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PRESTON MAYORAL RECEPTION

300 Citizens Entertained

THE beauty and gaiety of a garden was introduced into the Preston City Hall on Thursday afternoon (November 26) when the Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Cr and Mrs A. G. Davis) entertained some three hundred ladies of Preston at a Civic Reception.

OLD SOL smiled warmly and happily and the hall, decked with vivid real flowers, accommodated the guests, who added to the gay scene with their colorful floral and summery gowns and millinery.

MAYOR AND MAYORESS RECEIVE

To welcome their guests the Mayor and Mayoress stood under a pergola with brilliant red roses clambering over it. They were assisted by the Town Clerk of Preston and Mrs. L. W. Williams. The Mayoress was attired in a powder-blue crepe gown with fully pleated bolero jacket, and loose three quarter sleeves, also pleated. Her tilted hat of navy straw, sported a small posy in pink and blue in front, and her shoes were also of navy. Her exquisite shower bouquet of blue and gold lilies and blue delphiniums, was tied with powder blue streamers.

Mrs. Williams selected a dusty pink linen summer costume, with nigger-brown lace blouse, and her nigger brown straw hat was trimmed with a floral spray. Pale pink water-lilies and carnations with mauve rhododendrons were arranged in her bouquet.

Two small daughters of the Mayoress in dainty pink and blue embossed organdie frocks with tiny posy to match stood with their parents when the guests were leaving.

DECORATIVE SCHEME

The whole hall depicted a garden scene. In the lobby an oval garden was centred by a tall Kentia palm. Banked about it in rows from the ground up were a green border, yellow and purple pansies; above that lemon calceolaria flecked with golden brown, and azaleas and rhododendrons in soft mauve and pink tones.

Over the main entrance to the hall was a rose pergola and on each window climbed red roses on a lattice frame. The wall boxes were filled with purple and gold pansies, and the stage was most attractively set with real blossoms. Over a round central garden, a rustic arch stood, and again crimson rambler roses were used in its decoration. The garden itself was a mass of soft mauves and pinks, with here and there, vivid patches of deep salmon gladioli, and a similar massing was used on either end of the stage. Lissom fir trees stood sentinel on each side, and feathery young Norfolk pines added a restful note. This setting provided a happy background for the artists, and was the work of the curator of the Preston council and his assistants.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME

After the guests were accommodated, the Mayor and Mayoress took their seats, and an excellent musical programme was presented with Mr Noel Bunker as master of ceremonies.

Items were rendered by the Classic Concert Orchestra (Mr. A. H. Siebel, director); Mr. Noel Bunker, (bass-baritone songs); Mr. Hamilton Bateman (violin solo); Mrs. Jeffrey (soprano songs); and Mr. Tom Lockhead (humor).

AFTERNOON TEA

Under the capable direction of Mr. A. O'Grishaw of Normanby Hall, Thornbury, afternoon tea was served to the satisfaction of the guests, who were seated at small tables bearing tall vases of graceful salmon-pink gladioli.

West Preston Progress Association

FINAL OF GAMES COMPETITIONS

The president, Mr. Willis, presided over a large attendance of members of the above association at the meeting on November 25. Once again the matter of providing playgrounds for children came up for discussion. On this question the association would like the necessary improvements effected with a little more alacrity.

Both the general account of the association and the social committee's returns were shown to be satisfactory, and this, coupled with the rapidly increasing membership, is a pleasing feature. The children's treat at Christmas promises to be something out of the ordinary. The committee will provide everything dear to the hearts of kiddies, and it is expected that the hall will be filled to capacity.

Mr. C. Ross was elected as caretaker on the resignation of Mr. O'Neill, who is a returned soldier and in ill-health, and whose resignation was accepted with regret.

Close finishes were witnessed in the games competitions and members competing were so intent on making the most of every shot that a late hour was reached before the results were finally decided. The winners were—Table tennis, Miss Atkinson; bowls, Mr. Neilson; and the deck quoits, Mr. Cuffs. Trophies will be distributed at the meeting on December 3.

SEQUEL TO COLLISION

DRIVER FINED FOR DANGEROUS DRIVING

A collision between two cars at the intersection of Hutton and Dobson streets, Thornbury, on November 1, had a sequel at the Northcote court on Tuesday, when one of the drivers, Raymond Clancy, Miller street, Thornbury, was charged with having driven in a manner dangerous to the public.

John Ignatius Martin, Keon street, Thornbury, said that on November 1 at about 2 p.m. he was driving a car along Hutton street. On approaching the corner of Hobson street, he slowed down and sounded his horn. He was proceeding to cross the intersection when another car came from the left along Hobson street at a speed of about 25 miles per hour, made no attempt to give way, and struck the car driven by witness turning it round to face the opposite direction. The car was considerably damaged.

Corroborative evidence was given by Walter James Codsbrook, a passenger in Martin's car.

Clancy said he saw Martin's car and applied his brakes, but he thought Martin signalled to him to proceed first. He swerved to the right, but was unable to avoid a collision.

Clancy was fined £3 with £1/4 costs.

WOMAN'S CLOTHING FOUND NEAR RIVER

Although clothing which has been identified by her son, was found on the bank of the Yarra on Sunday, the body of Mrs. M. Arbustler, of Speight street, Northcote, has not yet been found. Mrs. Arbustler was reported missing on Friday, and the police have dragged the river without result.

Two notes were also found for her family.

Woods, Webster, A. Williams, A. J. Wilson, W. H. Webber, Walsh, M. Woods, C. Worsfold, A. West, W. P. Withington, White, Wells, Walsh, E. A. Yates, F. Yann, Young and Miss Zwar.

NORTHCOTE COUNCIL

Northcote council held its fortnightly meeting on Monday night. Present were the Mayor (Cr. A. V. Peters) Crs. C. H. Burnham, W. Hayes, M. C. Jones, W. Oliver, W. H. Turner, J. H. Green, A. C. Bird, W. Glanfield, B. E. Johnson, J. W. French, S. Dennis, A. McAdam.

CORRESPONDENCE

Further Subsidy—The Public Works Department advised that a further subsidy of £330 for unemployed relief works will be made available by the government, making a total grant of £900.

Fyffe Street—J. Gordon wrote drawing attention to the dangerous dip in the road at the west end of Fyffe street. Cr. Turner said he had received constant complaints about this dip, but when the other councillors had advocated the making of the road, considerable opposition had been encountered. He moved that the writer be informed that the only way to remove this danger would be to make the street.—Motion carried.

FINANCE

The following accounts were passed for payment:—Public Works committee, £2888/13/11; Electric Light committee £461/16/5; Parks committee £200/18/3; Finance committee £805/17/.

General

Cr. McAdam moved that the works to be effected in the South ward from unemployed relief funds should be drainage works from Teomans street South crescent to Green street. This would cost £1525 and would permit 25 men to be employed on this work.

Tuberculosis Victims.—Speaking of tuberculosis sufferers, Cr. Hayes said that they should notify the authorities if they changed their addresses. It was not possible to estimate if the numbers of these sufferers were diminishing. There were 30 on the waiting list at Heatherdon sanatorium.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Cr. Bird asked the engineer when it was proposed to start the construction of Elm street, west of St. George's road. The contracts had been let, and the residents had begun to pay for it, and were now complaining of the delay in commencing the work. The engineer said that the work would be commenced as soon as the contractor had finished other work.

Cr. Hayes drew attention to the neglected condition of the eastern portion of McDonnell Park. The entrance gates had been knocked down, and cattle constantly strayed in the park; and trees recently planted had been damaged by wandering horses. Fences were dilapidated. He moved that a report be obtained for presentation to the Parks committee, with a view to having repairs and improvements made.—Agreed to.

Cr. Bird said slabs on footpaths at Batman Park were in a dangerous state. He had indicated this before to the Public Works committee, but it had apparently been overlooked.—P. W. Cttee.

Cr. French drew attention to the state of road surface in St. Neot's avenue.—P. W. committee.

Cr. Turner asked the engineer when it would be possible to commence the construction of Harold street. The street was becoming impassable.—The engineer said the work could not be done before next April or May.

Cr. Burnham said a concrete slab on the footpath, Auburn avenue required adjustment.—P. W. committee.

The Mayor referred to the state of stage floor in town hall.—Finance committee.

LICENSEE FINED ON TWO CHARGES

Bar Door Open and Men on Premises

At Preston Court on Wednesday three charges were preferred against Mabel Rose Frauenfelder, licensee of the Commercial Hotel, South Morang, with having disposed of liquor to a person other than a bona-fide traveller or lodger; with having failed to keep the bar doors shut; and also having allowed persons on the premises on a Sunday.

Senior Const. Mason said he found the licensee and three other men standing near the lodgers' cupboard. The bottom part of the bar door was open. One of the men said he had "just walked in." The licensee told the constable she had sent the barman in the bar to get bottles of beer. A wet pot was also in the room. No liquor was being served or drunk.

The licensee, Mrs. Mabel Rose Frauenfelder, said there was no disposal of liquor that afternoon. A lodger had let the men in the hotel and one had asked for a shandy. She sent the barman to the bar to get lemonade when the police arrived.

Thomas Peel, barman at the Commercial Hotel, South Morang, said no liquor was sold on this day.

The P.M. said the charge of disposing of liquor on a Sunday would be dismissed. On the charge of having failed to close the bar doors, fine of £5 was imposed, and on the charge of having allowed persons on the premises during prohibited hours, a fine of £2 was imposed. Colin Ross, of Epping, William Arthur Turner, Swanston street, Carlton, and William Dobney, Mill Park, South Morang, were each fined £1 on charges of having been on licensed premises during prohibited hours.

MIDNIGHT COLLISION

MOTOR CYCLIST CRITICALLY INJURED

Shocking injuries were sustained by Albert Alfred Harris, 19 years; Colloom street, Northcote, shortly before midnight on Tuesday when a motor cycle he was riding collided with a motor car at the intersection of Victoria road and Hastings street, Northcote. Harris was thrown heavily when with great force the motor cycle struck the rear door of the car, which was driven by Frank Charles Johnston, Alphington street, Alphington, who escaped injury. Taken by ambulance to St. Vincent's Hospital, Harris was admitted in a critical condition, suffering from severe head injuries, fractured skull, fractured ribs, compound fracture of the left leg and probable fracture of the pelvis.

CABLE TRAM CONVERSION

CR. JONES presented a report at last meeting of the Council for the Northern Municipalities. The major subject discussed, he said, was the conversion of the cable tramway to Northcote.

There was strong support for the trolley buses, particularly from Mr. Kiernan, M.L.C., and the Heidelberg representatives, who felt that if the trolley-buses were introduced in High street, they might eventually be extended to Heidelberg along Durebin road.

Cr. Dennis, What? That would cost another £50,000. Brunswick representatives stated said Cr. Jones, that improved business had resulted from the introduction of buses to Brunswick. The cable tram had aptly been described as "running on square wheels." He would say that, from the viewpoint of comfort and silence the trolley-bus was preferable to the fixed track, but not from the point of economy.

Wilton's Accurate Bowling 11 Wickets to Thomastown SPECTACULAR BATTING AND BRIGHT BOWLING

BRAMLEY, Thornbury's all-rounder, gave a fine display against Braithwaites. During his stay at the wickets he made 85. Though cautious at first, he was sound and his dismissal came from an excellent catch on the boundary.

Clack gave one of his best displays in knocking up 72 not out for Bell Ramblers.

NOTES BY "OBSERVER"

BOWLERS PROMINENT

As well on the mark and only three batsmen passed the half century. Walker, 7/6 for Preston Boys, scattered the wickets of Northcote A.O.F. and gave the Boys an outright win.

POSITIONS OF CLUBS

A Grade—Pastrycooks 14 points; Dennis 13; Preston 11; Bell 11; Braithwaites 9; Regent 8; Preston Basebalers 6; Braithwaites 6; Northcote Junior Footballers 5; East Preston 3; Epping 1; Reservoir nil.

INDIVIDUAL FEATS

The outstanding individual feats were:— BATTING: BRAMLEY (Thornbury) 85; CLACK (Bell Ramblers) 72; MURPHY (Excelsior) 69; KILPER (Fres. Footballers) 45; SMITH (Highview) 44; L. SMITH (Donkirk) 41.

BOWLING

HALL (Excelsior) 9/36; WALKER (Preston Boys) 7/6; N. SMITH (Dennis) 7/41; COHEN (Croston United) 6/21; BOLTON (Croston United) 6/21; BAGLEY (Ajax) 5/13.

PERMITS GRANTED

Permits granted by the Permit and Umpires committee for the fifth round were:— V. Bernard Hay, Preston C.C. to Regent; W. J. Peters, Prestonite to Reservoir; E. N. Tomlinson, Prestonite to Excelsior; R. Cameron, United to East Preston.

Umpires for Fifth Round

A Grade: Northcote: A. G. O'Connor; Preston Basebalers v Bell: Kirtin & Digby; Reservoir v East Preston: Lockhead & Carlton; Dennis v Regent: Howard & Gilbert; Epping v Bell: Bramble, Wright & Hastings; Prestonite v Broadhursts: Siedel & Jowett; B. Grade: Rosbank v Highview: Sinclair & Rhodes; Braithwaites v Excelsior: McMillan & Cooper; Preston Imperials v Thornbury: Loughlin & Cranston; Preston Footballers v Croston United: Hellins & Porter; A. A. Scott v Sherry Socials: Fisher & Gray; Cramer v Northcote P.A.F.S.: Luck & Ludlow; C. Grade: Atyeo & Sons v Preston Basebalers: Hill & Mellinger; Northcote Junior Footballers: Hancock & Hickey; Northcote A.O.F. v Thornbury Foresters: Baker & Tunburn; Preston Basebalers v Preston South A.N.A.: Collins & Fricke; Ajax v Thomastown: O'Keefe & Thompson; Preston Boys v Clifton: Patrick & Clayton.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

A. GRADE: Emergencies—Hine, Brown, P. R. Porter, Simmonds; Williams, Bell v Pastrycooks. Scoring was low on account of the long grass at the ground and the bowlers were on top throughout. Pastrycooks passed their opponents' score by one run on the first innings, and won by that margin.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS

PRESTON AND NORTHCOOTE

Despite the absence of W. Weightman and B. McNeil, the C Boys were able to defeat Old Xavarians on Saturday by 43 to 29. As expected Ossie Callick again performed brilliantly to win the 220 yards event in 2 3/8 sec. Alf Wilson led the field from start to finish in the half-mile event. Making his first appearance in the pole vault, Jack Walker, a 16 year old recruit, cleared 9 feet.

CLUB NOTES

The final of the 75 yards handicap held last Tuesday was won by F. Hecker (4 yds), with D. Osborne (7 yds) second and R. Dunn (8 yds) 3rd.

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

C. Team—High jump (2.15) A. James, (emergency) L. Bransgrove; 100 yards—(2.35) O. Callick, F. Hecker, E. Wood (A. Cole); shot put (4.30), A. Aldridge, (B. Short); 120 yard hurdles (E. Osborne), M. Jones, T. Easton, (B. Wood); hop-step and jump (4.40) J. Wainwright, 440 yards (3.54)—Easton, J. Graham (A. Aldridge); mile (4.14) W. Weightman, A. Wilson, A. Tassie (E. Aldridge); 800 yards (4.30), A. Aldridge, (H. James); 4 x 220 relay (5.20) Callick, Hecker, Easton, Aldridge.

PRESTON LADIES CLUB

This club experienced its first defeat for the season in the hands of Garden City, Port Melbourne. To Preston's first innings total of 117, Garden City replied with 138, by 20 runs on the first innings. Hilda Hills, Preston's captain, who is at present in Sydney with the Wicketless D.L., made 61 in this match, and Phyllis Edwards 18 and 25.

BOOT TRADE

A. Grade—Myrl Shoe were defeated by Sherry Shoe on the first innings, the match being played at Preston. Scores—Myrl Shoe 59 and 88 (Eastman 25, Brown 14, Robertson 30 n.o., Kueph 5/35, Muir 4/45, McDonald 7/21) v Sherry Shoe 120 Rhodes 25, S. Muir 19, Sherry 15, Hartney 13, R.A. Muir 11, Reece 10; Eastman 4/50, Dolloffsky 4/41.

NORTHCOLE AND PRESTON CHURCHES

A. Grade—Thornbury Presbyterians 88 (J. Chelvers 32 n.o., D. Pitt 12, W. Jordan 12, J. Wright 4/14, W. Harvey 4/28) v Northcote Church of Epiphany 146 and 3/39 (W. Harvey 46, J. Wright 24, H. Gough 15 n.o., J. Morrison 3/12, D. Butler 3/35, E. Baker 2/5, N. Jordan 1/12, E. Douglas 2/22), Epiphany won by 57 runs on the first innings.

G. GRADE—THORNURY PRESBYTERIANS

Northcote Church of Christ 167 and 3/39 (Arnott 82 and 35, E. Buzzard 26 and 24 n.o., V. Buzzard 24; Smith 4/28) defeated Prince of Wales Park Methodist 144 (Wales 60, Thornton 37, Carpenter 7/50)

BOWLING

PRESTON CLUB

On greens which played fast and true, pennant matches were continued on Saturday last. The weather was ideal at the commencement, but later, the effect of the cool south wind was felt, and blazers and sweaters, which had been discarded, were donned.

PENNANT

Kew were the victors at Kew all of the Preston rinks being down. Scores were—Watson, McGregor, Morgan lost to Dredge's rink 18—22; White G, Saunders-Welch, Webb lost to Vance's rink 23—25. Totals—Preston 81; Kew 131.

B. PENNANT

Preston were surprised on their own green, by Ascot Vale, who ran out winners by 19 points. Sidon's rink won the spoons, being the only rink up. Scores—Harvey, Lewis M., Carthew Billyveld lost to Ames' rink 17—24; Cohen, Williams L. Dahl, Henshaw lost to Smith's rink 21—25; James, Farr, Sheppard, Howe lost to Smith's rink 23—26; Dredge, Zwar, Fletcher, Siddons defeated Lewis' rink 28—25. Totals—Preston 89; Ascot Vale 158.

C. PENNANT

Only able to muster nine players, Preston put up a good fight against Ascot Vale on the latter's green, but finished up 33 down. Couzens and Davis skipped for the first time. Scores:—Hornby, Jaggard, Couzens lost to Penrose's rink 24—37; Lewis R., Smith, Davis lost to Skinner's rink 24—26; McDonnell, Price, Kiddie lost to Keesterton's rink 20—23. Totals—Preston 68; Ascot Vale 85.

E. TEAM—SHOT PUT

James (E. Lane) 129 yards; Smith (3.54)—Easton, J. Graham (A. Aldridge); mile (4.14) W. Weightman, A. Wilson, A. Tassie (E. Aldridge); 800 yards (4.30), A. Aldridge, (H. James); 4 x 220 relay (5.20) Callick, Hecker, Easton, Aldridge.

HAWTHORN STEED

Hawthorn Steed 7—38; Gill, Alathews, McIntyre, Ross defeated Harvey A. Reid, Ackery, Folloch 23—23; Stewart, Croagh, Lamper, Watz lost to Harvey W. Gilling, Donohue, Faulkner 21—26. Totals—Preston 61; Northcote 85.

CLUB AND SOCIAL SECRETARIES

Are invited to forward short paragraphs of their club or society's activities for publication in the "Leader". Reports should reach this office, 509 High Street, Northcote, as early as possible in the week, and be addressed to The Editor.

Greater Melbourne Council Bill

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WITNESS RECALLED

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THE EVIDENCE OF THE DEFENCE

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WHAT TO DO FOR HAY FEVER

We can't recommend too highly a certain Special Hay Fever Mixture. This remarkable medicine calms the nervous system, and soothes the inflamed nasal passages, the itching and watery eyes, and stops the distressing sneezing. Sufferers can take this medicine with confidence—it's good. Costs only 2/6 from R. Eymers, Resident Chemist, of Dete's Pharmacy, 730 High Street, Thornbury. JW 1041. (A.M.V.L.)

MAINTENANCE CLAIM

At the Northcote Court on Tuesday, Alice Hollyhead, McCracken street, Northcote, claimed maintenance from her husband, Charles Eric Hollyhead, Shakespeare avenue, St. Kilda, in respect to a child.

Mrs. Hollyhead said she was married in November 1925.

After three years they had separated, and since then had lived apart. She was employed as a ledger-keeper, and resided with her mother.

Once she had transferred money to her husband's account, and it had vanished.

He had given her £5/10/- during the last twelve months, and he visited the child regularly each Sunday. He had never earned less than £5/6/- a week; and he had broken an agreement to pay maintenance for the child.

Hollyhead said he had paid his wife £2/6 a week for the child during a period of six months.

She had then ceased payments because of the unjust conditions surrounding his access to the child. He continued to see the child in the presence of his mother-in-law, and could never take it outside the house. He had paid his wife £12 during the past twelve months, and she had always provided for the child.

On one occasion his mother-in-law had threatened to call the police and have him put off her property.

Hollyhead added that he was prepared to enter into a legal agreement to pay his wife maintenance for the child. The P.M. (Mr. F. E. O'Grady) said he did not think the defendant had a very good grievance against his wife, except for not allowing him to see the child. He was sorry that a reconciliation could not be effected between the parties.

The defendant was ordered to pay his wife 12/6 weekly for the support of the child, and the legal custody of the child was granted to the wife; the husband to have access on alternate Saturdays and Sundays. The costs were fixed at £2 7/6.

NEW PLAYGROUND

Northcote council at its meeting on Monday night decided to establish a new playground and gardens on land owned by the council at the north-west corner of Victoria road and Clarendon street in the North ward. The land has a frontage of 115 feet along Victoria road, and a depth of 170 feet along Clarendon street. The engineer (Mr. V. J. Bradley) was authorised to arrange for the preparation of the area, and the installation of playground equipment, the cost to be provided for in the current year's estimates.

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She was Trapped in an Electric Chair — with a Murderer at the Controls!

JOAN entered the little hair-dresser's shop, where for the last couple of years she had been a regular customer, and paused in surprise on the threshold, her hand still resting on the door. The entire place had changed its appearance since her last visit: the people in the shop were all strangers, only two of the old cubicles were left, and there seemed to be no chair to sit down and wait.

A little man in a white coat, obviously the new proprietor, hurried forward to greet her. "Good afternoon, madam! What can I do for you? Shampoo, water-wave, permanent wave, manicure—"

"This shop has changed hands, then?" Joan cut into the middle of his stream of words, while her clear grey eyes travelled over his face. A scar, running in a thin line from the corner of his mouth to his right ear, distorted his face, and twisted his features into a perpetual sardonic smile.

"That is so, madam." These few words broke forth again. "Only a couple of weeks ago, doubt are an old customer? I hope you will transfer your custom to me, or at least give me a trial. I feel sure I shall be able to satisfy you. What were you wanting to-day?"

"I had thought of having a permanent wave," said Joan, "but I see that you are full up." The man indicated a small flight of stairs leading to a narrow room, which he pointed out as the original apacious shop-room. This was new to Joan, and hardly seemed in keeping with the diminution of the number of cubicles below.

"No, indeed, madam. The machine for permanent waving is up there now, and it is not in use at the moment. May I show you the way up?" She hesitated. Women put their trust in one hair-dresser only, and dislike having to change him, even had bolted women like Joan, whose name was filed at Scotland Yard among the secret agents: "Wilder, Joan, Born 15.5.1919, Spinster. Works under the name of Miss X." Only the reflection that she must be, in any case, try some new hair-dresser caused her to stay.

"Very well, then," she said rather ungraciously. The man led her up the stairs, and she sat in a leather chair before a large mirror, a pile of illustrated papers in her lap, while a platinum blonde assistant, who had suddenly appeared from nowhere, cut her hair. This preliminary of cutting and shampooing the hair was quickly over, and the assistant's skillful fingers were soon fitting on the four and twenty metal holders connected by insulated wires with the heavy electric apparatus. Slightly bored, Joan flicked over the pages of the illustrated papers, and gazed without much interest at the pretty faces and much-advertised figures of a number of society girls, whose chief occupation seemed to be posing for the camera whilst playing golf or tennis, and for whose butterfly existence she felt merely a faint contempt without the slightest trace of envy.

She suddenly had the feeling that the platinum blonde had left the cubicle. Dropping the paper and glancing into the mirror, she saw that this was indeed the case. The curtain behind her were unrolled, and she could see reflected in the mirror, the room beyond. A man in a white coat was standing with his back to her, apparently searching for something in a drawer.

He was taller than the owner of the shop, and judging by his trim athletic figure much younger. Something in the line of his back seemed familiar to Joan, and a tremor of apprehension shot

through her, so intense that it seemed that all the blood in her body were suddenly drawn to her pounding heart. The next moment the man turned round, and from the glance in which their faces met, a smooth olive-skinned face, with cold, expressionless eyes, looked back at Joan.

"Good evening—Miss X!" said the man blandly. Joan gazed with speechless dismay at the reflection in the mirror. Her first impulse was to get up and run away, but at the same moment reason told her that she was chained to the machine by twenty-four separate chains, and the slightest hasty movement would hurt as much as if she was being scalped. Her precarious position was made even more clear to her by a gradual slight burning sensation all over her head, as that she could only see him in the mirror. "The last time we met we were a little more intimate," Miss X, he said ironically. "You called me Roger then, and I called you Joan."

BOOKS AND VIEWS

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The Astaires of the miscellaneous smiles and the musical toes made their first public appearances little dreaming of the fame and fortune that awaited them in Weehawken. They moved there with their mother in 1910, while their father remained for a time in business in Nebraska.

A year after the Astaires went to live at Weehawken, the brother-sister act was well-known locally, entertaining at school and at parties. Later, as they entered the professional stage world, they played at local theatres, and Mrs. James, a neighbour of the early days, recalled their vaudeville act at the Hudson and Pastime theatres, saying: "Fred used to wheel his sister on a stool in a wheelbarrow, and then they went into their song and dance. As part of his costume, Fred wore a high silk hat, and Adele 'kidded' him about how funny he looked.

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I happen to be next door to Merle. My neighbours are the most charming people in the world. Among them are Norma Shearer, Douglas Fairbanks, David Niven and Miriam Hopkins.

We borrow cups of sugar from one another, send over choice tidbits of fried chicken or steak-and-kidney pie, and exchange everything from recipes to the latest gossip.

I have no swimming pool at my house, but thanks to my neighbours, I don't need one, nor do I have to keep looking longingly at the blue Pacific which is at my front door. For the Thalbergs and Douglas Fairbanks have grand pools, and are as generous in sharing them as they are in sharing a steak-and-kidney pie.

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SENSATIONAL!

Most of us can look back upon one night of our life which by reason of its happy associations remains indelibly impressed in our mind. Such a night will be New Year's Eve for those who partake of revels at the Regent, Thornbury, and Merril Theatre, North Fitzroy.

Paul Jacole's full band will be playing the role of accompanist, and the well-known artists as the Conn Boys, dancers de luxe from the Tivoli theatre; Harry Keegan, Tommie, Fodeller, the Ladies, introducing the electric guitars; a ballet, and other variety stars.

At the Merril, Beryl Ray, popular comedienne, will be assisted by Syd Smith, June and Collette, adagio and eccentric dancers; Mal Vergo with Ginge and Myra McDonald, the "Hot" girl at both theatres; a specially selected programme of Walt Disney cartoons, and a suitable star feature will augment the stage entertainment. Novelties will be distributed, and a big surprise arranged for Midnight. Preferential booking is now open at both theatres.

The Wild West

John Mack Brown portrays a thrilling role in "The Rustlers of Red Dog" an exciting new serial, the first episode of which will be screened at the Regent, Thornbury, on Friday next at 7.40 p.m. and at the matinee on the following Saturday. Cowboys and Indians abound in a story that is teeming with adventure. Remember Friday night is serial night at the Regent, Thornbury.

FIRST AID TO ELBOWS.

Your best evening dress, silver slippers, stockings, and high-heeled shoes. You have had your hair done in a new way. You turn round to admire the back view and what do you see? A head that gains full marks, and elbows that completely spoil the effect. They are the state of your skin that will make the elbows beautiful for the occasion—but don't expect them to last more than a few days, because it won't.

When you are having your bath, cleanse the elbows thoroughly with soap and water, but don't be vigorous with the nail-brush or the skin will get red. A gentle brushing each day is excellent, but not when you want the skin to look white in half an hour's time. Dry the elbows carefully and rub in a little cleansing cream. Whilst it is soaking in, prepare a mixture:—Tablespoon almond meal, juice of a lemon, and a teaspoon peroxide. Mix together with enough witch-hazel to make a paste.

You'll probably have all these ingredients in the house, and, as they do not have to be mixed with scrupulous accuracy, the preparation won't take long. Now, take two strips of rag, put a spoonful or so of the mixture in the middle and ask someone to tie them round your elbows. Leave them there for ten minutes—polish your nails or cold cream your face in the meantime—and then rinse off with cold water. If you have time to put on a little skin-food, leave for a minute, and remove with skin-cream, but if not, a ply the same in hand power to your elbows as you do to the neck and arms, and then you'll be pleased with your elbow's good looks.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE Beautiful Bed Clothes

PRESTON CLASS SOCIAL

An enjoyable social was held on Wednesday evening, November 25, at the Supper Room of the Preston Town Hall. During the evening Mr. F. W. Ames, who presided, welcomed the Mayor, the Mayor (Mr. A. G. Davis) and in doing so, Mr. Ames referred to the splendid way in which the council supported the local Division. He considered it a great honour for the Mayor to take part in the evening, and as a member of the brigade, he expressed the appreciation of his fellow-members, several of whom were present in uniform.

Before presenting the certificates to the members of the recent First Aid Class, the Mayor referred to the high esteem in which the council held the Preston Division, and eulogised the voluntary service rendered by its members. He expressed the hope that those who had successfully passed the tests at the end of the First Aid course would rally around the local division, and take their share in the fine work already being done.

The names of the recipients of certificates were:—Messrs Aldridge L. C. Box, D. Brimblecombe, E. A. Brown, Collinson (medal), R. P. Eastes, A. Eastes, J. W. Grant, Hardage (medal), J. R. Manning (medal), J. W. McLean, J. P. O'Brien, E. J. P. O'Brien, R. S. Sibun, P. Thomas, and A. P. White (medal).

An excellent programme was provided by several artists. Exercises were regularly asked for and given. Miss Muriel Pearson, A.L.C.M. contributed songs; Misses Marie Dickinson and Ruby Barton duets, and Miss Sheila Nicholson, A.L.C.M. and Miss A. Grant each gave elocutionary items; Mr. Jack Brown sang the role of comedian; Mr. Richard Sawyer, sonnet; Mr. P. H. Windley, sleight-of-hand tricks; and Mrs. F. W. Ames, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M. was accompanied by the Ladies. Games and dancing helped to provide a variety of entertainment.

Presentations to those responsible for instruction were made by members of the class, which had registered an excellent percentage of marks at the examination held last month. Mr. E. A. Campbell, the local hon. secretary, who inaugurated the class; Mr. McDonald of Rossman, assistant, and Mr. F. W. Ames, for practical help and organising the social evening, each received a memento.

Suitable responses were made by these gentlemen, who expressed pleasure at the way in which the members of the class had acquitted themselves.

Supper with the singing of the National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a conclusion.

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VISIT TO WILLIAMSTOWN

On November 28, the First Sunday in Advent, between 6.0 and 8.0 Holy Trinity, Thornbury, attended the 7.0 p.m. service at St. Matthew's, Williamstown. The service was delivered by Rev. J. H. Raverty, a former vicar of Holy Trinity, Thornbury, and his address was inspiring and beautiful, the occasion being the lighting of the lamp, which was most unique. The beautiful old church was packed to capacity, and collections for the day amounted to £157. Visitors from Thornbury were entertained after the service by Rev. and Mrs. Raverty.

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"All right," she said calmly, "where shall I bring you the things?"
Once again Drane laughed to himself.
"My dear Joan!" he said reproachfully. "You ought to know me better! Oh do you think I am a complete fool?" He pressed sarcastically "It's possible after all I suppose. I certainly made a complete fool of myself when you were concerned."

There was a sound of footsteps on the stairs, and a girl appeared, at the sight of whom Joan had to summon up all her self-control not to utter a cry of amazement. It was a girl of her own age, and in every detail her exact double. Miss Anita, your double, he said. A happy chance led this young lady, whom I first took to since his death, after her disappearance. She will be in Scotland Yard now, impersonating you, and set the things I want to buy for you. The key is in where she can find the pearls and the letter."

The burning was so acute that Joan could not choke back a little groan.
"In my safe in Room 114 on the third floor," she muttered, pulling herself together. "The key is in my bag here. The combination works on the word Dixie. On heaven's name! This agony turn it off for pity's sake!"

Roger Drane smiled again, this time with cold contempt. The first part of Joan's hat and coat with nervous haste, seized the key out of her bag, and hurried down the stairs. Drane looked after her to come here, so that even if she did want to inform the police, which is not in the least probable she couldn't tell them anything about me, because she knows nothing. So you must realise, my dear Miss X, that your chances of coming out of this alive, are absolutely nil."

"Turn it off!" screamed Joan pitifully. "Turn it off—for heaven's sake!"

Roger Drane pulled out his cold cigarette case, and selected a cigarette. Then his slim, well-manicured fingers reached for the switch and turned it off.
"Thank heavens," gasped Joan. Roger Drane's lips were tightly pressed together.
"Don't imagine that was a slight rebuffing on my part," he said. "I merely want to say something to you first, and I want you to be able to give me your full attention!" Joan relaxed exhausted in her seat till her head touched the back of the chair. Her metal rollers tugged unmercifully at her hair, but she scarcely felt this lesser pain.
"What do you want to say?" she murmured feebly.
Roger Drane's eyes stared maliciously at her from the mirror above the door. He had been obeyed, and lifted his hands above his head. His eyes left the revolver and met Joan's with a frenzied questioning behind their look of dark terror.
"Yes Drane," said Joan, answering the silent question. "You made a mistake in one part of your calculations. Anita did not cross your path by chance; she too was set on by the police. She is my twin sister—Miss Y."

He broke off, breathing heavily.

WHO'S WHO IN PICTURES

JEAN Harlow was born in Kansas City, Mo. Never expected to realize her childhood ambition to become an actress. A chance visit to a Hollywood studio brought her the opportunity to play extra roles, which led to leads in Hill-Rosch comedies. "Hell's Angels" made her famous overnight. Came to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in 1931, where she has been under contract ever since. Has forsaken platinum blonde tresses for brunette hair in her new film.

MICKEY Rooney was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. Comes by his talents naturally, his parents being theatrical people. Made his debut before the footlights when eleven months old, with his parents in burlesque. Before he went to Hollywood, Mickey never remained in one city more than two months. Made his first picture in 1927, and has appeared in scores of films. HOSTS OF OTHER USEFUL and BEAUTIFUL GIFTS. SELECT NOW!

SPENCER Tracy was born at Milwaukee. Dropped his school books to join the navy after the marines had turned him down because of his youth. Finished his school, been interested in debating, which attracted him in turn to the stage. Went to Hollywood to make "Up the River" and "The Murder Man," with Virginia Bruce was his first picture under a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer contract.

STUART Sherwin was born in Squaw Valley, California, and went to the University of California to study journalism, but gave it up after a year, taking his tuition money to pay for lessons in a drama school. He was directed by Edward Everett Horton plays, and enacted the lead in "White Collars." He will be seen in "Exclusive Story."

"In any case you must be put out of the way," he began again, his voice well under control. "You know too much to live. This apparatus has been adapted so that by touching this switch, the person in the chair can be immediately electrocuted. The papers will have a little paragraph to-morrow about 'The Dangers of Permanent Waves!' True accident in a hairdresser's shop," but in a week the whole thing will be forgotten. I give you one minute more—Miss X."

He looked at his watch, and then raised his head, listening intently. The shop door had been flung open, and someone had uttered a half-stifed cry. Already there were sounds of footsteps on the stairs.
"That must be your double!" muttered Drane, gazing at his watch. "Thirty seconds—more—twenty-five—"

In the mirror Joan saw a figure appear at the head of the stairs. It was not Anita. It was a broad-shouldered grim-faced C.I.D. man. Behind him was another. Two revolvers were leveled at Roger Drane.
"Hands up!"
Joan saw how Drane started and looked up. His first glance in the mirror showed him the two revolvers behind him, pointing at his back. Mechanically he obeyed, and lifted his hands above his head. His eyes left the revolvers and met Joan's with a frenzied questioning behind their look of dark terror.
"Yes Drane," said Joan, answering the silent question. "You made a mistake in one part of your calculations. Anita did not cross your path by chance; she too was set on by the police. She is my twin sister—Miss Y."

He broke off, breathing heavily.

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Parents Helped Sidney Climb Success Ladder

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To-day at 24, after five years in Hollywood, Miss Sidney is starred in the title role, her twentieth film production, of Walter Wanger's Paramount romance drama, "Mary Burns, Fugitive."

The actress received private dramatic instruction until she was fifteen, and she entered the Theatre Guild school, making her first hit on the legitimate stage with her role in the "Bad Girl," which won her opportunity to make good on and through it, she hopes to establish a career as a director and producer.

Thrills and High Jinks

Thrills undersea and high-jinks ashore are promised in "High Tension," the excitement-packed Fox Feature, with Brian Donlevy, Glenda Farrell, Norman Foster, Helen Wood, and Robert McWade in the leading roles. With a background of death-defying dangers under the sea, the film relates the hilarious adventures of two dare-devil pals who do not fear the perils of the ocean bottom nearly as much as the live-wire blondes they meet ashore.

Glenda Farrell, featured with Brian Donlevy in "High Tension," claims that she is not superstitious but owns a pair of lucky earrings that she insists upon wearing at least once in every picture in which she appears.

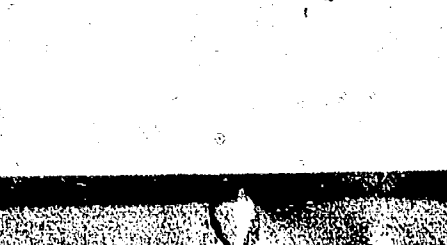
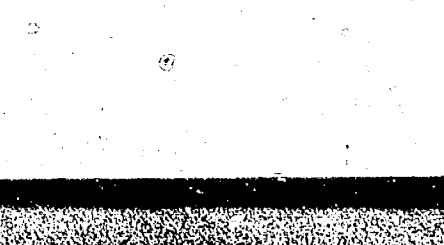
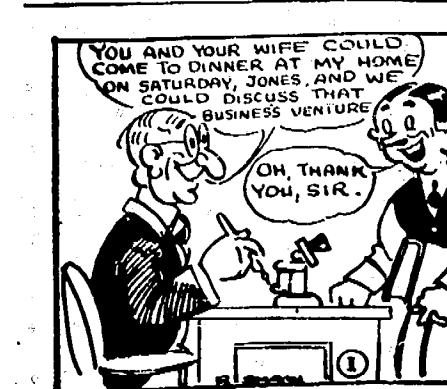
Dropped by Studios, Fields Won Way Back

W. C. Fields, Paramount's front-rank comedian, was dropped at the end of the days of silent pictures. He tried for months to obtain a role, but the casting offices just did not like his voice. Then, when Paramount was making "Million Dollar Legs," the studio was attempting to gather as many comedians as possible, and someone remembered Fields. He was such a hit in "Poppy" that it made him a star again.

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Northcote A.N.A. The fortnightly meeting of the Northcote A.N.A. was held at the new meeting place...

on important national questions. Mr. Aldridge, reporting on social activities, said that after the next meeting, a smoke night will be held.

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Before Your Mirror

READERS are invited to submit questions, which will be answered by experts well qualified in their various subjects. The following questions were submitted by Budget readers and the Editor is indebted to Mr M. C. Lewin the well-known Beauty Specialist, of High street, Northcote, for the answers.

"Please Help Me." (Brunswick) When a person has had beams on her hair, will it affect the staining? Answer - Very much so. Hair with beams on it must be steamed very much longer as it is coated and the steam finds difficulty in penetrating this coating.

BOXING

"No Fight" Decision at Fitzroy. The referee, Mr. Merv. Williams is to be commended on his action in declaring "No Fight" after seven rounds of the scheduled 15 round contest between Pietro Spagnola 13.3 and Young Campbell 19.2 at Fitzroy last week.

It is stated that Russia now has 7,000 war planes, many of which have a speed of 280 miles an hour. In the near future, it is said, the speed will be increased to 375 miles an hour.

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SOCIAL NOTES.

Presentation on Retirement.
A send-off smoke night was held in the Northcote Town Hall to bid good-bye to Ex-Senior Constable Westhorpe, who has retired after 32 years' service in the Victorian Police Force. During the evening a fine programme of vocal items and dancing was rendered by various artists, all of whom gave their services gratis. The mayor of Northcote (C. A. V. Peters), on behalf of the citizens of Northcote and surrounding districts, presented Mr. Westhorpe a wallet of notes. Thanks were expressed to all donors for their generous response.

Coming Wedding.
The marriage of Miss Alma Harrison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Harrison, Shaftesbury parade, Northcote, to Mr. W. McInch, Northcote, will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, December 19, at the Baptist Church, High street, Northcote.

Normanby Hall, Thornbury.
was the setting on Saturday for a happy gathering of many friends who celebrated the coming of age of Violet, the elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H. J. Whipp, of Harold street, Thornbury. The programme was in the hands of Mr Lancaster, who proved himself to be a capable M.C.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary.
Northcote—Thornbury Branch.—The monthly meeting of the Northcote branch of the St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary will be held at the Northcote Town Hall on Thursday, December 10, commencing at 2 p.m. The programme for the evening will be held, when members and friends are cordially invited to attend and bring a gift of peaches as Christmas presents to the hospital.

Engagements.
The engagement is announced of Irene Mary, second daughter of Mrs H. W. Franklin, Westgarth street, Northcote, to John, youngest son of Mr P. Warren and the late Mrs Warren, Gordon street, Coburg West.

21st Birthday Party.
At Holy Trinity Parish Hall on Saturday, a pleasant party was given by Mr and Mrs C. W. Dowsey, of Mansfield street, Thornbury, to celebrate the coming-of-age of their only daughter, Iris A. A happy evening was spent by the guests, who numbered about 70. The evening was presided over by Mrs Dowsey, who selected a figured navy blue cloque frock with matching coat, assisted by the guest of honor, Miss Iris A. Dowsey, who was dressed in a pink georgette draped over taffeta, with silver accessories.

Country Dance Party.
A Country Dance Garden Party will be held at the Y.M.C.A. Hotel, Lundy street, Northcote, on Saturday, December 5, at 2.30 p.m. This function was postponed from October 21 owing to wet weather. During the afternoon there will be a programme of competition dances and display dances, and Miss Gerram is judging the following Folk Dances:—Christchurch Ball, If all the World was Paper, Old Maid, and Butty Tufty. Admission is adults 5d. Guilds (in uniform) 1d., children 3d., and afternoon tea will be served for 6d.

CHURCH NEWS

Christian Science.
"God, The Only Cause and Creator" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ: Scientist, on Sunday, December 6. The golden text is Isaiah 44: 24. "I am the Lord that make up all things: that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself." Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "Thin, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted above all." (1st Chronicles 29: 11). The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science Text: "Science, all things, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "To grasp the reality and order of being in its essence, you must begin by recognizing God as the divine Principle of all that really is, Spirit, Life, Truth, Love, combined as one and are the Scriptural name for God. All substance, intelligence, wisdom, being, immortality, cause, and effect belong to God. No spirit, no truth is true, no love is lovely, no life is Life but the divine; no good is, but the good God bestoweth." Page 276.

Large Congregation at Holy Trinity.
A splendid congregation attended on Sunday night when a special feature was the presentation by the vicar of the Harold Walker Memorial prize, a choir-boy, Fred Bartlett, for meritorious conduct and ability. This prize is awarded annually by Mrs. Walker, in memory of her husband, who was a leading churchman and vestryman at Holy Trinity, Thornbury for a number of years.

St. Mary's Church of England, East Preston.
The various clubs and societies are closing for the year, and to conclude the social activities of the church for the season, the churchwardens and vestrymen invited parishioners to a social evening in the parish hall on Tuesday, November 24. A large number responded and enjoyed a happy evening. The vicar, Mr George Steele, sen., (churchwarden), Mr. Black (hon. treasurer), and Mr. J. W. Bruce addressed those present and thanked all workers of the church and the societies for their help during the year. Mr. Tucker handed to the hon. treasurer the sum of £7/10—a contribution to the church funds from the club members.

Church of the Epiphany.
On Sunday next at 8 a.m. a Men's Corporate Communion will be held, to be followed by a Communion Breakfast in the Parish hall. It is expected that there will be a large gathering at the service. At 7 p.m. a Men's service will be conducted at the vicar's residence, but I did not kick you. It was my mate.

Confirmation Cards.
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pointed to the position vacated by Mrs. Jeffrey.

On Sunday, December 13, the preacher will be Rev. Percy Evans of Collins Street Church; afternoon at 3 a scholar's service, speaker Mr. H. Rowland; and in the evening at 7 our own pastor, Rev. W. H. Rayner, B.A., B.D. A hearty welcome is extended to all visitors, and old scholars are especially invited to be present.

The Bench decided to convict the P.M. described in the preceding column as a violent and dangerous man.

Alfred Carlin, electrical worker, Plenty road, P. aton, was charged with having assaulted Constable F. C. Pratt, near the corner of Plenty road, I was wearing an overcoat over my uniform. Carlin who was with another man walked past, and used an indecent exposure in a loud voice. When I spoke to him, he asked what business it was of mine, and I opened my coat and showed him my uniform. He called me a dog, and I was a constable. I warned him to go home as he seemed to be under the influence of liquor, and the man who was with him, took him across the road, when he again crossed over, Carlin used more language, and when I went to arrest him, he began to struggle, and kicked me violently in the stomach. He then ran away. I felt sick, but followed him. Other police then came on the scene, and captured the defendant. When he was brought back to the vicar's residence, I pleaded guilty to the language, but I did not kick you. It was my mate.

Constable D. McDonald said: I was in a motor patrol car in High street when I saw two men struggling on the road. I saw Carlin kick the constable in the stomach, and I ran away. I chased and caught him, and when I asked why he had kicked Constable Pratt he said "I know now that I had."

Cross-examined by the defendant, the witness said that the police did not fire any shots. It was untrue to say that the police had kicked the defendant or hit him.

Carl Hughes, South street, Preston said he was with Carlin on this night, and he said he saw the constable attempt to strike Carlin with a baton. He also said the police fired three shots in Plenty road that night.

Carlin admitted two prior convictions for larceny and assault and robbery.

The P.M. said that from the defendant's record of the last year he was a violent and dangerous man. The Bench believed the evidence of Constable Pratt, and the other constables. The defendant had defied the law, and had violently assaulted one constable. The Bench was determined that the conduct of this kind must be stamped out.

Carlin was sentenced to one month's imprisonment on the charge of assaulting the constable. He was fined 15 in default one month's imprisonment on the charge of indecent language.

Violent and Dangerous Man
FINED FOR ASSAULTING CONSTABLE

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BENCH DISBELIEVES DEFENDANTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Before Messrs T. J. McMahon and E. Newton, J.P.

Offensive Behaviour Charges.
Desmond John Dellamarta, Vere street, Collingwood, and Frederick Bennett, Studley street, Abbotsford, were each charged with having behaved in an offensive manner.

Constable Gleeson said he saw defendants, who had been drinking, at about 10 p.m. last Saturday, December 5, rolling about in a group of cyclists who did not stop behind a stationary cable-tram, at the intersection of High and West-gate streets on November 16. Each of the cyclists was eventually forced to stop when people alighted from the dummy. When Burns arrived on the scene, Burns said he thought that once people alighting from the tram had reached the footpath, the cyclists were liable for him to pass the tram. The first three defendants were each fined 11; and Burns was fined 10/-.

Road on Footpaths.
Edward Bromley, Beaver's road, Northcote, and Harold Phillips, Mansfield street, Northcote, were each fined 11 with 2/6 costs on charges of having ridden bicycles on footpaths. Phillips said he had ridden on the nature strip.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Ejectment orders were made against the following:—Frederick Gall, Arthur street, Fairfield; Percival White, Percy street, Fairfield.

Traffic Offences.
Charged with having driven a motor-truck without a license were Keith John Osborne street, Northcote, and Lindsay John Lucas, Bridge street, Northcote, were each fined 10/-.

William Norman Baker, of Wood's Point, was fined 11 on a charge of having driven a motor-truck without a rear-light in High street, on October 30.

Drunk and Disorderly.
Allan William Stevens, Clifton street, Northcote, and David Kennedy, High street, Northcote, both charged with having been found drunk and disorderly in Gladstone avenue, Thornbury at 2 a.m. on Sunday, December 6, were convicted and discharged.

Offensive Behaviour Charge.
Two charges were preferred against Alfred Woodhead, above, in Gladstone grove, Northcote. They were offensive behaviour, said having in his possession a drinking glass, suspected of having been stolen.

Traffic Constable McDonald said he saw Woodhead, standing on the footpath in High street, Northcote, at about 2 a.m. on Sunday, December 6, and he was drinking from a bottle. He told the defendant to go home, but on returning later, he found the defendant still drinking and walking Part of a wall was damaged.

Preston Court

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Unusual Prosecution
"GOOD SAMARITAN" FINED

An unusual prosecution was launched at Northcote Court on Tuesday, when Walter Marney, Hutton street, Thornbury, was charged with "having, without the permission of Northcote City Council, interfered with a kite which was entangled in electric wires at the corner of Smith street and Comas grove, Northcote, this act not being necessary to obviate danger to persons or property."

Leslie Howe, municipal employee, said he saw Marney flying a kite with a small boy. The kite became entangled in the wires and Marney tried to release the kite, but the string broke. He called a patrol to clear the line.

The P.M.: I suppose you had no idea such a regulation existed? The defendant said he had never heard of it.

The P.M. said Marney had evidently played the part of the Good Samaritan and he felt that defendant had committed this offence innocently. He would be fined 5/-.

Fire in Sleep-out.
On Saturday, at about 6 p.m. the Northcote Fire Brigade was called to a fire in a sleep-out at the rear of a house occupied by Mr. S. Macrae, Nash street, Northcote.

Part of a wall was damaged, and the defendant was fined 5/-.

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Fine Bowling Feats in Jika Cricket

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Len Smith (Dennis) headed the bowling figures with a brilliant performance in taking nine Regent wickets for a cost of 16 runs. Regent were dismissed for 48.

The weather was fine for the opening day of the fifth round of Association matches which were commenced on Saturday.

(Notes by "Observer") The highlight of the play in the fifth round of matches was the fine score compiled by Sherry Socials against the Scouts' attack. Bating first Sherry retained the wicket throughout the afternoon, and had 208 runs on the board for the loss of seven wickets, declared just before time.

The Baseballers Second XI, also made an excellent showing against Ayrco's Sons with 198 for the afternoon's play. While no centuries were made, there were several good individual scores, the best being that of S. Fisher, who made 85 out of Regent's bank score of 189 against Highview. Stafford was next with 69 not out for Sherry Socials against Second XI.

Individual Performances. Batmen who scored 50 runs or over, and bowlers who took five or more wickets were:—

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score/Wickets. Includes S. FISHER (Rosebank) 85, STAFFORD (Sherry Socials) 69, SANKEY (P'n Baseballers) 55, SPROTT (P'n Baseballers) 51, ROBERTS (N'ete Jun. Phil's) 49, CURRIE (P'n St. A. N.A.) 49.

BOWLING. L. SMITH (Dennis) 9/16, BOTT (Bell) 7/22, GILKES (N'ete Jun. Phil's) 7/38, ANDREW (Reservoir) 6/10, LOVELACE (Cramer) 6/26, DAVIES (Preston Boys) 5/21.

Next general meeting will be held in the Murray Road Tennis Club at 8.15 on Tuesday, December 15. The Permit and Empire committee will meet at 8.15 on the other meeting, to deal with permits for the sixth round.

LAST SATURDAY'S PLAY

A GRADE. Dennis v Regent. In this match at McDonnell Park Dennis had first use of the wicket, and made 85. Len Smith and Dennis were unplayable, and dismissed nine batsmen for 16 runs. Regent made only 48. Dennis 85 (Ireland 16, Mayfield 14, McLaren 7/9, Bernard Haig 3/18) v Regent 48 (Cooke 18, L. Smith 4/16).

Broadhursts v Prestonite. Prestonite bowled first, and took 11 wickets for 50 (N. Sims 27, McSperrin 4/17 v Prestonite 1/41 (Hayes 24 n.o.)).

Pastrycooks v Northcote Junior Footballers. Pastrycooks opened on the Bell street wicket, and were all out for 78. The Footballers have lost 8/60. Pastrycooks 78 (Frawley 28, Barry 16, Gilkes 7/28) v Northcote Junior Footballers 8/60 (Westhorpe 17, W. Smith 4/32).

Preston Baseballers v Bell. The Baseballers batted first on their own ground against Bell, and their last wicket fell at 59. At the call of time Bell's score was 62 for six wickets.

Preston Baseballers 59 (A. Spoor 11, Pott 7/22, Kusch 3/31) v Bell 6/22 (Thornbury 4/9, Pike 14 not out, Clarkson 13, Fowler 3/10, Spoor 2/17).

Reservoir v East Preston. East Preston visited Reservoir to compile 89 or which Harry and Rundle each made 50. Reservoir at stumps had knocked off 58 for the loss of two wickets.

East Preston 89 (Harry 20, Rundle 20, Andrew 6/10) v Reservoir 2/58 (J. Forde 40 n.o.). Epping v Bell Hamblers. At Epping Recreation ground the Hamblers batted first, and the scores 39 and Morgan 30 were outstanding in the score of 137. Epping batsmen slumped and Epping wickets fell for six, the board showing 6/32 at stumps.

Bell Hamblers 137 (Jones 39, Morgan 30, Steele 25; Shallard 4/13) v Epping 6/32 (Paice 4/4).

Rosebank v Highview. An outstanding feature at Reservoir was the splendid hand of Fisher for 85. Rosebank (189) have set Highview a big task. Rosebank 189 (S. Fisher 85, Russell 23, Haywood 22; Sharkey 4/25, Pike 2/44) v Highview.

BOWLING

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A PENNANT. Preston engaged Coburg at home, and after an exciting tussle, emerged victorious by two points. Under ideal conditions, pennant matches were continued last Saturday.

LADIES' CRICKET. Preston L.C.C. v Olympic L.C.C. This match resulted in an outright win for the Olympic girls by an innings and 45 runs. H. Glen, of the Olympic team made 56, and Phyllis Edwards (18) was top-scorer for Preston. Bowling honours were shared by Mavis Dean, 3/12, and Goldie Lovell, 3/19, for Preston; and E. Bailey, 3/17, and 3/7, for Olympic. Scores were:—

Preston, 48 and 132 (Edwards 18; Bailey 3/17 and 3/7, Richardson 4/19, Newton 3/12 and 2/13), v Olympic 124 (Glen 56, Sheridan 15 n.o.; Dean 3/12, Lovell 3/19). Miss Hilda Hills, Preston's captain, has returned from Sydney, where she performed well as a wicket-keeper for the Victorian XI against New South Wales.

NORTHCOLE AND PRESTON CHURCHES. A GRADE. Thornbury Presbyterians, 57 (A. Sheil 17, E. Baker 11; A. Froebel 5/14, A. Stedman 4/25) v Regent Presbyterians 3/62 (A. Gray 22, B. Mathison 14, L. Wildsmith 12 n.o.; Chris Foster 1/7, Len Cheffers 2/16).

Scouts v Sherry Socials. After a good performance the Socials (7/208) declared. Regent made 18 and Manzie 14. Stafford, Sherry's allrounder, gave an excellent display in knocking up 69 n.o.

In the time left, Scouts lost 1/7. Sherry Socials, 7/208 dec. Stafford 69 n.o. (Muir 47), v Scouts, 1/7.

Cramer v Northcote P.A.F.S. The afternoon's play yielded a total of 108 runs. Bating first, Cramer was dismissed for 14; Middleton (38) and Middleton (20). In response P.A.F.S. were all out for 44. Cohen took 6/26 for Cramer.

Cramer, 64 (Cassin 28, Middleton 20; Gillespie 3/32, Humphries 2/6), v Northcote P.A.F.S., 44 (Caddaye 11; Cohen 6/26, Allen 2/16).

G GRADE. Northcote A.O.F. v Thornbury Foresters. The Foresters had first use of the wicket and made 98. Scott (39) batted nicely. Richardson was next with 29. In taking 4/25, Gates held the bowling honours for A.O.F.

Mallinson made 26 for A.O.F., who had lost 2/40 at the close of play. Thornbury Foresters 98 (Scott 39, Richardson 26, Robertson 22; Gates 4/25), v Northcote A.O.F. (Mallinson 26).

Preston Draughts v Preston South A.N.A. The Druids against A.N.A. at Thornbury batted first for 74. Currie (5/29) was successful early with the ball. Bigmore (16) was the only batsman to make a showing.

A.N.A. passed the century and their innings terminated for 129. Currie, 49, followed up his bowling success, and Sedgman (22) batted well. Shore took 5/36.

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Preston Boys v Clifton. Clifton opened up and were dismissed for 92. Davis, 5/21, secured most wickets. Responding well, the Boys have lost 3/75, Mullen being 48 not out. Clifton, 92 (R. Davies 5/21), v Preston Boys, 3/75 (Maslen 48 n.o.).

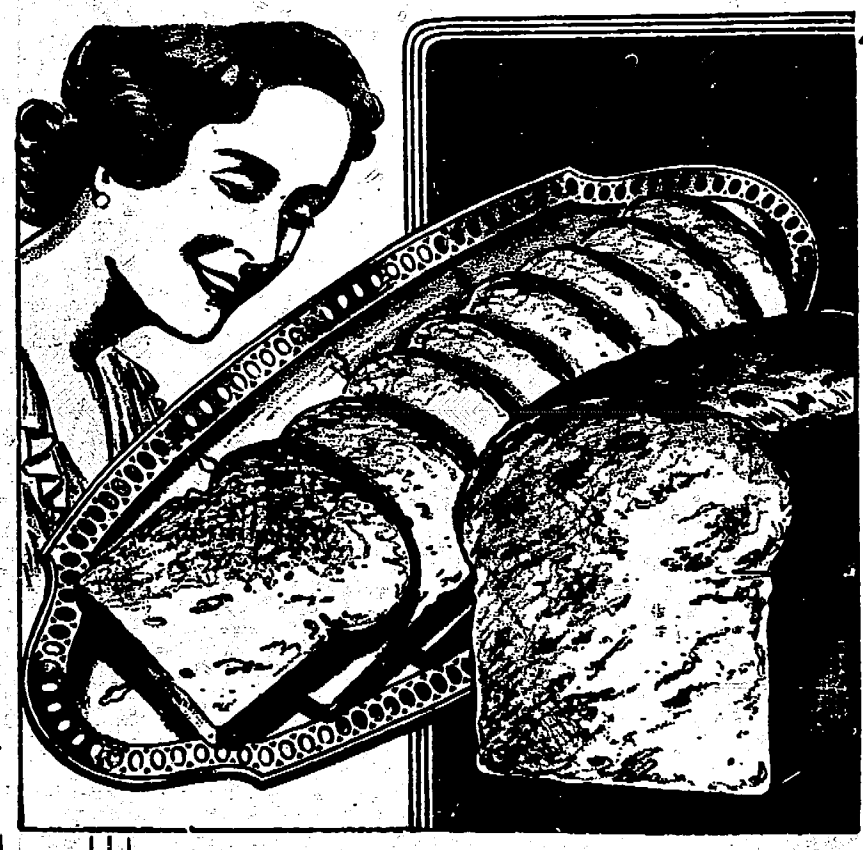
Northcote Junior Footballers v Pastrycooks. With Hooke capturing 5/39, including the hat trick, the Footballers were dismissed for 126. Roberts made 49 and Cope 29. Pastrycooks went to the wickets and lost 5/67 at stumps.

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RESERVOIR NOTES

The local Free Gardeners' lodge has changed its meeting place from the Parish hall to the palace.

The Reservoir Baptist Church held its 15th anniversary on Sunday last.

Mr. Hunt of West Preston has been appointed superintendent of St. George's Sunday School in place of Mr. Salvage.

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The Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. Davis) were present and officially opened the fair on Friday night.

The secretarial work was in the hands of Mrs. Hastings assisted by Mr. Barker. The stallholders were—Produce—Mesdames Withers, Upton, Hastings and Ellis; Sweets—Mesdames E. McKennie and Matthews; Cakes—Mesdames McCoy, Loeming, and Collins; Flowers—Mrs. Murphy; Works—Mrs. McKinnon and Misses McKinnon; Hoop-Is—C.E. Boys' Society; Gift and Development stalls—Fellowship Girls.

The proceeds will complete the wiping out of the debt on church property.

N.A.C.C. TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

The Northcote Amateur Cycling Club held its 15th annual smoke-night and distribution of trophies at the club-rooms last Saturday night.

The array of trophies was worth over £70, all won by members in club races during the past season.

Mr. E. A. Eastman, president and a foundation member, stated that the value of the season's trophies was the greatest he had ever seen for presentation in an athletic body.

Mr. Murphy of Cheddar road is ill due to the effects of a pro-cold.

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GIRLS' ALARMING AWAKENING

Armed Step-Father In Sleep-Out

A REMARKABLE STORY was told by two girls at a Northcote Court on Friday in a case where Albert Moylan, Normanby avenue, Thornbury, was charged with having had in his possession an unregistered pistol.

The girls related dramatically how they had been awakened at 5.30 a.m. on October 13 and had been terrified to behold the defendant, who was their step-father, threatening them with a pistol and shot gun.

They alleged he told them he intended to shoot them but as he had awakened them, had failed. The defendant's brother told the court that he had struggled with his brother and secured the pistol which he later threw in the Yarra.

A constable said the defendant told him he would leave the girls alone if they would leave him alone and their mother kept away from him!

At the outset, Sergeant Martin (prosecuting) made a request that the present addresses of the female witnesses be not disclosed, and the bench granted this application.

Lillian Scrimmes, stenographer, said she had resided at Jenkins street, Northcote, and she had seen in the habit of occupying a sleep-out with her sister.

Continuing the witness said that her step-father pointed the pistol at them. He was in a state of collapse, so, as he said he would not harm them, they let him come into the sleep-out.

After a struggle, the defendant surrendered the pistol to his brother, who then unloaded it. The witness said she had never seen a pistol before, and could not say whether this one was in working order.

At about 5.30 a.m., on October 13, she was awakened by a "clicking" noise. At about 6 a.m. her step-father entered armed with a shot-gun and a pistol, and said he had come down with the intention of shooting witness and her sister, but as they had awakened his plan had failed.

Continuing the witness said that the pistol was unregistered, and that he had got it at a party. At the party, a brawl had started, and someone produced a pistol but was overpowered and the pistol thrown away. He found and kept it, but was now sorry he had ever seen it.

This case was dismissed on the ground that it had not been proved beyond reasonable doubt that the pistol could be discharged.

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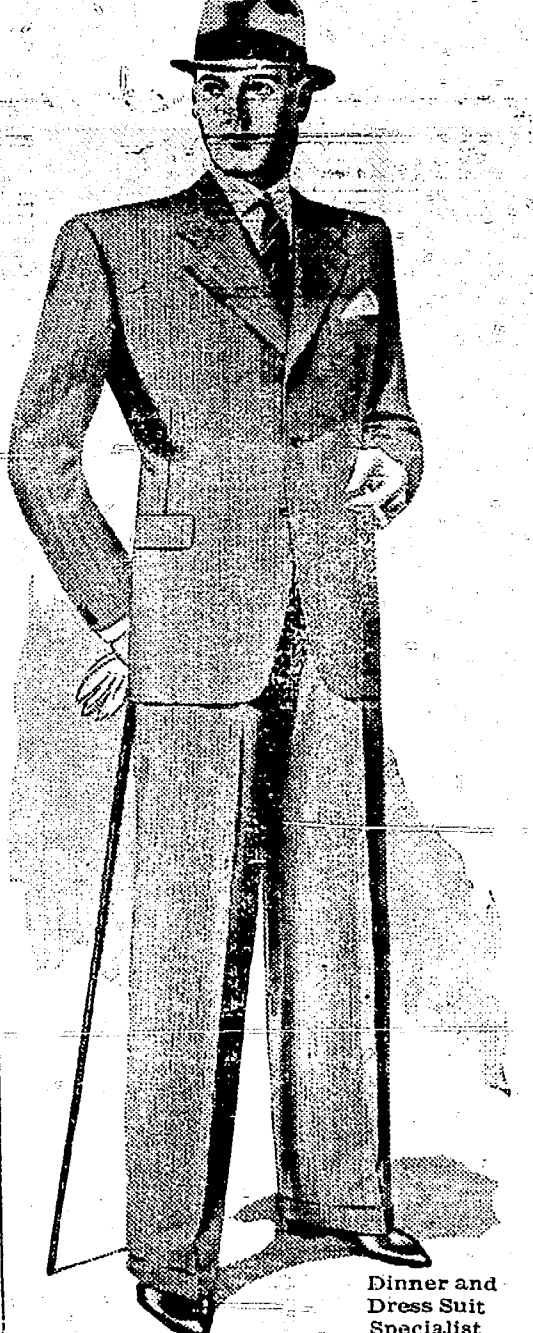
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The following recipes are examples of some of the appetising dishes that will be found very acceptable on hot days:—11 Tongues in Savoury Jelly—11 Turnip, onion celery (if available) 1 lb lean beef, 1 lb. gelatine, 6 eggs, sheep's tongues, hard-boiled peppercorns, whites and shells.

Method—Remove all fat from stock, which must be strained into a sieve, and then add to it the vegetables and flavourings, and whisk till boiling. Simmer until steam rises. Strain till clear.

Skin tomatoes, shell eggs and prepare in fancy shapes. Skin longons, cut in slices, and arrange in mould, and fill with jelly.

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Wife's Allegations Against Husband

A story of domestic discord was related at the Northcote court last Friday, when Mrs. Victoria Crooke, Hastings street, Northcote, claimed maintenance for herself and five children from her husband, William Benjamin Crooke, of Thomson street, Northcote.

Mrs. Crooke said: The marriage took place in February 1922. Throughout the 15 years we have lived together, we have not been on friendly terms. One night about three years ago my husband came home drunk, struck me with his fist, and smashed a table and crockery.

He brought home the provisions himself after that, and as he was working overtime, usually arrived home with them at about 9 o'clock. As he invariably brought only butter, bread, and ham for his lunch next day, the children had to exist on bread and dripping.

"He has never cared for his home," continued the wife. "It appeared to hold no attraction for him. During the last two or three years my husband has averaged three nights out every week. Before that he was out almost every night in the week. Sometimes he would come home in the early hours of the morning, and he

Crake said he was prepared to take his wife and children into his home again. About three years ago he had told his wife that he objected to her going out with his brother so often. Her reply was that she loved the brother, and she added that the brother was a far better man than he was.

Continuing Croake said: Until last September I gave my wife all my earnings. She was in debt and neglected the children. I did not go out every night, as she alleged, but on the contrary I worked for her. When I remonstrated with her, she said, with a sneer, that she was going to starve me and herself working. She did not need me. It was untrue to say that I attempted to starve my wife and children out.

On the night of the Northcote Football club's premises, I went home with a black-eye, inflicted by some "Fitzroy bootlegs." Concluding, Croake said he was prepared to give his wife £13/10/- a week out of his wages. After the parties had conferred at the suggestion of Mr. M. P. O'Grady, to see if they could not reach an amicable settlement, it was announced that Mrs. Croake refused to return to her husband.

The P.M. said there were many inconsistencies in the evidence of the complainant, and the children had obviously been tutored to give evidence against their father. The claim would be dismissed.

In Your Garden

The following Garden Notes have been compiled by Mr. R. W. Hodgins, Nurseryman.

Plant now: Marigold, Portulaca, Zinnias, Balsam, Amaranthus and Dahlias.

December grown Zinnias usually give excellent results. They can be grown in almost any class of soil, although a light rich loam is best. Sow where to remain, and thin them out to stand 12 inches apart, then cultivate. Keep the flowers cut, and they will bloom for a long time.

For edgings or sunny, dry situations, the Portulaca make an ideal subject. The seed germinates with unusual rapidity, and should be sown in rows nine inches apart, thinning out to a distance of six inches in the rows. When growing the plants need no attention, beyond the destruction of weeds.

Coasms are eminently suited for mixed borders, or open spaces between shrubs, where they will be somewhat protected from strong winds. They bloom in late Summer and Autumn, and make most desirable cut flowers, a rich soil and plenty of sun are required. An occasional dose of liquid manure will promote strong and rapid growth.

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Star of Northcote I.O.R.

At the fortnightly meeting on December 3, Bro. M. Vevers, C.R. presided over a good attendance. Two new members were initiated and clearance was granted. The secretary (Bro. W. E. Findlay) presented the quarterly return showing the total membership of the I.O.R. as £22. A donation of £10/10/- was made to the Samuel Mauger Memorial by Mrs. H. M. Morris and Mrs. Lobbe reported on the quarterly meeting of the Northcote and Clifton Hill Dispensary, and among other reports were also received concerning the various activities of the I.O.R. Representatives were appointed to attend various social functions, including Tents and other friendly societies.

At the close of business the bowls team played the Northcote A. N. A. team, and after an interesting game, the home team won comfortably. The team is, as yet, undefeated in the Northern Districts competition. The final of the monthly competition of the Northcote Friendly Societies competition was also played, resulting in the I.O.R. by 501 to 362.

The team consisted of Bros M. Vevers, G. Smith and W. Jacobs. In the latter competition, also, the Northcote Old Boys played off for final honours at the next meeting on December 17.

The syllabus item for this meeting is a mixed euchre tournament, when all members and lady friends (especially members of the Ladies' Tent) are invited to spend an enjoyable hour or two "chasing trumps."

Members of the six junior tents in Northcote are reminded of the annual picnic near Australia Day (Preston 1) which will be held at Walker's Park, Mitcham. A full range of Seedlings for above plantings, from 6d doz. Furnish Designs and Floral Wreaths at Short Notice.

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St. Vincent's Hospital Red Cross Auxiliary

The annual meeting of St. Vincent's Hospital Red Cross Auxiliary was held in the Lounge at the City Hall on Tuesday, December 8. In the absence of the Mayor, Cr. H. Swain presided, and Mesdames Swain, Pike and Adams were among those present. Reporting the St. Vincent's Hospital were Dr. Norman McArthur, Mrs. J. J. Daly, and Mrs. Bowcher; and among the attendees were the president of the Northcote St. Vincent's Auxiliary (Mrs. P. O'Gien) and Mrs. Kenny; Mesdames W. Ludeman and P. Mann, Crooke (Royal Melbourne and Women's Auxiliary, Preston).

The balance sheet was read and adopted over £100 was raised during the year. Dr. McArthur, on behalf of St. Vincent's Hospital, congratulated the Auxiliary on their success in raising the sum of £100. The items were rendered by Mesdames F. Pike, and the Misses Sheila, Nicholson, Patricia, O'Connell, Ruby Barton, and others.

Afternoon tea was served by members. Office Bearers: The office-bearers for the forthcoming year are as follows:—president, Mrs. C. T. Crispe (re-elected); treasurer, Mrs. L. Webster; secretary, Mrs. W. Carter; publicity representative, Mrs. F. Thomas.

Among the ladies present were: Mesdames H. Adern, Bell, Burrows, A. Condon, Barton, C. Cahir, De-laney, M. Duffy, C. Gleeson, A. Howard, E. Haddenack, K. Howes, M. Jones, K. Ludeman, Lane, N. Mithen, M. T. McGinty, T. Mc-Murphy, B. Slett, M. Walsh, A. Phillips, M. Cahir, J. Garvey, L. Shaw, and Wood.

Life-Governor's certificates were presented to Mrs. N. Lane and Mrs. A. Ludeman.

1st, PRESTON TROOP The net amount realized from the sale of the principal owing on the hall.

Arrangements for Christmas Carols have been finalized. The boys will leave the Scout hall at 9.30 a.m. on Christmas Day, and will have a service at the hall, possibly call in at Yallourn on the way down. A concert will be given at Sale on Tuesday, December 23.

Next Thursday the pack and troop will celebrate the 21st Birthday of the pack.

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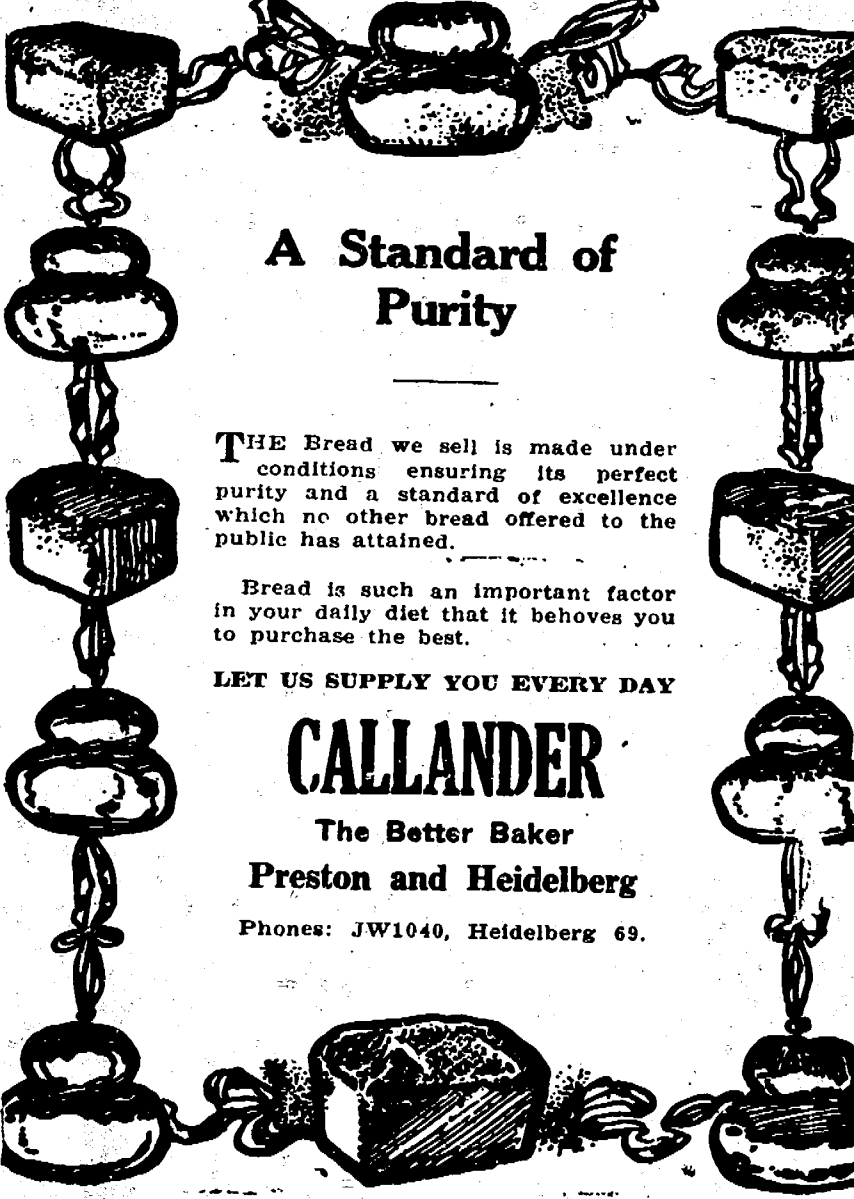
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SOCIAL NOTES.

Card Evening
At the Committee Room of the Northcote Town Hall on Saturday, the Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary sponsored a card evening, which was well patronised. Crazy whist and bridge were played, and a happy time was spent at the tables. An excellent supper was served by the social committee, and the thanks of the auxiliary were expressed by the president (Mrs A. V. Peters), mayoress of Northcote. Among the attendance were: Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote (Cr and Mrs A. V. Peters), Cr and Mrs Gianfield, Mr and Mrs Gould, Dr and Mrs Fredman, Cr and Mrs Burnham, Dr and Mrs McColl, Mr and Mrs Horsley, Mr and Mrs J. A. Thomson, Mr and Mrs S. G. Pinkney, Mr and Mrs J. Cain, Mr and Mrs Haycroft, Mr and Mrs W. Shaw, Mr and Mrs Quick, Mr and Mrs F. G. Dunn, Mr and Mrs W. W. Peters, Mr and Mrs W. S. Jackson, Mr and Mrs J. Pearce, Mr and Mrs Laver, Mr and Mrs J. Brockie, Mr and Mrs Nancarrow, Mr and Mrs Little, Mr and Mrs P. Ryan, Mr and Mrs M. Ellis, Mr and Mrs Shevry, Mr and Mrs Gibaud, Mr and Mrs Landy, Mr and Mrs Aitken, Mr and Mrs Bredin, Mr and Mrs P. Ogden, Mr and Mrs Waud, Mr and Mrs C. Low, Mr and Mrs Losewitz, Mr and Mrs Laver, Mr and Mrs Dexter, Mr and Mrs T. Hawthorn, Mr and Mrs J. Ryan, Mr and Mrs J. Dunlop, Mesdames Dale, Gamble, Wigney, E. Delaney, Chapman, E. Anthony, Allichin, Campbell, M. Daly, Ardley L. Stick, W. Peters, N. Newell, A. Swinton, A. Ross, A. Farr, Millett, E. Dwyer R. Thompson, Feltham Spinks, G. Scott, Oliver Ashton, Rattigan, W. Payne, J. H. Green, Misses Bang, Peters, M. Gould, G. Riches, T. Aston, V. Fletcher, M. Fletcher, M. Scott, A. Peters, F. E. Twyford; Messrs Bean, Pollock, J. Bradley, and R. Mott.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury.
Fourth Anniversary Services—Next Sunday will mark the fourth anniversary of the opening and consecration of the new Holy Trinity Church, following the fire of January 1932. A Corporate communion will begin the day at 8 a.m. At 11 a.m. there will be a Choral Eucharist, when the preacher will be Rev. J. L. Harwood vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Burnley. Evensong at 7 p.m. will be notable for the visit of Rev. A. Roscoe Wilson, vicar of Holy Trinity, Kew. A feature will be the singing of Miss Olsson Hudson and the choir will render selections. Large congregations are expected throughout the day.

Kitchen Cabinet and Cheque
Last Saturday evening a kitchen tea was tendered Miss Evelyn Wilson, who was engaged on the staff of Braithwaites Pty. Ltd. for a considerable time. Miss Wilson is to be married next Saturday afternoon to Mr Roy Moreland of Sunshine, at St. Mark's Church of England, George street, Fitzroy. The function, which took place in All Saints' Hall was arranged by Mrs C. Reakes, Delaware street, Regent, and her mother, Mrs H. A. Lang, Roseberry avenue, Preston, and was an unqualified success, there being over 100 in attendance. The bride-to-be was presented with a cheque and a well-equipped "kitchen boy." A pleasant time was passed in social intercourse. It is the intention of the couple to take up residence in Regent street, Regent.

Engagements.
The engagement is announced of Nellie, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hobson, Barkly street, North Fitzroy, to Gregory, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Donaldson, "Allandale" Charles street, Northcote.

The engagement is announced of Hilda, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Waycott, of Thornbury, and James, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Stewart, of Ivanhoe.

Preston Red Cross.
At the monthly meeting held during the week, the Mayoress (Mrs. A. G. Davis) presided over a large attendance. The sum of £5 was donated to the Austin Hospital Christmas Cheer, and also £5 to the Eye and Ear Hospital. The sum of £1/10/3 was sent to the Eye and Ear Hospital for the Luxury fund for sick children. The auxiliary will go into recess until the first Wednesday in February, 1937.

All Saints', Preston.
The Preacher at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday next at All Saints' Church of England, Preston, will be the Rev. S. Buckley, M.A. headmaster of the Ivanhoe Grammar School.
On Christmas Day (December 25) services will be held at 7 a.m. 8 a.m. and 10.30 am

CHURCH NEWS

Christian Science
"God the Preserver of Man" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, December 13. The Golden Text is from Psalms 16:1 "Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust."

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear is not made perfect in love." (1 John 4: 16-18.)
The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science Textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "There is no power apart from God. Omnipotence has all power, and to acknowledge any other power is to dishonour God. The understanding, even in a degree, of the divine All-power destroys fear, and plants the feet on the true path—the path which leads to the house built without hands "eternal in the heavens." Human hate has no legitimate mandate and no kingdom. Love is enthroned." (Pages 228 and 454)

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Church of the Epiphany.
The tenth anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone will be celebrated on Thursday next, December 10 when a parish social will be held in the parish hall. Opportunity will be taken to discuss the affairs of the church and plans for the coming year when the Tenth Anniversary of the Church will be celebrated. The stone was laid on December 17, 1926.

The Sunday School Children's Service and Presentation of Prizes will take place at 11 a.m. on Sunday. The School will close down December 20 and re-open at the end of January.

HIGH STREET TURNED INTO WOOD-YARD

Portion of the west pavement in High street, about 200 yards from the Leader Office, presented an unusual spectacle at about 10.45 this morning, when several cwts. of firewood blocks, which had fallen from a truck, were stacked at the kerb. The truck, which was driven by H. G. Wilschke, Howie crescent, South Melbourne, was proceeding along High street when a tyre "blew out", with a terrific report. The driver pulled into the kerb, and was changing the

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Rev. L. I. Wenzel at Church of Epiphany

Communion Breakfast and Men's Service

SUNDAY last was Men's Day at the Church of the Epiphany, when the Men's Society sponsored a Communion Breakfast in the morning and conducted a men's service at Evensong.

After Communion 70 odd sat down to tables arranged and supervised by ladies of the church. Introduced by the Vicar (Rev. F. E. Thornton), the Rev. Wenzel, of St. Stephen's, Richmond, in a striking address, dealt with current world problems. He asked for more co-operation throughout the churches of the world — at present a "disfranchised world was the penalty paid for a divided Church." More co-operation between the churches of the world would bring about a Christian Commonwealth as opposed to Communism.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Wenzel, Mr V. Preston (organiser) and the ladies, was moved and seconded by Messrs Haycraft and Twentyman. Representatives of men's organisations were present from St. Aidan's, St. Cuthbert's and St. Andrew's (Clifton Hill).
The evening service was arranged and conducted by the Epiphany Men's Society, whose members took the prayers and read the lessons; only the sermon being taken by the Vicar (Rev. Thornton). Mr J. Alexander Browne, baritone, sang two numbers "Where'er you Walk" and "The Lord is My Light," and the choir under Mr A. E. Emery, rendered Beethoven's "Hallelujah" chorus.

PERSONAL

At Foster, South Gippsland, on December 1, Henry Joshua Pearl died suddenly from heart trouble. Known as Harry, he was the eldest son of the late Cr. William and Mrs Pearl, of Northcote, and a brother of Mrs J. W. Firth, of Thornbury. His home has been at Pakenham for many years. His son is the shire secretary at Foster. Mr and Mrs Herman R. Zwar, Kingwilliam street, Preston, are rejoicing at the advent of a second daughter. The happy event occurred on Tuesday of last week. Eleanor Merie is the name of the new-comer.

Mr R. J. Cox is acting temporarily as secretary to the local branch of R.S.S.I.L.A., Preston. Among those present at the dance last Saturday evening in Preston City Hall, in aid of St. Vincent's de Paul's Orphanage, South Melbourne, were Mr H. P. Zwar, M.C.A., and Mrs Zwar.

Pupils' Concert
The pupils of Miss Edna Brown, of the Linwood School of Dancing, will give a concert in the Preston Town Hall on Tuesday, December 15 at 8 p.m. See advertisement.

tyre in the drenching rain when the side of the truck collapsed, and the wood was thrown on to the pavement. The driver and his friends philosophically proceeded to stack the wood on the pavement, finish the tyre-changing, and then replace the wood on the truck.
After all this, they drove away, still smiling.

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... the residence of her daughter, (Mrs. F. H. Cox) of Ethel street, Thornbury, on November 29; and many floral tributes were received. ... month's imprisonment, when he was suspended on a bond of £50, to be of good behaviour for twelve months. Costs amounted to 16/. ... four-round contest. This was Bates' third professional contest and he appeared overjoyed at gaining his first victory.

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Currie, medium pace bowler, was in good form with the ball, his excellent length and swing in capturing 19 wickets for 48 runs...

The weather was ideal for the concluding day of the fifth round of matches on Saturday. Outright victories were gained by Dennis, Northcote Junior Footballers, Bell Northcote & Seaside Northcote, Braithwaite's, Preston Baseballers, South XI and Preston South A.

INDIVIDUAL FEATS

BATTING: R. GALL (Thornbury) 104, M. SPURR (17) 82, KIBLY (Northcote P.A.F.S.) 82, CAREY (Pastrycooks 1st XI) 52, SANDERS (Croxton United) 52, J. FORDE (Reservoir) 49, SANDERS (Northcote Boys) 49...

BOWLING: GURRIE (Pres. Sth. A.N.A.) 12/48, SHROTT (Pres. Sth. A.N.A.) 10/64, GURRIE (Pres. Sth. A.N.A.) 12/48, SHROTT (Pres. Sth. A.N.A.) 10/64...

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Broadhursts v Prestontite 141 but failed to reach their opponents' first-day score of 90 against the bowling of Scouts...

Dennis v Regent: In their second innings, Regent knocked up 92, and Dennis then wanted 48 runs for an outright win...

Pastrycooks v Northcote Junior: The Footballers 760 resumed and the innings closed at 113. Forcing the runs, Pastrycooks declared with 4/96 of which Carey made 58 n.o.

Pastrycooks 78 and 4/96 declared. Carey 58 n.o. lost to Northcote Junior Footballers 113 and 4/65 (Gilkes 26, Cummins 22 n.o.) by six wickets.

In response to East Preston's total of 89, Reservoir managed to take the return. Declaring with 5/84, East Preston sent Reservoir in again, but they proved too stubborn and at times lost 1/45.

Reservoir 110 and 6/45 (J. Forde 30, Ward 31 n.o.; Grogan 1/40) defeated East Preston 83 and 5/84 declared (Grogan 38 n.o., Steele 20) by 21 runs on the first innings.

Bell v Preston Baseballers: This match was a case of tactics with Bell victorious. Bell gained an advantage of 30 on the first innings. On the second day, the Baseballers reached 5/78 and declared. Bell just managed the five-point victory.

Bell 89 and 6/54 (Thornycroft 19 Pike 15; Fowler 5/13, A. Spurr 3/25) defeated Preston Baseballers.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS

Preston and Northcote C GRADE: U Grade team easily accounted St. Joseph's on Saturday by 48 to 21 runs.

Northcote Church of Christ 230 (May 55, V. Bunard 78, Carpenter 15; Reid 4/47) defeated James Ivanhoe 119 and 26 (Andrews 80; Carpenter 6/44, May 6/20; Young 5/21).

Sunday School Grade: Northcote Church of Christ 132 (Vincey, 51, Webb 35, Harding 5/29) defeated St. Aidan's Church of England 64 and 63 (Linford 22, Vincent 4/3).

Croxton Methodist 78 and 6/94 declared, defeated Thornbury Church of Christ 118 and 7/85 on the first innings.

Croxton with 173 were well on the way to victory when their first innings was completed. The outstanding batsman was Wood with 52.

Clifton Boys 3/75 resumed at Clifton on Saturday. They posed of 92. At 1/79 the Boys declared. Clifton in their second innings had 125 for losing 6/02.

Preston Rifle Club: Preston Rifle Club fired a pool shoot at Port Melbourne on Saturday. V. Colsh won the pool. The team shooting for the Merritt Trophy was: 345, 44, 44, 25 points.

Alax who had declared with 6/225, declared on the first day. The Thomaston batsman shaped well, Wright batting nicely for 57, and the innings terminated at 171.

The Miniature Trophy was won by R. Dickson. Scores were: R. Dickson 79-2-31; Mrs. Dobbey, 75-2-30; G. Bignell, 77-1-31; R. Alford 77-0-77; J. Piggott 75-2-77; H. Court 75-2-77; J. Lowery 73-2-75.

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Pennant matches were suspended on Saturday in order that the V.B.A. Risk Competitions for trophies might be played.

Two links each from A. B. and C pennant teams were entered from Preston for these competitions, but unfortunately, none of them survived the first round.

Northcote Junior Footballers Second XI 126 and 98 (Main 22, Davies 16, Noel 14; Coe 5/24, Hoole 3/20) defeated Pastrycooks 88 and 3/17 (Hoole 4/17, O'Brien 4/17, Wiley 11 n.o.; Hamford 2/28) by 28 runs on the first innings.

Thornbury Presbyterians 57 and 9/153 (Snell 17, E. Baker 11, D. Pitt 24, W. Jordan 16, J. Morrison 38, Chas Taylor 41 n.o.) defeated Northcote 47 and 7/60 (A. Gray 22, B. Matherson 14; Len Chiffers 5/35, Chas Taylor 3/28) by 47 runs on the first innings.

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Youth Charged With Vagrancy

Sponged on Family, Says P.M.

"THIS youth is simply sponging on his family, and it might be better if he did not stick to his father, but allowed him to depend on his own resources," said Mr. O'Grady, P.M. at the Northcote Court last Friday.

The case was one in which Dennis Mannik Hamilton, 18 years, of Glad street, Croxton, was charged with having insufficient lawful means of support.

Three constables said that they had known the defendant for a period of from two years, and he had not followed any occupation during that time. He had been seen often in the company of convicted thieves and suspected persons.

Defendant said he had worked during the past twelve months—three months with one firm, and from three to four months with another. He had been unable to obtain work in the past three months.

After making the comment mentioned above, the P.M. announced that the case would be adjourned for two months in order to test the offer of a position.

Northcote Life-Saving and Swimming Club

Results of Northcote Life-Saving and Swimming club activities to December 9 are: 50 yards Free style handicap (Men) C. Evans 1; J. Purcell 2; J. Simpson 3; Time 3 1/2.

100 yards Breast-stroke handicap (Men)—J. Purcell 1; N. McIntosh 2; L. Almond 3; Time 1:25.

100 yards Free style handicap (boys under 16)—D. Benkie 1; W. Bryne 2; J. Dignan 3; Time 2:25.

100 yards Breast-stroke handicap (boys under 16)—J. Cornell 1; D. Benkie 2; W. Bryne 3; Time 1:35.

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There is a street in London whose riches are almost fabulous: a street in which hundreds of old-fashioned, dowdy little offices contain gold and precious stones worth scores of millions! A shabby, down-at-heel Aladdin's Cave. It is called Hutton Garden.

He is, amongst other things, a dealer in English coinage: one of nearly two hundred people in the same line in the Garden. If these coins went to the Bank of England the dealer would be out of pocket; so they go to the smelters, who turn them into bars of fine gold. They won on the Toss.

On a higher floor we find another shabby office, with floor covered with work-out radium, a large dusty mahogany desk littered with cigarette ends and tobacco ash, an arm chair—and a safe.

The tenant says he is a dealer in precious stone. We don't believe him, and he proves it by opening his safe and displaying his stock. He is either very trusting, or has us covered secretly, for he exhibits pearls, rubies, emeralds, and diamonds that are worth a king's ransom.

In Hutton Garden there are hundreds of such people, although some will touch nothing but pearls and diamonds—not good pearls and diamonds worth say £5 each, but stones whose prices range from hundreds to thousands of pounds.

To regain our breath, we go into the street where little knots of men, seemingly from all parts of the world, are congregated. We saw them an hour ago, and imagined that they were unemployed foreigners. What a mistake!

BOOKS AND VIEWS

"A Song For Harp."
(By WILLIAM MARCH.)
The Fallon brothers had a small farm in Florida. Jim was debonair, the beau of the village; Andrew was a sensitive creature whose life was ruined by his deformity—a half-lip. Between the two brothers was a curious emotional half love, half hatred. Intention, half love, half hatred, intention, half love, half hatred, intention, half love, half hatred.

"The Source of the Desert."
(By OPERATOR 1384.)
A true narrative of occurrences in which the author actually took part while serving as an agent in the L'Espionage Central, about which little is known in this or any other country. Death was never far away—from thirst in the scorching heat of the Sahara, from a bullet, from knife flung by some unselfish assailant from slow torture at the hands of the Arabs. The author tells of desperate hand-to-hand fights, of plot and counter-plot, and courage and wonderful endurance.

"Mussolini Murder Plot."
(By BERNARD NEWMAN.)
On October 2, 1935, Italian troops march into Abyssinia. I wonder if Mussolini knows how near he stood to death that day, and if he knows that he has "me to thank for his escape." What reader could resist such an intriguing opening paragraph? An association of students gave formal warning that any statesman who led his country into war would be tried, and if condemned, executed. The warning was published but ignored, but Mussolini was duly condemned to death, only to be saved in dramatic fashion by Captain Newman. The drama highlights as Newman tells how he and Inspector Marshall of Scotland Yard got on to the trail. Newman made up as Mussolini and was kidnaped in his place. Strange scenes in the wilds of Corsica in which an English girl plays a predominant part conclude a story which many will want to read.

Books We Recommend—
"My Path," by Halliday Sutherland.
"King Bird Hides," by Max Brand.
"High Noon," by Ruby Ayres
"President Fu Manchu," by Sax Rohmer.
"Sylvia Dale," by Joan Kennedy
"Cards on the Table," by Agatha Christie.

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Alleged Illegal Detention of Articles

COUPLE'S DISPUTE WAS MARRIAGE CONTEMPLATED?

A dispute regarding the ownership of certain articles purchased by a couple who had been very friendly for a period of six months, was heard at the Northcote court on Friday last when Alfred Henry Cooper, prosecutor, and Miss Francis Brunawick, defendant, claimed that Clarice May Francis, machineist, Symon street, West Preston had illegally detained a glory-box and other articles valued at £9/17/6. He also claimed £2 which he said the defendant owed to him.

Cooper said that Miss Francis and he had agreed to become engaged, and to announce the engagement on his 21st birthday. They had decided in March that Miss Francis should put 5/10 a week, which he earned as an usher at a suburban theatre, into an account in order to save for a home in future. From March to June he paid this money regularly. They bought a glory-box, and he paid the defendant 5/- worth towards the cost. She had purchased two table-cloths, a dozen serviettes and other things from the money he had given her. These were to be used when they married. He had paid about £3/10 into this account. She had told him in August that £2 was left of this money.

After they had broken off the engagement, she had refused to return this £2. He had given Miss Francis numerous other articles which she put in her glory-box to be used when they were married. In September they quarrelled because he reproached her for "keeping company" with another man. She then told him that she was prepared to return the money he had given her, and she asked, "You go your way, and I'll go mine, if you cannot trust me."

Later he asked her to return the articles she had purchased, and she refused saying, "I would rather chop them up than return them to you."

Cross-examined Cooper said he had absolutely no intention of giving the articles claimed to the young woman.

The parents of the defendant said they had heard their daughter and Cooper mention an engagement, and they thought that the things Cooper had given to their daughter were merely presents.

Miss Francis said that Cooper had given her the articles claimed. There had been nothing said about using them when they were married. An engagement of marriage between them was never suggested. She had bought a number of things with his money. He had given her the money to "return the things Cooper had given to her." She had been given a number of kitchen utensils by Cooper's sister which she intended to use if ever she was married. There was only 1/11 remaining from the money Cooper had given her to hold in trust. She had purchased two table-cloths and serviettes with this money with the complainant's consent. It was untrue to say that it had been settled to announce their engagement on his birthday. She alleged that Cooper had been unnaturally jealous and had spied on her.

Extensions to Northcote Furniture Store

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That is the first impression one receives upon entering the new and modern show-room of Messrs M. J. Collins & Co., High Street, Northcote. This firm has shown such enterprise and business acumen, so well established is it that the present premises have proved inadequate, so another well-equipped and spacious show-room has been added. Tastefully decorated, in gold, it has an air of "Come in, you are Welcome," about it. Indeed this is typical of the whole store.

This new show-room has been designed to incorporate all the features that make home a "heaven." Magnificent carpets, illustrating the worth of the "clean" Collins for Carpets, furniture of remarkable value, Manchester goods (sheets, curtain, table-covers etc.), bed-spreads, quilts, and in fact everything for the comfort of the home, is to be found in this new show-room, another feature of which is the natural lighting which concentrates on high-class goods, and these are to be found in abundance in the tremendous floor-space now provided by the extension of the show-room.

Further extensions which will add to the facilities of this store are new offices and a basement furniture-room.

These enterprising improvements should accentuate the attractiveness of this store, and result in increased business. Mr. Collins invites all Northcote residents to inspect the improvements to the store for themselves.

It is the intention of this firm immediately the Christmas rush is over, to organise a re-building sale, which will be held early in January.

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The SCREEN and its STARS.

MARION DAVIES AIDS DIRECTING

Any director of a Marion Davies film production always has three "assistants" instead of the customary two. His third assistant is the blonde star herself. Miss Davies is a deep student of the mechanics of motion pictures and for her current Cosmopolitan production "Hearts Divided," she made many suggestions to the veteran director, Frank Borzage. Invariably her ideas were incorporated into the production. In "Hearts Divided," Miss Davies plays three historical roles of Betty Patterson, the Baltimore belle, who was wooed and won by Jerome Bonaparte, brother of Napoleon, then Emperor of France. Besides Miss Davies, the cast includes Dick Powell, Charlie Ruggles, Edward Everett Horton and Claude Rains. This picture will be screened at the Merril theatre on December 16.

LET'S SING AGAIN

There's comedy and drama, melody and charm in the tale of a runaway orphan who attaches himself to a circus rouseabout in "Let's Sing Again." The orphan lad is remarkably played by Bobby Breen, wonder boy. Henry Armetta is the carnival show worker who informally adopts Bobby for results that are sometimes amusing, sometimes dramatic. Song is rampant—a lullaby, an operatic aria, and a couple of folk songs. Bobby sings with Bobby's magnificent voice as their interpreter. This feature comes to the Merril theatre shortly.

HENRY ARMETTA

Do you remember Henry Armetta in "Three Kids and a Queen"? He can eat more spaghetti, garble more English and get hotter under the collar than any other comedian one can think of. And the results are typically hilarious as he contributes his particular brand of humor in an important part in "Let's Sing Again." New screen feature at the Merril. Bobby Breen stars in this picture's production.

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DEALING WITH OLD COMPLAINTS

DO you punish a naughty child by depriving it of some promised treat? Apparently that's all wrong; the treat may be the thing the "doctor orders." New York hospital, which specializes in the treatment for difficult or abnormal children, the doctors rely on puppet shows. While the young patients watch what is happening on the stage trained observers are watching them. The youngsters react to the adventures of the puppets is carefully noted, and reveals the secrets of their inner life. This hand book your doctor will need to tackle the trouble—and a cure usually follows. Some British clinics for problem children use a similar technique. The children are watched as they play with toys or at make-believe games of their own invention, and the root of the trouble is quickly found.

HOLLYWOOD WANTS HIM

The most eagle-eyed screen-sleuth will find it difficult to spot an anachronism in "The Amateur Gentleman," for the historical details were supervised by James Laver, Assistant Keeper of the Victoria and Albert Museum, better known as the author of "Nymphs and Peasants." Laver's work on the picture has resulted in his being inundated with offers from Hollywood, which he has so far refused.

IN THE NEWSREEL

HITLER, THE POPE, RAMSAY McDONALD, GENERAL FRANCO. Items of world importance and interest are included in the Fox Movietone Newsreel showing at Hoyt's Regent Thornbury, tonight. From U.S.A. we see the latest advance in aviation a giant two-storey trans-Pacific air-liner. Germany is in the news with a mass salute by 450,000 Brownshirts. Hitler is honored by a stirring demonstration in Nuremberg. In the world of sport the Argentine Polo champions trounce U.S.A.; and the most daring of motor-bout speedsters compete for the President's cup. On Saturday night the newsreel shows Ramsay McDonald unveiling a statue of Robert Burns; and the Pope returning from his summer residence in the Vatican. Graphic pictures of the Spanish War show General Franco inspecting the ruins of Alcazar. Mollison announces his record on an Atlantic flight; Lew Lehr is in merry mood in the dog house; an oil fire in Texas and a hizzard in Colorado are also pictured. "Who Killed Cook Robin?" is a coloured cartoon which is an additional item on the same programme.

Actors Prove East is West

Warner Oland and Keyes Luke are fast disproving the doctrine "East is East, and West is West." Oland through his many portrayals of Charlie Chan, is steadily becoming oriental in looks and mannerisms, and Keyes would pass anywhere for an American. Both are featured in "Charlie Chan at the Race Track," which comes to the Regent Theatre shortly.

MOTHER GOOSE

A lavish Xmas Pantomime Mother Goose with a big cast of players and produced on a large scale will be seen at Hoyt's Regent, Thornbury, on Friday Day at the Matinee. The Panto will be staged at the Merril Theatre early in the New Year.

Unlighted Bicycle

William Billadon, of Bartlett West Preston, charged with having ridden an unlighted bicycle in High street, on November 17 was fined £1.

American diplomatic and consular officers have been forbidden to marry foreigners.

Russia's population has increased by 30 millions in twelve years. This is six times greater than Germany's increase in population over the same period.

Tragic Poisoning Fatality

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Some twelve months ago, it was learned, a motor-cycle, which he was riding, came into collision with a train, and a woman passenger on the train received a leg injury.

McGuire also received slight body injuries. He has been unemployed since the accident, which occurred some twelve months ago, it was learned.

BOXING

The referee wisely stopped the combat in Harvey's favour. Henry Summers' 9-11 boxing splendidly outpointed the experienced ten rounds contest. Summers has been training hard since his contest with Roberts a fortnight ago, and entered the ring looking particularly fit. In view of Cupples' successes during the past few weeks, enthusiasts expected him to win on a knock-out, but his judgment of distance was all astray, most of his undoubtedly powerful punches being far too short. He had a strong chance in the fifth round, when he crashed a powerful right to Webb's jaw, rooking him badly. Hanging on desperately Webb quickly recovered. Webb countered the right-hand punching of Smedley frequently with uppercuts and an occasional left-hook.

During the 12th round another right connected heavily, and out Webb's right eye, from which the blood flowed freely. Smedley threw punches almost ceaselessly during this round in an attempt to batter Webb down, but met with sturdy resistance. Despite this injury Webb fought strongly and won the last few rounds so

OIL SEARCH IN BRITAIN

In view of the efforts of the Commonwealth Government to further the search for petroleum in Australia by means of subsidies, it is of interest to mention the fact that a group of Americans have now been granted oil prospecting rights in Great Britain.

After discussions between the British and United States governments, arrangements have now been completed whereby American men can participate in oil prospecting and development in the United Kingdom. It appears that American oil interests have been pressing the British government for prospecting rights since 1934.

During the present year, considerable activity has been displayed in Great Britain as regards searching for petroleum oil in that country, and already boring operations are being conducted by British interests.



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CHURCH NEWS

Holy Trinity, Thornbury
The fourth anniversary of the opening of the new church was observed with special thanksgiving services last Sunday. The vicar celebrated at matins, and Rev. J. L. Harwood, vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Burnley, preached an absorbing sermon. At night Rev. Roscoe Wilson gave an apt message entitled "This Unshaken Realm." The choir sang the anthem "O Clap Your Hands Together." Miss Gwen Pearson taking the solo. Miss Olleson Hudson sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Arise, O Sun."

Mrs. W. H. Chamberlain distributed prizes to the Kindergarten children on Sunday afternoon. The Sunday School prizes were presented by the vicar on Monday night. Special services on Christmas Day will be held at 7 and 8 a.m. (Holy Communion) and 11 a.m. (Choral Eucharist). On New Year's Day a special service will be held at 8 a.m.

Christian Science
"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved By Atomic Force?" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 20. The golden text is from Hebrews 1:10: "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands." Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." Luke 9:1, 2. The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Miracles are impossible in Science, and hence Science takes issue with popular religions. The scientific manifestation of power is from the divine nature and is not supernatural, since Science is an explication of nature. The belief that the universe, including man, is governed in general by material laws, but that occasionally Spirit sets aside these laws,—this belief belittles omnipotent wisdom, and gives to matter the precedence over Spirit." Page 83.

St. Mary's Church of England, East Preston
At choir practice last Wednesday, the choir-master (Mr G. J. Tucker), on behalf of the members, made a presentation to Mrs. Jeffery, who has retired from the position of organist after several years' service. In accordance with the custom of recent years on Sunday before Christmas, the choir will render special music appropriate to the season. "The Nativity" and Christmas carols will be sung. **Preston Methodist Church**
Carols by Candlelight
Special Christmas Services are being held at the Methodist Church, Preston on Sunday next. The morning service will be conducted by Dr. N. Burgess, of Brunswick. In the evening the service conducted by the Rev. A. L. Sherlock, will include as a special feature Carols by Candlelight. There will also be special anthems by the Choir and items by a mixed quartette.

Last Sunday the morning service was conducted by Constable Ken of Northcote. In the evening a large congregation attended a special choral service at which the choral items and solos by Mr. Victor McGraw were greatly appreciated. The Rev. A. L. Sherlock gave a cheering Christmas message. The Preston Methodist Ladies' Guild visited the Carlton Methodist Mission last week. About 30 ladies went, taking Christmas gifts and flowers and provided a varied and interesting afternoon's programme which delighted some 150 women.

On Saturday Miss Marley and Miss Rackham, with members of the J.C.E., will entertain a party of children from the Collingwood Methodist Mission who will be brought through by car and given Christmas gifts.

At West Preston Methodist Church the members of the Young Women's Missionary Movement are similarly entertaining a number of children from the same Mission. Mrs. Gill, Miss Audrey Jackson, and 12 other teachers of the Kinder and Primary departments of the Preston Methodist Sunday School, entertained the children of their departments last Saturday at a Christmas Tree. The children had a happy afternoon together and received lollies and gifts from the tree. On Sunday afternoon next the children take home gifts to their mothers.

SOCIAL NOTES.

Birthday Party
To celebrate the birthdays of their son and daughter, Mark and Miriam, a delightful evening was given by Mr and Mrs D. Goldstein, of Bell street, Preston, on December 13. Community singing and games helped to make the evening a success.

While supper was being partaken of, the two guests of honor each cut the birthday cake, whilst the gathering sang a birthday greeting. Each in turn thanked the gathering for their gifts. After supper a few more songs around the piano, and games, brought the delightful evening to a close.

Among those present were Mr and Mrs D. Goldstein, Mr and Mrs M. Goldstein, Misses M. B. and R. Goldstein, J. Hannan, S. Holmes, I. Palmer, and T. Rumbellow; Messrs A. Ash, R. Carr, I. Goldstein, C. Davis and D. Webb.

Forthcoming Marriage
Mr. and Mrs. George Gov of "Glendrook," Plenty road, Preston have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Isobel, to Mr. David John Elliott, of Sydney, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Elliott, of Station street, North Carlton, at the Presbyterian Church, Thornbury, on Saturday, January 9, at 5.30 p.m. and afterwards at Hotel Australia, Melbourne.

Engagements
The engagement is announced of Edna, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Morrison, of Henry street, Northcote, to Mr. John Elliott of Ascot Vale.

Card Evening
At their home, Clarke street, Northcote, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Scott and their daughter, Miss Maud Scott entertained a number of friends at a card party. A delightful time was spent, and songs were rendered by Miss Austin and Miss Scott. A delicious supper was served by the hosts and the evening closed with seasonal greetings.

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Charge Against Dairyman Dismissed

DENIES THAT HE PAID FARMER REBATES

Given Benefit of Doubt

The case in which Stanley Gordon Tomkins, dairyman, Shaftsbury parade, Thornbury, was charged with having bought 233 gallons of milk from John James Cahill, dairy-farmer, of Harvest Home Lane, Epping, at a price less than that determined by the Milk Board, was continued at the Northcote court on Tuesday.

During the first day's hearing, Cahill alleged that under an agreement Tomkins paid him by cheque at the Milk Board price, but he later paid to Tomkins in cash a rebate equal to 2d. per gallon.

EVIDENCE FOR THE DEFENCE

Tomkins said that he at no time received rebates from Cahill, and he denied that he had ever had any conversations with Cahill regarding rebates. No one had any authority to receive rebates for him. He had paid Cahill by cheque according to a written contract. He had ceased dealing with Cahill because the milk he considered was sour, and Cahill gave short measure. It was untrue that he had stopped his wife during an interview with Constable Thomas, when it was alleged she said "Let me tell you all about it" to Thomas. He had heard that Cahill had been promised he would recover all the alleged rebates if he would give evidence in this case.

Nancy Pauline Bolger, sister-in-law of the defendant, denied that she had ever received rebates from Cahill.

The P. M. (Mr. O'Grady) said the case for the prosecution rested on the evidence of Cahill, and Cahill had fared badly in cross-examination. It seemed hard to understand how Cahill had conducted all that he had given in evidence. The defendant was entitled to the benefit of the doubt, and the case would be dismissed.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS

PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE

O team—W. Weightman again showed that he is approaching his best form by his splendid run in the mile event, which he ran in the remarkable time of 4 min. 35 sec. In the 120 yards, O. Callick managed to stave off the U.R.I. champion Forsyth by inches in the time of 10.5 sec. By his performance in the 440 yards event, A. Wilson showed that he is one of the club's best runners over any distance, his time being 52 sec.

The points scored in this grade were: Preston and Northcote 51; U.R.I. 36.

H team—The most outstanding performances in this grade were those of A. Watson, who just defeated V. Walmsley, who just defeated V. Walmsley, in the 440 yards event (time 57 sec.) and R. Dunn who did well to win the hop, step and jump with 37 ft. 6 in.

Club Notes

The return of Bruce McNabb from Sydney is welcomed by the club. He is a most versatile member, and will considerably add to the strength of the teams fielded.

Handicaps will be continued on Tuesday evenings after Christmas.

MISREPRESENTED HIMSELF Plaza Theatre Incident

How a man had represented himself as a police constable and threatened to lay a charge against a witness, was told by James McCully, manager of the Plaza Theatre, High street, Northcote, on Tuesday at Northcote Court.

This was in a case where Charles Frederick Constance, Whalley street, Northcote, was charged with having misrepresented himself as a member of the police force.

McCully said that at about 9.15 p.m. on November 27 Constance was walking into the theatre with a bottle of soft drink on his hip. McCully said he asked Constance to drink it outside, but he refused. Witness then warned him that he would be ejected if he did not leave voluntarily. Constance said "I am a member of the police force and am going to lay a charge against you."

McCully replied that there was no charge which could be laid against him up to date. Constance appeared to have been drinking.

Constable Cunningham said he was "watching the pictures" and from something he was told he went into the foyer. Constance said he was a police constable stationed at St. Kilda, and gave his number as 4420. He said his age was 22. The constable said he had had 20 years' service, and yet you are only 22. Eventually Constance admitted he was not a constable, but said he hoped to be one next year. The number given by Constance belonged to Sergeant Sellers, of Newtown.

Constance said he did not realise what he was doing. He had refused his assertion that he was a constable later.

The P.M.: Yes, you did when your bluff was called. You will be fined £5.

38 Years Since Charged At Northcote

MAN SENT TO GAOL FOR CHRISTMAS

"It is 38 years since I was charged at this court," said John Montgomery, of no fixed place of abode, when charged with having stolen an electric iron, valued at 25s, the property of Johnston & McMillan, electricians, High street, Northcote.

Percival Passmore, manager of Johnston & McMillan, said Montgomery entered the shop on December 18 and asked if tennis rackets were repaired there. On learning that they were not, he left the shop and walked across the road into another shop. The witness said he also walked across the road, and then returned to the shop. He stepped behind a show case. Montgomery re-entered the shop quietly, walked to a show case and picked up an electric iron. The witness caught the defendant by the wrist. Montgomery dropped the iron and hurried from the shop. Passmore followed and caught him in Woolton avenue. Defendant told him he went into the shop to listen to the wireless. There was no wireless in the shop, the witness added.

First Const. McDonald said Montgomery told him he had only taken the iron "for a joke."

Defendant admitted previous convictions extending back to 1899.

"Christmas might prove a period of great temptation to you," said the P.M., "you will be sentenced to 3 months imprisonment."

Northcote Court

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Before Mr E. E. O'Grady, P.M., Mr J. Hartnett, J.S.P.

Unlicensed Driver Fined

Francis David White, of Eltham, was charged with having driven a motor car without being licensed. Const. McDonald said he found White standing behind a stationary car in High street on November 26. The car was badly damaged. White said his license was at home but failed to produce it within 7 days. White said he bought a car and was taking it home. It had been too late to obtain a licence. He was fined £2.

Parking Offence

Trevor Lloyd Lewis, Brunswick street, North Fitzroy, was charged with having left a car unattended so that the left wheels were more than 10 inches from the left kerb.

First Const. Maguire said Lewis left a car for 5 minutes parked 4 feet from the kerb in High street on December 2. Lewis was fined 10s.

Debt

An order was made that Norman and Florence Hand, Richmond street, Richmond, should pay £39/11/6 representing money due on a promissory note to Adam Smith, High street, Northcote. Costs amounted to 2/6.

An order was also made that H. Sutton, Ilma grove, Northcote, should pay Mark Joseph Cummins, of Beveridge, the sum of £28/5/6 representing debt on goods sold and delivered. Costs amounted to 16s.

M. Sutton, Ilma grove, Northcote was also ordered to pay £10 representing money due on a cheque with £1 costs, to the same complainant.

Convicted and Discharged

Henry Osmond, charged with having been found drunk in High street, on December 19, was convicted and discharged.

No Rear Light

Thomas Banton, Ross street, Ivanhoe, was charged with having driven a motor car without a rear light on November 19 in Heidelberg road, Clifton Hill.

Banton said a fault developed in the light within a quarter of a mile of his starting point. He was fined 10s.

Light Weight Bread

W. Norris, baker, High street, Northcote, was charged with having sold bread which was below the weight required by the regulations.

Inspector Norman Jones said he weighed 66 loaves at Norris' shop and they were 89 ounces light in weight.

For Norris, it was stated that the bread had been overbaked. Norris was fined £3/6/9, at the rate of 9d an ounce, and costs amounted to £2/4/6.

Maintenance Case

Elizabeth Pitt, Harold street, Thornbury claimed maintenance from her husband, George Pitt of Richmond.

Mrs. Pitt said that she and her husband separated 24 years ago. He had paid her 10s a week until seven years ago. She was now without means of support, and was in bad health.

An order was made for 10s a week.

Application Refused

An application for the renewal of a second-hand dealer's license by James Meldrum Geddes, of Flinders street Thornbury, was refused.

Inspector O'Mulane said the police opposed the application on the ground that these premises were private, and therefore the police could not supervise them effectively.

Christmas Party at Preston

At the invitation of the Mayor, (Cr. A. G. Davis) a number of guests, the councillors, and council indoor staff, were entertained on Monday evening.

The supper room had been decorated with greenery, Christmas lilies and flowers appropriate to the occasion.

Artists provided a programme of harmony which was greatly appreciated.

Cr. F. G. Pike proposed the toast of the Mayor, and mentioned that Cr. Davis was the youngest mayor in the metropolitan area—in fact in the whole State. He had known Cr. Davis since boyhood days and realised his worth. It was a matter for gratification to see him raised to the highest post the council could offer.

The Mayor suitably responded, and referred to the personnel of the council which facilitated the conduct of the municipality's business.

Cr. J. W. Adams proposed the toast of the "Visitors" and eulogised the qualities of several leading citizens present. He was pleased to see the Mayor's father among the assemblage, also his father-in-law.

Mr. W. B. Howe, in a humorous strain responded, and commented upon the privilege bestowed upon him. He was well satisfied with the conduct of the affairs of the city. His late father had been a member of the council, and he had some knowledge of the sacrifices made by public men.

Mr. W. Maltzahn also spoke in reply to the toast.

"The Staff" was in the hands of Cr. Barling, who referred to recent changes, making for the greater efficiency. He congratulated the Town Clerk (Mr. L. W. Williams) on the fine team of officers he had in his command.

Mr. Williams, Town Clerk, Mr. F. F. Bird, Electrical Engineer, and Mr. G. Pike, Assistant town clerk, responded, and took the opportunity to convey to the Mayor and Mayoress, festive greetings.

The Mayor and Mayoress presented to members of the council, diaries for the forthcoming year embossed with the council seal, and each bearing the councillor's name.

We understand that the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. A. V. Peters) entertained a number of guests at the conclusion of the council meeting on Monday evening.

Reservoir Drowning Fatality

Robert Osborne, aged nine years of Downys street, Regent, was drowned in five feet of water at the Edwardes Park Lake on Tuesday afternoon.

With two other boys he was playing on a plank near the edge of the water, holding on to the plank and paddling alongside it. He lost his hold on the plank and sank.

The other boys became alarmed and ran for assistance. The body was recovered by the police an hour later near the edge of the lake.

A middle-aged woman flung her arms round a policeman's neck in the street and kissed him. She was subsequently fined ten shillings, or twenty-four hours in gaol. She said: "All right, I'll go to gaol, it was worth it. Next time she should get a job as a cook."

NEWS of the LODGES

STAR OF NORTHCOTE I.O.R.

There was a very large attendance at the fortnightly meeting on December 17, Bro. M. Veivers, C.R., presiding. Five new members were welcomed, and three clearances granted. The secretary (Bro. W. E. Findlay) presented the quarterly balance sheet showing the total funds of the tent to be £11,441/0/9. Reports were received concerning the quilts, bowls and cricket teams, and also the junior tents. The junior members are looking forward to the

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At the conclusion of business the members and lady friends enjoyed a couple of hours, and at the conclusion trophies were presented to Sister A. Coles and Bro. F. Thorne. In addition the final bowls match of the Northcote F.S. competition was played between the tent team and John Vale Old Boys. The Tent team gained the lead early and eventually won by 19-20 after an interesting game.

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NORTHCOTE A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting of the Northcote branch A.N.A. was held on Monday, December 21 at the Austral hall. Mr. J. H. Johnson resigned from the Social committee on account of change of address, and a minute of appreciation of his services was recorded.

One new member was elected, and two nominations were received. Messrs T. Bolt, A. Turnbull and E. Guerin reported on sick members. Mr. F. Carney reported that Northcote was in the final of the rifle tournament to be fired at Hawthorn on February 3. Mr. Aldridge, reporting on social activities, said the branch smoke night had been an unqualified success, and it was decided to write a letter of thanks to the following ladies for decorating and arranging tables for the function: Messdames Farry, Bolt, Aldridge and Glanville.

Mr. Evers submitted the report of the auditors, which showed that in the past six months membership had increased by 37 to 533. The financial position of the branch had never been better, there having been an increase in assets, and a decrease in liabilities.

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(Notes by "Observer")

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HAYES (Prestonite) 44
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HALL (Excelsior) 5/12
RHODES (Sherry Socials) 5/12
DEA (Epping) 5/14
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Water Lilies Carried

DUNSCOMBE—DENT

ON December 5, a wedding was celebrated at the Epiphany Church, High Street, Northcote, when Miss Ruby May Dent, and Mr. Albert Duncombe were the contracting parties.

Entering the church on the arm of her father, the bride made a dainty picture in her white french cloque frock. Cut on the cross, it fitted her figure to perfection, and fell into a long train at the back, and was finished with a Peter Pan collar, studded in tiny silver squares. She carried pink carnations and water lilies. From her head fell a billowy tulle veil.

The bridesmaids were Misses Margaret Dent, Lorne Jones and Dulcie Martin, and all were frocked alike in green french crepe with white lilies. They wore red shoes and Shower bouquets of red carnations were their flowers.

Assisting the groom were Mr. Alexander Dower (best man) and Ronald Dent (best man).

A breakfast and reception were held at "Highgate" Sharp street, Northcote. The bride's mother chose a flowered frock over which she wore a navy wool georgette coat, with navy hat, shoes and gloves. Alec Dower, sister of the groom, was given in powder blue crepe frock, with navy accessories.

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"SAFETY GLASS"

NORTHCOTE CENTRAL SCHOOL

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The bazaar was opened at 3 p.m. by Mr. Charlie Vande, who addressed the gathering. Stalls, Merry-go-round, Rockers and afternoon tea were in the hands of parents and friends of the school.

Proceeds of the bazaar will go towards the funds for repairs to instruments and uniforms of the boys.

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Carstairs had forfeited
the right to fly—and a
woman gave it back to
him!

When someone slammed open
the bar-door and shouted that a
plane was landing in the bay, the
long room emptied as if by magic.
The advent of a flying machine in
the South Pacific was an occurrence
not to be missed.
Even the big-framed, taciturn
Englishman for once left his drink
half-consumed, and followed in the
wake of the crowd. He walked
slowly, hands deep in pockets, half
ashamed of the interest that had
dragged him from his daily effort
to forget the past.
Who could it be, and what did
they want here? he wondered, as
the plane glided gracefully to-
wards the water. It wasn't likely
to be anybody he knew; he had
buried himself too successfully for
that. But it was as well to make
sure.

All around him the other
watchers were excitedly hazarding
the same question.
"It's a seaplane," said Harris,
the saloon-keeper, knowingly. "I
have seen them often in Sydney
harbour." "Something's wrong,"
declared another. "Do you hear
how the engine is popping."
"It's a flying boat, and it's land-
ing under perfect control," John
Carstairs corrected them sardon-
ically. "The engines often splutter
when they are throttled back."
They looked at him with the res-
pectful ignorance for knowledge
which only comes from things
they don't understand.
"Do you understand them things,
I suppose you used to fly one of
them yourself?"
"I did—once," Carstairs an-
swered them shortly, and turned
away. He was a fool to have
revealed even that small item of
his story after refusing informa-
tion about himself for the whole
of the five years he had spent
among them. It was the sight of
that beautiful machine that had
loosened his tongue, he told him-
self savagely, as he made his way
nearer to the landing stage.
He had been nearly twenty
years before, when he spent most
of his time in flying boats. In his
imagination he pictured the Felix
stowed in a sun-drenched motor-
ing; the big "American" taking off
to patrol the Spider's Web on the
look-out for enemy submarines;
the light controls of one of his
them; light-hearted and enjoy-
ing the war, but enjoying the
life of action; thinking in terms of
duty and leave with Celia as the
sun of his armament. "Do you hear
how the engine is popping."
He clenched his fists at the
realization that she had entered
his mind and that he still loved
her. It wasn't that he still loved her—
nothing so idiotically romantic as
that. He believed he did at the time
in the care-free way men looked on
such things in those days. He was
sure he did when they were mar-
ried in the summer of 1918. Even
when he played the fool with that
other woman, Celia still possessed
his heart. But she had not under-
stood the reaction that set in after
the Armistice. When she found
out, she refused to make allowan-
ces, refused to believe him when
he swore that he still loved her. She
was relentless to her injured pride.
It was the divorce that broke
him up. Fool that he was to have
taken it so much to heart. If he
could have his time over again he
would treat the whole wretched
business with the indifference it
deserves.
But he could not have his time
over again. No power in this
world could give him back the
years he had wasted. He had
started with a round of reckless
debauchery. For the first year
he had never been once sober. He
might not have been sober in
England at any rate—if he had

not reached the end of his re-
sources. Then his father had
stepped in and offered him a small
annual allowance on the strict
understanding that he kept out of
the British Isles.
By that time he had sunk so
low that he accepted. Ever since
he had remained the world in search
of oblivion. He looked upon him-
self as a victim of circumstances,
but his chief grouse was turned
against the woman who had turned
him down.
He hated Celia with a penit-
entive born of an interminable
number of drinks. Interspersed
with periods of remorse when he
struggled to wipe away excess-
ive strength of will to regain his
self-respect. Every time he gave
way again to this vice which was
sapping his manhood, he blamed
Celia for sinning him into the
hell in which he wallowed.
He cursed her now as he watch-
ed the flying boat taxiing up to
the water. It wasn't likely
that, instead of being one of the
world's outcasts—a remittance
man.

The harbour-master was wait-
ing in his launch to take off the
pilot and passengers. There was
an unaccountable delay before they
entered the craft. She was strug-
gling to support a man who lean-
ed heavily.
The crowd surged round the
harbour-master's launch approached
Carstairs among them. There was
something terribly familiar about
the woman's figure; something in
an set of her head, and the way
she carried herself. His pulses
were racing and his eyes sought
confirmation of his suspicion. The
flying boat rushed to his aid as she
stepped aboard. She was older,
It was Celia. She was older,
course, but there was no mistak-
ing her features.
What curious twist of Fate had
brought her to his retreat?
"Speculated. Had she come to spy
on him in his degradation?"
He considered in him like
lava in a volcano. If looks could
kill her, he would have struck her
dead. How dared she to come
back to him, to look over the ruin she
had accomplished?
He did not wait to see who was
with her. Fighting and pushing,
he forced his way out of the mob;
walked swiftly to the only sanc-
tuary he knew; tossed down his
drink he had neglected in order to
patrol the Spider's Web on the
look-out for enemy submarines.
Nearly an hour later
Harris returned full of news, and
he was only too ready to discuss
the exciting affair with his cus-
tomers. Sitting aloof and alone,
Carstairs gradually pieced the
story together. Celia was on a
flying tour of the world, with her
only son as pilot. She had been
married again, he thought, as she
got rid of him, had she?
The boy had been taken sudden-
ly ill in the air, and though his
great pain had managed to dis-
turb him from his course, and make
his mother was inquiring distract-
edly for a doctor.
Carstairs' drink tasted sweeter
when he heard that the only
medical man on the island, boasted
he was away on a case beyond recall.
He would not be back for at least
twenty-four hours.
Celia would have to wait. If
she suffered agony in the mean-
time, watching her son's agony
while powerless to alleviate it, so
much the better. Whatever she
went through, it would be nothing
compared with all the mental tor-
ture he had endured since she had
spurned him. Something Harris
was saying escaped his hearing,
and he listened more closely.
"As had as that? That means
an operation."
"If the harbour-master's right,
it does—immediate."
"It's serious, that is. With
the doctor so far away, too."
"He couldn't do it if he were here;
(Continued on Opposite Page)

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"The Mountain and the Plain"
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this long and brilliant novel is the
French Revolution, from the taking
of the Bastille to the collapse
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geance on Louis XVI. Every inch of
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picture of an exciting epoch that
is as curious and uncomfortable
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count of the royal family's flight
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ennes.
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Morton.
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Health Article
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ing off the unightly angles and
making firm muscles is a gradual
process. Over anxiousness, too
much haste, and haphazard meth-
ods tend to produce excesses of
fat, undeniably noticeable in the
wrong places. It is far better to
take one's time, rebuild the under-
nourished muscular tissue grad-
ually, and develop a layer of hard
fat evenly under the skin.
Planned diet and moderate ex-
ercise combine to produce the de-
sired results—slow but sure
weight increase and an even round-
ing out of the physique.
The exercise, whether walking,
running, the playing of games, or
the practising of a series of planned
exercise movements should
have as its objectives the develop-
ment of a strong heart and vas-
cular system, a powerful well de-
veloped pair of lungs a sound di-
gestion, a fully functioning excre-
tory system, and a highly nurtured
and strong central nervous system.
These have great health value to
man—the earthen muscles that
some "physical culturists" enthu-
siasts try to develop are useless, as
they are a hindrance rather than
a help to health.
The diet should feature gradual
increases in the next several weeks
correct proportions. Allowances
must be made for individual dif-
ferences. Too much sugar, for in-
stance, in the diet of a person with
a low sugar tolerance, may easily
develop a diabetic condition.
Hence trained dietetic supervision
is desirable.
The fat "put on" may be hard
fat or soft fat. The articles of
food that help in weight building
are starches and sugars, fats, al-
cohol and water. A diet contain-
ing a lot of starch and sugar, and
a little fat will put hard fat on the
body. A diet containing a lot of
vegetable fat and a moderate am-
ount of starch and sugar will put
soft fat on.

on a soft type of fat. A diet con-
taining proper proportions of
starches, sugars and fats will give
a natural fat possessing firmness
and tone almost like muscle. The
proportion must be about one fat
to three carbohydrates.
There are fats of a high nutri-
tive value, and fats of a low nu-
tritive value. Milk fat is a val-
uable fat. So is egg yolk fat, beef
fat, cream fat, and cod-liver oil.
The low-grade fats are found in
vegetable fats and oils, peanut oil,
olive oil, nut oils, and seed oils.
The carbohydrates (sugars and
starches and gums) are bread, oat-
meal, rice, potatoes, macaroni,
sugar, honey and so on. The best
form of alcohol for fattening is
beer, but this should only be taken
in small quantities.
Additions to a diet should be
made gradually. If, for instance,
the present menu includes: cereal,
egg, bread and butter, jam and tea
for breakfast; meat, sandwiches,
butter, sweets and tea for lunch
and the usual meat, vegetables and
sweets, with perhaps fruit and tea
for dinner; the first change for
one week could be the addition of
a glass of milk at breakfast, and
the substitution of a glass of beer
for the tea at the evening meal.
During the next week add an
extra slice of bread, heavily buttered
to the breakfast. In the third
week, an extra cup of milk at 4
p.m. an extra slice for breakfast,
and perhaps a little more butter.
Later on, a cup of milk and some
of the biscuits for supper; and
some candied honey with the
more meat fat should be eaten and
more should be added three or four
times weekly to the diet.
In this fashion the body is
gradually accustomed to the in-
creases of fattening foods in the
diet. The digestion grows stronger
and is able to cope with the food
while the improved organic con-
dition resulting from the exercising
programme does its part in bring-
ing about the desired weight-in-
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Franchot Tone, Northcote Court
Madge Evans
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
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Piazza Theatre next Saturday when
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ive Story," opens with Franchot
Tone and Madge Evans heading
the cast. The story itself is a
dramatization of the real-life
activities of a New York news-
paperman, Martin Mooney, who
started the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
series of articles exposing the
"numbers" racketeers. He is the
writer who was recently given a
prison sentence for refusing to
divulge the source of his informa-
tion.
Maintenance Case.
An order was made that Jas.
Bennett, Helen street, Northcote,
should pay 12/6 a week for the
maintenance of his wife Leah Ben-
nett of Shakespeare avenue, Pres-
ton.
A Truck's Carrying Capacity.
Archibald Burrows, Leonard
crescent, Ascot Vale, was charged
with having exceeded by ten per-
cent the carrying capacity
specified in the registration of a
motor-truck.
Constable Dix said that Bur-
rows had a truck-load of 1,500
bricks weighing about 5 1/2 tons,
when stopped in St. George's road,
Northcote, on September 17. The
carrying capacity specified in the
defendant's registration certificate
was 30 cwt.
For the defendant, it was stated
that the Motor Registration
Branch had admitted having made
a mistake in defendant's regis-
tration certificate. The carrying
capacity should have been stated
as 50 cwt. The makers of the
truck stated that the gross carry-
ing capacity was 17,000 lbs. A
mistake was evident, as the truck
was a heavy one, and was intended
to carry over 3 ton loads.
This was a test case.
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Germany is attempting to increase the consumption of vegetables and reduce the eating of meat, in order to become independent of imported foodstuffs. A menu has been drafted providing that no meat shall be eaten in May next year.

Ivanhoe Grammar School

SPEECH NIGHT

On December 14 in the school hall, parents and friends attended the 22nd Speech Night of the Ivanhoe Church of England Boys' Grammar School.

Items were chorus "Sussex" by the school; playlet "Rory Aforesaid"; "The Anvil Chorus" (school); The School Prayer was said by Rev. T. Cole; Rev. S. Buckley gave the school report; address by the chairman Lord Bishop of St. Arnaud; speech by Senator J. F. Guthrie; vote of thanks by Mr. A. H. Robinson (president Old Boys Assn); Goodnight Song and the proceedings closed with the National Anthem and Benediction.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

The report submitted by the headmaster (Rev. S. Buckley) was a brief resume of the school's activities. Twenty boys qualified for the Intermediate examination and 5 for the Leaving. 80 boys are

Christmas Holidays . . .

THERE will be No Issue of the Leader-Budget, Northcote Leader, or Preston Leader on December 31 or January 7. The next issue will be published on January 12.

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boarders and with the completion of the new junior dormitory at a cost of £1,100 there will be room for 90 resident boys. Agricultural Sciences including wool-classing have been added to the curriculum and should prove useful.

The Ladies Association has worked assiduously the Public Questions Society has had many outings and debates and the sports side has been most successful; and the cooperation of teachers, students and parents and council has assisted with the unity and happiness of the school.

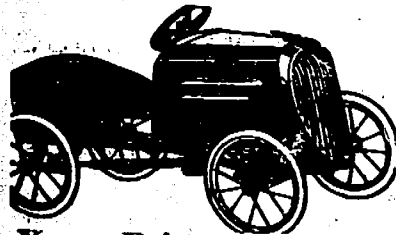
PRIZE LIST

Hon. VI. the Edward Mozart Memorial Rhodes Prize: Harold Lincoln; The J. H. Sharwood Prize (Dux of School): Harold Lincoln; Rhodes Award 2, Howard Gillies; 3, Frank Hirst. Pass VI. The Allan Wainwright Prizes, Rhodes Award Alfred Bardsley, 2, Noel Main, 3, Colin Smith; Dux, Charles Soper. Form V. The Blanche Terdich Memorial Prizes, Rhodes Award: Frank Redhead 1, John McKendrick 2, Ronald Durham 3; Thomas Harrick Dux. Form Vb. The Harold Wilcox Memorial Prizes, Rhodes Award: Peter Bethell 1, Hedley Bachelor 2, John Rowman 3; Form Vc. The D. R. Nichols Memorial Prizes, Rhodes Award, Gordon Herbert 1, Ronald Moore 2, Alan Blake 3; Dux: Gordon Herbert. Form Vd. The Gift of Mr and Mrs H. Olney, Rhodes Award: William Dodemaine 1, Alan McKean 2, Jack Cole 3; Dux: Arthur Baddley. Form Vc. The Jessie Edith Giddy Memorial Prizes, Rhodes Award: Alfred Sherry 1; Joseph Andrew 2, Kenneth Spear 3; Dux: Alfred Sherry. Form IV: Dux: Ian Howard, Stewart Sayers 2, John Dummick 3. Form IVa: Dux: John Backhouse, Charles Gahan 2, Peter Lee 3. Form IVb: Dux, Ivan Fox, Ronald James 2, Maurice Reeves 3. Form IVd: Dux: Dion Martin, James Leckie 2, Keith Scott 3. Form III: Dux, Graham Thornton, Michael Barker 2, Ewan Paton 3. Form II: Dux, Robin Willis, Geoffrey Robinson 2, Ian Penny 3. Form I: Dux, Alan Ferguson, David Cookes 2, Peter McCann 3. Form I: Lloyd Jago, Bruce Morris, Peter Gough, John Holden, Malcolm Sayers, William Green, Kenneth Wilson, Eric Shugs, Davin Ikin, Dick Jenkin. Rhodes Prize the gift of Mr and Mrs L. E. Thrower Middle School: Alan Swain. Cock House: Sherwood. House Debating Shield: Athelstane (H Gillies, Leader). Public Questions Society: The Blue Group (H. Lincoln, Leader) for essay on "Modern Retailing."

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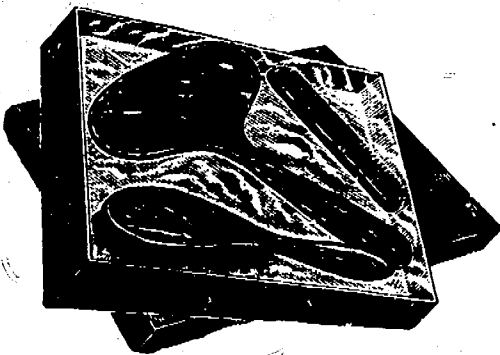
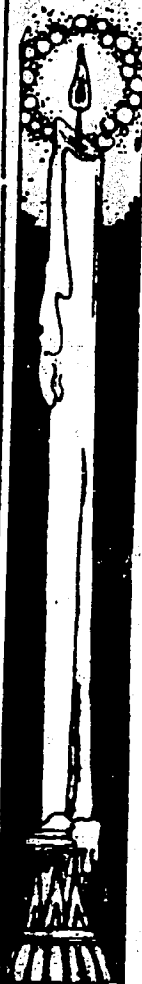
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No Sympathy With Husband

P.M.'s COMMENT IN MAINTENANCE CASE

"This wife is very reasonable, and I have no sympathy with the husband. Indeed I wonder that the wife is still fond of him," said Mr. E. E. O'Grady, P.M., after hearing evidence in a case at the Northcote Court on Friday.

Stella Lay, Ross street, Northcote claimed maintenance for herself and two children from her husband, Fred Alfred Lay, tramway employee, of Charles street, Northcote.

Mrs. Lay said: The marriage took place in February 1928, and we lived happily together until August 1933. There are two children. My husband left home and went to live with another woman on Christmas Day, 1933. For two months he paid me £2 a week, and then 35/- a week until last October. He did not come to see the children during that time. A reconciliation was suggested, my husband saying he was tired of his present life, and he wished to return. We lived together again for a short period, but he left me again. I have earned £2/5/- a week fairly regularly as a boot machinist for a number of years I was working while I was living with my husband. Cross-examined, Mrs. Lay denied

Seen Around Hollywood

SMARTLY DRESSED GIRLS

Carole Lombard took the plun for stepping out in the loveliest gown. The only word which describes her frock is "exciting." It was a dinner dress of black crepe, with a simple bodice top, and a skirt, which had a flat panel in front and back, and gathered panels across both sides. Over this she wore a jacket of black, silver and valient red lame, with long sleeves, a high round neckline, and a peplum with long panels of the lame descending to the floor.

Second honours went to Claire Trevor dancing in a metal threaded white chiffon gown which showed the Grecian silhouette influence. A silver kid girdle added originality by means of embroidery done in scarlet bugle beads. Over the frock Claire wore a wrap of scarlet metal cloth, full length, fitted at the waist and flaring at the bottom.

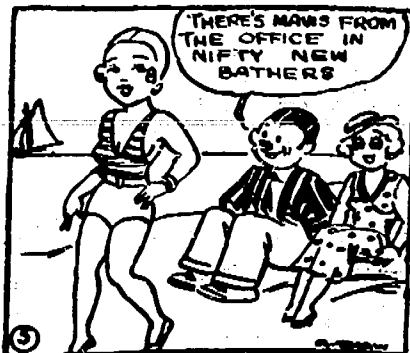
Gracie Allen went glamorous in her dressing at a recent premiere, wearing a frock which sported a voluminous skirt of blue tulle with polka dots of midnight blue sequins over the skirt. A jacket of massed midnight blue sequins had a rippled peplum and long tight sleeves. The neckline was outlined in a single flounce of blue tulle edged with sequins.

26 Weddings

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NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL 11th Annual Speech Night

There was a record attendance at the 11th Annual Speech Night of the Northcote High School in Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday, December 16.

An increase in enrolments for the year was reported by the head-master, who also announced that excellent examination results had been achieved.

A fine musical programme was provided by the boys. The School Orchestra played three numbers "Love's Old Sweet Song", "Mighty Like a Rose", and "Holy Night".

After the interval "The Concert" produced by J. G. Forster, a musical music arranged or composed by Mr. Hallett, was staged by the school.

Cr. W. Oliver, chairman of the Advisory Council presided. He congratulated the school on the excellent attendance which had taken place.

The head-master, (Mr. F. W. Johnson) presented his 11th Annual Report. He said that the enrolments for 1936 were 145 as against 145 for 1935.

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In Your Garden

The following Garden Notes have been compiled by Mr. R. W. Hodgins, Nurseryman.

VEGETABLES

Vegetables make rapid progress during humid weather. Make further sowings of Salads, Cress, Spring Onions and Cucumbers.

Sowings of MARROWS, PUMPKINS, MELONS and SWEET CORN can still be made.

Large sowings of FRENCH BEANS should be made now.

When the plants are about 18 inches high, spray them with a mulch of peat or manure.

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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL Milk Cart Smashed

Northcote council held its fortnightly meeting on Monday. Present were the Mayor (Cr. Peters) and Crs S. Dennis, M. C. Jones, C. H. Burnham, B. E. Johnson, W. Oliver, W. H. Turner, J. H. Green, W. Glanfield, A. McAdam, W. Hayes, J. W. French.

The State Electricity Commission notified that the tariff on bulk electricity would be reduced from January 1 next and the saving to the council would be about £715 per year.

Cr. Turner said the council had recently spent £50,000 in improvements to its electrical equipment, and this saving was good news.

The following accounts were passed for payment—Public Works Committee £3,993/18/8; Private street construction A/C 3282; Electric lighting A/C 449/7/11; Fire Room in Westgarth Hall, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

Cr. W. Oliver moved a resolution "that this council affirm its intention of supporting the efforts of the Throne and person of King George VI and humbly pray that the British Nation may have in their progress and prosperity during his reign."

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BOXING

McNAMEE AGAIN.—As Jack Shields of Queensland, could not, owing to an injured hand, keep his engagement at Fitzroy last week with Jack McNamee the Victorian welterweight.

Jack Burns of Sydney filled the breach, but was compelled to resign during the 11th round. McNamee as usual, scored mainly with his left hand, but in several rallies during which he did his utmost to win on a knockout, he punched heavily with his right.

Burns' left eye was cut during the second round, and he repeatedly sent Burns off balance with his left jab, and easily avoided Burns' repeated right jabs.

McNamee was awarded a right to the body swung into his corner grasping at his side. The referee, Mr. Williams, who had earlier declared the contest immediately, and declared for McNamee.

Intervening after the contest Burns stated that he suffered greatly from broken ribs from the second round.

In a four-round contest, Digler Terrik, 35, after some preliminary rounds, was defeated by Tom Lusk, 31,0.

Tom Lusk, a hard-hitting newcomer, 9.3, refused Eddie Smith's advice, the referee intervening in the second round.

George Lowe, 9.9, boxed attractively and appeared to be unfortunate in losing the decision in the 10th round to Billy Hamilton, 9.9.

Both Hamilton's eyes were cut and bled freely during the last few rounds.

On Monday night at Fitzroy the Northcote boxer, Kid Delaney, fought well in the main boxing contest against George Lowe.

Lowe scored on occasions with heavy punches and seemed likely to win on a knockout, but Delaney stood up manfully, Delaney caught a sensation in the 5th round by connecting with a series of uppercuts which momentarily dazed Lowe.

Lowe finished more vigorously, and won on points.

Tom Lusk 8.10 gave Tom Hunter 8.10 a hectic time during four rounds, and won easily on points.

Billy Newton 9.9 and Pud Gay 9.9 threw punches ceaselessly in a great four-round contest, and could not be separated by the referee at the finish. The draw pleased the spectators.

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SALE OF CROWN LANDS

TENDERS for the purchase of the undermentioned Crown Lands will be received by the Secretary, Crown Settlements Commission, 14th January, 1937, enclosed "Tender for Crown Settlements Land."

Each tenderer is required to state clearly his full name, occupation, and address the lot tendered for, and the price offered, also to give particulars of his farming experience and means at his disposal for carrying out the contract.

Commission to Agents.—Two per cent. will be paid to the agent who shall lodge the necessary deposit with successful tenderer.

Parish of Kingslake.—LOT 7, AREA—53a, 3r 27p being allot. 74B, formerly held by E. H. Thomson, situated south of Kingslake, West of Toorah about 12 miles from Whittlesea, RS suitable for potato and vegetable growing, outbuildings and 11 acre house, outbuildings and 11 acre house.

Terms and Conditions.—Deposit to be lodged with tenderer 15 per cent. of price offered.

A further 10 per cent. of the purchase price will be payable in each of the following second, fourth, sixth, and eighth years, and the balance in ten years. Interest 4 1/2 per cent.

No residence condition. Improvements to be maintained and insured.

Crown grant on completion purchase.

Call From Cable Tram.—Severe head injuries were sustained by Adrian Leonard, aged 21, years, of Clarke street, Northcote, on Saturday night when he fell from a cable tram in Queen's parade, Clifton Hill.

He was taken to the "St. Vincent's" Hospital.

"Conditions in the taxi business remain the same," says a report.—No change as usual.

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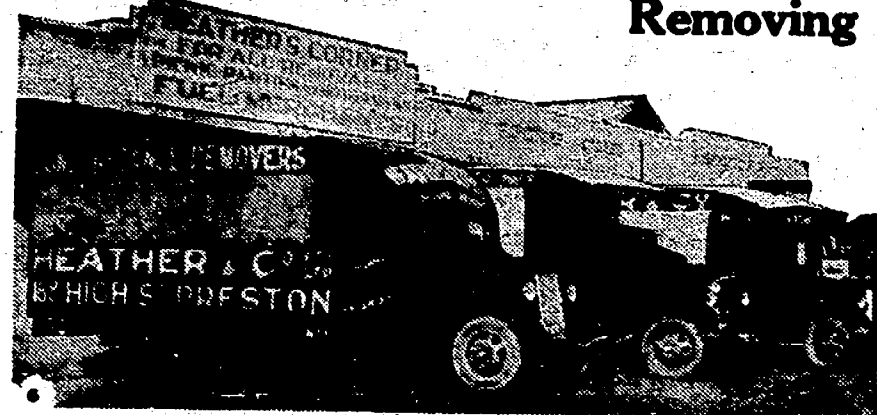
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PERSONAL

Mr. Richard Snape, 68 years of
 age, Plenty road, Preston, died last
 Saturday and was interred in Pre-
 ston Cemetery on Monday after-
 noon. Mr. Snape, who was care-
 taker of South Preston Methodist
 Church, was a highly respected re-
 sident and leaves a widow and one
 son. Three children predeceased
 him. The service at the grave-
 side was conducted by Rev. H. T.
 Rush. Mr. Ern. Jensen had charge
 of the funeral arrangements.

The Mayor of Preston (Cr. A. G.
 Davis) and the Mayoress are to
 enjoy their Christmas dinner at
 home.

First Const. W. M. Gleeson has
 resumed duty in Preston.

First Const. F. T. Ballard, of
 Preston, is touring Victoria by car.
 Mr. F. Fathers (Messrs. Scott &
 Son, Preston) returned on Sunday
 from a fortnight's trip to Monbulk,
 Wood's Point and Walhalla.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Riches, of
 Heidelberg road, Fairfield, are re-
 ceiving congratulations on the ar-
 rival of a daughter.

Mrs. A. Hills, of Thornbury, is
 about again after a serious illness.

Mr. A. W. Nancarrow, manager
 of the E.S. & A. Bank, Northcote,
 left on Saturday for Sydney. He
 is accompanied by Mrs. Nancarrow
 and their family and will spend a
 month's holiday in the Harbor
 City. He is being relieved by Mr.
 Cleary.

Mr. J. Dean, of Tennyson street,
 Preston, who had the misfortune
 to be knocked down by a car when
 on a business visit for the Preston
 U.F.S. Dispensary, is about again.

Mr. E. Hardenack, of Clifton
 grove, Preston, was made the re-
 cipient of a gold wristlet watch
 on the termination of his office as
 president of the Preston U.F.S.
 Dispensary. In making the pre-
 sentation, the newly-elected presi-
 dent (Mr. J. Crough) on behalf of
 the delegates, thanked Mr. Hard-
 enack for his untiring efforts on be-
 half of the dispensary. Mr. Hard-
 enack has been a delegate since
 the inception and it was stated
 that he has attended more dispen-
 sary meetings than any other dele-
 gate.

Mr. W. Bett, of 56 Cramer street,
 Preston, who is accompanied by his
 younger brother, Albert, left on
 Wednesday afternoon for a fort-
 night's holiday in Adelaide, which
 city is celebrating its centenary.

Mr. B. Heather, of Regent, who
 was a foundation trustee of the
 Preston U.F.S. Dispensary, has ten-
 dered his resignation as he is un-
 able to devote the time the pos-
 ition warrants. It was decided
 to receive the resignation with re-
 gret, and also to place on record a
 minute of appreciation of the valu-
 able services rendered the dispen-
 sary since its inception.

By the death of Mrs. Violet
 Reeves in America recently Mr.
 Ormond Reeves, a son of Mrs.
 Reeves, of Hastings street, North-
 cote, has lost his wife.

At the annual meeting of the
 Preston U.F.S. Dispensary, held in
 the library hall on Friday Mr. J.
 Crough, of Wood street, Preston,
 one of the representatives of the
 M.U.I.O.O.F., was appointed presi-
 dent for the ensuing twelve months.

CORRESPONDENCE

A.N.A. POLICY

(To the Editor)

Sir.—In a recent issue of the
 "Leader" a report appears of a
 meeting of the Preston branch
 A.N.A. in which reference is made
 to the abolition of the annual con-
 ference of the Association. The
 suggestion, I consider, merits the
 serious consideration of all mem-
 bers anxious for progress along
 sound lines, and more particularly
 in the preservation of funds, with
 a view to giving members the
 greatest amount of cover without
 unduly increasing contributions.
 Much has been done, admittedly,
 but nevertheless, there is now
 ground to be broken in the way
 of friendly society work, and by
 husbanding its resources, the A.
 N.A. can extend its activities with-
 out fear of financial embarrass-
 ment. As an advertising medium
 the conference is obsolete, and,
 having regard to the annual cost
 to members, approximately £8,500,
 there are good grounds for its
 abolition, and the sooner action
 is taken in this direction, the
 better it will be for all concerned.
 Yours etc.,
 18/12/38. "NATIVE"

SOCIAL NOTES.

Christmas Re-Union

A Christmas Re-union of friends
 of Cr and Mrs. W. H. Turner was
 held at their residence, 27 Keon
 street, last Saturday. There were
 about 24 guests including the
 mayor and mayoress (Cr and Mrs.
 A. V. Peters, the city surveyor (Mr.
 J. J. Bradley), Mr and Mrs. P.
 Coleman, Mr and Mrs. Duncan, Mr.
 Alf Waters and son (Richmond),
 Mr and Mrs. T. Maidment, Mr and
 Mrs. A. Mitchell, Mr and Mrs. H.
 Hillman, Mr and Mrs. H. Beenen,
 and Mr Les Langridge. For the
 musical programme Mrs. James
 Foran acted as accompanist and
 was assisted by Mr. George Tur-
 ner with violin and ukulele. Among
 items were "The Recruit" and
 "Conversations" by Pat Coleman;
 "Mirvana" and "Sweet Mystery of
 Life" by Harry Hillman; "The
 Holy City" and "Take a Pair of
 Sparkling Eyes" by Harold Tur-
 ner; "Sleep and Roses" by Mr. Cliff
 Duffy; "I Was Dreaming" by Mrs.
 Foran; "Watchman, What of the
 Night" (duet) Messrs. Coleman and
 Hillman; "Wagon Wheels" (duet)
 by Messrs. Harold and George Tur-
 ner; and "Gipsy Love Song" and
 "Song of Songs" by Mr. Duncan. A
 rendering of the "Blue Bird of
 Happiness" given by Mr. H. Tur-
 ner, was applauded.

The catering arrangements were
 carried out by Mrs. Turner, who
 prepared an excellent supper. Mrs.
 Turner was assisted by Miss Jean
 White. A vote of thanks to the
 host and hostess was submitted by
 the mayor and supported by Mr. Alf
 Walters Jun. In responding, Cr
 Turner thanked all who had help-
 ed to make the evening such a suc-
 cess. Mr. Pat Coleman responded
 on behalf of the artists and visit-
 ors. The party concluded with the
 wishing of "A Merry Xmas and a
 Happy New Year."

Engagements

Lesda Maude, only daughter of
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Christian, Goolwa
 St. George's road, Thornbury, is
 to be married to Mr. Harold Thomas
 McCallum, 18
 Cambrian avenue, Preston, son of

the late Mr and Mrs. H. Mc
 formerly of Thornbury.

Margaret, elder daughter of
 and Mrs. V. Chessey, Darvel
 Thornbury, to Claude, younger
 of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. J.
 Jeffrey street, Woodend.

Noel, youngest daughter,
 and Mrs. J. F. Tulloch, 4
 George's road, Thornbury, is
 the only son of Mr and Mrs.
 Miers, Pongau street, Sadon.

Normanby Christmas Party
 The Christmas Tree Party of
 Normanby Tennis Club held a
 secretary's residence, Norm
 avenue, Thornbury, on Decem-
 17 was a huge success largely
 to the efforts of Mesdames Fran-
 Gill and Parkhill, who de-
 credit for the wonderful repast
 which was partaken of and en-
 joyed by all. The centre of attrac-
 tion on the table was the beauti-
 fully-decorated Christmas Cake,
 the decoration being done by Mrs.
 Ilett.

In the unavoidable absence of
 Father Christmas, Mr. Francis
 tributed the toys from the tree to
 the children; the menfolk also re-
 ceived suitable gifts from Santa
 Community singing (Mr. V. Turner
 piano) and games went towards
 making an evening which was en-
 joyed by all, and which it is hoped
 is the forerunner of many an an-
 nual treat.

Christmas Party at Preston.

On Tuesday evening a number
 of friends assembled at the home
 of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bird, Cramer
 street, Preston, when a happy time
 was spent. For some months
 a number of friends have been
 attending evenings at the home
 of Mr. and Mrs. Bird, and the
 function on Tuesday night took
 the form of a Christmas party.
 Games and competitions were in-
 cluded in, whilst a number of
 vocal, musical and diction-
 ary items were enjoyed. Dancing also
 helped to make the time pass
 pleasantly. Winners of the com-
 petitions were: Musical chairs—
 Mrs. Heather, and Mr. E. C.
 Sutton; Flower competition, M.
 and Mrs. Price; Monte Carlo, M.
 W. H. Webber and Mrs. Rose, who
 each received a little gift, some-
 times with startling results.
 A presentation was made to Mrs.
 Bird, a bottle of perfume as an
 earnest of the good wishes of her
 many friends; and a presentation
 was also made to Mr. Noel Bunker
 in recognition of the fact that it
 was his "121st" birthday. Good
 wishes for the festive season were
 exchanged before the close of the
 assembly.

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