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PRESTON COURT

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Before Messrs. T. J. McMahon, H. F. Tulloch, A. E. Newton, H. S. W. Marshall, E. G. Sutton and Matron Wilson, J.S.P.

Vagrancy
Edward Wyndham Madden, 47 years, who said he came from Queensland, was charged with having on February 27 been deemed to be an idle and disorderly person in that he had insufficient lawful means of support.

Constable R. Gonke said:—At 9 p.m. on February 27 I saw Madden in Roseberry avenue and asked him if he had been in a yard at Murray road, Preston, and when the occupier approached he ran away. He said, "That is right." Asked what he was doing he said, "I was looking for a place to put my swag." Asked why he had gone back to the same place about 9 p.m. defendant said, "I was looking for my swag."

Madden, in an unsworn statement, said that he had left his swag, and went back to get it.

Mr. McMahon, J.P. (chairman).—Why did you run away when the occupier of the premises approached you?

Defendant.—I did not want to be seen.

In the course of a further statement Madden said something about ghosts and what he had done was not in conformity with the Bible.

Mr. McMahon.—You are haunted, then?

Defendant.—I would not say that.

A sentence of seven days' imprisonment was imposed.

Railways Case
Irvine Jackson was charged with having on December 28 travelled in a railway carriage without a ticket and with intent to avoid payment of the fare.

Defendant.—I did not have a ticket but intended to pay at the other end.

Special Checker Budge said when he intercepted Jackson he said he did not have time to get a ticket, but would get one at the other end. He offered to pay the fare.

Jackson was fined 2/- with 7/6 costs.

Wandering Stock
J. Bourke was fined 10/- with 2/6 costs in respect to 10 cows found wandering. He said the animals had been let out by boys who broke down the fence. Inspector Hes said that Bourke's cattle had given no trouble before.

Others fined for having allowed stock to wander were S. Box (two head), 5/- and 2/6 costs; J. Curly, 10/- and 10/-; H. J. Dunn, 10/- and 2/6; R. Eames, 10/- and 2/6; H. Eastman, 5/- and 5/-; T. Farmer, 2/6 and 2/6; J. Foley, 2/- and 2/6; J. Irwin (two head), 10/- and 2/6; M. Kenny, 2/- and 2/6; M. Lucas, 10/- and 2/6; W. O'Byrne (three cows), 7/6 and 2/6; J. Pappworth, 5/- and 2/6; C. Reeves, 2/6 and 2/6; G. Robertson, 2/6 and 5/-; W. Roberts, 5/- and 2/6; J. Simpson, 5/- and 2/6; T. Cuddy (two head), 10/- and 2/6; G. Russell, 2/6 and 5/-; J. T. Sewell, 2/6 and 2/6.

In the case of W. McFadden, against whom two charges were preferred, Inspector Hes said that the horse had been found on the lawn in Frank street.

Mr. McMahon.—He picked a good spot.

Inspector Hes.—The grass is nice and green there.

Mr. McMahon.—This is public property and it has been damaged.

McFadden said that he tethered the horse and someone had taken the rope off it.

Fined £1 in all, with 5/6 costs.

Rate Arrears
The City of Preston obtained verdicts against the following for arrears of rates:—W. Bannan, £10/4/7; T. Brace, £10/10/-; G. Burbridge, £12 13/2; J. Christie, £12/8/2; M. Gatland, £4/4/-; C. Tassie, £7/4/8; D. Roberts, £5/12/9; E. Stevens, £7 17/6; J. Trevillian, £3/15/9; B. Cooper, £11/19/-.

Sustenance Case
William Henry Elder was charged with having between October 26 and

WRONG MAN PROSECUTED

Railways Case Fails

UNUSUAL FEATURES

BENCH DIVIDED ABOUT AWARDING COSTS

A prosecution launched by the Railways Department against Frank Adkins, of Council street, West Brunswick failed at Northcote Court on Tuesday when Adkins denied that he was the person who committed the offence "This is the second time within a month that someone else has given my name," he said.

Frank Adkins was charged that between Clifton Hill and Fairfield Park, on January 7, he rode without a ticket.

The evidence showed that when detected the man said he had purchased a return ticket to Darobin and had lost the second half. Later he said the ticket was to Ivanhoe.

Adkins: Can you recognise me as the man you intercepted?

Checker Gourlay: I can't say that I can.

Wilfred Peters, railway clerk at Clifton Hill said: "On January 7 I did not issue a first-class return ticket to either Darobin or Ivanhoe."

Adkins said: I did not travel on the train nor was I in the locality at the time. On December 5 the Railways Department wrote me a letter stating that I was listed between Clifton Hill and Melbourne and sought an explanation. A Railways Inspector came to see me and said "You are not the man." I was a good chap of about 45 years." Nothing further was done. Later I received a further letter charging me with riding between Clifton Hill and Fairfield Park. I was not there at all.

At this stage the prosecuting officer (Mr. D. Healey) said he did not desire to proceed further as he was satisfied that the man before the court was not the person who committed the offence.

The P.M. (Mr. Stafford): You have charged the wrong man apparently.

Mr. Healey: I would ask that the case be withdrawn.

Adkins asked for costs, but on this application the court was evenly divided.

The P.M. said that he felt the department should not be muled as the department was not at fault. In his opinion the only remedy Adkins had was to find the person who gave his name and sue him for damages.

The case was struck out without costs.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS INSTITUTE d. PRESTON-NORTHCOTE, 14-35

75 Yards.—D. Jones (R.), 1; E. Carr (R.), 2; V. Schutt (R.), 3. 0.9
3-5. Half-mile Walk: P. Swinnerl (R.), 1; M. Kelleher (P.N.), 2; P. Foster (R.), 3. 4.51 2-5. 300 Yards Relay: Victorian Railways Institute d. Preston-Northcote, 0.38 9-10. 220 Yards: D. Jones (R.), 1; V. Schutt (R.), 2; L. Fry (P.N.), 3. 0.291. Discus Throw: W. A. Dineon (P.N.), 1. 75ft. 10ft. 90 Yards Hurdles: M. Cameron (P.N.), 1; D. Hayes (R.), 2; M. Whiteway (P.N.), 3. 0.16 1-5

November 14 obtained sustenance by means of a fraudulent device.

The evidence showed that in his application for sustenance Elder stated his wife was earning between 5/- and 10/- weekly whereas she was in receipt of larger amounts. The amount overdrawn was £3/17/-. Elder had worked for the sustenance and had received.

After consideration a fine of £1 in default 28 days' imprisonment, was imposed.

Northcote Football Club

THE ANNUAL MEETING

More Light on the Grounds Dispute

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS DEFERRED FOR A MONTH

Though the annual meeting of Northcote Football Club was held on Monday night, new office bearers were not elected, as their were insufficient nominations. A further meeting will be held in a month's time to elect office bearers.

The small hall at the Northcote town hall was filled to its capacity on Monday night, for the annual meeting of the Northcote Football Club and presentation of last year's premiership pennant. The crowd was always good humored. The president (Mr. Frank Trainor) was in the chair and welcomed Mr. J. J. Liston, president, and Mr. R. Keon Cohen, secretary, of the Victorian Football Association. Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., and later, after the council meeting, all the Northcote councillors. Mr. Trainor introduced Mr. Liston, and said that the Northcote club had just cause to be proud of its position in the V.F.A., having won three premiership pennants and being twice runners-up in the past two years.

A Special Meeting
Before the annual meeting was held a special meeting was called. Mr. Trainor said that during the year there had been a little difference of opinion between controllers of football and the controllers of grounds. Some members of the club committee had considered it advisable to withhold their nominations until the dispute was settled. A special meeting would therefore be held to suspend for a month the rule regarding nominations.

At the special meeting a motion to suspend the rule regarding nominations was agreed to, and another motion, to which the meeting assented, gave the committee power to appoint the secretary in future. Mr. Trainor said that the committee had obtained the services of a competent man.

Club's Finances
The annual report stated that the season had been very difficult from a financial point of view, having ended with a deficit. The receipts for 1933 were £1,182/17/1, including £202/14/9 from members' tickets, £255/1/2 from matches, V.F.A. allowance and dividend, £175/2/5, donations £144/0/6, and £112/17/1 from special efforts. Payments to coach, players and trainers amounted to £872/12/7, this being the principal item of expenditure of £1156/19/1. There was a credit balance in the bank of £25/17/9. The unpaid accounts, however, amounted to £462 18/4. Members' tickets issued and not accounted for were valued at £28/7/3.

The hon. auditors (Messrs J. A. Thomson and P. E. Griffiths) reported having examined the books, accounts and vouchers submitted to them. The general financial arrangements of the club were most unsatisfactory and much difficulty was experienced in the preparation of the statement. From the books and accounts, and from the explanations given the auditors were of the opinion that the balance sheet set out the club's position for the past season. The annual report showed that out of 25 matches played the team won 18, lost 5 and drew 2.

Presentation to the President
Mr. Liston presented to Mr. Trainor, the football, suitably mounted, used in the final game last year, when Northcote won the premiership. Mr. Trainor acknowledged the presentation.

Pennant Presentation
Mr. Liston in presenting the premiership pennant and the Grant Hay shield to the team, said that unfortunately a discordant note had crept into Association football recently, and had to a large extent detracted

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STREETS OPENED WITHOUT PERMITS

Two Plumbers Fined

NORTHCOTE COUNCIL'S POLICY

It was explained at the Northcote Court on Tuesday that at one time it had been the practice of plumbers called to an urgent job to open the road first and obtain a permit later.

"That is not the case now," said Mr. A. M. Lonie (for the Northcote Council). "The regulations have been tightened up and all plumbers who have been doing business in the Northcote municipality must make application to the council for a permit before the roads are opened, otherwise prosecution will follow."

Richard Noble, Best street, North Fitzroy, engaged by John Anderson, plumber, of High street, Northcote, was charged that on January 24 he took up soil in Knowles street without first having obtained a permit from the council.

The evidence of Alexander McKinnon, Rossmoyne street, Thornbury, municipal inspector, showed that Noble was found attending to a burst water pipe in Knowles street. The road had been opened, but no permit had been obtained from the council.

Noble said that he telephoned to his employer to take out the permit, but Anderson was away at the time and when application was made at the town hall the issue of the permit was refused on the grounds that it should have been taken out before the opening was made.

Mr. Lonie said the council every year spent a lot of money on repairing pipe cuts, and when permits were not taken out the cost of repairs fell on the ratepayers.

The P.M.: What would be the position if a burst occurred in a street?

Mr. Lonie: If the Board of Works were notified the water would probably be turned off.

The P.M.: And turn off the water of the whole street. There seems to be some hardship.

A fine of 2/6 with £2/4/6 costs was imposed. The P.M. said the fine was made light on account of the heavy costs.

Harry Follett, Wingrove street, Alphington, was charged in a similar manner in regard to Harold street, on February 8.

In this case Inspector McKinnon said this was a "conduit" area. Conduits had been laid so that the old pipe could be taken out of the conduit and the new one put in without disturbing the road surface.

Fined 2/6 with £2/4/6 costs.

The P.M. said that in any future cases the penalties would be heavier.

The Dust Nuisance

AN ANNOYANCE TO NORTH-COTE CITIZENS

(By "Censor")

SHOPKEEPERS and residents of High street and residents generally have been much exercised about the dust in High street during the past two or three days. The dust is primarily caused by employees of the Tramways Board re-surfacing the tram tracks. Although the board used bitumen this year, topped with allegedly dustless screenings, the alleged action of the tram soon reduced the screenings to a disagreeable fine grit, which, raised by motor traffic, swirled through open shop doorways, causing damage to stock and considerable annoyance to citizens.

Although water spraying alleviated the position somewhat, the dry north wind on Wednesday soon nullified the water, and the position was as bad as ever.

We realise that the tracks must be kept in order, but question whether it would not be better for the board to evolve a mixture of tar and sand or bitumen and screenings which would serve the purpose, yet not annoy citizens. If this be impracticable or has other drawbacks, why could not the work have been done on a Saturday and thus have the week-end to settle? In the latter case there would still

TWO FIRES

HOUSE DESTROYED AT RESERVOIR

Brigade Pumps Water from Aqueduct

STRONG WIND HAMPERED EFFORTS

When a fire occurred in a house occupied by Mrs. J. H. Potter, Hickford street, Reservoir, on Wednesday firemen had to pump water from the Metropolitan Board's aqueduct. The house, which was in an isolated position, was severely damaged.

The call came about 4.17 p.m., and the house, a single-storey of wood and iron, with sleep-out, was well alight. Two hose carriages and seven men under Officer Smyth (Northcote) attended, but were hampered by the strong north wind and isolated position. Water had to be pumped 500 feet from a Metropolitan Board aqueduct, but despite this the house and contents were destroyed, only the walls being left standing.

The fire originated from a spark from a wood fire stove. The alarm came from a street alarm at the corner of Cheddar and Cookson streets.

The contents were uninsured.

FIRE AT PAPER MILLS

On February 27 at 10.20 a.m. a fire occurred in a stack of paper pulp at the Australian Paper Mills, Alphington. A number of bales of paper pulp was damaged, and the firemen were able to confine the damage to the middle of the stack. The origin of the outbreak is unknown. Two hose carriages, one from Northcote station, attended, the alarm coming from the mill. The men were hampered by the nature of the paper pulp, which was baled in cwt. lots. When water was played on the bales they became sodden and some weighed up to half a ton.

NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Before Mr. E. R. Stafford, P.M., Messrs. W. Hayes, B. E. Johnson, P. Cartney, J. Hartnett and Mrs. O. Devry, J.S.P.

No Tail Light
Robert Walker, Anness street, North Carlton, charged that on January 8 he rode a motor cycle without a rear lamp was fined 10/.

Order to Sell Unclaimed Animal
On the application of William John Jones, ranger to the City of Northcote, the court made an order to sell a calf, which had been found wandering, and the owner of which was unknown.

Milk Not Up To Standard
Stewart Thompson, Gregory street, Preston, was charged that on January 23 he sold milk that was adulterated.

Mr. A. M. Lonie prosecuted for the Northcote Council and said that the analyst's certificate showed a deficiency of 2 per cent in solids not fat.

Inspector R. Gunst said: I purchased a milk sample for analysis from defendant's cart.

Cross-examined: Did defendant tell you that his horse had bolted earlier in the day and had split his milk?—Yes.

Did you ask him where he got his further supplies?—No.

Thompson said: I have my milk tested about once a month. Analyses of samples taken by inspectors have always been satisfactory. On this morning my horse bolted, and to make good the loss I bought milk from four other dairymen.

For the defendant it was stated that his horse had been injured, he had lost fifty quarts of milk, and had been put to lot of inconvenience as well.

The P.M. said that the deficiency was not great, and a light penalty Fined £1 with £2/14/6 costs, would meet the case.

be some nuisance from the fine grit, but water spraying would alleviate this to some extent.

However, we can but hope that next year a more suitable method will be evolved.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, &c. THE charge for BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS is 3/-...

RETURN THANKS Mr. W. HARRISON and Family desire to sincerely THANK all kind friends and relatives...

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A NEW ISLAND OF JUSTICE At the Northcote court on Tuesday a man was charged by the Railway Department with riding in a train while not holding a ticket.

HOW TO RUN A FOOTBALL CLUB? The annual meeting of the Northcote Football Club was held on Monday night.

THE MAINTENANCE OF BIRT STREET At the meeting of the Northcote Council on Monday night a joint letter was received from all the owners of properties in Birt street.

MERRI THEATRE ST. GEORGE'S ROAD NORTH FITZROY ALL EAST AND WEST PRESTON TRAM STOP AT THE DOOR FOR RESERVATIONS...

PERSONAL On February 27, the death occurred at Edlington street, Kew, of Mrs. Elizabeth...

LECTURE ON GLADIOLI The lecturer who selected for his subject that ever-popular flower, the Gladiolus...

HOUSE PARTY On Saturday evening last a successful house party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rulo...

OBITUARY Mr. GEORGE BUDGE On Tuesday, Mr. George Budge, who was a local officer of the Salvator Army...

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THOMASTOWN SOCIALS The fortnightly social in the Thomastown Mechanic's Institute on February 20 was a great success.

Buy Your Set for the Test Cricket NOW! Already we have traded in many All-Electric Radios in part payment on new models.

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CHURCHES

Northcote Congregational Church
The Advent of Palm was the title of Rev. D. E. Reeves' address on Sunday evening. It was a most timely and inspiring message and Mr. Reeves' sermon was most of a later hand than the first by him. It is often by letters accompanied by religious tracts, and the example of the church is a most commendable one. The service was attended by members of the Sunday League in gala.

On Friday evening a communion service was held in the church. The Rev. D. E. Reeves, who was assisted by Mr. M. Jones, was the officiating minister. The service was most impressive and the example of the church is a most commendable one. The service was attended by members of the Sunday League in gala.

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An additional amount of \$1 has been brought to the fund for the purchase of the new organ. The Rev. D. E. Reeves is to be the preacher at the Miller Memorial service on Sunday evening. The service will be held at 8 p.m. in the church.

The ladies will hold the first of a monthly series of afternoon teas in the house of Mrs. A. Hall, wife of the Rev. D. E. Reeves, on Wednesday last. The ladies will hold the first of a monthly series of afternoon teas in the house of Mrs. A. Hall, wife of the Rev. D. E. Reeves, on Wednesday last.

An address of devotion followed the presentation of a paper entitled "The Church of Tomorrow" by Mr. C. W. Hooper at the meeting of the Young Men's Society on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. D. E. Reeves, who made his farewell appearance at the class prior to his departure for Adelaide, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his past services to the society. Next Sunday at 3 p.m. Mr. Tom Davies will address the members on the subject of "The White Australia Policy." All members are cordially invited to attend.

The many friends of Mr. Basil S. Sims, secretary of the Dramatic Society, will be glad to learn that he has been convalescing at his home, 17 High Street, Northcote. A farewell social will be tendered to the Rev. D. E. Reeves in the school hall, Armadale street, on Saturday, March 17, at 8 p.m.

Croxton Methodist Church
February 23 was Harvest Festival. The service was held in the school hall and was presided over by Mr. P. B. Buck. A feature being the display of fruit and produce. Members of the G.E.S. participated in the evening. The Rev. D. E. Reeves, who made his farewell appearance at the class prior to his departure for Adelaide, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his past services to the society. Next Sunday at 3 p.m. Mr. Tom Davies will address the members on the subject of "The White Australia Policy." All members are cordially invited to attend.

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Cherryman's Sermon
An enjoyable session was held on Thursday last week when the Rev. D. E. Reeves, who was assisted by Mr. M. Jones, was the officiating minister. The service was most impressive and the example of the church is a most commendable one. The service was attended by members of the Sunday League in gala.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury
New Series of Holy Services—Following the success of the special Sunday afternoon services conducted during the latter part of 1933 it has been decided to commence a new series of Holy Services on Sunday afternoon (March 11, at 2 p.m.). The vicar (Rev. W. H. Chamberlain) will lead the worship and Mr. David London will officiate at the memorial pipe organ. The service will be held in the church. The Rev. D. E. Reeves is to be the preacher at the Miller Memorial service on Sunday evening. The service will be held at 8 p.m. in the church.

St. Mary's Church of England
Harvest Festival services will be held next Sunday in the church. The service will be held at 8 p.m. in the church. The Rev. D. E. Reeves is to be the preacher at the Miller Memorial service on Sunday evening. The service will be held at 8 p.m. in the church.

St. Aidan's, Victoria Road
The annual meeting of the ladies' guild was held in the church on Sunday evening. The service was most impressive and the example of the church is a most commendable one. The service was attended by members of the Sunday League in gala.

St. John's Church of England
The ladies' guild will hold their annual meeting on Sunday evening. The service will be held at 8 p.m. in the church. The Rev. D. E. Reeves is to be the preacher at the Miller Memorial service on Sunday evening. The service will be held at 8 p.m. in the church.

Northcote East Baptist Church
Everything here is moving along nicely and enthusiasm is still maintained. On Tuesday our Senior Endeavourers were visited by the Fielders' Society, the latter taking charge of the meeting, and two papers were given and discussed. A most enjoyable evening concluded with supper. The Rev. Hinton of Clifton Hill occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning, and his address on "Christian Responsibility" will long be remembered. Our Harvest Festival was an inspiration, and the generous gifts were distributed among those in need locally. Next Sunday evening will be a baptismal service, when two of our number will follow the Master through the waters of Baptism. Mr. W. Staples Jun. was the recipient of a prize for special services rendered at Albert street premises well for the future, and Mr. Cairns will address three meetings shortly in support.

High Street Methodist
The Sunday School anniversary celebrations commenced on Sunday, and will be continued next week. The celebrations themselves are the result of the work of many willing workers in the training of the children. The erection of the platform, and the decoration of the school hall, the result was most successful. Under the leadership of Mr. J. G. McIlroy were listened to by large congregations at each service.

All are looking forward to the rendering of the Easter Cantata, Olivet to Calvary, by the choir, on March 18.

Christian Science
"Man" will be the subject of the lesson-lesson in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, March 11. The lesson text is from John 3: 1. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." Among the questions which comprise the lesson-lesson is the following: "What is the meaning of the word 'man'?" The lesson text is from John 3: 1. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

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Northcote Presbyterian Church
The Melbourne Suburban Flute Band provided a fine programme to commence the Northcote branch of the P.W.M.U. effort to raise funds for the Home Missions on February 29, in the Northcote Presbyterian Church Sunday School hall. The programme was "Flute Band" selection, "Sacred Piano" Messrs W. and J. Towers, piano duet, "Patriotic Airs," "Carnegie" Orchestra, selection, "Perfect Day," Messrs C. McVean and H. Towers, duet, "Flute Band" selection, "Let Us Forget," Messrs B. Tucker and J. Mackie, mouth organ duo, "In the Valley of the Moon," Mr. A. Mackie, solo, "The Little Boy," Cameronian Orchestra, selection, Mr. J. McArthur, Scotch comic song, Mr. K. Junior, piano solo, "Barcarolle," Messrs J. Martin and H. Fitcher, flute and harp, "The Little Boy," Cameronian Orchestra, popular selection, Flute Band, selection, "The Wee Wee Wee," "God Save the King," and "Auld Lang Syne."

St. Mary's Church of England
Harvest Festival services will be held next Sunday in the church. The service will be held at 8 p.m. in the church. The Rev. D. E. Reeves is to be the preacher at the Miller Memorial service on Sunday evening. The service will be held at 8 p.m. in the church.

St. Aidan's, Victoria Road
The annual meeting of the ladies' guild was held in the church on Sunday evening. The service was most impressive and the example of the church is a most commendable one. The service was attended by members of the Sunday League in gala.

St. John's Church of England
The ladies' guild will hold their annual meeting on Sunday evening. The service will be held at 8 p.m. in the church. The Rev. D. E. Reeves is to be the preacher at the Miller Memorial service on Sunday evening. The service will be held at 8 p.m. in the church.

Northcote East Baptist Church
Everything here is moving along nicely and enthusiasm is still maintained. On Tuesday our Senior Endeavourers were visited by the Fielders' Society, the latter taking charge of the meeting, and two papers were given and discussed. A most enjoyable evening concluded with supper. The Rev. Hinton of Clifton Hill occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning, and his address on "Christian Responsibility" will long be remembered. Our Harvest Festival was an inspiration, and the generous gifts were distributed among those in need locally. Next Sunday evening will be a baptismal service, when two of our number will follow the Master through the waters of Baptism. Mr. W. Staples Jun. was the recipient of a prize for special services rendered at Albert street premises well for the future, and Mr. Cairns will address three meetings shortly in support.

High Street Methodist
The Sunday School anniversary celebrations commenced on Sunday, and will be continued next week. The celebrations themselves are the result of the work of many willing workers in the training of the children. The erection of the platform, and the decoration of the school hall, the result was most successful. Under the leadership of Mr. J. G. McIlroy were listened to by large congregations at each service.

All are looking forward to the rendering of the Easter Cantata, Olivet to Calvary, by the choir, on March 18.

Christian Science
"Man" will be the subject of the lesson-lesson in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, March 11. The lesson text is from John 3: 1. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." Among the questions which comprise the lesson-lesson is the following: "What is the meaning of the word 'man'?" The lesson text is from John 3: 1. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

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"Hollings" Boys' Band
The supporters of Mr. H. Hollings and his band of boys, will be delighted to know that the band will make its initial appearance in the cause of charity. On March 16 the band will appear at the P.A.C. community singing concert, when it will render several attractive numbers. The band also among other engagements, has been booked to take part in a musical display at Coburg, during the latter part of January. It is hoped that the band will be able to appear in programme form in such a very brief period. Mr. H. Hollings, treasurer, desires to acknowledge a donation of 10/10 from Mr. Geo. Whittaker towards the band fund.

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PROSPECTS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CUP

Chances of Candidates Discussed
SELECTIONS FOR FINAL DAY AT FLEMINGTON
(By "Luteplayer")
The V.R.C. Autumn meeting reaches its third and final stage to-morrow (Saturday). The principal race, the Australian Cup, will be decided over two and a quarter miles, and the sixteen acceptors for the race include Mince Pie and Hippaland, who will represent N.S.W.; Infirmiere, the South Australian candidate, and Peter Jackson, who will try and win the honors for New Zealand.

Metallurgy, when in the mood can gallop, as he showed in winning the Rendell Cup and Bagot Handicap, but Metallurgy has been disappointing, particularly his showing in the Brunswick Stakes, although he made up a little ground in the closing stages of that race. Metallurgy was in good form a few weeks ago, but his displays in the Woodcleft Handicap and Brunswick Stakes were a long way below Cup requirements. The manner in which he has been running since he was stamped her as a Cup possibility, but she can below form in the Brunswick Stakes. Still, different tactics may be a better result to-morrow, but she does not make any particular appeal.

Patua's recent form has been moderate and one can hardly fancy him. Infirmiere, South Australian form is nothing out of the ordinary and he would need to improve a stone or his Brunswick Stakes form to have a chance to-morrow. Infirmiere was fourth and Frank in the last five starts have run in four seconds and a third. Infirmiere was fourth and Frank in the last five starts have run in four seconds and a third. Infirmiere was fourth and Frank in the last five starts have run in four seconds and a third.

MINOR EVENTS
Hurdle Race: BURANDO, 1; DUNLOP, 2; ORTALON, 3; DUNKLELD, 4. C. M. Lloyd Stakes: KUVEIRA, 1; CLOSING TIME, 2; MIDDLE WALK, 3. Leonard Stakes: JACKO, 1; CARE FREE, 2; RAPSONIA, 3. Ascot Vale Stakes: DARK SKY, 1; GLEN LEGEND, 2; PASHA, 3. Forewell Handicap: POWERSCOURT, 1; VAL ROSE, 2; GORDON'S LEAP, 3. The best bets may be Burando and Dark Sky.

Likely Improvers
Some runners at Flemington on Newmarket Day, who may improve in the near future, are: BURANDO: Having his first experience of the Flemington hurdles, was erratic in his jumping in Plover Hurdle. Made a particularly bad jump at second last, and his best form was in the first hurdle. He is a head behind winner. Looks like being a good class hurdler. BURANDO: Having his first experience of the Flemington hurdles, was erratic in his jumping in Plover Hurdle. Made a particularly bad jump at second last, and his best form was in the first hurdle. He is a head behind winner. Looks like being a good class hurdler.

TIME SWITCH CAUSES FIRE
A NARROW ESCAPE
On Friday night of last week, Mr. L. Smith, of the firm of Messrs F. & L. Smith, Ltd., proprietors of a narrow escape, was about to close the firm's head shop in High Street, Northcote, and was waiting for the time switch, which operated the electric lighting, to function. This switch is controlled by a clock, and as the switch was thrown over, a sheet of flame burst from the switch, and the electric lighting was extinguished. Mr. Smith seized a chemical extinguisher and checked the outbreak. Portion of the switchboard and some of the electric wiring were blown off the wall of the room, and the fuses in the meter, and it was fortunate for Mr. Smith that this happened, otherwise he might have received a serious injury. The cause of the fire was from the extinguisher came into contact with the wiring. The "blowing" of the fuses, however, cut off the current.

ATHLETICS

PRESTON & NORTHCOTE CLUB
The last round of the B grade contests was held at Olympic Park last Saturday, and Preston, by being defeated, lost their chance of a place in the final. Results: B Team v Eastern Suburbs: 880 Yards—Everyone was pleased to see Val Weightman back in the colors once more, but he had to take second place. Jim Carroll ran a fine race, and close at hand was Vic Wilson. 220 Yards—What a shocking display in this event! McNaab was topped by Quinn and Gordon last. Hop, Step and Jump—Anzac turned the tables on the Eastern Suburbs man with a leap of 45 feet. Angus in the field games. 120 Yards Hurdles—McNaab put up a fine run in this event and was just beaten by inches, while Vic Kirkland had had luck when he hit the second fence and lost a few lengths. With only one more event to go Preston finished the day with a defeat by V.R.C. but they still have two more rounds to compete. Next Saturday, and last points for the first event. PENNANT: 100 Yards—"Oase" Callick, a new colt, showed the way to the other Preston sprinters by running third. Fairchild, 27, was fourth and Frank Jenkin fifth. Mile Run—Keith Brennan still tries hard to gain points for the club. He ran a fine race to fill fourth place, with Geo. Connor fifth and Shoppee last. Walk—Norm Harris again hosted No. 1 for Preston, with Dave Wood in third place. 100 Yards Hurdles—Joe Lacey led the field home in this event. Geo. Connor replaced Gus Kirkland but fell at the second fence. He made things merry, however, over the last few hurdles, and the same can be said of Adelaide. My vote is for: SBA ROVER, 1; GIPPSLAND, 2; FLETCHER JACKSON, 3; DANILU, 4.

Club Championships
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PRESTON & NORTHCOTE WOMEN'S CLUB
The club championships were concluded last week with the 100 yards sprint and half mile walk. Results: 100 Yards—L. Fry, 1; N. McWilliams, 2; M. Cameron, 3; M. Keleher, 4. Half Mile Walk—C. McLennan, 1; M. Keleher, 2; N. Cameron, 3; L. Fry, 4. Time 4min. 44sec. The winners of all all round championships was Lona Fry, with 30 points, followed by Nell Cameron, 29, and M. Keleher, 27. All three are to be congratulated on their fine performances. The club wishes to thank Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. M. Whitway for donations of trophies. Members are reminded of the meeting on March 21 at the home of the president, 99 Bruce Street, West Preston.

Northcote Younger Set Auxiliary
The next meeting of the Northcote Younger Set will be held at the home of Mr. Ted Laneell, Preston. Members are asked to meet at the Tyler Street Club, Northcote, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, March 12. It was not possible to form a Mernda team in the coming year. The annual meeting of the Plenty Rovers Football Club was held on Tuesday. The balance sheet showed a deficit of about £3. Losses on dances throughout the year had been recouped by profits on outdoor parties and donations. Mr. J. G. Orgill was in the chair. Officers appointed were—President, Mr. A. Johnson; vice-president, Mrs. J. G. Orgill; H. K. Deuring, A. W. Woods, J. Kellott, J. Fischer, J. Hutchinson; secretary, Andrew Bassett; treasurer, J. Whitton. It was decided to join the Fenton Hills Association. It was not possible to form a Mernda team in the coming year. The annual meeting of the Plenty Rovers Football Club was held on Tuesday. The balance sheet showed a deficit of about £3. Losses on dances throughout the year had been recouped by profits on outdoor parties and donations. Mr. J. G. Orgill was in the chair. Officers appointed were—President, Mr. A. Johnson; vice-president, Mrs. J. G. Orgill; H. K. Deuring, A. W. Woods, J. Kellott, J. Fischer, J. Hutchinson; secretary, Andrew Bassett; treasurer, J. Whitton. It was decided to join the Fenton Hills Association. It was not possible to form a Mernda team in the coming year.

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BOWLS

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The third annual meeting of the Northcote Younger Set Auxiliary took place in the small town hall, on March 8. In the absence of the president (Mr. D. Hollings), Miss M. Jones, vice-president, welcomed the major and mayors, Cr. and Mrs. M. C. Jones. Cr. Jones commended the auxiliary for their work in the last three years, particularly that of last year. The minutes were read and confirmed on the motion of Miss Eckhardt and Mr. Eckhardt. Mr. J. H. Green spoke on the annual report and drew attention to the curtailment of the public hall imposed on the auxiliary's activities under the circumstances the report was good indeed. Miss Loria Myers and proved a capable secretary and filled the duties of the auxiliary. The treasurer (Mr. Max Dunn) also was praised for his three years' work in that position, during which some good work had been done through his hands. Mr. J. A. Thomson, in seconding the motion, commented on the sound financial position. The Mayor referred to the assistance given in the Jubilee celebrations when members rendered great service. Officers elected were—President, Mr. B. Hoaking; vice-president, Miss M. Jones; Mr. H. H. Gray; secretary, Mr. T. Eckhardt; assistant secretary, Mr. W. Steele; treasurer, Miss A. Brover; committee, Misses L. Myers and M. Satch; Messrs M. Dunn and H. Minner; auditor, Mr. A. Boyd. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was moved by Mr. H. Minner, who congratulated the retiring officers. Miss M. Jones seconded. Responses were made by Miss Myers and Mr. Dunn. A vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding was in the hands of Mr. Boyd. Mr. C. Jones, in reply to the Mayor thanked members for their hospitality on behalf of the visitors and expressed the wish that the club should continue to be carried on in the coming year. During the year some £86 was raised, the principal receipts being—Card nights £50/10; dance to all the Cross £21/7; picture night and Gladiolus night, £6/17/2. Items of expenditure were—Orchestra and refreshments, £8/7/7; Venetian Court House Night £15/15/8; Road House Night and Red Cross Ball £23/12/6. Credit balance £9/2/3. After the business was concluded dancing was enjoyed and supper served. Among the visitors welcomed were the Mayor and Mayors (Cr and Mrs M. C. Jones), Mrs J. H. Green (four daughters), the Town Clerk and Mrs J. A. Thomson.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

Dear Cobbers—A new girl cobbler this week, whom we're welcoming. There's also a new competition, which Uncle Sam made up and which we hope you'll all enter for. Have a try and send it in by March 30.

New Competition

In the following sentences you will find the names of six birds. Pick them out and send your answer in to Uncle Sam. The first correct one opened on March 31 will be the prize-winner. Uncle Sam's decision is final and a price of 2/6 will be given. Re-call on April 6.

Uncle Sam's Story

MOMMY AND JOHN'S GOOD DEED

Part One (Continued) early morning, along the stretch of beach that edges the bay, the sea at low tide, two children were walking.

OUR MAIL BAG

Thelma Stand—Please fill in a coupon and forward to this office, when a certificate will be sent to you. Try the new competition. Greetings and love, U.P. Norma Pettit—Bravo for the 100 marks, Norma. Please call with your certificate and the prize will

THE COBBERS' CLUB

Please Enrol me as a Member of the COBBERS' CLUB Name Address Present Age Date of Birth Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week (Conducted by UNCLE PHIL)

BELL STATE SCHOOL

At the last meeting of the committee of the Bell State School it was decided that visits of inspection should be made to the school on the afternoon of Saturday, March 17, and Tuesday, March 20. At the latter the members of the committee of the City of Preston, with parliamentary members for the district have been invited to make an official inspection of the school and its buildings.

The mistress of the house had chosen a girl from a number school. "Now, mother, before you select one, please be assured that you are economical. I won't tolerate waste." The prospective maid opened wide her eyes in astonishment. Why, then, did the mistress dismiss her? "For being economical?" exclaimed the other.

The Sounding Film—Producer: Jump! Actor: But I see no music. Producer: Of course not. This is a sounding film. We have to produce your thud on the pavement. G. Joyce (GOOD) Attendant: Here, sonny, you can get into this theatre for 2/6. You are close on eye. Jean Skipper (GOOD) Force of Habit—Carnation seller. Penny each, sir. T. H. Hill (GOOD) Justice your thud on the pavement. G. Joyce (GOOD) Attendant: Here, sonny, you can get into this theatre for 2/6. You are close on eye.

I WONDER I wonder where the seaquils sleep And rest their wings at night? I wonder why the fish follow ships, Entering in their fleet. I wonder why King Neptune lives So far beneath the sea? I wonder when my dreamship will Come sailing home to me. Kenneth Lobbe (GOOD) MAMMALS THAT LAY EGGS The two mammals which lay eggs, the duckbill and the ant-eater of Australia, are of extraordinary interest, they form the link between reptiles and four-footed animals and show how these sprang from reptile stock.

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STORYTTES Trying to Heal It—Mrs. Suwed brought in the steaming hot turkey on the dish and placed it in front of hubby. After he had carved two portions he commenced eating. Suddenly he gave a low groan. "Good heaven, darling!" he exclaimed. "What's wrong with it? Tastes very funny." She shrugged her shoulders despairingly. "I know I dermand," she replied, "I'd rub a spon carron oil on the spot right away." Stanley Smith (GOOD) How many sisters did your new friend tell you he had? Pat: He's got one. He told me he had two half-sisters, but he'll find out that I know better. Brian S. Mahony (GOOD) What is the difference between a piano and a bank—One gives notes and the other takes them in. What shows a man's character?—The mirror. Why is a cart horse like a benevolent man?—Because they both stop at the sound of a whip. When is a husband like a cup and saucer?—When it is a teetotal (a tea thing). Lily Southern (GOOD) HOW TO JOIN THE COBBERS' CLUB Fill in the form at the bottom of the page and address to Uncle Phil, The Leader, High Street, Northcote. In due course you will receive a beautiful certificate, and that you are a member of the club. Join now, and tell your friends to join, too.

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Aeroplane of New Design

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SEVERAL members of the Preston council, with the town clerk (Mr. Ben Johnson) and an officer of the Traffic Branch of the Police Department, have inspected the silent car...

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Romantic Circle

ON Saturday, February 21, at the Church of Christ, Coburg, a dainty wedding was celebrated when Catherine...

MR. LUMMIS, uncle of the bride, gave Miss Linda Rainbow away on February 24 when she was married to Mr Percy James Anderson...

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water lilies and gladioli. Miss Maria Anderson (sister of the bride) and Miss Green Eccles attended the bride and wore smart floral georgette frocks in pink tonings.

Alterations and Renovations

How To Brighten Up Your Wardrobe If you need a new frock, first look through your wardrobe to see if there's one you can alter to meet the occasion.

ONE of the smartest Autumn outfits seen on the screen for some time is featured by Miriam Hopkin in Paramount's picture of "Design for Living".

Another notion is a striped silk Jabet made of a straight piece of fabric with a cascading Jabet—and this year there is to be an epidemic of Jabet.

Evening frocks are always a joy to renovate, but you can always make yourself a new coatee and quite cover the bodice with it.

Another notion is to cut the hem of your dress up to show this idea. Flowers are worn, and it is a charming idea to pose two large white flowers down the centre front of your dress.

New Coat Frocks

as featured by Miriam Hopkin in the Paramount Picture "Design for Living"

Among the features of this smart street frock are the long tight-fitting sleeves which puff from above the elbow to the shoulder.

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FASHIONED with magic fingers—these new dinner dresses of filmy net and lace in lovely mysterious sooty black! They are just as exciting, just as thrilling, and infinitely newer than the long, silky velvets you wistfully hate to get along without.

A POPULAR wedding took place at the Northcote East Baptist Church on March 3 when Miss Mona A. Christian, of 60 Jenkins street, Northcote and Mr P. Madigan were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. E. Cairns.

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THE FOOTBALL DISPUTE (Continued from Front Page)

has been moving to improve Association football, and there is no doubt that the Association football standard has been slipping.

Cr Green: I do not like to disagree with my colleague. If his attendance at League matches and Association matches were compared, I fear the last four or five years, I cannot see why he is so concerned about the interests of Association football.

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ACTIVITIES AT NORTHCOTE BATHS

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NORTHCOTE NOTES

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The Northcote A.N.A. The usual meeting was held on March 8. The president, Mr Newell, presided.

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A BANKRUPTCY EXAMINATION

WARRANT ISSUED FOR WOMAN'S ARREST Judge Lukin, in the Bankruptcy Court on Wednesday, signed an order for the arrest of Myrtle H. Clayton, formerly of High Street, Westacres, a defaulter, whose estate was sequestrated on January 16 on the petition of Alfred Simmons, trading as M. Simmons, Condel street, Fitzroy, tobacco merchant.

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They Say—
 That railway traffic from Bell and Preston stations on the two holidays—St. Patrick's Day and Eight Hours Day—was limited.
 That no rush of any sort occurred on either day.
 That tenants of houses in Preston are paying up regularly nowadays, and the outlook in that direction is cheerful.

That vacant houses are now an unknown quantity in Preston.
 That a bird claims to have shot a fox at an outing in the vicinity of Preston on Eight Hours Day.
 That a cricket was also one of the shooters, but he didn't hit a bird.
 That Mr. Vic Kirkland, of Roseberry avenue, Preston, tried his luck with the same fox at a private home with a dog and a rabbit to his credit.
 That a prominent lady supporter of Hollins' Boys' Band was delighted with the band's initial performance at the P.A.C. community singing on Friday last, she donated a guinea to the band funds.
 That one afternoon a private house was loaded some of the furniture, and calmly drove away, apparently without previous instructions, and much to the amazement of the official groupers the house when they returned home.

False Alarm—
 THE following false alarm was noted at Preston on Monday—Friday, 16th and Dundas streets, Northcote; Sunday, Wood and Tennyson streets, Preston; Monday, Gower street and Plenty road, and Hill and Preston streets.

CR. A. E. Newton, Messrs Fred Bird, W. Crowe and Dick Owen spent Eight Hours Day on a fishing excursion at Fowcett, the result of which was being a very fine haul of blackfish. Mr. Bird made a name for himself by landing an 8 1/2 foot in length. Considerable difficulty was experienced in the landing as the fish became entangled and a hurricane lamp fell into the water. Mr. Bird discarded the portion of his clothing, plunger, streamer, and returned both lamp and line. The cod, upon being opened up, was found to have swallowed about 10 inches of the line. This was also recovered. Mr. Crowe secured a fish which caught a fish 6 1/2 inches in length. A fox was shot during the day and an exciting contest took place between two members of the party as to which would be successful in shooting the pest. Messrs. Owen and Bird (as he said) took aim at one and the same time, and a dispute arose as to which was the better. Both gunners are allowed to claim the honor, and the matter is likely to be referred to the mayor of Preston (Cr. H. P. Zwart, M.L.A.) for arbitration. That is, the respective claimants settle the dispute between themselves amicably. The fox was a lean, long, sad-looking specimen, and the brush, now forming a wall in the office of Mr. Bird, has more the appearance of a cat's tail than the usual appearance of a fox. Anyhow, the brush is greatly prized by its present holder. How long Mr. Bird will be allowed to retain possession of the brush remains to be seen.

Preston A.N.A.—
 THE fortnightly meeting was held at Herford Hall, Mr. Fletcher being in the chair. Monday being a holiday night little business was transacted. The conference report was held over. It was reported that very keen to show their worth. Next meeting, April 2.

St. John Ambulance Brigade—
 A LARGE number of members and on-lookers of the Preston Division enjoyed a splendid night's dining at the Palais Royal last Wednesday and the committee's account. The thanks of the social committee are due to those who attended. On Wednesday Corpl. Shieldrick, on the Wednesday, and on the following events have been arranged by the Preston and Northcote Amateur Athletic Club and the Brunswick Amateur Cycling Club will also conduct events, and Miss Elsie Harbour, holder of interstate records, will also appear. There will be sleds for the children.

Preston Football Club—
 ON April 7 the Preston Football Club will inaugurate a series of dances in aid of club funds. The major, councillors, parliamentarians and a number of sporting celebrities are expected to attend. A presentation of prizes won at a sports meeting on the afternoon of the same day will take place. The dance will be held at the Preston Club. The Porter Cup will also be handed to Harry Davey, the best and fairest player in Preston's team last year. Harry Parsons will again be honored, and a number of other notable dances, with Ibbie Cameron, one of Preston's most popular footballers, as hon. treasurer.

Electric Lights Broken
 PRESTON council has decided to offer a reward for information leading to the conviction of persons breaking electric light globes. Cr. Newton said that in one night 50 street lamp globes were broken in the East Ward, and in some cases the globes were so damaged that the patrol men could not effect repairs until the next day.

Fish and Rabbits
 ON Monday last Preston identifies a rabbit collector and a rabbit collector. It is understood that the keen rivalry in the realm of sport which exists between a somewhat weighty collector and a somewhat plucky proved of considerable benefit to other members of the party. The two principals are Mr. J. H. H. and Mr. J. H. H. who have been hunting for rabbits in the past year should communicate with Mr. H. W. Hopgood.

Preston P.A.C.
 PRESTON P.A.C. has been appointed members of the Preston Public Assistance Committee for the coming 12 months. The committee consists of Mr. W. Swain, Messrs. F. H. Smithers, L. Roberts, B. Johnson, J. Quin and L. W. Williams.

Wild
 CR. Swain told the Preston council Tuesday that Wild street was wild, not only in name, but in condition also. The public works committee will see if it can do something to make the conditions more tame.

P.A.C. Figures
 FIGURES issued by the Preston P.A.C. indicated that last week 570 men were working. Payments for 1933 were £44,491; not working 2, payments £12,750. This week's figures: Working 575, payments £44,166; not working 2, payments £12,750; total, £56,916. Last week 17 women were registered and this week 17.

West Preston State School
 ON Friday night the Boys' Band played at the opening of the South Preston school bazaar. On Friday afternoon the band played at the bazaar. The school committee were congratulated by Mr. Fairbairn, M.H.R.

Mr. E. J. Leach, M.A., has completed a week's inspection at the school and has left a favorable report. Miss Grace Anderson, from St. Helen's State school (Port Fairy district) has joined the teaching staff which reminds the writer that it was at St. Helen's where the present headmaster at West Preston received the boy's early education. He was then a good-looking jockey in knickerbockers.

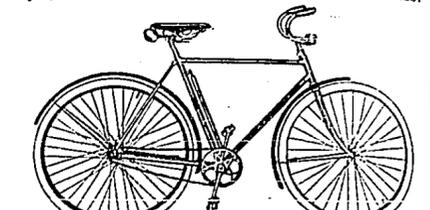
At Brunswick baths last Friday it was reported that a pupil in the eighth grade, who has been suffering from a brain stroke ever for 12 to 13 years.

Extension of Whiteway
 THERE has been an extension of the Whiteway in the vicinity of Bell and High streets. About eight new lights have been installed, which will be a benefit and a very cheerful outlook after nightfall. It costs each shopkeeper 7/6 per month for each light.

Good Friday Sacred Concert
 A TRENT in the Preston town hall on Good Friday evening, when a sacred concert, under the auspices of the P.A.C., will be held. Among the artists of repute to appear are Miss Shirley Foster, who will sing "The Rosary," and Messrs. Noel Bunker and Harry Chalmers. A rare musical treat is promised, and a large attendance is confidently expected.

Sports Gathering
 ON the afternoon of April 7 the second annual sports gathering will be held at the Preston Football Club will be held in Cameron Park under V.A.L. rules. The crowd of Australia's professional runners will be seen in action, including Mr. McNeill and Tim Hunter. Footing events have been arranged by the Preston and Northcote Amateur Athletic Club and the Brunswick Amateur Cycling Club will also conduct events, and Miss Elsie Harbour, holder of interstate records, will also appear. There will be sleds for the children.

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2 Centuries in District Match: Semi-final Results

FIRST ELEVENS
 Centuries by Fontaine and Ryder

NORTHCOTE v COLTS
 NORTHCOTE District Cricketers performed splendidly over the weekend, defeating Colts by 36 on the first innings.

on Saturday P. Fontaine (147) and J. Ryder (111) made centuries and the first innings was closed with four wickets down for some time, and it was generally admitted that Northcote's batting was the best of the day in the district matches. Fontaine got 117 in the same number of minutes as it included two 'sixes' and six 'fours'. When a difficult chance was given, Ryder played superb cricket and from there his batting was flawless. He played superb cricket and from there his batting was flawless. He played superb cricket and from there his batting was flawless.

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D E A T H
SMITH—On the 20th March, John G. F. Smith, of 17 Pender street, Preston, dearly loved husband of the late Elizabeth Smith, loving father of Edna (Mrs. McCarty), Gordon, Ida (Mrs. Kelly) and Ivy (Mrs. Kerr). Aged 73 years. Late employe of W. Brathwaite Pty. Ltd. At Rest.

IN MEMORIAM
WILLIAMOTT—To the memory of my dear mother, who passed away at Malvern on the 17th March, 1929. Loved by all.
—Inserted by her loving daughter, Margaret, and son-in-law, G. Holtwood, George and Blanche.

ENGAGEMENT
The engagement is announced of Marion Agnes, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Telfer, "Esmemoor," Hawker avenue, East Preston, to Lindsay Gordon Ritchie, 173 Powell street, East Melbourne.

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THE RESERVOIR GATES

At long last the railway level crossing at Reservoir is to be made safe by the installation of interlocking gates. This spot has been the scene of innumerable accidents, several of which have proved fatal. There has been constant agitation for the provision of gates, but the Railway Department refused to accept what is undoubtedly its responsibility, and endeavoured to burden other bodies—the Preston Council and the Country Roads Board—with the cost. At last a tragic smash, in which a Reservoir doctor lost his life, galvanised the district into action, and as a result the latest public meeting, held in Reservoir, decided that the crossing must be made safe, and that every possible means should be used to accomplish this end. There have been numerous deputations and the member for the district (Mr. Zwart, M.L.A.) has been most persistent in his endeavours, and now an intimation has been received that the hand-operated gates will be installed.

PERSONAL

An address was delivered at the Thornbury Lodge on Monday evening last by Mrs. Bro. J. O. Hughes, P.M.G. in memory of the late Bro. W. Rawson, P.G.S., and Bro. W. H. Littlejohn, P.S.G.D. Wor. Bro. G. B. David, of E.S. and A. Bank, Sydney, was present and referred feelingly to the character of Bro. Rawson.

At the last meeting of the Helen Street School religious instruction teachers, words of appreciation were spoken to the Rev. Fr. Jennings prior to his transfer to Bentley. A similar testimony to his interest in the work of the schools was made by the teachers of the Northcote High School.

Mr. E. Rabey, of High street, Preston returned on Saturday from a recuperating holiday at Belvedere House, Daylesford.

Fireman Miller, of the Northcote Station is on annual leave accompanied by his wife and child. They were by car to Caramut and Shill. Mr. Frank Redmond, who has been unwell for some time is an inmate of Mena House, East Melbourne some months ago Mr. Redmond has a severe attack of influenza with complications and it is thought he did not properly recover before getting another attack.

Mr. D. K. Smith, of Garnet street, Preston has been appointed assistant

foreman of works by the Richmond City Council at a salary of £124. The death occurred on Sunday, of Mrs. Florence May Almond, wife of Mr. Rupert Almond, at her residence Durebin street, Northcote, after a long illness. She was 73. Her husband and leaves one son (Reggie). The remains were interred at the Preston General Cemetery, on Monday. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. E. C. Lewis, Ernest Arthur Merrillees, of Dennis street, Northcote died suddenly on Friday. He was a travelling freeman in the Hallways Department, and had just completed giving evidence before the Board of Districts where he collapsed. The Board adjourned immediately. He leaves a son (Arthur J.) and a daughter (Zella C.). Dr. John S. R. Lewis and Mr. C. H. Merrillees (late Victoria Hallways) are brothers. The interment was made on Saturday at the Heidelberg Cemetery.

Mr. A. R. White, who has been on the staff of the E.S. and A. Bank, Northcote for the past four and a half years has been transferred to head office. Mr. White is succeeded by Mr. Shields, of the Bourke Street branch of the bank.

The many friends of Nurse Rokehurst Roberts, late of 21 Durebin street, Northcote, who was 83 years of age, will regret to learn that she passed away at Singleton Lodge, Belmont street, Collingwood, on March 13. For many years she had been a resident of Northcote and had a private hospital in Durebin street. The funeral took place on Wednesday evening, the remains being interred in the Fawkner Cemetery.

The friends of Mr. James Potter, Mary street, Preston will regret to learn that he was laid aside, owing to a stroke on Sunday.

Mr. Laurie Jones, having a good time in camp at Portsea, with military friends.

Mrs. Shaw, wife of Mr. J. E. Shaw, Stewart street, Regent, died in a private hospital in Preston, on Monday, after undergoing an operation.

The marriage is to take place in the Baptist Church, North Preston, on Saturday afternoon, March 31, at 3.30, of Miss Jean Campbell, daughter of Mrs. F. Campbell, Beauchamp street, Preston, and Mr. Arnold Storey, youngest son of Mr. C. Storey, Wilcox street, Preston. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. W. Lawson. Mr. Storey is assistant rate collector in the municipal offices, Preston.

Mr. John Whalley and Mr. George Allen, members of Thornbury Bowling Club have returned after a visit to Adelaide, where they were interested participants in a bowling carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cocks, of Steane street, Preston have returned from an enjoyable holiday spent at Queenscliff.

After a nervous fight for life, Mr. Leslie Newton, a brother of Cr. A. E. Newton, is making a good recovery in Melbourne Hospital.

Mr. F. Dowling, a returned soldier residing at Spencer street, Northcote, has returned home after undergoing an operation at Caulfield Hospital. Mr. Dowling has had the misfortune to lose an arm and leg, but notwithstanding these disabilities, Mr. Dowling looks on the bright side of life, is optimistic, and reckons it might be worse with him. That's the stuff "Aussies" are generally made of, and little wonder they gave such a good account of themselves in the big war.

PRESTON LICENSING CHARGES

BAR DOOR OPEN

RUTH Beatrice West, licensee of the Victoria Hotel, Epping, was fined £5 at Preston Court on Thursday before Mr. E. C. McLean, P.M., on a charge of having had the bar door open during prohibited hours.

Mr. R. T. Cahill appeared for the defendant. Licensing Constable Melkie said that when he went to the hotel he saw some keys in a door. These keys and a key of the licensee removed after turning the key so as to lock the door. It was later found that this was the door of the bar.

David Scott, husband of the licensee said that when the police arrived the door was closed and locked, but the keys had inadvertently been left hanging in the lock.

Disposal of Liquor, as nominee of the Belmont Hotel, Thomastown, was charged that on February 10 a disposal of liquor took place on the licensed premises during prohibited hours.

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WHITTLESEA

At the triennial meeting of parents to elect a committee for the Hume Vale school, those elected were—President, Mr. H. Adams; secretary, Mr. A. Johnson; treasurer, Mr. A. Gale; committee, Mr. D. Beattie, Messdames McDonald, Johnson and Austin.

The annual ball of the Whittlesea Tennis Club, which was held in the form of a "snowball ball." The decorations were carried out by Messdames Elliot and Louchurst and were most effective. The receipts were £16.

Rev. G. Trehear, who has been in charge of the Methodist churches in this district, is retiring from active ministerial work. His successor is Rev. F. Aitken.

Major S. Crawford, who dislocated his wrist when cracking his car six weeks ago, has resumed duty at Glenvale school.

COLLECTING FOR BAND

Mr.—As my name has been mentioned by a person who is supposed to be collecting for some band movement in Preston, I would ask you to publish the following:—Firstly, I have never given permission to any person or persons to use my name. Secondly, I am not interested, directly or indirectly in any band movement in Preston. Trusting you will see your way clear to publish the above and save imposition.—Yours etc.

J. R. HARGREAVES, 1, McDonald St. West Preston, 21/3/34.

three years and nine months, the cause of death being meningitis. The burial took place at Fawkner Cemetery on Saturday morning. The officiating clergyman was Rev. A. J. Stewart. Numerous floral tributes were sent along, including many from boys and girl friends of Theo. Mr. E. Jensen was the undertaker.

The Week's Social Gossip

Silver Wedding.—On Saturday last about 20 relatives and friends attended by the invitation of Mr. Angus McDonnell at his residence, Tyler street, Preston, to celebrate his eldest daughter's silver wedding. A fine musical programme, intermingled with games, was provided, also supper admirably catered for by Mrs. McDonnell, sister of Mrs. Watt, the couple to whom honor was being given, and expressed the sentiments and good wishes of all present in a most capable manner. Mr. Watt suitably responded, and at midnight a highly successful celebration ended.

Crazy Will.—On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heath entertained friends at a champagne whisky evening at their home, High street, Preston. Mrs. Cyril Heather and Mr. G. Turner won the prizes, a special being awarded to Mrs. Pollard. Others present included Mrs. A. and Mrs. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Cootie, Mrs. E. Rabey, Misses N. Kewnan and Moorhouse, Messrs. O'Brien and P. Marks.

Flag Bridge.—Groups of palms on pedestals were an attractive setting for a flag bridge afternoon held by the Preston Mayors' Guild on March 14. The supper room (Preston town hall) was used for the occasion. Messdames H. A. Bean, J. E. Dunn, K. D. Bennetts and McCrae were hostesses. Afternoon tea was provided by these ladies, and a dressed fowl was donated by Mrs. T. Shaw to be disposed of. Other winners were—Flax bridge, Messdames Cousins, Slater and Macdonnell; dressed fowl, Mrs. Jackson. The mayors thanked the hostesses for the successful afternoon. Among the winners were the mayors (Mrs. H. P. Zwart), Messdames L. Williams, H. Johnson, Llewellyn Jones, F. H. Smithers, W. Zwart, and many visitors from the Thornbury and Cross Roads districts. Altogether about 50 were present.

Social Evening.—Mrs. T. W. Hawthorn, of South crescent, Northcote, gave a very enjoyable social evening last week for the Northcote Methodist Tennis Club. In view of the high temperatures then prevailing the competition was held in the open air, and supper was served on the lawn. A very happy time was spent by all.

Wedding.—Halsall—Saunders.—Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, was attractively decorated for the marriage of Miss Helen Halsall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Halsall, of Kew, and Charlotte Mary Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Saunders, of 65 Keon street, Thornbury, which was celebrated on Saturday, March 17. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. W. H. Chamberlain, and Mr. David Loudon presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked distinctive and attractive in a plain white crepe gown with pointed sleeves and a long train. A beautiful sheaf of white cactus dahlias and white roses was carried. Miss Hazel Halsall (sister of the bride) who acted as bridesmaid, wore a frock of rose pink crepe and carried a bouquet of pink cactus dahlias. Mr. David Saunders, brother of the bride acted as best man. The ceremony, which was attended by a reception of friends and a party of reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey, Keon street, Thornbury. An evening costume the bride wore a coronet, blue tulle and a white toque hat. The happy couple intend to make their home in Thornbury.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of Preston are returning at Easter from a tour of the "Mariposa."

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CR. H. JIPP, who left on a world tour by the Jervis Bay on Saturday.

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Whittlesea Council

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

The ordinary meeting was held on Wednesday, 14th March, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 11, H. K. Hooper's, and Council Chamber, 11, H. K. Hooper's, and Council Chamber, 11, H. K. Hooper's.

Outstanding Rates.—The president said that at a special meeting he had been decided to make definite arrangements for the collection of outstanding rates. A temporary assistant rate collector had been appointed to collect the rates, and he was to receive an allowance of 100 weekly, and 5 per cent on all collections. An informal meeting had been held after the meeting, and the council had decided not to have any further expenditure on rates, but to have a special meeting to consider the matter.

Preston Mayors' Guild.—On Thursday afternoon a special meeting of the Guild was held at the town hall. Results of the year ending 31st December 1933 were reported. The total income was £1,000, and the total expenditure was £800. The balance carried forward was £200.

Disposal of Liquor, as nominee of the Belmont Hotel, Thomastown, was charged that on February 10 a disposal of liquor took place on the licensed premises during prohibited hours.

Licensing police stated that on the night of February 10 they saw three men being served with liquor in the room and said, "The police are here" and the three men left the room. Subsequently two were found in the kitchen, and the other lying on a bed in a room. Larmer is conversant with the case and has served the three men with a drink.

Larmer was fined £2. John William Seager, High street, Preston, Leonard Plunkett, and Stanley Plunkett, both of Sothernham street, Regent, were each fined £1 for having been found on the premises during prohibited hours.

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Melbourne Hospital Appeal

NORTHCOTE TO TAKE PART

A PUBLIC MEETING convened by the Mayor of Northcote (Mr. M. C. Jones) was held at the town hall, on Thursday evening of last week to consider taking part in the appeal of the Melbourne Hospital for £75,000. There was an attendance of 40, which included the mayor and members of the Northcote Council.

The mayor said that until other means were devised, the appeal would have to continue to make appeals to enable it to carry on. Hospitals such as the Melbourne were wonderful institutions, which enabled the poor and most afflicted to be given to the poorest as well as to the richest in the land.

Dr. Zwart, a member of the Melbourne Hospital committee, expressed appreciation of the efforts of Mrs. Robert Thomson over a period of years in assisting the hospital. He gave a resume of the work of the hospital. "The hospital," he said, "was founded in 1846, and in the first year ten beds were made available. At the end of the year the number of beds had doubled. Now there were 378 working beds, and last year the average number occupied was 413. From six medical men in the first year the number was now 136, exclusive of dentists. In 1923 the expenditure was £106,000. The hospital was one of the most efficient of those working for the hospital, and the committee was duly appreciative of this effort.

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Northcote To Take Part.—A resolution that the meeting approve of the proposal to make a public appeal in Northcote in support of the Melbourne Hospital Appeal for £75,000 was agreed to on the motion of Crs. Green and French, seconded by Messdames A. A. Glanville, R. A. Thompson (Northcote Red Cross), and the Mayors' (Cr. Wardley, Thornbury Citizens' Band, Cr. Sweetland (Northcote Citizens' Band), Mr. R. L. Fitch (Northcote A.N.A.), Mr. Lee (Pentecost Grove School Committee) and Mr. Schmitt (N.S.S.A.). Mr. Wardley suggested that the hospital should appoint some erect officers to attend to patients who had received treatment and who have not paid anything, if that were the next meeting (March 29).

The Police Shortage

DRILL ATTENDANCES

NORTHCOTE and Preston Councils have made representations from time to time about the need for further police protection in their districts, and usually the invariably reply has been that no further policemen were available. There can be no questioning the fact that the Northcote, Thornbury, Preston, and Reservoir stations are by no means over-stuffed.

YET in face of this members of the force are called on from time to time to attend Metropolitan Police drills for the purpose of drill. Senior Sergeants are called on one day monthly; other constables two days monthly and selected cases three days a month. There would be no objection to that from the public viewpoint, provided that relievers were sent out to replace those called up, but this is not done. So that by calling up the men for drill it often happens that the effective numerical strength of a station may be reduced by anything from one to three men. To the younger members of the force the rigorous drill should prove of benefit, but it is stated to be rather severe upon the older members who are approaching the retiring age.

Perhaps it is the idea of officials at the head of the Police Department that a "super class" staff be developed, so that in a few years time one policeman will be able to do the work which before required the services of two.

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Around Northcote

Younger Set Tennis Tournament

The many spectators who have in the past enjoyed the well-known Northcote tennis tournament...

Well-known Musician to Broadcast

The many listeners who have in the past enjoyed the well-known Northcote radio broadcast...

Wood Shed Damaged by Fire

A fire occurred in a detached woodshed at the home of Mrs. S. Binns...

Mass Fire at Ivanhoe

In attending a grass fire in Lower Ivanhoe road, Ivanhoe, near Lockwood...

Fire Hydrants in Northcote

The water reticulated areas of Northcote are generally speaking well served with fire plugs...

Northcote and District Citizens' Juvenile Band

Under its new name the above band is having a busy time, and its performances are being well received...

Northcote and Preston Scottish Society

The society held their monthly social on Wednesday, when a large and appreciative number of members...

Hellins' Boys' Band

A splendid evening was recently given by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown at their home...

Baby Shows

"What about a baby show?" was another question put. "I don't know so much about it," said another interiorer...

High Prices for Old Gold

On the Friday and Saturday days, John Jack, Jeweller, High Street, Preston, is offering high prices for old pieces of jewellery...

Home Painters Catered For

The Home Painters will find all materials he requires at Thomsons Hardware Stores. Specials for Easter are advertised elsewhere.

Dry Wood for Winter

Heather's mixed wood at 25/- a ton with a good inducement to the thrifty housewife. This is excellent value and to purchase now means having dry wood for the winter months...

HEATHER & CO.

Corner High and Garnet Streets, N.18 VANS AVAILABLE FOR EASTER TRIPS

NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Before Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan, P.M. Messrs P. Carney, J. Harriott and Mrs. A. A. Glanville, J.P.

Noel Chamberlain, Heidelberg road Alphonson was fined £1 for having ridden a bicycle without a light in Victoria road, on February 17.

Daniel Bernard Heddie, Martin street, Thornbury, was charged that on January 20 he drove an unregistered motor car in Collins street, Thornbury.

Fined £2

Wandering Stock

John Gaff, Ballanlyne street, Northcote, who allowed a horse to wander in the Victoria road was fined 5/- with costs. The sumner was fined a similar amount, which was found by the rafter on vacant land of St George's road, two days later.

George W. Harrison, Collins street, Northcote, who allowed two cows to wander in Victoria road, was fined 5/- and 5/- costs.

Debt

Adam Smith obtained orders against Charles Ernest (15/15); John Campbell, Wallace and Salsbury; Susan Egan, 14/5; Henry Brooks, 14/5; Peter Heeney, 17; Margaret Cusack and John Cusack, 15/10.

Ejectments

Alfred Craig, as agent for the owners, obtained an ejectment order against Stanley Taylor, in respect of two rooms at rear of a shop in High street, and against Jonas Skellern, Ballanlyne street, Northcote, who refused to vacate the premises.

Maintenance Arrears

Emily Barker sued her husband William Ronald Barker for 15/15 arrears of maintenance in respect to a child.

Mrs. Barker, who is a young wife, said that her husband was working but had told her that he hadn't the time to put in.

Barker, who is 18 years of age, said that he had been making payments direct to his wife, as she had no receipts. He had no receipts.

Continuing defendant said that he had lost a lot of time at his work through sickness. His average earnings were 28/- per week, and he was earning about 20/- when owing under the order.

The wife recalled that no payments had been made directly to her; and the only money she had got had been through the court.

The P.M. said: "What are you to believe? Each tells a different story."

An order was made in favor of the wife for the 15/15 claimed; and she was ordered to pay the arrears of 12 weeks was granted in which to reduce the arrears.

The P.M. said that the court did not believe the husband's story. If he had made the payments direct he would have obtained a receipt.

BLAZE AT ALPHINGTON

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Northcote Girls' Success

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During the week Miss Bell also won the 33 yards junior handicap (under 14) free style at the women's club baths, which she won at Melbourne City Baths. Miss Giblin was second in the women's 100 yards breaststroke handicap at the same carnival. Both these girls were trained at the Northcote baths by Mr. Foxg, Education Director Swimming Instruction.

The power of a whistle was fully appreciated at the Northcote City Baths by the visit of Miss Hilda James, of the Victorian Education Department's swimming branch, who gave swimming and life saving instruction at the Victoria street schools. The length of blow and sharpness and shrillness caused strict silence, or meant some movement desired, Miss James. This children quickly submitted themselves to the meaning of each whistle command, and with surprising results.

After a brief lecture on the history of swimming, Mr. Foxg, who had a little stroke used in life-saving methods, was demonstrated by Miss James. The breast stroke life-saving methods followed, with correct and correct and correct and correct. Everything was listened to with interest and indulged in with pleasure by the scholars, who followed Miss James for practical work in the water.

Examinations for various swimming and life-saving awards of the Education Department are now taking place at Northcote City Baths. The 14 senior certificates; Thornbury, 31 junior and 7 senior certificates.

Swimming Club Have Results

100 yards men's championship, C. French; 100 yards women's junior, N. Stewart; 100 yards women's senior, L. Holmes; 100 yards junior boys' championship, H. H. Beckfield, 25 yards women's learners, J. Dillm.

Planting of Trees in Collins Street

A good deal of the time of Preston Council was given on Tuesday night to consideration of a recommendation that trees be planted on Collins street, Northcote, in the direction of the council's curator.

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The town clerk (Mr. Ben Jackson) advised that amended applications had been served on all property owners in the streets.

Mr. Jones, who was in charge of the project, said that the cost was high, but that the work was necessary for the improvement of the streets.

The work was approved by the council, and it was decided to proceed with the construction of the streets.

Made For The Part

(By Irene Styles)

Coming down in the world is never a harsh reality to an actor as it is to other people. For there is something about the actor's life which makes the actor's life a life of its own.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY UNCLE PHIL)

Dear Cobbers.—We welcome three new Cobbers this week two girls and a boy—and the Pets are jubilant. One of them, Joyce Atken, lives at Wodonga on the Murray River, a place which I have often visited in times past and know very well.

The Pets are getting ready to go camping at Easter, and are overhauling all their fishing lines, crabs, tents and other gear in readiness. Last Saturday we went up to Kluslake and camped over the week-end. "To get into practice," as Jacko said. "The Pets needed it, too, as they took two hours to set up a ball tent. It was easy to get the centre pole up, and set one side pegged down, but when it came to the other it was a different story. However, with Uncle Sam's assistance they at last managed it. Uncle Sam jokingly said they ought to have some practice in the back yard, and on Tuesday morning we were awakened by a loud banging on the door. My dear, he was angry about it, but Grandpa just laughed and said it served him right!

Entries for the Bird Competition continue to roll in, and this competition should reach its peak on Monday, March 26, so hurry up and enter if you haven't already done so. Love from the Pets and UNCLE PHIL.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the happiest and heartiest Birthday Wishes and Goodwishes to Dorothy E. Payne, Mary Stummans, Geoffrey Cullen (Mar. 17), Nellie Barclay, Keith Styles, Audrey Hibbert (Mar. 18), Ivy Gwen Hammond (Mar. 21), Les Andrews, Alma Fry (Mar. 22), Thea May Stand and Joan Kelly (Mar. 23), Roy W. Clarken (Mar. 25), Muriel Marshall, Joyce E. Truman (Mar. 26), Ernie Johnson, Hazel Dennis, Graeme Anthony (Mar. 28), Florry Stan Sanderson (Mar. 29) and Wilma Price (Mar. 30).

New Competition

BIRD NAMES

In the following sentences you will find the names of six birds. Pick them out and send your answer in to Uncle Sam. The first correct one opened on March 31 will be the prize-winner. Uncle Sam's decision is final and a prize of 2/6 will be given. Result on April 6. They had dreadful bother one day with a bull. Bill and Reg returned from holidays on Monday. This fowl is rather tough. It is better never to tell lies. Marilyn, chase the dog and don't wrench his head. If you can't I can't read it to John.

OUR MAIL BAG

Karwens, via Red Cliff, Vic. Dear Uncle Phil.—Just a few lines to let you know I am joining your club. I am trying to get 100 points so as I will be able to win a prize, I am 11 years and 11 months old. I am sending some riddles and jokes. From your pal, (GOOD) Elsie Margaret Howes (Welcome to the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs, Elsie. The Pets are quite anxious about Red Cliff; they thought it was in Queensland, but that is Redcliffe. Have you had the hot weather up there? Please send a snap of yourself when you write next if you can. I am posting your certificate. Lots of love.—U.P.) Beechworth Rd., Wodonga

Dear Uncle Phil.—Would you please enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I have often read the "Leader" and I like it very much. I am 13 years old and go to the Wodonga Central School, which is 3 miles from Albury. I am sending a few jokes which I hope are good enough to appear on the page. (GOOD) Joyce Atken My word, Joyce, Fluffy was pleased when she saw your letter. I know Wodonga quite well, and have visited there many times. Do you often go to the West? I am sending you a certificate on to you. If you have a snap of yourself please send it to me to put in the album. Greetings from U.P.

Dear Uncle Phil.—Will you please enrol me in the Cobbers' Club. I am sending a photo of myself and my brother Graeme, who is already a member. We are both learning to use my father's typewriter. (GOOD) Kenneth Johnson

THE COBBERS' CLUB

Please Enrol me as a Member of the COBBERS' CLUB

Name _____ Address _____ Date of Birth _____ Present Age _____ Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week 23/3/34 (Conducted by UNCLE PHIL)

SHORTSIGHTED!

Tommy: "That's Smith howling at this owl, Granny. He's looking for a job in the last ditch." (Granny: "What a pity he is shortsighted.") (GOOD) Hazel Francis.

STORYETTES

Out!—In a village cricket match the local butcher was batting, when a ball hit him on the head. "Out!" said the umpire. "But it hit me on the head!" protested the batsman. "I don't know where it hit you," said the umpire, "but I know the sound of wood, so out you go!" (GOOD) J. Mervin.

Notch!—"Er, Mrs. Brown, you have got odd stockings on," Mrs. Brown (hotly): "Yes, dear, that often happens to ladies that have not more than one pair!" (GOOD) M. Boylan.

An Irish rook, when asked to hold the eggs three minutes by the clock, said, "How can I do that when the clock is a quarter of an hour fast?" "I go through my work," said a needle to an idle boy. "But not till you are hard pushed," said the idle boy to the needle! (GOOD) S. Shirley Wood.

III: "Does your firm pay good salaries?" III: "I'm not in the position to say." (GOOD) L. Joyce.

What do you want with those mice? Yesterday you took two and today three. "I put them in Auntie's sitting room, then she called me to set 'em of them and gives me sixpence." (GOOD) Alma Welch.

Mother (to son who has fallen down the stairs): "Oh, dear! Did you miss a step?" Son (picking himself up painfully): "No, I hit every one of them." (GOOD) Audrey Taylor.

TOO KIND A HEART!

Dobbs gazed at the partly eaten portion of chicken on his plate and sadly shook his head. "Anything wrong, er?" asked the waiter. "I was just thinking," said Dobbs quietly, "the man who killed this chicken must have had a kind heart." "What makes you think that?" asked the waiter, puzzled. "He must have had a kind heart," replied Dobbs. "—Mr. A. She: "Perhaps that smart waiter was insulted that you gave him a tip. He is rather a superior man." "But it could not have hurt his feelings—it was only sixpence." (GOOD) E. Francis.

"Teacher: "Tommy, can you describe the meaning of 'nonsense'?" Tommy: "Yes, sir. An elephant hanging over a cliff with his tail tied to a daisy." (GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

Shepherd: "So you want me to replace this sheep for you?" Pat: "Yes, please. It only needs a new back and front and new sleeves. The buttons are quite good." Bob: "If a burglar came into your house, would you go?" Jack: "Into the washhouse, because the copper is there." (GOOD) Lily Southam.

"The Longest Name."—Three men were having a discussion as to the longest name. "Mine is Henry Richard Edward Smith," said the first. "I can beat that. Mine is William Albert Ernest Herbert Miles Brooks," said the second. "And I can beat even that. Mine is Miles-Lons." said the third. (GOOD) Allan Love.

A SEEMING CONTRADICTION

"It's queer, I admit," said Harold to May. "But I'm telling you what I have seen. Ask the gardener, William, a minute! I say, are blackberries red when they're green?" (GOOD) Joan Skipper.

Mrs. Darg: "We had a lovely time last night. We had a box at the theatre." Mrs. Mings: "Yes, I thought, weren't they? We saw you in the gallery eating something." Little Miss Muffet: "Thought she could rough it. So hiking she went one day. But she soon had a blister. Which did she want to dry up the garden so the farmers can work the land?" In went some Green and Golden pegs. Then he sat back in his chair and wondered. "What about the weather, Mr. Mings?" he said looking at the black pegs. "Simply must use up a thunderstorm or two, but people don't seem to like them. Never mind, I know what I'll do. I'll put one more and then after the sunny weather, just to make people glad to get more sun again, weather they'll be complaining about the heat." Presently the Clerk looked at his clock, put on his hat and went out. He had a special thunderstorm with heavy rain for New Year's Day in arrangement. (To be Continued)

How will the year turn out? Will the weather be fine. See Next Week. HOW TO JOIN THE COBBERS' CLUB Fill in the form at the bottom of the page and address to Uncle Phil, The Leader, High Street, Northcote. In due course you will receive a beautiful certificate to say that you are a member of the club. Join now and tell your friends to join, too.

MORE THAN 15,000 SCOUTS AT FRANKSTON

December Rally for Chief Scout

ACTING upon the World's Chief Scout's (Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell) written instructions to the Commissioners throughout the world urging them to make every effort to ensure the success of the Australian Jamboree, Northcote District, under the new leadership of District Commissioner Charles Fraser, is making early preparations. The charms of the Great Australian Bush, the unspoilt seashore and a veritable cornucopia of amusements, hundreds of other attractions, are making Scouts throughout the country sit up and take notice. The forthcoming Jamboree is to be held at Frankston, 110 miles from Melbourne, amongst picturesque surroundings. It is located on the eastern shore of the beautiful Port Phillip. Communications have been the camp and all necessary arrangements for the city will be speedy, frequent and economical. World-wide Appeal. Applications to attend the Jamboree are already being received; but only until August 1, 1934. It is estimated that there will be more than 15,000 members at the rally, coming from all over the world. These boys will only have to pay £2 each, which covers all costs after arrival at Frankston. All tents, camp equipment and personal gear of course, must be brought by contingents and individual Scouts. Travel facilities and special concessions to contingents will be a feature. Fifteen committees, under the jurisdiction of a District Council, are being formed with the expedition and thoroughness of all Scout organizations. Detailed work has been received from Prince George cannot attend the camp of New Year's Day, so it is hoped to honor him in some other manner. Lord Robert Baden-Powell "Chief" is now recovering from an operation, but anticipating his visit with the keenest delight. It was while the Earl was still a knight, he last visited Australia. Arrangements are being made for various demonstrations and pageants and a great aquatic carnival from January 2 to 5, 1935. An International Handicrafts Display will encourage visitors, at specified periods, to visit the camp. Northcote District's six groups will give in the form of a silent pageant, the portraying of Baden-Powell's Victoria from the local aboriginals. Next week in this column will be announced the first arrangements. Gembook Competitions. Northcote are going to be "gingered up" until they are capable of retaining the position of the premier district of the State. The keenly-contested competition in all branches of Scoutcraft, Gilwell Park, Gembook will be held as scheduled, next week, in spite of the great devastation done by bush fires to the district. Further outbreaks will be unlikely while the Scouts are near at hand.

Golden ones for bright sunny days. There were some Grey pegs for dull days and one or two nasty Black ones for the days when it was going to thunder and rain hard, and frighten everybody; and White ones for hailstones. The Red ones were for the roasting hot days with nasty north winds, when you wanted to be in a cool seat and suck ice. "I'm going to make this year the most perfect one," said the Weather Clerk to himself as he stuck in a whole three weeks of sunny days. "The weather is to be open all the time, and plenty of rain in the winter to make the trees grow." He pushed in some Blue pegs into the board. "Of course we must have some nice rain to make the vegetables and flowers grow," and in went a few more Blue pegs with some Golden ones. "After that," said the Weather Clerk, still talking to himself, "we'll have some wind and sun to dry up the gardens so the farmers can work the land." In went some Green and Golden pegs. Then he sat back in his chair and wondered. "What about the weather, Mr. Mings?" he said looking at the black pegs. "Simply must use up a thunderstorm or two, but people don't seem to like them. Never mind, I know what I'll do. I'll put one more and then after the sunny weather, just to make people glad to get more sun again, weather they'll be complaining about the heat." Presently the Clerk looked at his clock, put on his hat and went out. He had a special thunderstorm with heavy rain for New Year's Day in arrangement.

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Dr. Mannix at Epping

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL HALL OPENED

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS THE CEREMONY Over a thousand people assembled at St. Peter's, Epping, to witness the opening of the new school hall by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. Mannix, on Sunday afternoon.

A special train conveyed over 400 passengers from various parts of Melbourne and suburbs, and in the afternoon were representatives of every organization and district in the parish.

The State Parliament was represented by Mr. White, M.L.A., Member for the district, and the Whiteless Shire Council by the president (Mr. Doering). The school is not yet completed, although sufficient progress had been made to allow the visitors an opportunity of seeing what a fine and up-to-date school will be available for the local children.

The boys' band from St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage rendered selections during the afternoon. Father Carroll, in opening the proceedings, said: "I must express my gratitude to the people of this district for the excellent way they have stood behind me to make it possible to have such a fine school erected. The preliminary school was commenced some time ago by the Board of Health, and when I came here His Grace expressed a wish that a school should be started. With the most hearty co-operation extended to me (for which I thank every parishioner in the district) the school was started. We were fortunate in securing the services of the Good Samaritan Nuns to staff the school, and we are grateful for their assistance. We have no difference with secular education, as provided by the State, but we want to educate our own children in our own religion. The school is an ornament to the town, and relieves the State of an obligation of educating 40 children. I wish to thank all who have so generously helped to erect this school."

Dr. Doering said it was a privilege and an honor for him to represent the Whiteless Shire at the function. He was surprised to see such a school and much pleased to see such progress in Epping. The more schools we have the better for mankind. He wished the school every success.

Mr. White, M.L.A., thanked Father Carroll for his invitation. He was pleased to see such a fine school and commended the workers and helpers. The progress of the school would be watched by all who were interested in the education of youth. Mr. McCormack said: "On behalf of the parishioners I thank all the clergy for their attendance, and extend special thanks to His Grace. I have known the school since I was a boy, and I remember the old school, which must have been built 70 years ago. Fifty years ago I was at a concert and heard a solo, 'My Heart Goes Back to Erin.' But mine goes back to the old school. Father Carroll has again opened up the school for the education of our children." Father Carroll announced that the

contract price was £1050. With the professional fees and furnishing account of £110 the total cost was £1160. Mr. H. J. Don, the secretary, then read a list of donations totalling nearly £100.

DIL. MANNIX SPEAKS Dr. Mannix said:—It is a pleasure to congratulate Father Carroll and Epping on their efforts. I am pleased to see the shrine president and the State member present. I remember the old school which, through lack of children and other contributory causes, had to be closed. Father Carroll came here young, zealous and enthusiastic and opened up the school for the children. They inspected the old building with an idea of remodeling it, but decided to build a new school instead. It was to thank Father Carroll, who was prepared to undertake the responsibilities of erecting this building, of which any parish would be justly proud, I wanted an enthusiastic and successful priest to come to Epping, and I selected Father Carroll, who came here gladly, and he has shown you what he can do. But he could not have done it without the co-operation of the parishioners of the district, and nobly have they assisted him. There are now twice as many children as the previous school had. We have taken 60 children off the State at a cost approximating £500. We are making sacrifices to put religion into the minds of our children during the impressionable years of their lives. By this means are we able to fill our churches not only on week days, but many times on Sundays, while other churches are empty. If other churches were to do the same as we are doing I should be delighted, and I am sure much of the talk of anarchy would be less in evidence. A grave injustice is done to Catholic schools. This should be a Government grant to schools of all religions, and they should all be on the same level. "There have been generous donations received for the school, many some as do the same as we are doing I should be delighted, and I am sure much of the talk of anarchy would be less in evidence. A grave injustice is done to Catholic schools. This should be a Government grant to schools of all religions, and they should all be on the same level. 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Hoarding Ban?

Recommendation for Ban on Advertising Hoardings Considered by Northcote Council.

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Melbourne Hospital Appeal

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Opposition to Increase in Salaries
Northcote Council, on Monday, Municipal Association by the council is opposed to the increase of salary of any officer. The council appointed the Municipal Association as its representative in the Arbitration Court to oppose a new log of claims by the Municipal Officers' Association.

Mr. Turner opposed the recommendation and said that Heidelberg had agreed that the 10 per cent. cut should be restored and suggested that the restoration of 2 1/2 per cent. every six months. It was a poor way to meet financial commitments by cutting wages.

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TENNIS

PRESTON ASSOCIATION
A GRADE FINAL

Nunmury and Rothay met in the final at Regent Park courts. The match was umpired by Messrs D. Crows and F. Syer. Both teams were represented by strong combinations and some very fine tennis resulted, being well up to the standard set by these teams when they met in the final round last season.

From a spectacular point of view the conditions were somewhat marred by a westerly cross wind which affected the flight of the ball. The first gentlemen's set Whiteoak and (Hartfield) (Nunmury) and D. and J. Moore (Rothay) was very evenly contested. Games went with the service to 7 all when Rothay broke through and won 7-5. Whiteoak showed a welcome return to his old form and played his best tennis for the occasion, his smashing and volleying from mid-court being delightful. For Rothay D. Moore drove brilliantly to both sidelines while both Jack was content to make short work of the occasional short ball.

In the first ladies' Mesdames Strachan and Ashley (Nunmury) and Misses Weir and Facey were very evenly matched with the games 6-7 and the score 6-4. Nunmury were in a tight corner but they fought bravely and advanced the score and carried on to 9-11. However, the next effort was too much for them. Rothay won the next two games and the set 11-9. Rothay now held a lead of 4 games. Miss Facey volleyed and placed consistently and Mr Strachan was driving with great force.

In the second gentlemen's D. Moore and R. Zwar (R.) met Whiteoak and Hill (N.). Whiteoak changed his tactics by using a top spin service to D. Moore's backhand, considerably reducing the effectiveness of the latter's powerful driving; but this did not prevent the reliable Doug from executing many brilliant passing shots. A special feature of the match was the brilliant interception of Whiteoak at the net, his shots being more spectacular because of their daring. Rothay won 10-8 and now had a lead of 6 games.

In the second ladies Miss Bartlett and Mrs Strachan (N.) defeated Misses Facey and Zwar but Rothay gained four more games in the third gentlemen's and three in the third ladies. The match will be concluded on the Regent courts after the Easter holidays. Rothay have a lead of 12 games and 3 sets to finish; Nunmury will have to be at their best to have a chance against their powerful opponents.

B GRADE SEMI-FINAL

Cranross and Coaching College met in the B Grade semi-final at Nunmury. Coaching College made a good start, McGregor and Lyons defeating Lanslan and Zimmerman 6-1. The College were in good form and never gave their opponents a chance to get going. Misses Kelly and Mills (C.C.) kept up the attack and defeated Miss Gray and Miss Cowell 6-1. A bygone lead in 2 sets was a very good start. Zimmerman succeeded in stopping the rot, the latter was in good form. McGregor and Lyons defeated the lead 8 games, but Coaching College ladies were in good form. Misses Kelly and Steele beat Misses Gray and Hayward 6-2.

The old combination, Lanigan and Cochran, that won 2 games and playing as of old, ran up a lead of 8-2, but Lyons and Dunlop stuck to their task and won 3 games straight before Cranross could get another

BOWLS

THE PENNANT FINALISTS

The last round of pennant matches prior to the final was played on Saturday. The section leaders will now play the final. The district winners are: Cranross, 2; City of Hawthorn, 3; Ararat, 4; Ivanhoe, 5; Fairfield, 6; Richmond, 7; Northcote, 8; Fitzroy, 9; Albert Park, 10; Preston, 11; Richmond, 12; City, 13; Northcote, 14; Fitzroy, 15; Albert Park, 16; Preston, 17; Richmond, 18; City, 19; Northcote, 20; Fitzroy, 21; Albert Park, 22; Preston, 23; Richmond, 24; City, 25; Northcote, 26; Fitzroy, 27; Albert Park, 28; Preston, 29; Richmond, 30; City, 31; Northcote, 32; Fitzroy, 33; Albert Park, 34; Preston, 35; Richmond, 36; City, 37; Northcote, 38; Fitzroy, 39; Albert Park, 40; Preston, 41; Richmond, 42; City, 43; Northcote, 44; Fitzroy, 45; Albert Park, 46; Preston, 47; Richmond, 48; City, 49; Northcote, 50; Fitzroy, 51; Albert Park, 52; Preston, 53; Richmond, 54; City, 55; Northcote, 56; Fitzroy, 57; Albert Park, 58; Preston, 59; Richmond, 60; City, 61; Northcote, 62; Fitzroy, 63; Albert Park, 64; Preston, 65; Richmond, 66; City, 67; Northcote, 68; Fitzroy, 69; Albert Park, 70; Preston, 71; Richmond, 72; 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Church Notices

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE Good Friday Services, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., Pictorial. Easter Day Services, 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Preachers: Morning, Rev. A. H. Constable. Evening, Ven. Archdeacon Booth.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY Bayview Street, Northcote Good Friday, 8 a.m.—Liturgy and Ante Communion. 11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon. 2 to 3 p.m.—Devotional Service. 8 p.m.—Lantern Service. Rev. R. Long, M.A. Easter Day 7, 8, 11 a.m.—Holy Communion. 7 p.m.—Evensong. Preacher: The Vicar (Rev. T. Cole)

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY Shaftesbury Parade. "The Church with a Welcome." Good Friday: March 30 8 a.m.—Ante Communion. 11 a.m.—"Could ye not watch with Me one hour?" Preacher: The Vicar (Rev. W. H. Chamberlain). 8 p.m.—Inter-Denominational Service. Speaker, The Rev. A. T. Jones, of the James St. Presbyterian Church. Easter Day: April 1 7 a.m.—Holy Communion. 8 a.m.—Holy Communion. 11 a.m.—Sung Eucharist. 3 p.m.—Children's Easter Service. 7 p.m.—Festal Evensong. Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar (The Rev. W. H. Chamberlain)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND Tyler Street, Preston Good Friday: March 30 11 a.m.—Devotional Service. Easter Day: April 1 8 a.m.—Holy Communion. 10 a.m.—Children's Church. 11 a.m.—Holy Communion and Sermon. 3 p.m.—Young People's Service. 7 p.m.—Evening Prayer. Preacher: The Vicar (Rev. F. Parsons)

NORTHCOTE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (Martin Street) Preachers Next Sunday: 11 a.m.—Miss A. Merrie. 7 p.m.—Mr. A. T. Ure, B.Comm. A Welcome for You!

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Parents' Day

AT BELL STATE SCHOOL

Over 200 parents and friends visited the Bell School on March 20 to see the scholars at work under the new curriculum, and also to see the improvements effected since the opening of the school five and a half years ago.

Among the visitors were the Mayor (Cr. H. P. Zwar), Mr. Kiernan, M.L.C., and Crs. Swain and Newton. Apologies were also received from Mr. Olney, M.L.C., and Cr. Jones.

Instead of the swampy area the scene has been transformed and the children now have one of the best playgrounds in the metropolitan area. The school, with its extensive lawns, rose gardens, dahlia beds, and garden plots containing various plants and shrubs, gave the parents a foretaste of what they were to expect when they entered the various class rooms. At this season the 300 dahlias covered with thousands of blooms presented a truly wonderful show of color and beauty, and brought forth many expressions of praise and admiration from the onlookers. Such a display must, even though unconsciously, give the scholars a love for flowers and stimulate in them a feeling of loveliness and beauty that will eventually react on them long after they have left school.

The afternoon's inspection opened with a combined physical training display of the scholars from Grades IV to VIII. Parents must surely feel grateful towards the School Committee and Mothers' Club for securing the funds to enable their children to drill on this magnificent extent of asphalt which certainly must in winter be a boon to all.

For the next hour and a half the parents wandered from room to room and witnessed the various grades at work. The well-lit and ventilated rooms, the fine collection of pictures, the splendid and instructive teaching aids, the tasteful floral decorations, the costly grade libraries and specimen cabinets were greatly admired. It seems almost incredible that a school of such recent growth should possess such advantages, but the parents owe much to the enthusiastic and energetic head master (Mr. R. O'Brien) and his loyal and hard working staff, and to the earnest co-operation of the School Committee and Mothers' Club which help to make the financial side easy for him.

Besides the ordinary lessons, some grades put on special items dealing with the new curriculum. Although the majority in Grade I had only commenced school this year, their dramatisation of various nursery rhymes was a revelation of what could be achieved under skilled teaching.

"Baa, Baa, Black Sheep," "Little Boy Blue," "Little Miss Muffett," "How do you do, my partner?" were some of the items given here. Grade II b enjoyed themselves in a health play about teeth entitled "Jane's Dream." Jane, a little girl who does not clean her teeth, is given a dream by the Health Fairy who lets pass before her children representing tooth brushes, milk bottles, greens and a brown loaf—all showing Jane how to care for her teeth.

The Grade III children dramatised the hygienic principles of the "Clean Australia Policy," under the "Spic and Span Brigade." Part one declared for cleanliness of surroundings, and part two for personal cleanliness. The final part showed the Queen of Beauty receiving the pledge of loyalty to cleanliness from her subjects.

Grade V boys acted an historical play "Cassivellanus" dealing with Roman times. Here the lads must be commended as they themselves made the necessary dressing and equipment as used in those far off days.

Grade VIII staged a debate "Free Trade v Protection." The points for and against were well set out by the participants and at times much enthusiasm was aroused. Even the Parliamentarians present said that they must look to their laurels to retain their seats.

At the conclusion of the afternoon's inspection the mayor of Preston (Cr. Zwar), Mr. Kiernan, M.L.C., Crs. Swain and Newton addressed the assembled parents and pupils and praised the work and enthusiasm of the teachers and the fine attitude of the pupils to their work.

The School Committee, ably assisted by the Mothers' Club, then entertained the visitors at afternoon tea.

Cr. Swain, on behalf of the mayor, praised the ladies for their splendid repast which had been so much enjoyed and appreciated. He complimented Mr. O'Brien and his staff on the marvellous improvements achieved both inside and outside, and said how a wilderness had been turned to a thing of beauty. He also thanked the politicians for being present and hoped that in the near future more money might be spent on education.

Cr. Newton ably seconded Cr. Swain's remarks and eulogised the splendid modern educational structure that the Bell people possessed. As a member of the South Preston School, he was interested in the libraries and hoped to soon see new

PERSONAL

Mr. James Madden, of Flinders street, Thornbury, passed away on Saturday at the age of 75 years. He leaves a widow, and members of the family are Roy, Gordon and Lila (Mrs Branigan). The interment was made at the Heidelberg cemetery on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood, of Ashton street, Preston, suffered a bereavement on March 18 in the death of their son, Reginald Rowe Wood, aged 6 years, at the Fairfield Hospital. The interment was made privately.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Osborne, of Mirboo North, will be the guests of Cr. L. and Mrs. Jones, High street, Preston, during the Easter holidays. On Easter Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Osborne will be present at the marriage of the latter's cousin, Miss Bessie Law, Woolton avenue, Croxton, at Thornbury.

Mr. L. V. Williams, assistant town clerk at Preston, is away on sick leave.

Mr. E. Fryer, an official of the sustenance department in Preston is a proud and happy father. The little one was christened Dorothy by Rev. F. C. Bremer, in High Street Methodist Church, last Sunday morning.

Rev. F. S. Bremer will conduct his final evening service in High Street Methodist Church next Sunday evening, prior to his departure for Tasmania.

Mrs. Riley, wife of Mr. William Riley "Namron" Queen street, Regent, died in a private hospital on Saturday. Mrs. Riley, who leaves a family of three, suffered from heart trouble. Rev. W. D. Anderson read the burial service at the graveside, and Mr. Ern Jensen attended to the mortuary arrangements. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. and A. Martin, R. Viala, L. Croxford, H. Richardson and M. Flanagan.

At the Melbourne Hospital on Monday the death occurred of Mr. John Arthur Garde, of Cunningham street, Northcote, at the age of 78 years. He leaves a widow, and members of the family are Arthur, Prudence (Mrs. McAlley), Florrie (Mrs. Grant) James, Ethel (Mrs. Lowrie), Jeanette (Mrs. Wilkins), Andrew (deceased), George, Margaret (deceased), Tom and Wallie. The interment was made at the Coburg Cemetery, on Tuesday.

Friends of Mr. Thomas E. Coleman, of Town Hall avenue, Preston, will regret to learn of the death of his wife, Mary Elizabeth. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the interment being made at the Preston General (Strathallan) Cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. H. J. R. Lewis.

Sympathetic reference was made at the meeting of the Northcote Council on Monday night to the passing of Sister Payne. "She moved quietly amongst the poor of the district," said Cr. Dennis, M.H.R. "She was not well known outside the people she served, and she served the public in many cases without fee or reward. The community is much the poorer by her passing." It was resolved to send a letter of condolence to her relatives.

Northcote Council, on Monday, resolved to send a letter of sympathy to the son of the late Mr. O. W. Rawson, who had been prominent in the public life of Northcote. He had served as treasurer of Northcote Free Library for some years; was manager of Northcote branch of the London Bank (later absorbed by the E.S. and A. Bank); and was a member prominent in Masonic circle, and during the war years he was an enthusiastic worker in efforts to provide comforts for the boys abroad.

At the meeting of the Northcote Council on Monday Cr. Hughes referred to the death of Mrs. Turner, mother of Cr. W. H. Turner, in her eighty-sixth year. The council resolved to send a letter of condolence to the relatives. Cr. Turner thanked the council and officers for expressions of sympathy and kindness.

ones in their school. He was interested, too, in the good behaviour of the Bell children.

Mr. Kiernan, M.L.C. supported the remarks of the previous speakers and said how grateful he was for the invitation to be present. He had enjoyed every minute of it.

Mr. O'Brien, on behalf of the School Committee and Mothers' Club, thanked the visitors for being present as they were busy men. He specially stressed the fact that owing to shortage of rooms he had to debar fifty infants access to the school. He was hopeful that Parliament would make provision in the coming financial year for additions to the Bell School. The percentage of increase in population in Preston during the past ten years was over 200 per cent—the greatest increase in any municipality in Melbourne. When one considered all the materials used in a school building (that they are produced in Victoria and that the greater part of the cost of such materials goes in labor) in what better way could our government celebrate the Centenary year than by giving a lead to the building trade?

Municipal Notices

CITY OF PRESTON

TENDERS are invited and will be received up till noon on MONDAY, 8th APRIL, 1934, for the CONSTRUCTION of JOFFRE STREET and ETHEL GROVE, Preston. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. BEN JOHNSON, Town Clerk and Engineer Town Hall, Preston.

City of Preston

REWARD

A REWARD of £5 will be paid for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons found guilty of BREAKING ELECTRIC LIGHT GLASSES OF STREET LAMPS within the Municipality. By order, BEN JOHNSON, Town Clerk and Engineer

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TENDERS are invited and will be received up till 12 noon on MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1934, for the RIGHT TO SELL REFRESHMENTS at the Kiosk at Preston Park for 12 months ending 30th April, 1935. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. BEN JOHNSON, Town Clerk and Engineer Town Hall, Preston.

Auctions

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, at 3 p.m., on premises, 229, 281, 233 VICTORIA ROAD, NORTHCOTE. By order of Mrs. E. D. Whitaker. EDWARD HAUGHTON & CO., in conjunction with G. & C. YOULEN, will auction the above

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BOY SCOUTS. 2ND THORNBURY TROOP Members of the troop will go to camp at Gillwell Park during Bank Holiday. They will be under Scoutmaster Leadership. A party of 24 cubs from the 1st Thornbury Pack under C.M. Murdoch took part in the metropolitan picnic to Ferntree Gully last week-end. Also in the party were six cubs from the 3rd Thornbury Pack.