttle, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle, of Murray road, Preston is home again from hospital, and doing well after his serious illness.

Mrs. J. McIntosh, of Bruce street Preston suffered a bereavement on Monday through the death of her brother, who has been ill for some time.

NORTHCOTE MAN'S DEATH

WIFE OBTAINS £950 VERDICT

On the verdict of a jury, Judge Williams entered judgement in the County Court on Wednesday, for £950 damages and costs for Nellie Irene Barker, of Gardner street, Richmond, widow, in her claim against Harry Webb, of Victoria road, Northcote for £2500 for the loss of her husband, Ernest Renshaw Barker, 44, cutler.

Mrs. Barker made her claim on behalf of herself and her 11-year-old son, Joseph Ernest Barker. The jury apportioned the damages at £800 for the widow and £150 for the son. A stay of proceedings for seven days was granted by the judge to Webb.

Barker died soon after an accident on July 17, 1932, when a collision occurred between his motor cycle and Webb's motor car, at the corner of William and Victoria streets, Abbotsford.

FOOTBALL

BOURKE-EVELYN ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Bourke-Evelyn Football Association was held in the Merinda Hall on Wednesday night. Owing to only three teams being desirous of entering it was decided not to hold a competition this year.

The Association secretary (Mr. J. Freene) deplored the lack of interest in the local Association but as the meeting was called earlier than usual plenty of time is given to clubs to enter other associations. Mr. Besey represented Whittlesea and Messrs. P. E. Waldron and R. Rose Epping; and A. Bassett and Cr. Orgill Merinda. Merinda will endeavour to join the Panton Hill Association where Whittlesea have decided to play, while Epping will go to the Diamond Valley Association.

The Bourke-Evelyn is one of the pioneer associations of the district and has been in existence for many years. Keen disappointment is felt at the lack of interest which caused it to go out of existence.

First Aid Lectures

On March 4, a course of first-aid lectures (St. John Ambulance) will commence at Northcote Town Hall. Miss Alice Lewis is hon. secretary. Details are advertised.

The Week's Social Gossip

Mrs. Stanlake of Gower street Preston and her daughter Sheila together with Mrs. George Daye have returned from their holiday at Dromana.

At a dinner party held at the O'Shannessy quarters, on Friday last Commissioner L. Jones commented upon the fact that Ex-Councillor Robertson, who was present, celebrated his birthday. Fitting references were made on the occasion and Mr. Robertson was congratulated upon his youthful outlook on life after having spent so much service in the interest of Preston. Mr. W. B. Howe, the Mayor, Cr. A. E. Newton, C. Bricknell and C. Warr also complimented Mr. Robertson. Mr. Robertson, some years ago was a member of the Preston Council, and he was at one time a business partner of Cr. Jones.

A surprise birthday party was given Mrs. J. Poulten, at her home 91 Heidelberg road, Clifton Hill, on February 16 when thirty-five friends from Thornbury and Northcote visited her. The evening was passed enjoyably in flag bridge and presents and supper were provided by the guests.

Mrs. E. Thompson, who underwent a serious operation about a month ago at St. Margaret's Private Hospital, has recovered sufficiently to return to her home at Gillbett road, Preston.

A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Robinson, Back Creek, Creswick, on February 9 when Mr. and Mrs. Robinson celebrated their golden wedding. There are seven surviving children, two sons and five daughters, 25 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Mr. G. Robinson, of Rosmoyne street Thornbury, is a son and Mrs. W. Crosbie, of Gibson street, Northcote, is a daughter.

Misses Stella and D. Ward with their brother, Mr. Dudley Ward, Greenpoint grove, Preston returned on Sunday after an extensive motor tour. Leaving Melbourne the intention was to travel to Sydney via the coast road, but as some of the bridges were down this had to be abandoned. The return journey from Sydney was made via Canberra and Albury.

Another successful function was held by the Ladies Committee of the Regent Central Progress Association on Tuesday when Mr. W. Hesketh entertained guests at a card afternoon at her residence King William street, Regent. Prize-winners were—Cards—Mrs. S. Naunton and Mrs. R. Negri; Game—Mrs. J. Wild and Mrs. A. Walker. Among the ladies present were:—Mesdames C. Darling (president) K. Thompson (secretary), A. Simmonds, A. Fritsch, F. Powell, G. Evans, J. Fryska, L. Painter, J. Wild, A. Stainer, J. Smith, A. Pourias, T. Grindley, R. Foster, B. Negri, S. Naunton, W. Unthorne, J. Walker, A. Thompson, W. Dalziesh, D. Nagel, T. Mahffy, J. Schultz, H. and B. Westwood, A. Anderson, J. Doyle, W. Stone, J. Meredith, J. Walker, A. Knechtsen, T. Matthews, J. Easton, F. Probyn, A. Harrison and Miss E. Grindley. The function which was in aid of the Association's Building Fund, realised £1 1s.

St. Vincent's Red Cross Auxiliary

Mrs. Piper (president) threw open her home in William street on Saturday for a card and social afternoon. The evening was well spent and the prevalent voting is a great success.

Cr. L. Jones, J.P. has been appointed to represent the Preston Council at the forthcoming meeting of the Municipal Association. The council's present representative (Cr G. E. Robinson) is seriously ill.

Mr. H. S. W. Marshall has been elected president of the Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A. for the sixth year. Mr. Marshall's other soldier interests are —Member of the Victorian State Council and Executive and Member of the Victorian State Repatriation Board.

Master Moulder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Moulder, 11 Bailey avenue Preston left for the bayside during the week-end. He recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at 41 Westearth street, on February 18 by relations and friends of Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Bell, it being the celebration of their birthdays. About 40 were present and had a very nice time. The two cakes made by Mrs. Brooks, and artistically decorated were cut with due ceremony. Cr. Gianfield officiated as M.C. at the supper.

CHURCH NEWS

Presbyterian Church, Thornbury

The preacher on Sunday was Rev. Donald Dow, of the Australian Inland Mission, from Broome, S.A.

James Street Presbyterian Church

On Sunday evening Rev. A. T. Jones took for his text Matt v 41 and delivered a stirring address on The Second Mile. Soloists were Mrs. Clarke and Miss Lillian Wallace.

St. George's Road Methodist Church

The preacher in the morning was the Rev. T. H. Indian, who preached from the text "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." The young people, under Mr. R. Bredin sang. In the evening the preacher was Mr. Nankervis.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church

All the mid-week activities have now been resumed. On Sunday evening the preacher was Rev. T. H. Indian assisted by Miss Joan Jones, a contralto singer from Horsham and a prize-winner at South Street, Ballarat.

St. Joseph's Church, Northcote

Extensive improvements to church and schoolrooms, which have been in progress for some weeks, are now practically completed. Both the exterior and the interior have been much enhanced in appearance. The outside of the church building received first attention. The spire was put in thorough order and the iron cross which surmounts it has been gilded. The ceiling has been painted, the window mouldings have been picked out in white and on the walls a dark green dado has been painted and stencilled. Varnishing and polishing have freshened the other woodwork. The walls of the schoolrooms were cleaned and calcimined and woodwork was repainted.

Church of Christ, Northcote

Mr. J. C. F. Pittman was the speaker on Sunday morning. Mrs. Morgan and daughter were received into the fellowship from Preston.

Pastor Saunders preached at the gospel service, at the conclusion of which a baptismal service was conducted, when Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard obeyed our Lord in Christian baptism.

The Girls' Club held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Hinricksen on Monday evening, to express well wishes and make a presentation to Miss Edna Fergusson in view of her approaching marriage with Mr. W. Jukel.

Harvest Festival services were held on Sunday, the morning by Arthur Gray and the evening service by Rev. J. O. Hughes. Attendances were good and the gifts of groceries and vegetables were tastefully displayed. Eleven boxes were sent to the Mission of St. James and St. John.

The Physical Culture classes have commenced, under Mrs. Colcraye, of Ruyworth College, and Miss Russell, pianist.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

Harvest festival services were the order on Sunday last when the special preachers were Rev. S. H. Smith, R. Sherwood and C. H. Nash all of whom conveyed messages appropriate to the occasion.

All roads should lead to Holy Trinity on February 26, when another afternoon recital will be given on the splendid new pipe organ, this time by the talented and well known organist of the Capitol Theatre Melbourne, in the person of Mr. Horace Weber. A programme pleasing to all tastes has been arranged.

The services on Sunday next include Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and Choral Eucharist at 11 a.m. and Evensong at 7 p.m. when the vicar will be the celebrant and preacher.

On Wednesday next (Ash Wednesday) first day of Lent, special services of Holy Communion will be held at 6 a.m. and 10.30 a.m., and Divine Service at 8 p.m.

St. Mary's Church of England Preston

Harvest festival services were held at St. Mary's Church of England on Sunday. The sermon, which was delivered by the vicar, Rev. Parsons, at the morning service was much appreciated by a large congregation. The preacher for the evening was Archdeacon Hancock. The choir rendered anthems at both services, the soloists being Messrs Clack, G Steele and Maine. The gifts of vegetables fruit etc., were donated to the Infants' Home of St. James' and St. John's Mission, East Melbourne.

Alan Ernest Smalley, a Preston Digger of 30 Union street, West Preston, died on Wednesday at the age of 38, through war injuries. Deceased will be remembered as the first secretary of the Preston branch of the R.S.S.I.I.A. He leaves a wife, Margaret Smalley, and a son and daughter, Percy and Eunice He was the son of Thomas and the late Emily Smalley, late of North Fitzroy. The funeral took place at Fawkner Cemetery at 2 p.m. yesterday.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB CARNIVAL

A Highly Successful Function

THERE was a good attendance at the Northcote Football Club Sports Carnival held last Saturday night at Northcote Park, when a programme of 19 events was run off. Fifty-two events were run off without a hitch. This reflects credit on the organisation.

The winner of the Northcote Gift, the Sprint Handicap, was presented with a beautiful cash, donated by the president of the Northcote Football Club (Mr. F. J. Trallori). Cr. Sprott (Council of Thornbury), won the Sprint Handicap, and R. McDougall the Half Mile Handicap. Excellent running was witnessed in all events and the finals were strenuously contested. In the Footballers' Handicap, open to Northcote footballers and run in full uniform, Frank Ackland came first with Peter Brown and R. Gray close second and third respectively.

The crowd was brilliantly lighted and the track declared by such noted runners as Austin Robertson, Tim Banner and J. Pitt to be one of the best they had run on. In view of the success achieved this event will probably be an annual fixture.

The results are as follows:

Northcote Gift of 100 Yards.—First Heat: R. Gardiner 1yd, 1; N. Cubbin 11yds 2; 9 10-16 sec. Second Heat: J. F. Waters, 5 yds, 1; A. Gray 10½ yds 2; 9 10-16sec. Third Heat: H. N. Pearce, 10yds, 1; A. C. Stickland, 8 yds, 2; 9 10-16sec. Fourth Heat: T. Fitzgerald 7½yds 1; W. F. Lathlain, 8yds 2, 9 12-16sec. Fifth Heat: C. Macdonald, 8½yds, 1; L. G. Bazen, 11 yds 2, 9 10-16sec. Sixth Heat: E. J. Shugg, 9½yds, 1; J. R. M. Cannons, 11 yds 2, 9 10-16 sec. Seventh Heat: Austin Robertson, scr 1; F. J. Connolly, 11yds, 2, 9 13-16sec. Eighth Heat: T. G. McQwan 10½yds, 1; S. Alexander, 11yds 2, 9 14-16sec. Ninth Heat: J. McLennan 11yds, 1; P. L. Russell, 13½ yds, 2, 9 12-16sec. Tenth Heat: H. McHuch, 12yds, 1; R. Sorrell 8½yds 2, 9 11-16 sec. Eleventh Heat: C. E. Green 9½yds 1; D. R. Nicholls, 6yds 2, 9 12-16sec. Twelfth Heat: E. Seedsman 11yds, 1; W. E. Crowe, 11yds 2, 9 12-16sec. Thirteenth Heat: J. Whatmore 10½yds, 1; J. T. Supple, 8½ yds, 2, 9 9-16sec. Fourteenth Heat: E. Lyon, 11½yds 1; W. R. Buchanan, 6½ yds, 2, 9 10-16sec. Fifteenth Heat: A. J. Tulleck, 11½yds 1; W. Gosstray, 2, 9 10-16sec. Sixteenth Heat: W. A. Hughes, 10½yds 1; B. F. Guerin 9yds, 2, 9 10-16sec. First Semi-Final: R. Gardiner, 10yds, 1; H. N. Pearce, 10 yds 2; 9 9-16sec. Second Semi-Final: J. F. Waters, 9 1-4yds 2, Time—9 8-16sec.; R. F. Cain, 10½yds, 1 Time—9 7-16sec.; W. G. T. McQwan, 9 1-4yds, 7 6-16sec.; C. Bolger, 11½yds, 7 6-16 sec.; W. R. John, 8½yds., 7 7-16sec.; H. N. Pearce, 9yds, 7 5.16sec.; B. Sorrell, 7½yds, 7 6-16sec.; J. McHugh 10½yds, 7 6-16sec.; R. R. Padmore 8yds., 7 5-16sec. First Semi-final: R. Gardiner, 9yds, 1; F. Kupsch, 11½ yds., 2; L. R. Harvey 9yds., 3. Time: 7 6-16 ser. Second Semi-final: C. C. Macdonald, 7½yds, 1; C. Bolger, 11½ yds., 2, Time 7 5-16sec. Third Semi-final: H. N. Pearce, 9yds, 1; R. R. Patmore, 8yds., 2; W. R. John 8½yds, 3. Time 7 7-16sec. Final: C. C. Macdonald, 7½yds., 1; R. Gardiner, 10yds. 2; C. Bolger, 9yds, 3. Time 6-16 sec.

880 Yards Handicap.—Heat Winners: G. Hamilton, 47yds 1min 58 2-5 sec; G. Bodin, 59yds, 1min 58 1-5sec; R. McDougall, 38yds, 1min, 58 1-10 sec. W. F. Lane 51yds, 1min 58 9-10 sec; J. D. Pitt, scr. 2min 3½sec; T. A. Foster, 52yds, 1min 59 9-10sec; C. W. Macquire, 32yds, 2min. Final: R. McDougall, 38yds 1; W. F. Lane, 51yds 2; T. A. Foster, 32yds, 3. A fine race, Won by three yards. Time—1min 55½ sec.

Northcote Footballers Race, of 100 Yards.—F. Ackland, 1; P. Brown, 2; E. Bray 3. Time: 10 6-16sec.

Northcote State School Championship, 75 Yards.—M. Cavanaugh (Helen street school) 2; A. Campbell (Clifton Street School) 1; J. Reid (Fort Street school) 3. Time—10 2-16sec.

New Officials Appointed

Mr. R. Hamilton was elected to the position of secretary, vice Mr. P. J. Mitchell, who has resigned owing to lack of time. Mr. F. T. Daley, who is secretary of the Life-Saving and Swimming Club, has been appointed treasurer vice Mr. W. S. Jackson, who has retired after four years splendid service. Mr. H. Lackman has been appointed to the position on the committee rendered vacant on Mr. Hamilton's appointment as secretary. These three gentlemen are well known for their strenuous efforts in sport, and will be of material assistance to the club.

Rene Street Social Club

RENE Street Social Club spent a pleasant time at Diamond Creek on Sunday. Several events were held on the local sports ground. Married Ladies race was won by Mrs. Finn; Mrs. Gearsch and Mrs. Rowe ran a dead heat for second place. The winner of the cricketer's race turned up in Mr. Young with Mr. Rowe in second place. Other results: — Throwing at wicket: L. Green; throwing the cricket ball on the full: M. Edgar; ladies' Hula-Hula race: Mrs. Winter. A cricket match was played in the afternoon, scores — Diamond Creek — first innings, 96, bowling Gosstray 4/9, Laurie 3/39, Allen 2/16, batting, Gosstray 42. Rene Street — Rene Street — First innings 84, batting Hill 26, Hind 19, Gearsch 15 n.o. bowling Young 6/15, Brown 2/19, Miller 2/12.

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Preston Council

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

The first meeting of the Preston Council for the year was held on Monday. Present: The Mayor (Cr. A. E. Newton, J.P.), Crs. W. J. Hearsharrow, E. F. Morris, H. Swain, G. H. Mott, J. W. Adams, L. Jones and R. P. Zwar, M.L.A.

Correspondence

"Scooters a Danger."—West Preston Progress Association wrote re danger to pedestrians from children's scooters and trucks in High street on Friday nights.

Cr Jones said that the scooters not only caused a noise but the boys raced along the footpath three abreast to the danger of pedestrians and the boys themselves. These scooters he thought could be termed vehicles.

Cr Zwar: They will came under the Transport Act (Laughter.).

Matter referred to committee.

Unemployed Works.—Regent Central Progress Association expressed appreciation of the work of the maintenance gangs in the Central Ward.

J. Whiteaway, Park avenue, Preston complaining of a spreading of earth taken from channel on roadway.—Copy of progress association's letter to be forwarded.

Diphtheria Precautions.—Dr. W. H. Steele, council's medical officer reporting that of 110 children tested at East Preston school when a case of diphtheria had occurred, a carrier had been detected and isolated.

The Mayor congratulated the officers on their prompt measures to prevent any spread of infection.

Mont Park Sanitation.—Shire of Heidelberg requesting co-operation in approaching the Commissioner of Public Works for connected with sewerage system.—Referred to committee.

Committee Reports

Electric Light—Accounts 26818/16711 covering the period since last meeting were passed.

No action is to be taken in regard to the request of the West Preston Progress Association in regard to deferred improved lighting to Kendall street, near the new Church of England.

Finance Committee.—Accounts 29786/8/4 were passed.

Committee of the Council

The following recommendations were agreed to:—

Application of Preston unemployed for free use of town hall held over until the formation of a Public Assistance Committee.

Bodies using the pavilion in Cramer Street Park to be notified that the building cannot be used for functions as it is contrary to the Health Regulations.

The council is to take over the East Preston tennis club pavilion as a set-off against moneys owing to the council for rent of courts. Tenders to be invited for leasing courts.

Mr. F. C. Richardson to be informed that until there is any prospect of a building being erected on land corner Gilbert and Oakover road, nothing will be done in regard to requested removal of tram shelter shed.

Advice having been received that basic wage was reduced by 3d. per day from February 1, it was decided to adhere to the basic wage.

The application of F. Mellish to transfer plaster sheet factory from Blanche street to land at rear Bell and Arthur streets was approved.

Federal Municipal Employees' Association to be informed the council is prepared to carry on under the present agreement.

The valuer to make a re-valuation of the rateable property in the city.

Tenders to be called for the sale of a horse road roller and two horse-drawn water carts.

Disposal of a lorry, and bitumen sprayer and kettle left in hands of town clerk.

The Inspection Committee is to visit row off Jeffrey street, on north side of Tyler street, and report to next committee meeting.

Application of Mr. H. W. Shugg for removal of portion of Bruce street rockery in order to improve his car entrance referred to Inspection Committee for report.

Finance

Receipts £7565 (including £3395 sustenance). Nett overdraft £27,500 Electric light account Cr. £2907.

Ordinary Business

Cr. Mott drew attention to the wandering stock nuisance, saying that he had received many complaints from one of the progress associations. He also drew attention to the damage caused to a concrete path laid down in Bell street by a wandering horse.

Cr. Jones: There have been many complaints, and wandering stock are numerous. There is need for immediate action.

The matter was referred to the Committee of the council to take action.

The next meeting of the council will be on March 20.

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NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, FEBURARY 21

Before Mr. A. Hauser, P.M., Messrs. A. H. Oldis (Mayor), W. Hayes, P. Carney and Mrs. A. A. Glanfield, J.'s.P.

Ejectments

W Hodgkinson, as agent for the owner, obtained ejectment orders against:— — Cook, Mitchell street, Northcote; G. A. Rourke, Beever's road, Northcote.

Unpaid Fines

William Burch, High street, Northcote, admitted that he had not paid fines of £3 and £1 imposed on him.

The Fines

Mr. A. E. O'Connor said sixes fines were imposed, defendant, who was a potato buyer, had had no work. The potato season was coming on and Burch was promised employment within ten days. Since the fines were imposed defendant had been living in attent and had no income. The case is not unique there are hundreds in a similar position.

The P.M.—This man was driving a motor vehicle.

Mr. O'Connor.—The truck was being bought on hire purchase and it has since been repossessed by the seller.

The court made an order for imprisonment in default of payment of the fines. No time was allowed to pay the £1 fine but provided the £1 was paid, 28 days were allowed to pay the £3 fine.

Thomas Walsh, Plenty road, Preston was called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for not having paid a fine of £2 imposed for selling milk without a license. Further fines amounting to £20/10 were also unpaid and warrants had been returned nulla bona. In default of the payment of the fines imprisonment totalling 58 days was ordered.

VAGRANCY CASES

A Month's Imprisonment

George William Oakford, High street, Northcote, was charged with vagrancy.

Constable Fennessy said: "On February 20 I saw Oakford in High street near the corner of Separation street. He entered a shop and when he came out I said 'What are you doing there?' He said: 'He is an old school friend of mine.' I said: 'There is no old game in this shop, stealing money from shopkeepers for drink.' I have continually seen Oakford about the streets, and he is always in a half-drunken condition. In the past 12 months I have not known him to do any work. He is always about the streets, and frequents lanes and the rear of hotels. He is an associate of suspected persons."

Oakford: — I have worked for 35 years and have worked regularly until lately when I have been unable to get work.

Plainclothes Constable McArdle said "I have warned Oakford on several occasions, in the last six months he has not done any work. Three of defendant's companions were convicted then."

Constable D. Newton said: "Oakford is the companion of convicted persons and vagrants. I have warned him several times that I would lock him up on this charge if he did not mend his ways."

Oakford.- A man who is unemployed cannot stay home. He must get out to try and find work.

Plainclothes Constable Erwin gave similar evidence.

Oakford said: "I live with my married daughter. As far as I know I have never associated with convicted persons—only out-of-work companions. I have worked for 12 years until lately since when I have not been able to get work. I have been on sustenance, except for three weeks, when I was away travelling in the country looking for work. I am not as young as I was and it is a handicap in getting work."

The P.M. said there would be a conviction. It was hoped that when he came out after a short sentence of one month, Oakford would amend his ways. Many people were unemployed, but few made nuisances of themselves.

14 Days' Imprisonment

Frances Joseph McNamara, Hawthorn road, Northcote, was also charged with vagrancy.

Plainclothes Constable McArdle said that he had not known defendant to do any work for the past six months, and he had often been warned not to stand about the street in a half drunken state, especially at the corner of High and Separation streets.

Constable Fennessy said that McNamara was a suspected thief.

Constable Newton and Plainclothes Constable Erwin gave similar evidence.

McNamara said: "I live with my parents who keep me."

Cross-examined.—Your people have money ?—My mother gets a war pension and my father the old age pension.

Is your brother working —Not at present. He gets the sustenance.

Is it true that your people have almost disowned you ? —No.

Do you think it fair that you should take the bread out of your parents' mouths ?—I cannot get work. I try every morning.

Why didn't you go to the country ? —I went to Whittlesea three weeks ago.

How did you go, by train ?—No, walke'.

After hearing further evidence the bench decided upon a conviction and a sentence of imprisonment for 14 days was imposed.

The P.M. said he hoped this sentence, which was very light, would serve as a warning and an encouragement to McNamara to mend his ways.

Licensing Case

Harold Sydney Ray, Rushall crescent, North Fitzroy, was charged that on January 14 he carried away liquor from the licensed premises of the Carter's Arms Hotel, during prohibited hours.

Senior Constable McKean said: "As I approached the Carter's Arms Hotel I saw defendant put his arm in the back gate and withdraw a bottle of beer. I intercepted defendant and took him into the hotel. The licensee, Mary Kelly said: "The man was not served from here. I am the only one who has the keys."

Ray, who did not appear, was fined £2.

Preston Council's Board Representative

CR. LLEWELLYN JONES RE-APPOINTED

At the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday, a letter was received from the M. and M. Board of Works advising that owing to effluxion of time, the term of the Preston commissioner had expired and it was requested that a further appointment be made.

Cr. Adams nominated Cr. Jones the sitting member, which nomination was seconded by Cr. Norris.

Cr. Swain in supporting said that there had been rumors that Cr. Jones would not seek re-election at the end of his term.

The Mayor said Cr. Jones had been a splendid representative, and had accomplished an enormous amount for the district. The council would find it hard to secure a more able representative on the Board.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Jones thanked the council for its confidence, and said that in future as in the past he would continue to do his best for the district.

He added: It is in the "lap of the gods" whether I retire at the end of my council term. I have 18 months to go, and I would not like to say what I will do then. In 18 months' time I will have been on the council 18 years. If, in my opinion a more able man comes along I will be glad to make way.

As to the Board position Cr. Jones expressed the view that the position should go round, provided that ability men were available and willing to take it.

CONSTABLE'S SMART WORK

Illegal Use of Car

TWO MEN SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT

SMART work by Constable Grundy of Northcote, led to the arrest of two young men in Victoria road, in a car which had been removed from a garage on the preceding night.

At the Northcote Court on Tuesday Harold Davis, of Black Rock, and Archibald McFarlane, Glasgow street, Collingwood, were charged that on February 16 they used a car without the consent of the owner.

William Woodbury, Ballantyne street, Thornbury, insurance inspector, said: "On the night of February 15 I left my car at a private garage in Ballantyne street. The ignition and doors of the car were locked, and the garage was also padlocked. Next morning the car had disappeared. When recovered by the police it had been driven about 100 miles, and a door, which had been forced was damaged."

Constable Grundy, of Northcote, said: "At about 2 p.m. on February 16 I was in Victoria road and recognised a passing car as one that had been reported stolen. I jumped on to the running board, and saw McFarlane at the wheel, while Davis was seated alongside him. I said to McFarlane 'What are you doing in this car?' He said 'I don't know.' Asked where he got the car he said 'I found it in a street in Thornbury with the lights on and the engine running.'"

Both pleaded not guilty, and declined to make a statement.

Davis admitted several convictions for shop-breaking, and was sentenced to the maximum for a first offence of this kind — six months' imprisonment.

McFarlane admitted two previous convictions for illegally using a motor car and motor cycle, and he was also sentenced to the maximum — twelve months' imprisonment.

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:: HOLD-UP ::

By HAROLD WIMBURY

Helen Warberton stood at the door of the little wooden tea-house she had run all through the summer and autumn, watching the November rinse!

"Saying good-bye to it all?" a cheery voice broke into her reverie.

She turned with a start.

"Why, yes, I suppose I was!" she laughed, slightly embarrassed as she recognised Martin Smith. She had tried not to see him again. She was painfully critical of herself for permitting him to become so friendly.

His only excuse was that it had been so lonely in the shack with the rain-storm over. Since the afternoon he had first dropped in for a cup of tea he had tramped across from Selby every day. Once or twice she had asked him down of the tea-house and gone strolling with him along the deserted shore. And he had been very helpful in advising her over the fate of the shack.

That was all over now, however. This afternoon she had been paid the $200 purchase-money. To-morrow she would drive her rather rum-shackle little runabout into Lichester to cash the cheque, and then on to Harcham, where Fred, her fiance, worked, to take rooms and look round for a cottage so that they could marry.

She had hoped Martin Smith wouldn't come to-day. He had never put in an appearance as late in the afternoon as this.

"You know, Helen," he said, coming to her side, "I don't like you staying here all alone with that money in the place."

"It is safely hidden, and no one knows I have it. I'm not scared," she laughed with the frank courage of the modern girl.

"You're plucky!" and Helen felt herself flushing at the admiration in his eyes. "But I'd be lots happier if I could be on hand. Would you like me to camp out in the restaurant?"

"Oh, no!" she replied with decision.

"I'm only thinking of you. Anxious. More, it isn't only just to-night Helen. I'd like to look after you, always."

She flinched visibly. There had been nothing in their relationship that had led her to suspect this.

"I haven't offended you, dear?" he asked.

"Oh, no; of course not! It's kind of you; but had I suspected I should have told you—"

"There's someone else."

"Yes. I'm engaged."

His brown eyes clouded with disappointment, and he turned his face away for a moment.

"I might have guessed," he said, looking at her again. "You are so very attractive."

"Don't!" she begged, sorry that their friendship should have this painful end, and because she blamed herself. There was warm sympathy in her heart as she put out a hand towards him. He took it.

"I'm sorry, Martin," she spoke softly. "I never imagined—"

"That's all right," the man smiled but with an effort. "I'll sheer off but I'd like to know you're all right, safely on the way to-morrow. What time are you going into town?"

"About half-past ten-ish, I expect."

"If I may then, I'll see you—just for good-bye."

She nodded. His reserved regret hurt her more than any violent outburst would have done. True, she had never given him any intentional encouragement, but he had been very attentive and helpful, and she had been glad to see him.

Even after he had gone, setting out into the gloom on his long tramp, she couldn't shake off a feeling of remorse—until she had scribbled a letter to Fred, and, getting out the car, driven to the village and posted it. That somehow switched her attention from the past to the future.

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When the long, winding lane approached the Lichester road, Helen slowed. It was a right-angled turn and the high hedges obscured all vision on either side. But this morning a young man happened to be at the corner. He put up his hand at her.

Evidently there was a car coming along the road.

His hand remained outstretched in warning. Helen's two-seater came to a crawl, then a stop. Not a very expert driver she glanced down at her gears as she pulled the lever into neutral.

A sudden movement, a slight unexpected rock of the car, caused her to look up suddenly. The next instant she cried out.

"Not another sound," said a throaty voice, "and stick your hands up!"

A man stood on the running-board. His cap was low on his forehead, and just beneath the eyes a colored handkerchief was bound round his face by way of disguise.

In his hand he held a revolver which pointed straight between her eyes.

Her blood froze.

"Quick, up with 'em!" The sharped command brought instinctive obedience.

"Where's your purse?"

Helen shook her head. Then, remembering the young man at the corner, glanced hopefully through the windscreen. But he had disappeared. Obviously in league with this other man.

She had read a hundred cases of hold-ups in the newspapers, but to imagine bandits should actually hold her up here, half-a-mile from the town! She could see the cathedral steeple above the hedge. Surely someone would come along. Even as she hoped it, a car sped past the lane's end. Just a horn and a flicker. Had the occupants glanced her way they would have noticed nothing exciting. They would only have caught a glimpse of a man talking to a driver. She saw how he put up his free hand to hide his mask.

The next instant he darted towards her.

"Hand up!" he snapped.

He had seen the end of her hair slip and been sitting on it. He thought she was trying stupid tricks. Then he switched off the engine and gave a vicious blow with his revolver at the self-starting button, sending it out of commission. He hopped into her seat, dazed while the man jumped from the run-board. She saw him make a quick examination of her car as he drove to the corner, noticed him search his handkerchief from his face and wave a signal to someone out in the main road. As she flung from the door to crank up the engine, she heard, beside, a car drove off in the direction of the town.

The bandits had got her $200 practically every penny she possessed, and the money which was to help furnish and furnish her new home with Fred.

(To be continued)

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

Winning two events and breaking the record of the course by three strokes, G. S. Gay, honary secretary of the club, returned a gross 67—three under par. His card showed the following scores:Out: 2.4.4.4. 4.3.4 2 4.—31; In: 4.4.4.5.4.3.4.3.5 —36. Total 67 less handicap 5—62 nett, thus winning the Stroke event for J. W. Binney's Trophy, for which there were 34 entries. In conjunction with this event a special trophy was given for the best net score for nine Secret Holes which was also won by G. S. Gay.

Scores—62, G. S. Gay (5); 64 Dr. Mendelsohn (20); 67, H. S. Hart (18); 67, J. C. Talnsh (14); 69, C. B. Holt (11); 70, L. F. Jaques (14); 70, F. O'Neill (8); 70, C. Sinclair (20); 71 F. F. Atreo (14); 71, J. S. McCulloch (14).

Next Saturday—Mixed Foursomes will be played.

CITY HALL CHARGES AT PRESTON

An application received by Preston Council from the Preston Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. for the use of the Preston Town Hall for one hour for dancing on Friday nights at the conclusion of the Friday night community singing sessions, without increased charge, and the committee of the council recommended that the application be not granted.

Cr. Zwar said that at present this body paid £2 per night. The community singers in the hall was not let on Friday nights. All the money raised was devoted to assist the unemployed of the branch. The attendances had decreased, and in the past 11 weeks the net proceeds had only been £2/11. The concession would not cost the council anything and would assist the R.S.S.I.L.A.

Cr. Swain expressed similar views. Up to September 10 last the Preston R.S.S.I.L.A. had raised £115 and had spent £525 on food, clothing, boots, rent etc. amongst its members who in need. In view of this the council should be prepared to grant some concession.

Cr. Norris: Would an amendment to grant the request be in order?

The Mayor (Cr. A. E. Jones): That would be a negative, and I cannot accept it.

Cr. Jones: The council pay over this body a concession already, allowing it the use of the Town Hall free of charge. The council pay the council £1 3 4 per night to run, and the rent paid was £2. If the request was granted it would be exceeding a precedent, and there would be many similar terms. I am very sympathetic with the R.S.S.I.L.A. and the work it was doing, but I feel that it would not be in the interests of the council to consider the request.

Cr. Mott expressed the view that if the extra hour was given to the R.S.S.I.L.A. to carry on dancing it would be a good business proposition for the council to grant it. If it were decided to close down the community singing sessions, the council would lose the rent it now received.

The Mayor: If at the conclusion of the community singing sessions the hall is cleared of furniture by the community singers, there would be no damage, and the replacement of the furniture, and how much of the proposed hour will be left for dancing?

After further discussion the recommendation was lost, Cr. Eve voting to three, Crs. Adams, Jones and the Mayor voting for the recommendation.

Motion Out of Order

At a Council meeting Cr. Norris moved that the Preston R.S.S.I.L.A. be granted the use of the Town Hall for one hour's dancing at the conclusion of community singing on Friday nights, provided there is no extra cost to the council.

Cr. Zwar seconded.

Cr. Jones raised a point of order as to whether the motion was in accord with the council's call regulations, and the Mayor ruled that the motion was out of order.

Cr. Norris: I would like to see those regulations.

The Mayor: I have given my ruling. Next business please.

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(CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PHIL)

Dear Cobbers,—Maybe you all didn't under stand there is a prize of 2/6 for the winner of the Word-building Competition. We forgot to say that, so we are holding the Competition open till February 27 to give you all a chance to have your entries here in time.

Hasn't it turned cold again The Pets have pulled out their sweaters and Jacko actually demanded a fire on Monday night.

On Saturday afternoon we went to the park and the Pets insisted on having swings and see-saws. Jacko went up so high on the swing that we thought he'd go over the top, but luckily he didn't. Fluffy wasn't at all keen on the swings, but stood up as a candlestick on the see-saw and quite liked it. They tumbled round on the lawns and played chasings and other games with several children and were quite sorry to leave, but were more than ready for tea when we arrived home.

Send in your Trias and don't forget the Word-building Competition. Heaps of Best Wishes from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL.

WORD-BUILDING COMPETITION

Using only the letters in the word "RELUCTANCE" make as many words as possible (proper names and plurals excluded), and send the list in to Uncle Phil by February 24. Uncle Phil's decision is final, and the winner will be announced on March 3.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil, and the Pets send the Happiest and Heartiest of Birthday Greetings and Good Wishes to Sadie Walsh and Marjory Lawrence (Feb. 25); Lily Southam, Alan Wickham, Theo Sweet and Arthur Harris (Feb. 28); Wilma Kruger, Gwen Holding and Colin Smithwick (Mar. 1); Marcus Clarke (Mar. 2); and Dorothy Letchford (Mar. 3).

OUR MAIL BAG

Cyril Stead—Send along your clippings Cyril and say what prize you want, then we will tell you in the Corner when to call. Pets send greetings and love.—U.P.

Tria Competition

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

TRIAS

A DAY AT THE ZOO

It was a lovely day when we went to the Zoo. We went to the monkey cage first and gave them nuts. We then went to see Jimmy the big monkey. He was licking an ice cream and with about three or four mouthfuls it was gone. We saw the beautiful peacocks, the snakes, the wolves, the birds, the lions, tigers, and many other animals but what I liked the best were the beautiful white bears that stood on their hind legs begging.

(TRIA) Mavis D. Lobbe.

THE LADY CSTOMER

She was very well dressed and, as she walked into a fashionable shop she manager himself came forward to serve her. "I see by your catalogue," she said, "that you have just received two thousand pairs of ladies'-court shoes from Vienna." "Yes, madam," the respectful manager informed her. "Good!" said the girl, sitting down. "I wish to try them on."

(GOOD) Frank Dixon

SAFETY FIRST

Bobby had a new set of carpenter's tools and was told not to bang nails into chairs and things. His father saw him and his little sister and heard the sound of hammering. "Bobby," he cried. "Didn't I tell you that you would bang your fingers if you played with that hammer." "Yes, but just it's all right," cried Bobby. "Pat's holding the nail."

(GOOD) Dorothy Dennis

JUST WAITING

"What were you doing at the time of your arrest?" said the magistrate. "I was waiting." "Whom were you waiting for." "Nobody: I was just waiting." "What were you waiting for?" "For my money." "From whom?" "The man I was waiting for." "What did he owe it you for?" "For waiting!" said the prisoner. "One moment," said the magistrate, "what is your profession?" "I'm a waiter," said the man.

(GOOD) Reg Keele

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE FOOLISH CAT

There was a wee mousie
Lived in a wee house;
He crept and he crawled,
He ran and he scrambled,
This way and that.
And, outside the wee house,
Upon the door mat,
All day and all night,
Sat a big pussy cat.
An inside the wee house,
The wee, wee mousie,
Ate his breakfast and dinner,
And laughed and grew fat.
And, outside the wee housie,
Upon the front mat,
She sat, and she sat,
That big pussy cat.
Because she didn't know
That the wee mousie
Had a back door
To his wee housie.

(GOOD) Frances A. Truman

THE PUPPY

I am only a little puppy,
So please treat me kindly.
I don't like girls who pull my ears;
Nor boys who tie tin cans to my tail
As I often frighten the mice away
from the pantry.
It seems to me I deserve more kindness.

(GOOD) Ken L. Lobbe

A FUNNY FISHER

A natty young fisher named Fisher,
Once fished from the edge of a fissure;
A fish, with a grin,
Pulled the fisherman in;
And now they're fishing for Fisher.

(GOOD) Cyril C. Stead

MOTOR POEM—

A balky mule has four-wheel brakes;
A billy-goat has bumpers;
The fire-fly has a bright tail-light,
And tabbits are puddle jumpers;
Camels have balloon-tyred feet,
And carry spares of what they eat;
But still, I think that nothing beats
A kangaroo with a rumble seat.

(GOOD) Vera. P. Keele

LIFE ON THE OCEAN WAVE

Oh, we are the crew of the Thing-
As funny a vessel as ever you'd see;
So long as the jolly old winds do
blow,
We've nothing to worry whenever
we go;
With a Yo ho ho! and a Yo heave ho!
No worry, no hurry, wherever we go!

(GOOD) Joyce E. Truman

BE TRUE

Thou must be true to thyself,
If thou the truth wouldst teach;
The soul must overflow, if thou
Another's soul wouldst reach;
The overflow of heart it needs,
To give the lips full speech.

(GOOD) Terence Power

A SIMPLE RECIPE

Butter Scotch.—Take two cups of sugar (dissolved) 3 teaspoon cream of tartar in a little hot water, 3lb of butter. Put all in a saucepan; do not stir but boil till brittle.

(GOOD) Marjorie Wood

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STORYETTES

AN AMATEUR SKATER

Mother: "Won't you sit down to eat your lunch" Freddy: "No, thank you, I have been sitting down all the morning."

(GOOD) Lily Southam

Maud: "Aunt is horrified at you bathing in that costume." Daisy: "Dear me! And I suppose she'd still be more horrified if I bathed without it? I'm hard to please some people."

(GOOD) Jean Moylan

Husband: "That beefsteak isn't cooked to suit me." Wife: "Well, cook it yourself. You didn't marry a cook." Wife (in the middle of the night): "Get up John, I think there are burglars in the house." Husband: "Get up yourself; you didn't marry a policeman."

(GOOD) George Joyce

"Senator Bullyum must have been some baby." "Why do you think so?" "He says in an interview that he began life as a school teacher."

(GOOD) Brian S. Mahony

She: "Let me tell you, sir, that woman has more honor than a man." He: "Yes; but I'll be hanged if man doesn't pay for all that's on her."

(GOOD) Lorna Joyce

Redskin.—Small Boy: "I have seen a redskin to-night father." "Where, on the warpath?" Small Boy: "No, on a tomato."

(GOOD) Billie Stead

He: "Helen, do you know the difference between a taxicab and a tram?" "No; I don't." "Well we'll take the tram."

(GOOD) Coleen Y. Mahony

Doctor: "You must take two tablespoons of this medicine every hour." Patient: "Oh, but I can't doctor; I have only one tablespoon in the house."

(GOOD) Edna Sutham

The sum of two numbers is 88. If the larger number be doubled is 88. If would be nine times the smaller number—Answer: 16 and 72.

(GOOD) Allan Love

Friend: "I hear they have a drought in the village where your brother lives Pat." Pat: "Drought? Why, I just received a letter from Mike, an' he says, the postage stamp is stuck on with a pin."

(GOOD) Colin Hammond

Mrs. Killer: "I want some insect powder." Shop Assistant: "Will you take it with you?" Mrs. Killer: "No; I'll get the flies to call and you can rub it on their tummies."

(GOOD) Ruby Keele

John: "There's a man down there with one leg called Brown." James: "And what's the name of the other leg."

(GOOD) Con Power.

Little Betty's mother discovered her washing the kitten with soap and water. "Oh, Betty darling," she exclaimed, "I don't think the mother pussy would like her kitten washed like that" "But, mother, I really can't lick it," replied little Betty.

(GOOD) Rosa Smith

The Artist: "I say, you know I'm getting awfully popular. I see some tobacco people have named a new cigar after me." Manager: "So - Well, I hope it'll draw better than you do!"

(GOOD) Bert Moylan

Jones: "Hallo, Smith, you look worried." Smith: "Worried! I should think so. I've lost my glasses and I can't look for them until I find them"

(GOOD) Thelma D. Stead

Now You Know.—Dick: "My father is getting lazy. He even cuts his cigarettes in half now!" Tom: "But how does that make him lazy" Dick: "Well it isn't so far for him to draw the smoke!"

(GOOD) Willie Eaton

RIDDLES

Why do we buy shoes—Because we cannot get them for nothing.

(GOOD) W. Anthonsen

Why is the letter A like 12 o'clock?—Because it is in the middle of day.

What keeps the burglar out of the wash-house?—The copper.

(GOOD) Edna Burt

Why are married men like steamboats?—Because they are subject to get blown up occasionally.

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn

Bill: "Where is my hat?" Tom: "Why it's on your head." Bill: "If you had not told me I would have gone out without it."

(GOOD) A. Anthonsen

What single letter will provide you with the answers?:—

Vegetable (P); Insect (B); Beverage (T); Ocean (O); Bird (J); Scottish River (D); Exclamation (O); Question (Y).

(GOOD) Joyce Lawrence

When is a fowl's neck a boil?—When it's rung for dinner.

Why is a watch like a river?—Because it won't run long without winding.

(GOOD) Shirley Wood

COMPETITION CORNER

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PRESTON COUNCIL FINANCES

AUDITOR'S REPORT

At the meeting of the Preston City Council on Monday the auditor (Mr. Graham Moffatt, F.C.A) reported:—I have completed the audit of accounts for year to September 30, 1932, and I have certified to their correctness.

General Rate—The assessment for 1932 amounted to £40,908 (£40,518 for 1931). The revenue shows a decrease of £5,516 due to the reduction of municipal values. The percentage of general rates collected was 77.4 per cent, as compared with 77.1 per cent. for year 1931.

Arrears of Rates. — General rates uncollected and carried forward as arrears are £9,215/19/3. Arrears of rates collected for the present year are 42 per cent. in comparison with 35 per cent. for previous year. The total arrears at end of present year are £18,829/16/6. This is an increase of £1,916/1/9 for the year 1932. It is satisfactory to note that special attention has been given to the collection of these arrears by instituting a system of weekly collections. This is shown by the fact that £7,110/5/10 has been collected for 1932 in comparison with £2,612/5/5 for 1931.

Pan Fees—Fees collected for 1932 represent 55 per cent. of amount due as compared with 58 per cent for last year.

Arrears of Pan Fees.—These represent 43 per cent. collected as compared with 46 per cent. for last year. Total arrears of pan fees at end of the year are £1,901/17/6. This is an increase of £93/17/6 owing over last year's total. Arrears of pan fees collected show an improvement in collections of £776/2/ as compared with £135/18/9 for last year. The increased collections are due mainly to the same methods used in dealing with general rates also the fact is not to be overlooked that rates, &c., due on properties repossessed by mortgagees are being repaid.

Asphalting Charges.—These amount to £2,537/12/6 and need close attention as they are coming in very slowly The amount received for 1932 is £1,706 below the council's estimate.

Estimated Receipts and Expenditure—It is to be noted that expenditure has been kept below estimates for the year to the extent of £592/13/6 This is largely due to keeping close to estimates in regard to day labor maintenance and scavenging.

The overdraft at the end of the financial year shows a reduction of £1,975/9/3.

Dealing with the receipts it is noticeable that nearly all items of revenue received were slightly in excess of estimates except in cases of asphalting fees, current rates, arrears of rates, sales of materials — these being £3,169/12/3 below estimates. If the estimated amounts had been received, together with estimated recoups to municipal fund out of loans of £9,700, recouped from cemetery fund £1,600 and £5,000 from electric light, which were not received, the municipal fund would have shown a credit balance at the end of the year.

Loan Liability. — The amount of loan liability shows. — Loan liability £195,272/2/11. This necessitates an expenditure of £13,754 for the coming redemption of debenture and interest. There will be a similar expenditure to be provided for for many years to come. The loan liability for the Electric Supply undertaking is £96,776/10/3.

Private Street Construction. — At the beginning of the year there was an overdraft of £4,469/13/ but on September 30, 1932, was £1,139/13—showing a decrease for the year of £3,330. There was a record collection of £29,059/11/9 for instalment and interest due, showing an increase in collection over last year of £3,408/17/3. The No. 2 account which provides for payments of instalment and interest to meet debentures falling due during the coming year, amounting to £14,863, showed a credit balance at September 30, 1932, of £3,481.

Electric Light Account.—At the end of the financial year the account showed a credit balance of £3,116/13/1 Electric light arrears showed an increase for the year of £993/7/8. The total arrears owing at the end of the year is £12,147/17/4, as compared with £11,149/9/8, as at September 30, 1931.

Bad Debts Reserve Account.—This has been increased by the sum of £500 during the financial year leaving a balance to bad debts account of £2,500.

I would draw attention to the excellent manner in which the books of account have been kept. All information and requisitions required by me have been supplied.

Cr. Jones said that the report was satisfactory both in regard to the municipality and to the staff. A very clear statement was given.

The report was adopted.

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Wedding Bells

Crocker—Watson

The marriage of Beatice Mabel, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watson, of Victoria street, Preston, to Lewis Samuel, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Crocker, of Islington street Collingwood was quietly celebrated by the Rev. T. A. Emson, on Saturday, January 28. The bride was gracefully gowned in wine silk moreacain with large white picture hat trimmed to match. Mrs. Watson (mother of the bride) was quietly frocked in brown silk. After a moto trour spent in the country the couple will reside at West Richmond, Victoria.

Brennan—Hanson

The marriage of Vida May, daughter of Mrs. Hanson, of "Montana," Ethel street, Thornbury, to William C., only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brennan, Normanby avenue, Thornbury, was celebrated at St. Cyprian's Church, Lonsdale street, on Saturday, January 14, the ceremony being peformed by Rev. G. F. Dyson. The dainty bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Arthur Campbell, favored ivory satin, perfectly cut and moulded to the figure Her filmy tulle veil was lent by her aunt, Mrs. B. D. Ratcliff, and water lilies formed her exquisite bouquet. Two pretty attendants, Misses Minnie and Doris Hanson, wore frocks of silk moire in shades of green and gold respectively, effectively trimmed with ruchings of the same material. They also wore attractive little tulle caps encircled with velvet leaves toning perfectly with their bouquets of gold roses and cactus dahlias. Mr. Stuart Caldwell was best man, and Mr. J. Pratt goromsman. The wedding breakfast was held at No. 9 Darling street, South Yarra and was followed by a dance.

Anderson—Ward

A pretty but quiet wedding took place at the Church of the Epiphany Northcote, on February 4 between Mr. Adrian Anderson, only son of Mrs. Anderson, Park street, Northcote and Miss Constance Edith Ward elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Ward, 22 Bridge street, Northcote. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. Tymms, and the bride was given away by her father. The church was decorated by the Mesdames Pierce and Hemming, and "Because" was sung by Mrs. Evans, of Coburg. a very old friend of the bride's parents. Beige silk georgette worn over a slip of pink silk crene-de-chine formed the bridal gown and was beautifully made with pin tucks in vandyke pattern, tucks down the back, leg of mutton sleeves and wide cuffs which were also pin-tucked. She carried a beautiful sheaf of pink gladioli, and her hat was of brown silk straw trimmed with brown and beige velvet ribbon. Miss Isabel Ward (sister of the bride) was the bridesmaid and wore blue floral silk georgette trimmed with girdle of blue and pink velvet ribbon and three small flared frills at armhole. Her hat of pink felt bore blue velvet ribbon trimmings and she carried a bonnet of pink dahlias and delphiniums. The groom's present was a diamond and pearl necklet and the bride gave the groom a travelling rug. The best man was the bride's brother, Mr. Frederick Ward. A reception was held at "Ovalun," the bride's parent's home where the decorations were pink gladioli and the wedding breakfast was catered for by Mrs. O. Gardenshaw in a lavish manner. For travelling the bride choose pink silk worn under fawn coat. The bride's mother wore black silk lace with diamonte trimmings, and the groom's mother was attired in a navy blue floral silk frock. The honeymoon was spent in touring and spending a few days at Lorne and their future home will be in Moreton road, Avanel, Victoria. Among the many presents received was one from the bride's former employers, Messrs Moore's Ltd. Melbourne, of a handsome set of cutlery and from fellow employees a dinner service.

INJURIES CAUSE CYCLISTS DEATH

John Tunnock, aged 22 years, of Normanby avenue, Thornbury, died at St. Vincent's Hospital on February 16 from severe head injuries received on the previous day when a bicycle he was riding between two plantations in St. George's road, Northcote, struck a passing motor car.

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EPPING.

A County Court action which was heard before Judge Moule last week in which Mary Ellen McKenna, of Kyneton (through her agent, The Union Trustees Co. Ltd.) sued Jonah Jolley, of Epping, for failing to eradicate noxious weeds in accordance with the terms of a lease aroused a good deal of interest throughout the Epping district. The eradication of the artichoke thistle particularly, has been a problem which has concerned the minds of local farmers for many years, and despite the claims of experts, who undertake to get rid of the thistle by poison, salt and other means, such treatments have never been wholly satisfactory, and old residents claim that it is almost an impossibility to get rid of the artichoke 100 per cent. Damages to the extent of £175 were given against Mr. Jolley, and very much sympathy is felt for him throughout the district as his efforts to combat the thistle menace have been widely commented upon, and according to evidence given, he had spent £430 in three years in grubbing and cultivating to endeavour to keep the weeds down. The verdict is also a lesson to farmers to be thoroughly conversant with the wording of a lease especially clauses relating to weed destruction on their properties in this district, particularly those which are known to be infested with artichoke.

The death of Mr. Robert Smith, of Lochaber, Epping, has removed one of the "grand old men of the district." After a painful illness he passed away on Tuesday last. Mr Smith spent his lifetime in this and surrounding districts, and had always been an inspiration to his friends by his diligence, good heartedness and ever ready to help characteristics. His loss will be greatly felt by all who cherished his friendship and the deepest sympathy goes out to his sons and daughters. The funeral which was largely attended moved from the Presbyterian Church, Epping (of which he was always a loyal adherent) and the remains were interred in the family grave in the Epping cemetery.

At the annual meeting of the Ratepayers' League, Mr. E. J. Den was re-elected president; Messrs J. Bunting J.P. and W. Vearing, vice-presidents, and Mr. J. W. Brock secretary. There was a good attendance and much interesting business was transacted. Feeling reference was made to the death of Mr C McCormack, the late shire engineer, and a letter of condolence was sent to his wife. The matter of approaching the council with a request that the secretary's office be removed to other quarters was lengthily discussed and it was decided that the association would only support an application or request for alteration in existing arrangements, if such were made for the establishing of the whole of the council business in their own property, the Epping Shire Hall

A meeting to discuss the re-forming of the local football club was held in the Shire Hall on Tuesday night. There was a large attendance. Owing to the limited number of competition teams available for the Bourke-Evelyn Association last year the competition was allowed to lapse and it was felt that if such were to be the case this year very little interest would be aroused. It was decided to seek information from the officials of the Diamond Valley Association as to the prospects of the club being accepted in that competition.

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HIGH JINKS AT WESTGARTH

Woman's Hair Torn Out

MAN ASSAULTS SISTER-IN-LAW

On February 14 the police received an urgent call to a house in Jessie street, Westgarth, and upon arrival found all the evidences of a brawl. Two women who were in the house had been roughly handled, and one woman complained that a handful of hair had been torn from her head. At the instance of Peggy Sandford, the police arrested Ernest Patrick McKeown, who appeared before the Northcote Court on Tuesday on a charge of assault.

Assaulted Woman Does Not Appear

Plainclothes Constable Veness (prosecuting) said: A message has been received from Peggy Sandford that she does not intend to appear

The P.M. (Mr. A. Hauser): Can you prove your case without her?

Plainclothes Const. Veness: The police have some evidence to place before the court. I would suggest that this is not one of those "husband and wife" cases, and think that after the woman gave McKeown in charge and signed an information she should be compelled to appear

The P.M.: If the police think that the case cannot be proved without this witness, the court will take steps to compel her to come here.

Constable D. A. Newton said: At about 4.30 p.m. on February 11 I went with Plainclothes Const. Veness to a house in Jessie street Westgarth. The house was in disorder, crockery being strewn on the floor, and there was every evidence that there had been fighting. Mc Keown, who was under the influence of liquor and had bleeding knuckles, was the only man in the house at the time. Peggy Sandford complained to me that McKeown had torn out a handful of her hair, and defendant's wife had a black eye.

I said to McKeown "What do You mean by this conduct?" He said "They came the 'thump' on me, and I came the 'thump' on them."

"Nothing to What She Will Get"

Plainclothes Const. Veness said: I went to the house with Constable Newton. After his arrest McKeown said "What charge did she lay?" When I told him that it was assault, he said "She got nothing to what she will get when I get out."

McKeown pleaded guilty, and said he did not wish to say anything, beyond requesting that he should be released on a bond to be of good behaviour for two years. He admitted previous convictions for drunkenness, offensive behaviour, and unlawful possession.

A fine of £10 in default two months' imprisonment was imposed.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE I.O.R.

The quarterly meeting was held on February 16, Bro. J. Eaverdy presiding over a large attendance. One new member was welcomed by Brother G. Neumann. The quarterly circular from the District showed that progress was still being made throughout the order, an increase in membership being the prominent feature. The business paper for the annual conference was left in the hands of the tent representative (Bro. W. E. Findlay). Bros Neumann and Schneider reported having attended the united tent meeting at North Preston. The cricket club reported having registered the second win for the season at the expense of Ivanhoe, and an appeal was made for greater support for this section of the tent's activities. After some discussion it was decided to again enter two teams in the I.O.R bowls competition, and Bros. G. Neumann and A. Robinson were appointed delegates to the annual meeting.

The syllabus item was "Grievances." These covered a wide range of subjects, and as a result of the discussion several suggestions for the benefit of the tent will probably be carried out.

The next meeting will be held on March 2, the syllabus item being a mixed euchre tournament.

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29 x 5.00	25/	30 x 5.50	27/6	33 x 6.75	37/6	32 x 5	25/6
30 x 5.00	26/	31 x 5.50	32/6	34 x 7.50	37/6	33 x 5	25/6
31 x 5.00	27/6	33 x 5.77	32/6	715 x 115	17/3	34 x 5	25/6
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Last Saturday the cricket team commenced a match against F. G. Smith who were disposed of for 63 runs, R Buss taking 7/21. Our only was seven wickets for 129 runs, of which W. Dickens made 24, and D. Hill 48. Last Wednesday the twenty second annual meeting of the troop was held in the presence of 60 cubs, 50 scouts and 30 parents and friends. Reports on the work and activities of the troop during the past year were given and appointments for the coming year were made known. It has been decided to divide the troop into two sections No. 1 comprising scouts under 16 years, to meet on Wednesday nights, and No. 2 comprising scouts 16 years and over to meet on Tuesday nights. During the evening the shield was handed to the Wolves Patrol, the winners of the Thomas Hurford Memorial inter-patrol competitions, and the King's Scouts Badge was presented to P.L. A. Westcott. Appointments for the coming year are—No. 1 Section Troop Leader: A. Westcott; Patrol Leders: D. and W. Mitchell, A. James, J. Neville and A. Tonkin; seconds: R. Westcott, P. Seelin and E. Webster. No 2 Section: Troop Leader R. Underhill; P.L's: A. Graham, H. Rackham, W. Semmens, and W. Fitzgerald; Seconds: A. and J. Letcher, J. McGregor and J. Fitzgerald. The other office-bearers are—Scoutmaster: 2nd Cubmaster: Mr. W. G. Sone; Assistants: A. Hambly, S. Hall, and F. Wills; treasurer: E. Robinson; secretary and Assistant Cubmaster: E. Booth; librarian: V. Gilmarth; scrapbook keeper: A. Graham; reporter: A. Westcott; band instructor W. Fitzgerald; quartermaster: R. Burr.

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Around Northcote

Wales Street Schoolboys' Band

The band has had a busy time lately. Last Friday evening the boys toured High street in a bus advertising the carnival to be held on the Saturday night. On Saturday evening the band marched from Darebin street and High street to the Northcote Football Ground. Notwithstanding the long march, five members visited the Fairfield State School inter and contributed items for a programme arranged by the Fairfield school committee. The boys are putting in great practice under Mr. Foletta, as they may be taking on a big tour at Easter-time

Northcote Silver Star Band

The Silver Star Band is making great progress under Bandmaster Alf. Foletta. Several engagements have been accepted, and the members have been complimented on their performance. The band will soon be registering with the Victorian Band League, thus enabling it to start contesting. The band played at the Northcote Market last Friday evening and the stirring music was listened to by a large audience

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

The following office-bearers were elected at the annual meeting of the Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A.:—President, H. S. W. Marshall; vice-presidents, W. Coulthard and A. Allio; treasurer, S. McColl; secretary, J. Fagan; assistant secretary, M. Deeker; committee: F. Higgins, R. Edwards, A. Clewley, G. Poulter and F. Tucker.

Fires

On February 16 the Northcote Fire Brigade was summoned to a fire at 276 St. George's road. Before it was extinguished the rear portion of the dwelling, with its contents, was severely damaged.

On February 17 firemen were called to an outbreak on the property of the Northcote Brick Co., Dennis street. Fifteen panels of fencing and an acre of grass were destroyed. Later 105 Flinders street, Thornbury, was threatened. This property is owned and occupied by Mr. Roberts. A de-

Northcote Horticultural Society

The last monthly meeting of the Northcote Horticultural Society was well attended and an attractive display of cut flowers was staged in connection with the monthly competitions. The competition was keen, especially among the roses and in *the made-up work*. The results were as follows:—

Bunches of Roses (Intermediate), Mr. C. E. Alexander, 6pts; Mr. J. Brown, 3pts.

Bunches of Roses (Amateur), Mr. J. Toole, 7pts; Mr. W. Beattie, 2pts.

One Bunch Australian Roses, Mr. W. Clear, 5pts; Mr. W. H. Dunallan, 2½pts; Mrs. J. W. Firth, 1½pts.

Cut Flowers (Novice) Mr. E. Harris, 8pts; Mr. F. L. Todd, 1pt.

Cut Flowers (Open) Mr. H. Harris 8pts; Mrs. Firth 1pt.

Basket of Flowers: Miss L. Lancaster 5pts Mrs. Firth 3pts; Mrs. Lovelace, 1pt.

Posy of Flowers: Mrs. Corry, 4pts. Mrs. Waud, 2½pts, Mrs. Firth 1½pts

Special Prize (Bunch of Zinnias) Mr. F. L. Todd.

It was resolved that the society conduct a flower stall in the street carnival to be held in connection with the Jubilee Celebrations, on May 19. Miss Lily Lancaster was appointed to take charge of it.

An excellent lecture was delivered by Mr. Geo. Goddard, whose remarks were backed up by 50 years' experience in horticulture. He dealt with a variety of flowers suitable for cutting. In the course of his remarks he said that Iceland poppies should be planted at once in order to have them flowering during the dull months.

In planting seedlings the following method was recommended. To half a basin of fine soil add sufficient water to make a puddle. Into this put the seedling roots, with all soil removed. Make the surface soil very fine, and make a series of holes, deep enough to take the seedling roots. Lift the seedlings from the basin of mud and, it will be found that the mud will cause the roots to hang straight down. Place seedling in the planting hole and press the soil firmly round the end of the roots, then fill in the surface soil loosely After planting give the plot a good watering.

For sweet peas, trench the soil deeply and place a liberal supply of manure at the bottom of the trench Plant the seeds in a row about 4 inches apart, and when they come up thin out to 12 inches and pinch the tops of the remaider out. Sweet peas are lime lovers.

When sowing seed in nursery plot: make the surface soil very fine and level: sow the seed on the surface, then water evenly with a watering can or fine rose spray. Cover with half an inch of finely sieved, well-rotted manure and water again.

Winter Flowering Stocks must be planted not later than March 16 They require plenty of lime and good drainage.

Mignonette should be planted where it is to remain, in rich soil and well limed. Sow the seed in a series of saucer shaped hollows, and afterwards thin out to one plant each.

Delphiniums should be planted in rich soil and are improved by the addition of soot.

The larkspur should be treated the same way as a Delphinium. Carnations require a well-drained position fully exposed to the sun, and do best in sandy soil. Clumps of Shasta Daisy should be divided up in the late autumn and planted singly. Perennial Phlox should be treated in a like manner. Polyanthus and primrose should be divided before re-planting. The gaillardia "Mrs. T. Marriot" was recommended which give good results if fed with nitrate of soda 1-8oz. sulphate of potash 1oz sulphate of iron 1-8 oz. to two gallons of water. No manure is required for the Perennial lupin Downe's Strain being recommended.

Penstemons should be treated similarly to Delphiniums. Zinnias may be greatly improved by disbudding leaving only the crown buds on each stem. As a deterrent for wilt lime and wood ash water was recommended. Snapdragons should be planted in a dry spot. For hydrangeas avoid lime for the blue varieties. Manure with 1oz. sulphate of ammonia, 1oz. sulphate of potash 1-8oz. sulphate of iron, 1oz alum 1oz. sulphate of iron to two gallons of water. All parts should be well watered before using the liquid manure.

To remove the brown patches in Buffalo grass lawns water with sulphate of ammonia 5lb.; sulphate of potash 4lb., and superphospate 4lb. to 20 gallons of water.

A good manure for Carnations is made up as follows:—nitrate of lime, 1 part; nitrate of soda, 1 part; dissolved bone, 3 parts.

A vote of thanks was enthusiastically carried. The next meeting will be held on March 8 when a lecture will be delivered by Mr. D J. W. Chandler on Bulbs and Tubers.

Preston Branch Blind Auxiliary

PRESTON Branch of the Auxiliary of the Victorian Institute for the Blind held their first annual meeting on February 20 in the Town Hall. The president (Mrs. Bedson) presided. Matron Briggs, Victorian Institute of the Blind, St. Kilda road), Mrs. Tait (president of all auxiliaries), Mrs. Brownell (president of Northcote branch), the Mayoress of Preston (Mrs. A. E. Newton) and Cr. and Mrs. H. Swain were present.

The balance sheet, read and adopted set out that the satisfactory amount of £40/19/8 had been raised during the year, donations and subscriptions amounting to £3/7/; Messdames Black and McGregor, concert proceeds, £6/18/9; Mrs. A. K. Allchin, effort, £11/11; Mrs. Crowe, effort £1/17/; Mrs. Booth, effort, £2/15/; Mrs. Allchin, £3/3/; season's competitions, £3/1/9; Mrs. Todd, brushware, 1/4/1; Sale of brushware, £2/7/0d; money box collections, 10/3; sundries £5/2/. The expenses for the year were few, amounting to £2/10/9, donations to the Royal Institute for the Blind, £36/3/11; leaving a balance in hand of £8/6/.

Prizes presented by Mrs. Gibbert were handed to the visitors by Miss June Jensen. The membership of the branch is 27 but a large increase is expected during the year. A cheque was received from Mr. Irwin for £2/2/ During the afternoon the president (Mrs. Bedson) was presented with a life governor's certificate. The musical programme was provided by members of the Institute. Afternoon tea was served by members of the branch after which the visitors were shown over the new City Hall.

Thieves Active in Preston

Last Friday night at the home of Mr. H. A. Bean, corner Queen street and Oakhill avenue, Preston, a front bedroom window was forced and the house was entered. The room was completely disordered. the contents of the drawers and wardrobes being strewn about the room. As Mr. and Mrs. Bean are away the extent of the loss is not known.

Northcote Jubilee Celebrations

A meeting is convened by the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. A. H. Oldis), of all persons interested in the Northcote Jubilee Celebrations, which will be held in May next. The meeting will be at the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday, March 8 at 8 p.m.

Pender's Grove State School

The second annual picnic was held on Saturday at Eltham Park in ideal weather. The committee transported about 400 children and 180 parents, also the school band. A most enjoyable time was spent. The sports were very keen and also the Mothers v the Fathers cricket match. Members of the Eltham Shire were present to hear the band play. Much of the success was due to the untiring efforts of the headmaster (Mr. Bethell) and the Mothers' Club. Donations were received from Messrs, Swallow and Arlett, A. F. Brockhoff, W. G. Davis, Watson and Paterson, J. McAlpin and the parents. The prize-winners in the various races were.—Girls, under 6: Marjory Fisher. Do Under 8: Phyllis Plummer, Do. Under 10: Phyllis All. Do, Under 12: Jean Evans. Do, Under 15: Edith Hudson. Girl's Flag Race; first pair: Edith Hudson and Violet Smith. Thread the Needle Race: first pair: Joyce Wood and Violet Smith. Egg and Spoon: Audrey Legrott.

Boys—Under 6: Ronnie Webster. Do. Under 8: Jack Martin. Do. Under 10: Allan George. Do. Under 12: Ronnie Leishman. Do. Under 15: Douglas Bennett. Boy's Flag Race—first pair: Ronnie Leishman and Alf Papworth. Do. Wheelbarrow Race — first pair: Ruthie Hobson and Arthur Cope. Do. Siamese Race—first pair: Allan Armstrong and Dick Brotherton.

Mothers' Race: Mrs. Smith 1; Mrs. Hauser 2. Fathers' Race: Mr. McGain 1; Mr. Spooner 2.

A dance and euchre party will be held on Saturday night.

Installed lavatory and a quantity of fencing and fernery were destroyed.

Several other grass fires were extinguished with minor losses of fencing and grass.

PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Before Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan, P.M.

Ejectments

W. Hodgkinson as agent for the owner obtained ejectment orders against I. Butcher, Rosebery avenue, Preston; G. Hardiman, Plenty road, Preston; J. Wood, Erval avenue, Preston.

State Savings Bank obtained ejectment orders against Nicholas Antonoff Crookston road Reservoir, and William and Mabel Travena, Thackery road, Reservoir.

Leslie Beecher as agent for the owners obtained ejectments against Frances Buchanan, and Ernest Arthur Dewar.

Debt

F. J. Wilson obtained an order against Gardiner and McMullin for photographic work performed. There was no appearance of the defendants and an order was made for the amount claimed (£12/10/) and 8/6 costs.

Unmarked Measure

Mrs. E. Stone, grocer, Dundas street, Preston was charged that on January 6 she had in her possession an unmarked measure.

N. H. Jones, inspector of weights and measures said that when asked for her vinegar measure defendant produced a cup, saying that she gave three cups to the pint. Upon being tested the pint so measured was 1 oz. short.

Fined 10/ with £2/4/6 costs.

Drunken Driver

Kenneth Simpson was charged that on February 16 he was drunk in charge of a horse vehicle in Epping road.

Constable Macklin said: Upon information I went to Epping road and saw Simpson seated in a spring cart. He was unsteady on his feet and his speech was thick. The cart was stationary.

The P.M.: The horse apparently had more sense than the driver (Laughter.).

Defendant: Was I helplessly drunk?—No.

I could have been worse?—Yes (Laughter.).

Simpson said that he had had a couple of "shandies."

The P.M.: Those "shandies" must have been very potent (Laughter.).

Defendant admitted a prior conviction for being drunk while in charge of a horse vehicle.

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TURF NOTES

By "LUTEPLAYER"

Ibrani's Oakleigh Plate

Expectations of the Oakleigh Plate being an interesting race were fully filled. It was closely contested all the way, the winner getting home by a narrow margin, and there was only a little more than a length between the first five horses. Ibrani, the winner, ran the five furlongs in Australian record time of 1.44, beating the previous record put up by Perspective, by three-quarters of a second. The world's record for this distance is 1.2 and two-fifths, established by Plater, at Morris Park, U.S.A., in 1902.

Ibrani's recent form had been disappointing, and he had finished a long way back in the Standish Handicap. Since the latter race, however, he had been galloping brilliantly and *was nicely handicapped*. In my notes last week I suggested Ibrani as one of the likely surprises of the race. Ibrani is a four-year-old gelding by Moabite and has always been noted for speed. In Saturday's race he was ridden behind several horses, but was never far from the leaders. He made a brilliant effort in the straight and displaying greater determination than usual, got home a head in advance of the fast finishing Winooka. For Saturday's win Ibrani does not incur a penalty for the Newmarket Handicap, in which he is engaged with 7.10, or 3lb. less than he had in the Plate, and he must be respected in the Flemington race.

Winooka staged a remarkable finishing effort. He is an unlucky horse. He was second in the last Newmarket Handicap, finished third in the Epsom Handicap, second in the Cantala Stakes, and then Saturday's second.

No excuses can possibly be made for the failure of the hot favoritiet, Closing Time. He lived up to his reputation of being a fast beginner, but the last half furlong found him out. It seemed that his rider, E. Bartle, acted unwisely in mixing it with Varietas and Pacific Flight from the barrier rise, but while this may be some explanation for the failure, it can hardly be put forward as an excuse. Closing Time should be improved by the race, and he may redeem himself in the Newmarket Handicap, for which event he holds his position as favorite.

Valmiat ran a good race and just missed a place, and Eminere ran surprisingly well to finish a close fifth. On the other hand Vauntry and St. Ardent both ran a long way below expectations. Captivation missed the jump out and failed the field all the way.

Liberal Breaks Fetlock

Racing at Caulfield was marred by an unfortunate happening to Liberal Just as he was fighting out the St George Stakes with Kuvera, Liberal faltered and was pulled up. It was found that he had broken the bone would bone in his near fore fetlock. He will never race again. It was a dramatic ending to his brief career during which he won several races including the Caulfield Guineas and Victoria Derby, and £5000 in stakes. An attempt is being made to save the Windbag colt for the stud. The incident has robbed the turf of a galloper, who was expected to be one of the stars of the autumn racing carnival.

At the time of the mishap Liberal appeared to be the likely winner. When he dropped out so dramatically, it looked any odds on Kuvera, but Eastern Chief put in a brilliant run on the outside and got up to defeat Kuvera in the last stride. Eastern Chief is a much improved colt, and he should give a good account of himself in his more important engagements, which include the St. Leger and Australian Cup.

Oratory Returns to Form

In the C. F. Orr Stakes at Williamstown, Oratory finished last and his running was a big disappointment to his owner, Mr. Sol Green. Since that Williamstown race, Oratory had shown improvement in his track work, but he was not greatly fancied for the Bond Cup at Caulfield, nevertheless his victory in that race was welcomed by his owner, for it proved that the colt has regained form and that he is something of the stayer Mr. Green has always held him to be. Oratory was well placed all the way and he moved up smartly turning for home and went on to win by a head from Metallurgy. Oratory, however, was not ridden right out.

Metallurgy also recorded a pleasing performance. He proved rather a handful for his apprentice rider who was unable to prevent him from running about in the straight. Metallurgy came home strongly. I have several times noted in these columns that Metallurgy was likely to shine as a stayer, and Saturday's performance suggests that the Rossendale colt is going to confirm that opinion. Metallurgy is engaged in the Australian Cup with the minimum weight and if Saturday's form is any criterion, he is going to take some beating in the long distance handicap, in which he will be ridden by the South Australian lightweight, R. Medhurst, who won the event last year on Madstar.

Smart Filly

Making light of he, 9.7, Maid of Orleans scored a brilliant victory in the first division of the Federal Stakes. This made her fourth successive win, and she is entitled to be regarded as one of the best two-year-olds of the season. By Heroic from Spanklette, she may never be anything but a sprinter, but she should prove a smart performer as such.

Likely Improvers

Runners at Caulfield last Saturday who can be ticked off as likely improvers are:—

HAZWARD:—Showed his best form for some time when he made most of the running and finished second in the Hurdle.

NOKILA:—Set a hot pace and finished close third in Bond Cup. Will be greatly improved by the race.

VICTRITY:—Was last six furlongs from home in Bond Cup. Finished with a powerful run in fourth place.

PROTEA:—Ran splendid race to straight entrance and then weakened. She wanted a race.

RUACH:—Was a fast finishing third in the St. George Stakes and that form points to an early return to the winning list.

RULANUT:—His fourth in St George Stakes was a creditable effort and a big improvement on earlier form. Keep in mind for an event of lesser importance.

V.A.T.C. Races—Second Day

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Caulfield Futurity Stakes

The V.A.T.C. autumn racing carnival will be advanced to its second and final stage at Caulfield to-morrow (Saturday) when the 36th Caulfield Futurity Stakes will be decided over seven furlongs. The fixture is of particular interest as the Futurity race and Hawksburn Handicap provide final lists for Newmarket Handicap candidates.

Futurity Prospects

There were 14 acceptors for the race, but the unfortunate mishap to Liberal leaves 13 to race for the prize. The race reads as open at any of the series, but this form of Winooka in the Caulfield Plate points to him putting up a great fight in this race, the distance of which should suit him nicely. Only three of the candidates have escaped a penalty, and Winooka is one of them, so that with bare weight-for-age, he has a decided advantage. This is the only race this autumn in which Winooka has a weight advantage and as his electrical finishing rush in the Oakleigh Plate made it clear that he is in form, he should take no end of beating. He carried 9st. in the Plate, and is down 12lb. to-morrow's race. As he has been placed in mile races of the class of the Epsom Handicap and Cantala Stakes, there should not be any difficulty in him getting the distance of the Futurity.

Strong Claims

There are seven three-year-olds engaged in the race and they have strong claims to consideration.

Which of the seven is the most likely candidate

I am inclined to favor Waltzing Lily. The wins in the Standish Handicap and Malvina Reid Stakes stamp her as one of the best. There can be no doubt about her speed over six furlongs, and as she was placed in two races over a mile in the spring, should get seven furlongs. Following her success at the Valley her connections selected this event for her, and she looks like finishing close to the money, but whether she can beat Winooka is another old chub. Having been penalised 10lb., Waltzing Lily meets Winooka, who is a year older, 10lb. worse than weight-for-age. This is a factor that may mean the difference between success and defeat.

Kuvera is a proved galloper, who improves with racing. Although beaten in the St. George Stakes, his form was good, but I fancy that both Winooka and Waltzing Lily will be a little too brilliant for him.

Closing Time did not fulfill expectations in the Plate, but probably will be improved by the race, but it is difficult to see how he is going to turn the tables on Winooka, who meets him 12lb. better than in last Saturday's race. I have no fancy for Gaine Carrington, who may not be smart enough off the mark, or Bronze Hawk, who has to be taken on trust. On the other hand, Captivation, having proved himself over the distance, is a decided possibility. His failure in the Oakleigh Plate can be overlooked as he missed the jump out and was not persevered with. The remaining three-year-old is Top Hole, who showed some improvement by making most of the running in the St. George Stakes, but he would need to make further improvement to win this.

Top Weights' Chance

Although he is an exceptionally brilliant galloper, the top-weight, Chatham, is set a difficult task with 10.3, but it is not the impossible one The highest weight carried to victory in the race is Eurythmic's 10st. Others to win with 10.0 or more were:—Amounis, 10.4; Pier Lot, 10.2; Tea Cake, 10.2 and Gothic 10.0. Chatham should run a good race, but I don't look to him to lead home the field. The veteran, Greenline is sure to give an honest account of himself, but he makes no particular appeal.

Casque d'Or is a fair performer and has fair prospects. Vitel d'Amour has been under a cloud and Waterline's form has been too bad.

To express an opinion on an open race I will vote for:—

WINOOKA 1
WALTZING LILY 2
CAPTIVATION 3

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THE SEPARATION DRAIN

CONFERENCE ON PROPOSED SITE

A CONFERENCE of interested residents summoned by the councillors of the Morang riding of the Whittlesea Shire Council met on Saturday on the land affected on discussing the proposals for the construction of a drain to relieve Separation of flood waters, which have for 40 years been concentrated on a public road and over private land. It was hoped that it would have been possible to finalise the question. The chief difficulty has been due to the reluctance of the executors of the Thomas estate to sanction the Shire Council's proposal which is set forth in plans drawn up by the late engineer. This plan takes the most direct way to the river. The executors require that the drain should be taken a distance of many two miles, which would affect several estates and involve considerably more work including the extraordinary request that the drain should be lined with pitchers for much of its distance. They also ask the council to prepare new plans at the council's expense. The unusual demands and wording as a *Gilingness* led the councillors to advise residents to proceed at once with the petition to force an easement through the property in accordance with the law and plans prepared at considerable cost by the council.

It was also decided to obtain exact details of the requirements of the executors of the Thomas estate so that the matter could be brought up before the council meeting when the petition is being discussed.

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NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES

A GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians nine for 131 (H. Taylor 28 n.o., J. Douglas 19; Sheean 23, H. Jaime 2/89) v. North Coburg Baptists 30 (H. Brackley 11; G. Hunt 6/11, H. James 4/18).

B GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians two for 78 (closed) (H. Taylor 38 n.o., T. Lyons 19, E. Nicholls 18, Hunt 1/22, S. Webster 1/7) v. Preston Methodist 25 and six for 51 (A. Wey 13, H. Grubb 14 n.o.; D. Paterson 9/21, Clayton 6/41).

Sunday School Grade

Thornbury Presbyterians A two for 167 (closed) (J. Cheffers 55 n.o., E. Bates 50 n.o.) v. Preston Methodists 37 (Hoyle 12, Wright 10, Montgomery 1/23) v. Thornbury Presbyterians B,

Church Notices

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
Shaftesbury Parade.

Sunday, Feb. 26—Quinquagesima

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
3 p.m.—Grand Organ Recital by Mr. Horace Weber (The Capitol Theatre organist).
4.30 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7 p.m.—Evensong.

Wednesday, March 1
(Ash Wednesday: first day of Lent)

6 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
8 p.m.—Divine Service.
Celebrant and Preacher the Vicar (The Rev. W. H. Chamberlain)

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
(Bayview Street)

Sunday, Feb. 26: Quinquagesima

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins, Rev. Gordon Tymms.
7 p.m.—Evensong; Special Preacher Rev. W. P. Bainbridge, Vicar of St. Jude's, Alphington.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Anthems: — Morning. — "Ye shall dwell in the Land" (Stainer). Evening "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem" (Maunder).

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February 26: Quinquagesima Sunday

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
Vicar: Rev. F. Parsons.

ALL SAINT'S CHURCH

February 26: Quinquagesima Sunday

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
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NORTHCOTE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

May 16 to 25, 1933

CITIZENS are invited to forward names and addresses of former residents to Secretaries, Town Hall, Northcote, in order that invitations may be extended to permit them to take part in the Celebrations.

A. H. OLDIS, J.P., Mayor,
Chairman.

City of Northcote

RECEPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that, in view of the completion of reconstruction and renovations of the Northcote Town Hall, the Mayoress, MRS. A. H. OLDIS, will hold a RECEPTION in the Hall on THURSDAY, 9th MARCH next, at 3 p.m.

J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk

NORTHCOTE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of all persons interested in this matter will be held in the Town Hall, on WEDNESDAY, 8th MARCH, at 8 p.m.

A. H. OLDIS, Mayor,
Chairman.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

DISAGREEMENT AT HOLY TRINITY

BECASE of a difference of opinion which arose at the annual meeting of the Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, several vestrymen have signified their intention of approaching the Council of the Diocese.

It is contended by these vestrymen that the election of other vestrymen at the meeting was unconstitutional. They assert that the vicar (the Rev. W. H. Chamberlain) refused to accept a motion that he did not possess the confidence of the meeting, and that he refused to produce a roll of parishioners so that the qualifications of those nominated for office as vestrymen and churchwardens might be examined. During the meeting there were several heated exchanges, although finally a vote of thanks to the vicar for his work during the year was agreed to.

Signs of disagreement were apparent when nominations were invited for the election of churchwardens and vestrymen. Parishioners are entitled to elect two churchwardens and nine vestrymen. Several vestrymen who had been in office during the year refused nomination. It was stated subsequently that they had declined nomination because at other meetings during the year the vicar had refused to accept and place before the meeting motions which had been moved. When other men were proposed for the office of vestrymen their qualifications were challenged, and the vicar was called upon to produce a roll. This, it is stated, he refused to do. A ballot was held, and the full number of vestrymen was declared elected by the vicar. Vestrymen who refused to nominate contend that the election was not constitutional and that they still hold office.

During the exchanges one interjector proposed that the meeting should decide whether the vicar had ceased to possess the confidence of the parishioners, but he received little support. Toward the end of the meeting Dr. George Bearham, one of the re-elected churchwardens, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain for their untiring efforts on behalf of the parish. This was seconded by a retiring vestryman and was agreed to by acclamation. The meeting was attended by more than 200 people, of whom about 150 were entitled to vote

Realising the keen interest in this meeting arrangements have been made by the Editor for a full report to appear in our next issue. The various notices tabled, the financial statement, and the position generally of Holy Trinity, will be fully dealt with.

REDUCED TELEPHONE CHARGES

JUST before going to press we received a message from Mr. J. S. McFarzean, Reservoir, stating that he had received his amended telephone account. "This," states Mr. McFadzean, "shows a reduction of £1/10/ on the rental for the year. We are now on the same basis as other subscribers in the Metropolitan area."

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