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## House Bullet-Riddled

### Boy Fined £10

### "LUCKY NO ONE WAS KILLED"

**PLASTER knocked from the walls, the house in disorder, and bullet-holes in the walls and fence—this was the spectacle that greeted the astonished gaze of Donald Claude Cameron, storeman, Lunette avenue, Preston, when he returned to his home from a holiday on January 3.**

As a consequence, William Charles Leeson, Wood street, Preston, appeared at Preston Court on Wednesday, charged with having discharged a fire-arm without the permission of the local authority.

Cameron said he locked up his house on December 26 and left to spend a holiday at Yarra Junction. On returning a week later, he found the house as previously described and informed the police. Leeson told him he had fired into the ground and not at the house.

Constable Gleson said he found nine bullet holes in the south wall of Cameron's home and a number of holes in the fence. Two bullets penetrated the wall and lodged in the opposite wall, damaging the plaster. One bullet was found in a chair. He interviewed Leeson at his home and Leeson at first denied that he had a pea-rifle. but eventually produced one.

**Fired Fifty Bullets**

Leeson, continued the constable, told him he had fired 50 bullets at a target hanging from a pear tree about 4-6 feet from the ground in the back yard of his home.

Mr R. T. Cahir (for Leeson) said the rifle had been purchased for rabbit-shooting. Leeson had not fired deliberately at the house and did not realise the danger of his action.

Mr T. J. McMahon, J.P., said it was a very serious offence and it was fortunate that no one had been killed. Leeson would be taught not to fire guns indiscriminately. He would be fined £10, in default two months' imprisonment. Costs would amount to 9/. Leeson would be allowed to pay the fine by weekly instalments of 10/.

## OBSTRUCTING FOOTPATH

### Salvation Army Officer Charged

The bench at Preston Court on Wednesday rejected an application by the prosecution to withdraw three charges of obstructing the footway after he had been required by a constable to desist, preferred against Robert Charles Roy, Salvation Army officer, of Cooma street, Preston.

It was stated that Roy had given an undertaking to Preston Council, under whose by-law he was prosecuted, that the band would not play in the same place again.

Mr T. J. McMahon, J.P., said the bench thought it was unwise to allow a withdrawal of the charges. The shop-keepers who had been annoyed by the band must be protected. The three charges would be adjourned to a date to be fixed to enable Roy to attend the court personally and enter into an agreement with the council not to play again between Murray road and Bruce street.

Miss Lillian R. Rofe, of 196 Wood street, East Preston, announces in an advertisement in this issue, that tuition for intending pupils of violin, piano and theory resumes on February 3.

## Northcote Court

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Before Mr. E. E. O'Grady, P.M.

**Indecent Language.**

William Hill, Hoddle street, Collingwood, was charged with having used indecent language.

First Constable Grundy said he was in High street at about 12.15 a.m. on January 31 with Plain-clothes Constable Erwin. Near the Town Hall were standing a number of youths who were told to move on. When the youths had gone about 50 yards Hill made use of indecent language, which was audible to pedestrians. The constable chased and caught him.

Hill was fined £3, in default 14 days' imprisonment.

**Debt**

S. G. Tomkins, Shaftesbury parade obtained orders for milk sold and delivered against the following — Brooks, Nicholson street, £1/8/3; — Carr, Batman street, 14/6; — Hirt, Liverpool street, 13/11; all of North Fitzroy. Costs amounted to 15/6 in each case.

**No License**

John Mundy, of Park street, Northcote, charged with having ridden a motor-cycle without being licensed, was fined £2.

**Ineffective Silencer.**

Thomas G. Stewart, Westbourne grove, Northcote, was charged with having ridden a motor-cycle which was not fitted with an effective silencer.

Constable Hannabury said the noise from Stewart's machine could be heard in St. George's road at 5.40 p.m. on December 4, at a distance of 200 yards.

Stewart, who said the machine belonged to a friend, was fined £2.

**Traffic Offences**

Bert McGowan, of Buckingham street, Richmond, was fined £1 on a charge of hoving ridden a bicycle without a light.

Charles A. Grubb, Bower street, Northcote, charged with having parked a car in Arthur street, Fairfield on December 17 so that the wheels were not parallel with, and more than ten inches from the kerb, was fined £1.

George Hoyune, Moreland road, East Coburg, charged with having failed to stop a bicycle before entering the intersection of Arthurton road and St. George's road, a minor and major street respectively, was fined 10/-.

## FAIRFIELD SWIMMING CLUB

With a view to organise entries of children for the all Junior carnival at Fairfield on February 27, races are being held in the children's pool every Sunday morning. Entries are open, and cater for both boys and girls under 12, 14, and 16 years. Cups and trophies are donated by well-wishers.

Results were: — Girls—20 yds. under 15, Bon Grigor 1; Pat Sharpe 2; Joy Bell 3. 40 yds. under 16, Nancy Grigor 1; Valda Fearce 2; Hazel Rowe 3. 20 yds. under 14, Pat Sharpe 1; Jean Grigor 2; Joy Bell 3. 50 yds. under 16, Joy Miller 1; N. Grigor 2; H. Rowe 3. 20 yds, under 13, Jean Grigor 1; Pat Sharpe 2; Joy Bell 3.

Boys:—50 yds under 16, W. Smillie, 1; A. Auton 2; B. Nelson, 3. 20 yds, under 13, F. Noyes 1; R. Hickey 2; A. Smith 3. 20 yds. under 12, R. Hickey 1; W. Sheraton 2; K. Howlett 3. 40 yds under 14, J. Michaels 1; W. Smillie 2, W. Sheraton 3.

Men — 50 yds R. Michaels 1; J. Reynolds 2; R. Reynolds 3. 100 yards senior handicap, J. Murphy 1; E. Dawson 2; J. Reynolds 3.

A humorous item on January 31 was a challenge water polo match between two junior teams captained by H. Wiltshire and Ian Dale, all under 14 years of age. The game was played immediately after a good exhibition by the club's A and B. grade teams. The antics of the lads trying to pass the ball kept the crowd amused. Ian Dale's team won by 3 goals to 1.

## NEWS of the LODGES

### STAR OF NORTHCOTE I.O.R

There was a large attendance at the fortnightly meeting on January 28, Bro. M. Veevers, C.R. presiding. Visitors from the North Preston tent were present, and after opening the tent, the visiting officers were invited to take up their respective positions alongside the Star of Northcote officers. From this stage, Bro. Pearce, the visiting P.C.R. conducted the meeting.

Three new members were initiated and welcomed by Bro. Snell, (secretary of North Preston tent). One clearance was granted, and three nominations were received.

A donation of £2/2/- was made to the Northcote Football club. The Corris (Newmarket) tent invited members to a games night on April 14.

Feeling reference was made to the passing of Bro. J. Henna, secretary of the North Fitzroy tent, and a motion of sympathy was passed, members standing in silence.

Reports were received re cricket teams, and the balance sheets of the Hope of Northcote and Dennis Junior tents, both of which are in a flourishing condition.

In responding to a vote of thanks for their attendance, Bro. Pearce expressed the pleasure of the North Preston members. Sister Corkhill, D.R., and Bro. Snell also spoke.

After the meeting various games were played, and refreshments served.

The next meeting, February 11, is quarter night.

### NORTHCOTE A.W.A.

The next meeting of the Northcote branch of the A.W.A. will be held at the Northcote Town Hall on February 8. Of interest to members was the celebration of Australia Day, at a banquet held in the Railways Institute. Miss Butler, as chairwoman of the Metropolitan committee welcomed Lady Huntingfield, who responded to the toast "The Day We Celebrate." Other notable visitors were Mesdames Couchman, Rosanove, and Weber, each of whom made short but interesting speeches.

At the request of the A.N.A. members were asked to co-operate and make Foundation Day a success. An enjoyable outing was spent at Hampton. Items of interest for young and old claimed the attention of the large attendance at the picnic ground.

Membership of the branch is steadily increasing, and any information required by prospective members, may be obtained from the secretary, 61 Darling street, South Yarra.

## BRUNSWICK STREET ACCIDENT

**Northcote Motor-Cyclist Injured**

Admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital in an unconscious condition aften an accident in Brunswick street, Fitzroy, Edward Barratt, aged 19 years, of Emmaline street, Northcote, was found to be suffering from severe head injuries

Riding a motor-cycle in Fitzroy, Barratt came into collision with Donald Hart, of Kerr street, Fitzroy, who was also admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital with a compound fracture of the right leg.

As both men were unconscious, it has yet to be ascertained how the accident occurred.

**Mayor of Preston's Relief Fund.** ATTENTION is directed to advertisements elsewhere in this issue relative to the holding of dances in aid of the above fund.

## LOCAL RECIPIENT IN NEW YEAR HONORS

### THORNBURY DOCTOR'S WIFE O.B.E.

O.B.E.—Officer of the Order of the British Empire, is the honor conferred on Mrs J. J. Daly, the wife of a local medico, Dr J. J. Daly, of High street, Thornbury. The eldest daughter of the late T. P. MacMahon and Mrs T. P. MacMahon, of Darling Point, Sydney, she is one of a family, well-known in Sydney's medical and legal professions.

(Jack Cato photo.

MRS J. J. DALY, O.B.E.

A very gifted speaker ,Mrs Daly came to Thornbury 14 years ago. During this time she has been associated with various charitable organisations, mainly with the hospital auxiliaries.

As her husband's aunt was one of the founders of the St. Vincent's Hospital, her warm charitable activities have been in connection with this institution. Ten years ago, mainly due to Mrs Daly's work, the Kew-Hawthorn Auxiliary came into being, the honorary secretary of which she became shortly afterwards. For two years she has been president of the Central Executive of St. Vincent's Auxiliaries. At present she is vice-president.

During 1935, Mrs Daly and ten friends were responsible for raising £650 for the St. Vincent's Hospital. A ward was endowed in name of her daughter in recognition of her untiring efforts in raising £1250 for the hospital.

For three years Mrs Daly has been president of Loreto Old Girls' Association, which has its own charitable activity—the Loreto Free Kindergarten in Banks street, South Melbourne.

An active member of the Red Cross Society, Mrs Daly, who is an excellent speaker, was asked to address the Red Cross Council, her subject being: "The Value of Auxiliaries to the Public Hospitals."

An honorary secretary of the committee of St. Anne's Hostel in Carlton, Mrs Daly, besides being responsible for raising of funds, was personally instrumental in furnishing of three rooms in the above institution.

Mrs Daly distinguished herself as an orator just before Christmas, when she opened the garden fete for the Austin Hospital in Ivanhoe. Besides all her charitable activities, which occupy a lot of her time, Mrs Daly is a commissioner for affidavits, and last but not least she is an exceptionally good housewife and mother.

Amongst the many good deeds in Mrs Daly's activities was the part she played as one of the honorary treasurers in raising funds to replace the brass band instruments of South Melbourne Boys' Orphanage, which were stolen not so very long ago.

The Good Samaritan School in Northcote knows what an excellent charitable worker is the wife of Dr J. J. Daly. Mrs Daly is full of admiration for the work of hospital auxiliaries in the industrial suburbs, for she knows how hard it is. Before ending the interview Mrs Daly could not help but pay a tribute to her husband, who has been in his quiet way a good friend to the poor and unemployed of Northcote.

## WIMBLE ST. CHURCH ACCIDENT

### COLLAPSE OF SCAFFOLDING

Two painters were injured when the scaffolding collapsed on a painting job at the Apostolic Church, in Wimble street, Northcote on Tuesday morning.

W. Batchelor, 65 years, of Beaver's road, Northcote, was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital with a fractured spine. His condition is critical.

W. Thomas, 63 years, of Valentine street, Thornbury, was also admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital suffering from shock and a broken arm.

## RESERVOIR NOTES

At a well-attended meeting, held at the home of Mr. E. Hardie, Ralph street, Reservoir, a strong committee was formed to canvass this area for signatures to a petition for the creation of a new ward in connection with municipal matters Crs. Croft and Grey addressed the meeting. Mr. Pearce was elected as chairman and Mr. E. Hardie as hon. secretary. Mr. Newton Clarke represented the West Preston Progress association, and outlined the scheme.

The St. Georges' Sunday school went for its annual picnic to Frankston.

Cr. and Mrs. Croft and family have gone for a holiday to Warrnambool, Mt. Gambier and the Grampians.

Keen dissatisfaction is expressed by many ratepayers in the increase of their valuations, up to 50 per cent being reported.

Mr. and Mrs. McLeod sen. of Leamington street, are on holidays in Sydney.

Mr. Breeze junior, who is home on holidays is suffering from a septic throat.

The contractors hope to make a start with grubbing out the reeds from Edwardes Lake with a new idea in construction of steam shovels.

The contractor has completed the paths in Ralph street, but already wandering stock have damaged the concrete. The construction of Byfield street is being pushed ahead.

Loud complaints are being mabe about the state of Edwardes street. "Pot holes" three to four inches deep and so numerous that they cannot be avoided.

Mr. Chapman of Edwardes street has let his property and has left Reservoir.

Mr. Les Kay of Willoughby street has returned home from the country.

Mrs. Moulden has returned to "Leamington" Ralph street, after a holiday rest at Williamstown.

Mrs. Leffers and two children of Ralph street, are home after holidaying at Bon Beach.

The Board of Works has put a footpath across the reserve to join Cheddar road with Cheddar road east. Safely guarded with gates, it is a great boon to residents on the eastern side of the line. The Board has also replaced the old post and rail fence along the High street boundary with a fine meshed wire fence.

# NORTHCOTE'S PUBLIC NUISANCE No.1

## GARBAGE DISPOSAL

### Numerous Complaints From Residents

**PUBLIC NUISANCE No. 1 as a talkie title is funny and has a certain amount of appeal; but when it becomes an established fact, a positive menace to the health of the community — it is impossible to see the funny side of it.**

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**IDEAL SITUATION**

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But does the council provide us with a modern and efficient system for the disposal of the refuse deposited in this ideally situated tip?

**SERVICE OF SANITATION**

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Among the many services rendered by municipal bodies, none exceeds in importance that of sanitation. This plays the most im-

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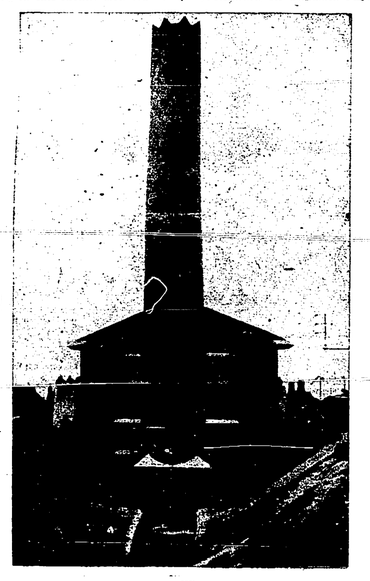

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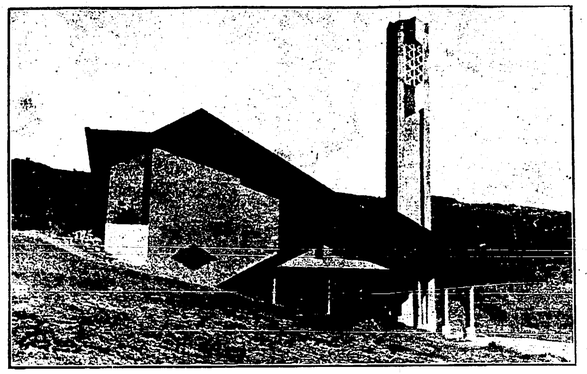
***—NEAR HOME***

Rear view of the recently erected Brunswick Incinerator.



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***—HOME***

***Public Notice:***

**The Editor refrains from reproducing the Northcote Council's pit, the sight is only too familiar, and even a reproduction offends the sense of progress and sanitation.**

## SENTENCE VARIED

### Thornbury Lad Released on Bond

Richard Seaborne, 17, of Thornbury, wood-carter, who at Ballarat General Sessions, was sentenced to six months' detention in a reformatory prison on two counts of wool receiveing, was released on a bond of £25 to be of good behaviour for tow years, and to come up for sentence if called upon.

The fact that Seaborne's good behaviour in the past, and the fact that his uncle, who was charged with him absconded from bail, leaving him to "face the music" alone, were mainly instrumental for the variation of the decision given by Judge McIndoe at the Ballarat Court of General Sessions.

Seaborne appealed on February 3 to the Court of Criminal Appeal, including Mr. Justice Lowe, Mr. Justice Duffy, and Mr. Justice Martin against the severity of the sentence. Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for Seaborne.

## OBITUARY

### MR ALEX. H. SPICER

At the age of 82, Mr Alex. H. Spicer died at the residence of his son-inlaw, Mr H. Deipenau, Alfreda street, East Preston, last Saturday. He was a widower and left two married daughters. For 52 years Mr Spicer was an esteemed member of the Methodist Church and was well known at Diamond Creek. Deceased at one time resided with his brother, Mr Sampson Spicer, at Queenstown. The funeral, in charge of Mr Ern. Jensen, took place at Hazel Glen Cemetery on Monday. Rev G. R. Lawson conducted the burial service and the pall-bearers were Messrs L. Apted, H. McMillar, E. Belot, A. Thompson, R. Deipenau, and F. A. Matthews.

### MRS V. E. WINDUSS

Mrs Violet E. Winduss, wife of Mr Les. Winduss, Robeson street, Preston, died suddenly last Friday evening. After suffering from asthma, heart-trouble supervened. She was 37 years of age and left two children, Leonard and Raymond. The body, after a service had been conducted by Rev R. McCoy, was cremated at Fawkner on Saturday. The pall-bearers were Messrs A. Deacon, E. Rogers, C. Chiek and G. Winduss. Mrs Winduss was associated with West Preston Shurch of England. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Dr. Ern. Jensen.

### MRS JANE KINGSTON

Last Saturday evening the death occurred at her residence, Oakhill avenue, Regent, of Mrs. Kingston, wife of Mr S. H. Kingston. Her age was 66. On Monday, the interment took place at Melbourne General Cemetery, Rev. R. McCoy officiating at the graveside. Mr Ern. Jensen was the undertaker.

## GOLF

### IVANHOE CLUB

A stroke competition of 14 secret holes resulted: — W. P. Garland (19) 45; J. L. Betheras (9) 46; P. D. Sinclair (16) 48; W. Taylor (15) 48; J. G. Robinson (17) 49; A. Sullivan (15) 50; W. Hardess (18) 51; V. Ballard (18) 51; E. S. Impey (16) 52; R. M. Bone (15) 52.

Next Saturday there will be a stroke 1st. round forMr.C. Buckley's trophy.

## NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Northcote FootbaH club will be held at the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday, February 10 at 8 p.m. A Special General meeting will be held at 7.45 p.m, on the same night for the purpose of altering, or adding to the rules as follows:—

Alter Rule 3 of the constitution by reducing the number of vice-presidents from six to four, and the number of the general committee from twelve to eight.

Add new rule:—"That no person be elected an honorary life member of the club unless he or she has given not less than six years' continuous service to the club."

"That no honorary life member be entitled to vote at a meeting of the general committee unless he is already a member or that committee, or has attended at least two of the last three previous meetings of the general committee.

Nominations for office-bearers closed at 8.30 p.m. on the night of Wednesday, February 3.

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## Northcote's Public Nuisance No. 1

portant part in preserving the health of the community, as instanced by the fact that the incidence of typhoid and other enteric diseases has decreased so as to become negligible since the installation of effective water-supply and sewerage.

The collecting and disposal of garbage, household and factory refuse, presents an equally great problem to be shouldered by the local governing body

**GERM BREEDING GROUND**

On a hot day, the germ-laden atmosphere in the vicinity of the council's tip—and not too close a vicinity at that—is permeated with such odors as defy description. Is the child living in Separation street for ever to be separated from a life in a relatively pure air? Has the storekeeper to sell his wares in an aroma of a native bazaar?

For how much longer does the council propose to let the present tip remain the breeding place of millions of flies and other germ-carrying insects. Does it intend to keep a private rat farm in Separation street ad infinitum?

**INCINERATION EFFECTIVE**

For, as things are now, the disposal of garbage in the heart of the district is as antiquated as the paddle steamer in ocean transport. When an area becomes densely populated, naturally the amount of garbage or refuse increases per head of population, and better and more effective methods have to be looked for, and generally incineration is resorted to.

**CONSIDERATION OF FACTORS**

Two factors have to be considered:—(1) In selection of a method of incineration, primarily is to provide that a nuisance is not created, even though it be less than that caused by previous methods of disposal and secondly that plant is so situated that collection charges are as small as possible. (2): That the handling of refuse of all sorts is as hygienic as possible so that workmen can dispose of same without unnecessary contact, thereby reducing the danger of infectious diseases.

**DREARY OUTLOOK**

Untold shires, municipalities, and other governing bodies have taken sanitary modern steps in that direction. But so far the continual complaint of the Northcote resident, asking for what is only due to him, is as a voice lost in the wilderness.

The outlook of the ratepayer residing within a half-mile radius of this blot on the name of Northcote's progress is indeed a dreary one, for months pass and nothing is done to improve the existing conditions. The ratepayer begins to wonder whether the year 1937 is going to see the menace to the health of his family and himself, and to their general well being.

It is up to the council to change the programme. No show, no matter how creditable it is, runs on for years, and Northcote's Public Nuisance No. 1 is far from being a credit to its council.

## Northcote Swimming Club

On January 20 the following races resulted:—100 yards free-style championship, Junior boys—D. Benkie (1.15 3/5) 1; R. Cornell (1.35 3/5) 2; H. Male (1.43 2/5) 3.

100 yards free-style championship, Women—E. Loch (1.25) 1; N. Stewart (1.36 3/5) 2; G. Doggett (1.32 2/5) 3.

200 yards back or breast-stroke handicap (Men) — N. McIntosh, (3.17) 1; J. Purcell 2; W Henderson 3.

On January 27 results were:—100 yards breast stroke championship (men) — J. Purcell (1.23 3/5) 1; N. McIntosh (1.24) 2.

100 yards free-style championship (Junior girls) — E. Loch (1.23 2/5) 1.

100 yards free-style championship (men) — J. Simpson (1.7 2/5) 1.

The club held a picnic to Lilydale on Australia Day, and members competed in the Lilydale swimming carnival.

On February 24 the Northcote club carnival will be held in the Northcote baths.

## "BARBED WIRE"

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"I have never heard of the company," Custance said.

"We're small yet, but we hope to expand."

"You're running against big competition," Custance told him.

"Everyone has to make a start" said Bullard mildly. "And our oils are good and cheap."

He paused, then went on: "Do me a favour, Mr. Custance. Let me send you a sample gallon of our Paragon for your car. Try it, and if you like it—well, a good word from a man in your position will mean a lot to a small firm like mine."

Something for nothing. The idea appealed to Custance. So did the compliment.

"I don't mind trying it," he said (1.23 2/5) 1. "That's most kind of you," said Bullard gratefully. "I see lights ahead. Yes, it's Moreton. Will you drop me at the Bull? And may I offer you a drink?"

"You'd better have one with me," said Custance condescendingly, as he stopped the car outside the little country inn.

They got out, drank, and, at Bullard's request, Custance gave him his card.

"I'll send on the oil as soon as I get back," Bullard promised. "I hope you'll have a good trip home. And," he added with a laugh, "I can't help hoping that you'll take your wife to Paris some day."

"Some day—perhaps," said Custance, "but it won't be for your reason. Good night!"

He drove off, and an hour later sat down to dinner at the Clarence. Next day he went to Bristol, and on Thursday evening reached home.

His wife met him at the door. She was pretty, if a little faded. Living with John Christopher Custance would fade any woman. Tonight, however, she looked unusually animated and excited.

"So you forgot something for once, John," was her greeting.

"Forgot something?" repeated Custance. "What do you mean, Ethel?"

"Your pocket-book."

"My pocket-book?"

Custance thrust his hand into his breast pocket and drew out a lizard-skin wallet.

"You found it again!" exclaimed Ethel.

"I never lost it."

"But you did," she insisted "You wired me that you had lost it, and asked me to telegraph you ten pounds."

"And you sent it?"

"Of course I sent it. I sent it to Moreton Hampstead. John—John don't look like that!" she cried, for Custance's face was purple and he appeared as if he was choking.

She ran and fetched water. When she came back, Custance appeared to be recovering. He followed her into the drawing-room and the first thing he saw was a telegram on the chimney-piece.

"Oh, I forgot!" his wife said. "That came about an hour ago. I didn't open it because I knew you'd be home soon."

Custance tore it open. This was what he read:

"When do we start for Paris?"

There was no signature.


**CELEBRITY VAUDEVILLE**

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## "F.M." No Excuse

Recently a man who was constantly late for work, and in his work much slower than was usual, was reprimanded by his employer.

The man pleaded "F.M.," better known as Foot Misery.

"What," said the boss. "F.M., there's no such thing now. Haven't you heard of Eymer's 3-Day Corn Cure at only 1/- a bottle? It will readily remove the worst corn."

Obtainable from R. Eymer, Resident Chemist, 759 High St., Thornbury, JW 1031. (Advt.)

## BIRD THAT WRECKED A PLANE

A large owl attacked two woodsmen in Minnesota recently, and injured one of them rather badly. It was only put out of action when a third man armed with a hatchet, and with a blanket over his head, took a hand in the proceedings.

Airmen can tell some thrilling stories of encounters with birds in the air. Those that survived to tell them, of course. A few years ago two American flyers were killed when an angry buzzard attacked them so fiercely up in the clouds that it crashed their plane.

Deaths from motor accidents in U.S.A. last year totalled 38,500—the highest figure yet recorded.


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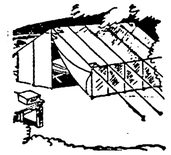

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## A Complete Short Story

BIG, heavily handsome John Chistopher Custance was better liked by women than by men. Too infernally sure of himself, his business associates said, while some went so far as to call him a bumptious ass.

Custance had brains, worked like a horse, and, at thirty, had risen to be buyer for one of the largest departments of the firm of Gorton Ormsby, with which he had been since leaving school. He had the comfortable salary of £800 a year, a pleasant house at Ealing, and a wife.

He was now on his way from Plymouth, where he had been doing business for his firm, to Exeter, where he meant to spend the night.

He had taken the moor road by Princeton and Moreton Hampstead, no because he was keen on scenery, but because he had been told it was the shorter.

Farren moorland had no appeal for Custance. He much preferred towns, and long before he reached Princetown he was heartily wishing that he had taken the longer but less hilly coast road. These treeless uplands, bleak under a stormy sky, chilled him, and the constant gear-changing was a worry.

Yet his Martlet two-seater was pulling well, and when he reached Princetown and found himself on a down slope, he began to feel happier. He swept past Two Bridges without stopping, and his speedometer touched fifty on the level plain beyond.

Then came a steep pitch leading down to the humped bridge over the Cherry Brook. He took this too fast; the car left the ground, jumped several feet, and swung round. As it came down the engine went dead, and Custance jammed on his brakes in a hurry.

He tried the starter, but there was no response. Frowning, he got out and lifted the bonnet. Though a fair driver, Custance was hopeless as a mechanic. He had never taken time to study the machinery of a car, and, after all, why bother when there is usually a garage round the next corner?

His first idea was that the people at Plymouth had failed to fill up the tank, but a brief inspection showed that there was plenty of petrol. He fiddled about, but could find nothing wrong.

His frown deepened. The mishap could hardly have happened at a more awkward time or place. The sun was setting, ominous-looking clouds were drifting up from the north-west, and there was not a soul in sight. He had not passed a single vehicle since leaving Princetown, and he might wait a long time before anyone came along this desolate moor road.

It seemed as if there was nothing for it but to leave the car and tramp all the way back to Two Bridges for help.

The sky darkened; big drops of cold rain splashed on his face. He had no macintosh, only a light coat, and he knew he would be soaked to the skin before he reached the hotel. The rain grew heavier. He climbed back into the car, and listened to the rattle of raindrops on the windscreen and hood.

"Of all the poisonous luck!" he said angrily.

Ten minutes passed. Rain fell steadily; it looked like setting in for a wet night. It was a mile and a half back to Two Bridges, but it had to be faced unless he meant to spend the night in the car. He pulled up his coat collar, buttoned it round his chin, and got out.

Ugh! How cold it was, and how the rain drove! Not an atom of shelter anywhere. What a fool he had been to take this infernal road! He started, and had not gone ten steps when through the driving rain he saw a man coming down the hill.

A man wearing a long macintosh and a tweed hat pulled well down over his eyes. He strode along briskly, as if the weather worried him not at all.

Custance pulled up. There was just the chance that this fellow might be able to help. They met on the bridge, and the stranger stopped.

"In trouble?" he asked pleasantly, glancing at the stationary car.

"Stuck up," growled Custance. "Can't get her to go. Do you know anything about cars?"

"A bit," was the modest reply. "May as well have a look."

"I don't suppose you can do anything, but you may as well have a look and see what you can do," said Sustance, as he turned back to the car and raised the bonnet.

The other took one glance, then made an adjustment that occupied not more than fifteen seconds. He closed the bonnet, got into the car, and pressed the starter. Instantly the engine hummed into life. Custance's eyes widened.

"That's smart," he admitted. "What was wrong?"

"The high tension to the distributor had jumped out of position. That was all," replied the stranger.

"I'm obliged to you," said Custance, graciously. "You've saved me a soaking walk back to Two Bridges. Where are you going?"

"Moreton Hampstead. I have business there."

"That's on my way. You'd better have a lift. My name is Custance"

"I'm Bullard—Franklyn Bullard" said the other, as he shifted over into the passenger's seat.

Custance took the wheel, and the car ran easily up the steep slope, while the wiper ticked steadily to and fro. He glanced at his companion, and noticed that he had grey eyes, straight nose, and a wide humorous mouth. Also that he was a few years older than himself, and his dark suit showed signs of wear.

"A long way to walk in this weather," he remarked condescendingly.

Bullard shrugged. "My firm doesn't provide me with a car."

"This is my own car," Custance hastened to inform him.

"You're lucky," said Bulard.

"It isn't luck," Custance told him.

"It's hard work and knowledge and experience. I am a buyer for Gorton and Ormsby."

"The provision people. I've heard of them. Quite a sound firm I believe."

His casual tone nettled Custance. "In the highest-class trade we have no superiors and very few equals," he said huffily. "Nothing but the best is good enough for us. That is the motto of my principals, and my success is due to the fact that I have always acted on it."

"Must take some doing," said Bullard. The twinkle in his eyes escaped Custance. "Don't you ever make a mistake or a bad bargain?"

"My firm does not pay me eight hundred a year to make bad bargains," said Custance importantly, as he changed down for the steep hill near the Warren Inn. "I cannot ever remember having lost a penny of my firm's money since I attained my present position."

"Or of your own?" said the other innocently.

"Or of my own," repeated Custance. "A man must be a fool to let himself be swindled by others."

"Then I'm afraid there are a lot of fools in this world," said Bullard slowly.

"So much the better for the wise ones," replied Custance. "I have no patience with people who can't take care of what they've got."

"Everyone gets done down sometimes," Bullard said.

Custance laughed scornfully. "That's what my wife says. I've promised her a trip to Paris if she ever finds me getting caught out."

He changed down as they reached the top of the hill, and for a time there was silence.

"What's your business?" Custance asked presently.

"Paragon Oils—lighting and lubricating."

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### "The Tudor Wench"

—By Elswyth Thane

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### "At Grips With Fate"

—By Henry St. John Cooper.

A wife cannot give evidence against her husband, and Edward Craig knew this when he persuaded Esme, the girl who loved him, to be his wife. Edward Craig concealed a secret from the world, a secret that would send him to the gallows. Frank Carter, an innocent man, a fine man, a man with his life before him, stood in the dock, and only Esme Craig, the wife of the man who had murdered John Carter, could clear him.

This new story by Henry St. John Cooper shows a departure from his usual style, but all the old skill of telling a good tale really well is still there, and "At Grips With Fate," will hold readers spellbound from first to last.

### "Prisoner of the OGPU"

—By George Kitchin

In this book of his experiences in Soviet Russia, the late George Kitchin, a native of Finland, relates impartially and objectively the tribulations to be undergone unfortunate enough to fall foul of the O.G.P.U., the Russian Secret Service.

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# Preston Technical School

IN view of the imminent opening of the new Preston Technical School a short resume of the steps which led to the establishment of this modern facility will be of interest.

At the institution of the A.N.A. a deputation of citizens of Preston Northcote and surrounding districts waited upon Cr. H. Swain, then Mayor of Preston, to request that steps be taken to secure the establishment of a Technical School in the Northern suburbs.

The Preston City Council favouring the plan, organised a deputation which was introduced by Mr. H. P. Zwar M.L.A. and supported by the Hons. E. L. Kiernan and H. H. Olney, M.L.C., to the Minister of Education (Dr. Harris). After inspecting many sites, the Minister expressed himself as being in favour of the present one in St. George's road (then known as Frank street). The land, consisting of 8½ acres, was purchased by the Preston Council for £7,000, and made available to the Department as the council's contribution to the school. The site, while providing magnificent recreation space for students, will also provide ample room for any extensions which, later, may be deemed necessary. It is in a quiet neighbourhood, and yet, being near Preston and Bell railway stations, is easily accessible for students by rail, and by bus from Coburg and Heidelberg.

During the Preston Council Jubilee Year (1935) the proceeds of the Carnival Week (£500) were earmarked and set aside to be used toward the equipment of the school. The council has also offered to set out the lawns, gardens and shrubs under the supervision of their curator. A flag pole for the school has been donated by the Preston A.N.A.

The school, which will relieve the congestion at Collingwood and Brunswick Technical schools will be opened on February 8. Enrolments for Day Junior and Evening Senior classes have been very heavy and it is likely that at a very early date the school will be carrying its full complement.

The school, which cost approximately £30,000 was designed by Mr. P. E Everett, Chief Government Architect, a former principal of the Brunswick and Brighton Technical schools. The classrooms, workshops and equipment represent the most advanced ideas in Technical school design.

The principal (Mr. J. Aberdeen, M.Sc., B.Ed.), for ten years headmaster of Bendigo Technical school, has had wide experience in industrial research and has taken a leading part in the Boys' Employment Movement. For a number of years, he was Lecturer in Psychology and Religious Education, and examiner of applicants for nursing.

The president of the School Council is Cr. W. Oliver, of Northcote Council. Associated with him are citizens representing the leading businesses and industrial activities of the Northern districts. They are Crs A. G. Davis (Mayor of Preston) S. Panther (Heidelberg) and J. Croft and F. G. Pike. (Preston) Messrs V. J. Bradley, F. P. Bird, E. Blake, J. W. Barron, W. G. Eggington, R. Johnson, E. Leach (Director) and E. A. Painter.

**OPENING ON FEBRUARY 8**

Four hundred odd pupils who sought admission to the new Technical school on February 2 were unable to commence their studies, due to the fact that the contractor have not quite completed their work. The school will be out of the hands of the contractors, and will open on February 8 to those selected out of all applicants.

But those in charge of the school did no waste time. Assembling the selected pupils in the grounds, they gave instruction to their future charges as to the requirements of books etc.

## CLUB AND SOCIAL SECRETARIES

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## BOXING

### BOXER'S COURAGEOUS EFFORT

**Simpkins Draws with Wiseman**

In averting defeat in a 12 rounds contest with Bill Wiseman at Fitzroy last week, "Spike" Simpkins, the Newcastle middleweight thrilled spectators with a great display of pluck and tenacity. Boxing brilliantly in the early rounds he administered heavy punishment, until, striving for a knockout, he badly jarred his right hand, the pain causing him to crumple up and fall to the floor. Asked by the referee if he could continue, Simpkins nodded in an emphatic manner, and for the next few rounds used only his left hand. Hard pressed by Wiseman, he tentatively used his right hand during the ninth round, but again showed signs of distress. Urged on by his second, Wiseman commenced a finishing rally that had Simpkins in trouble and down to short counts on several occasions. On the verge of being knocked out, Simpkins, in a desperate effort to avoid defeat, used his injured hand repeatedly in short punches to his opponent's jaw, and had Wiseman rocking. Although racked by pain, Simpkins scored just as effectively as Wiseman from the ninth round on, but was exhausted at the final gong. Amidst sustained applause, the referee signalled the decision, a draw. The weights were: Simpkins 11.1; Wiseman 11.5.

In another 12 rounds contest, the coloured boxer "Curly" Parkes 10.1 outpointed "Johnny" Shields 10.6 of Queensland. Shields, lacking experience, but in perfect condition, withstood severe punishment, his eyes, nose and lips showing ample signs of his durability. Parkes was not persistently aggressive enough to win on a knockout, and Shields was unable to retaliate to any great extent. In rather bad shape, but still cheerful Shields warmly congratulated his opponent when the referee indicated Parkes as the winner at the end of the contest.

**Preliminaries.**

Mike O'Connor 9.0 was far too artful for the aboriginal, Joe Wandin 9.0, and won easily.

Billy Spokes 11.11 followed up his success of the previous week by easily outpointing Freddie Stevens 11.11 in an interesting six rounds contest.

Jimmy Ryan 9.4 and Alby Mann 9.0 battled hard for four rounds the last round being a "thriller." The drawn decision pleased everyone.

## DECISION IN ADJOURNED CASE

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"SHARP LABOURER FINED.

A case which had been adjourned from October 13, last year, to allow Mr. E. E. O'Grady P.M. to consider his decision, was again before the Northcote Court on Tuesday.

Albert William Ryan, wharf-labourer, Erval avenue, Preston, was charged with having been found without lawful excuse in an enclosed garden of Henry F. Tulloch, St. George's road, Northcote.

Ryan, who admitted a number of prior convictions, said he had been working fairly regularly on the docks since October. He had not been convicted for four years.

The P. M. said that in view of the fact that Ryan was working, and had a good record for four years, he would not send him to gaol, but would fine him £10 in default two months' imprisonment. It was an opportunity for Ryan to reform.

## MAN ABSCONDS FROM BAIL

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WARRANT FOR ARREST

When the name of Lawrence Quick, Canning street, Carlton, was called at the Northcote Court on December 16 to answer a charge of having in company with another man, stolen a wireless set valued at £10, the property of Aubrey Ball, Quick did not appear. He had been released on bail of £20.

Detective Leigh said Quick informed the police on Monday that he intended applying for a remand.

Francis Susic McGuiness, home duties, Fitzroy street, Fitzroy, said she was the bondswoman for Quick, who had called at her home the previous night, and told her he would call at 9.30 the next morning. He had not arrived. She thought Quick might be sick.

The P. M. said it was unfortunate for the bondswoman. He would adjourn the estreatment of the bail-bond for seven days. In the meantime the police could issue the warrant for the arrest of the defendant.

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# The SCREEN and its STARS.

## Broadcast Halted in Romantic Appeal

### LOVERS GO TO GAOL

When a young man, singing on a radio programme, interrupts things to broadcast a frantic appeal to the girl of his heart, who is out on some highway rolling toward marriage with his bounder rival, there's likely to be action, which is just what happens in RKO Radio's "Walking On Air," with Gene Raymond as the boy, and lovely Ann Sothern as the girl.

Raymond lands in gaol as the result of his escapade. Miss Sothern as a dynamic Beverley Hills heiress hears of his radio appeal and shies a shoe through the court room window in order to join the man she really loves.

This is just one of the many situations in the film which rips along at tornado pace with the old demon, love, getting the two principals into every sort of insane escapade imaginable.

## Randolph Scott Says "Never Again"

### AFTER BURNING AT MOVIE STAKE

Being burned at the stake is no joke, even if the stake is just a movie "prop", and the bloodthirsty Indians are merely Hollywood Redskins.

If you don't believe it, ask Randolph Scott, who had to undergo this ordeal for one of the final scenes of "The Last of the Mohicans," Reliance Pictures film version of the James Fenimore Cooper classic.

As Hawkeye, the heroic Colonial scout, familiar to the countless readers of the book, who was tied to the stake by the Huron Indians and rescued at the eleventh hour by the British troops led by the gallant Major Duncan Heyward, Scott lived through moments of such realistic horror that he swore off stake burning scenes for life.

## Joneses Travel "Back to Nature"

The Jones family, favourite film folks, go "Back to Nature" in a trailer with all the comforts of home in the New Twentieth Century-Fox picture, heralded as the best picture in the series that the happy, scrappy family has appeared in.

Featuring Jed Prouty, Shirley Deane, Dixie Dunbar, Tony Martin, Spring Byington, Kenneth Powell, George Ernest, Florence Roberts, and Billy Mahan, "Back to Nature," is a merry film of the Joneses turning the great outdoors upside down as they trail the romance trail in a trailer.

A list of the outstanding song hits of each of the past five years would be an index to the rising career of Tony Martin, popular young radio singer and orchestra leader, who is featured in the new Jones family hit.

## Cobb, Somerville, Go Into Training

Irvin S. Cobb and Slim Summerville literally went into training for their respective roles in "Pepper," Jane Withers' new Twentieth Century-Fox hit, coming to the Regent Theatre.

The Paducah Humorist and the elongated comedian found that the rigors of keeping up with the antics of the mischevious Withers miss required that they be in the pink of condition.

Jane plays a shin-kicking, tomato throwing, window-busting pint-sized Robin Hood of lower New York in "Pepper" and both Cobb and Summerville go through a series of strenuous and energetic adventures with Jane.

To properly fit themselves for their parts, Cobb and Summerville took a regular course of "setting-up" exercises during the production of the film.

## Charm of Native Music

Practically unknown is the aptitudes of the Australian natives for creating original harmony of their own, and it was not until the production of "Uncivilised," which comes to the Regent Theatre, that the weird beauty of this music came before public notice.

An understanding of the ten-po and underlying theme was necessary before the native interpretation could be translated into written music, but after an intensive study, Lindley Evans, one of Australia's foremost composers, succeeded.

While it is not suggested that the musical score used in "Uncivilised" is the product of an aboriginal mind, it is positive that the primitive music was the basis of the delightful melodies which serve as a background for the picture throughout.

Dennis Hoey and Margot Rhys are co-starred with a splendid cast.

JANE WITHERS, versatile child artist, who gives an excellent performance in "Pepper."

## Together in Third Mystery Film

That debonair detective, William Powell and his lovely co-star, Jean Arthur, playing in RKO Radio's race track mystery "The Ex-Mrs. Bradford," at the Regent Theatre is the third movie in which they have combined their deductive powers to solve cryptic crimes.

Miss Arthur's easy mannerisms, and dry wit form a perfect foil for the dynamic Powell's rapid fire bon mots.

In this picture, Powell plays the role of a successful doctor, and Miss Arthur is his ex-wife. She decides to recapture her former husband, but finds him involved in a baffling murder mystery.

## 'Kakariki' Disaster

### CLAIMS NORTHCOTE CITIZEN

### Mrs. Rogers Reads News in Early Press

Interviewed early in the morning following the disastrous collision between the freighters "Kakariki," and "Coradale" Mrs. Rogers told the following story:—

**HAD PREMONITION**

"I expected my husband last night, but as the "Kakariki" is often late in her crossing of the Bass Straits, I felt no particular anxiety.

I went out at about 6.30 a.m. to buy a paper to find out what time the "Kakariki" would berth. The first thing that caught my eye was a headline concerning a collision in the bay, and the sinking of the "Kakariki". In that edition no names of the missing men appeared.

Immediately I felt that something had happened to my husband, and that he would be among the missing. The certainty of the disaster was so acute that I had barely reached home before I collapsed.

**FEARS CONFIRMED**

A friend of the family, seeing Mr. Rogers' name in the list of the missing, called, confirming the premonitions of the bereaved woman. So far, she had had no news from the shipping company.

**GAINED DISTINCTION DURING THE WAR**

John Rogers, who was 45 years of age enlisted in 1915 as a private, but rose to the rank of lieutenant before being demobilised. Since the war he tried his hand at other occupations. Of recent years he went back to the sea, having had many years of it before the war. He joined the "Kakariki" on December 22 last year.

Three children, two girls and a boy, between the ages of 14 and 17 are left to minister to the grief of the stricken woman.

LATER—The body of John Rogers has been recovered with two others.

## Drowning Fatality at Northcote

Reported missing on Sunday, Charles Cook, 60, of East Brunswick, was discovered drowned early on Australia Day in the Merri Creek, near the Arthurton road bridge, Northcote.

The body was only partly dressed; the rest of his clothes were on the bank of the creek, not far from the spot where the body was found floating.

## FAIRFIELD SHOP ROBBED

### THREE MEN FOR TRIAL

Northcote Court resembled a mercer's shop on Friday, when heaps of shirts, ties, and other articles of men's clothing were scattered about in profusion—on the witness box, on the seats, and even on the table before the bench.

Two brothers, Richard George and Edward Burke, both labourers residing at St. David street, Fitzroy, and John Robinson, labourer, of Young street, Fitzroy, were each charged with having broken into the shop of Leonard Thomas Sayce Station street, Fairfield and with having stolen 20 dozen men's ties, 12 dozen men's sox, ten doz. men's shirts, and other articles valued at £96.

Sayce said that on the morning of January 20 he found the shop in disorder, the back window having been forced, and a large quantity of goods missing. He identified a number of the exhibits as being portion of the missing stock. Several articles, he said, still had his tabs affixed to them.

Plainclothes Constable Buffham stated that he found portion of the stolen clothing at the homes of the defendants, and the men were also wearing some of the clothing. When questioned, each of the defendants said he had bought the clothing at various times.

Each of the three defendants pleaded not guilty, and reserved his defence. All were committed for trial at the Supreme Court on February 25, bail in each case being fixed at £50 with a surety of a like amount.

France has decided upon a substantial increase in her naval strength.

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## AN UNUSUAL INCIDENT

### CASE REOPENED

An unusual incident occurred at the Northcote court on Friday.

About half an hour after William Nobel, Edinburgh street, Burnley had been fined £2 on a charge of having driven a car without headlights in Queen's parade, Clifton Hill, on January 3, his counsel entered the court and made an application that the case be re-opened. He stated that Nobel was standing outside the court since it had begun, and had not heard the case called.

The P. M. said the bench would re-open the case.

Constable Hanrahan said he had had a clear view of the car driven by the defendant. It had no front lights.

Nobel said the constable came to the car and said "Your lights are not on." He considered that the constable had made a mistake, and he was sure his parking lights were on, because the light at the dash-board was burning. It was a well lighted street, and he could not tell from the car if his lights were on or off.

The P. M. said that in view of the fact that the road was well-lit, and it was difficult to notice if the lights were off, the fine would be reduced from £2 to 10/-.

Immense sun-spots are said to be the reason for the poor reception in England of radio descriptions of the fourth Test match from Australia.


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# NEWS AND VIEWS
## OF THE WORLD OF FILMS

## PLAY BOY BECOMES LITERARY FAN

The study that is necessary to make an actor conversant with the character he has to play was responsible for converting Robert Montgomery, Hollywood's leading playboy into a literary fan. So interested did this popular actor become in the literature of Robert Louis Stevenson (he is now appearing in Stevenson's "Suicide Club") that he bought a complete Stevenson library and recently went on record to the effect that the money spent was the wisest spending he had ever done.

In a new home he is having constructed, Bob is providing a complete room, beautifully fitted out, as a library.

## Did You Know That—?

The hat-check girl at Sardi's, where all movie folk eat, has given it out that she receives more buttons in her tip-box than any two Hollywood churches.

Jack Oakie's addiction to practical jokes is causing this star to lose a good deal of popularity in the film colony.

The same applies to othe Four Marx Brothers.

All stage hands, camera men and mechanics etc., voted Bing Crosby as an "All Person."

George Raph, whose appearance in gangster pictures is becoming a little monotonous, on a recent visit to New York was met at Central station by a local like-shot gangster, and was offered a bodyguard during his stay in the metropolis.

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

**SWEET PEAS POPULAR AGAIN**

Many home gardeners, after gaining variety from other blooms, are returning to the opinion that the sweet peas are more than ever worthy of garden space. Many people would love to grow the useful and beautiful sweet peas, but have no suitable position on which they can climb, and which cannot have a sunny aspect ;but most of us have fairly large flower beds that would be all the better for a few tall specimens, that could be so arranged as to form central pieces; or in the larger holdings, to be arranged at suitable intervals to give a kind of uplift to the scheme, and relieve any suspicion of flatness which now exists. Sweet peas offer the means to that end.

Here's How — Get a tall stake, and drive it far enough into the soil to hold it firm and upright. Now get a piece of wire mesh, tack to the stake and form a cylinder of about seven to eight inches in diameter, firmly attaching the second end to the stake. This will form a cylinder with the stake inside, all secure against the wind. If you set half a dozen sweet pea seeds in the soil around the inside edge of the wire netting, the plants will grow up inside; and as they grow they cover the netting with foliage. The net result will be cylindrical columns of greenery, adorned from top to toe with bounteous numbers of colorful flowers.

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## Learn To Swim

### ACTIVITIES AT NORTHCOTE

The recent campaign conducted at Northcote baths closed last Saturday, and as a result of it 96 persons obtained certificates for swimming 25 yards. Many others were taught to swim.

**Value of Swimming**

It has been estimated that 95 per cent of the deaths due to accidental drowning in Victoria could be avoided if everyone could swim. One who can swim well is then in a position not only to save his or her own life but to save the lives of others as well.

Most of the lives lost by drowning occur while bathing in unguarded rivers and ocean beaches. At the Northcote baths, season by season hundreds of adults and children have been, and are being taught to swim.

Arrangements for tuition may be made by getting into touch with the Bathskeeper (Mr. J. Fogg) at the Northcote Municipal baths.

**Education Department Classes.**

The popularity of the Northcote baths as a teaching centre for the Victorian Education Department swimming classes is still being maintained. With the more congenial weather, the head-masters of the various schools are making arrangements with the Department's swimming branch for an increasing number of the younger school children to be taught to swim. The Northcote council and the Tramways Board make special concessions to school swimming classes which allows of conveyance and admission to the baths at low rates. The following schools are attending Northcote baths:—Falconer street Central (North Fitzroy), Spensley street, (Clifton Hill), Fairfield State school, Westgarth Central, Northcote High School; Hutton street, Thornbury; Helen street Central School, and Wales street Central School.


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## Court Cancelled License

### BUT HE DID NOT HAVE ONE!

An almost Gilbertian situation arose at the Northcote Court on Friday, when a fruiterer was charged with having driven a car without being licensed.

Richard Hearn, of Ballantyne street, Thornbury answered a charge brought by Sergeant Martin, who explained that at the same court several weeks previously the defendant had been fined on another charge and his driving license was ordered to be cancelled, yet actually he had held no driving license at that time.

"The police," said the Sergeant, "took the defendant's word that he had a license, and I believe that he really thought he had one. It is probable that he had not noticed that the date of expiry had passed."

The P. M. (Mr. E. E. O'Grady) said it was an extraordinary position, and he would advise the police in future to insist that licenses be produced.

William James Simmons, Lowan street East Brunswick, said the defendant's car, on December 27 swung round the corner of Separation street, and Woolhouse street on its wrong side and collided with his car.

Constable Henneberry said that Hearn's license expired in August last year. Hearn told him he had a licensé.

Hearn said he told the constable that he had a license, because he thought his license was still current.

A fine of £1 with 5/- costs was imposed.

## A SILENT THIEF TAKES £20 IN CASH

Entering through an open front door, without making a noise, a thief robbed Miss Amy Inkson, of Clarke street, Northcote of £20 on Friday afternoon.

Although Miss Inkson was in the house at the time, she did not hear any suspicious noises. She discovered the theft on finding her empty handbag on the front lawn.


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## BAGSNATCHERS ACTIVE

### ESCAPE IN CAR

Walking along Herbert street, Northcote at about 10.30 p.m. on Saturday, Mrs. Florence Grace Walsh, of Turnbull grove, Northcote was accosted by two young men, who, after pushing her over, snatched her handbag, containing a 10/- note and some silver. Before Mrs. Walsh could recover, the thieves jumped into a car and drove off.

Mrs. Walsh was too surprised by the sudden assault to get a description of the assailants, or even notice the number of the car.

Some Country Party members have expressed themselves as being in favour of doubling the registration fee of Diesel-engined trucks, as they pay no petrol tax.

## Northcote Court

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Before Mr. E. E. O'Grady, P.M and Mr. H. P. Tulloch, J.P.

**Failed to Stop at Intersection**

Enoch Atkinson, Victoria road, East Melbourne, charged that being the driver of a motor-car, he failed to stop before entering the intersection of a minor street, (High street,) and a major street, (Plenty road) was fined £1

**Lights Out**

Charles William Bartlett, Green street, Ivanhoe, charged with having driven a car in Queen's parade, Clifton Hill on December 24 without a rear light was fined 10/-.

Frederick Joseph Tresize, Albert street, West Brunswick, was fined a similar sum on a charge of having ridden a bicycle without a rear light, in High street, Thornbury on November 30.

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# Recent Weddings

## Water Lily Bouquet

WILSON—OSMOTHERLY

THORNBURY Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church was the setting for a delightful wedding on December 17, when Miss Winifred E. Osmotherly, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Osmotherly, of Thornbury, was married to Mr. John M. Wilson only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson, of Traralgon, Gippsland.

The church was decorated by sisters of the bride and Mr. H. Nash was the organist

As she entered the church on her father's arm, the bride was attired in a crinkle satin gown, shirred at the waist, and extending to a train at the back. Her tulle veil was caught with a coronet of orange blossom, and she carried a sheaf of water-lilies and gladioli, also a white kid-covered bible, the gift of the groom.

Miss F. Breninall attended in a primrose taffeta frock with an overdress of stiffened spotted net, cut on early Victorian lines. She bore a sheaf of pale blue delphiniums. The groom's present was a pair of pearl cufflinks.

Mr. P. Huddleston was best man, and the Rev. G. T. Arthur M.A. performed the ceremony.

The breakfast was held at Normanby Hall, and afterwards the guests were entertained at the home of the bride's parents. The bride's mother wore a navy frock and a spray of autumn tinted pansies.

For travelling the bride chose a navy blue ensemble relieved with a bunch of field flowers.

The couple will make their home at "Ayr", Brisbane street, Ascot Vale.

## Evening Wedding

ANDERSON—McDONALD

ON December 22 at 7.15 p.m. the wedding of Miss Ethel Marie Rose McDonald, second daughter of Mr. S. J. McDonald and the late Mrs. McDonald of Yoomans street, Westgarth to Mr. Benn Gosstray Anderson, second son of Mrs. A. Anderson, of Smith street, Thornbury, was celebrated at the Ivanhoe Baptist Church by the Rev. Pope. The church was beautifully decorated with blue, pink and mauve hydrangeas.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father. She wore a gown of magnolia satin beautifully cut on the cross, with a tucked bodice finished at the neck with two pearl clips, and full caplin sleeves. Her skirt was lengthened at the back and extended into a long train, and her veil was of silk tulle held to the head with a halo of satin and orange blossom. She held a bouquet of water-lilies.

As attendants, Misses Florence and Jean McDonald were frocked in gold thumb printed silk, with full skirts and tight bodices with diamonds of gold lame in front of the bodices, full sleeves and a roll collar. On their heads they wore gold tulle veils over their faces, with a bunch of violets at the crown, and they carried shower bouquets of matching flowers. The frock of the little train-bearer, June Hamill was a replica of the maids'.

The groom was assisted by Messrs Reginald Smith and Jim Anderson as best man and groomsman respectively.

At the breakfast and reception, held at Normanby Hall, Thornbury, the groom's mother was attired in navy georgette.

For travelling the bride selected a dusky pink ensemble trimmed with navy taffeta, with accessories to match.

## Graceful Panel Train

AT Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, on January 2 the wedding of Miss Emma Dorothy Nebel, and Mr. Henry Thomas Shallard was solemnised. The bride is the third daughter of the late Mr. F.J. Nebel, and Mrs. Nebel, Wedge street, Epping, and the groom is the second son of the late Mr. G. F. Shallard and Mrs. Shallard, of High street, Epping.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. Newton Ward, wore a white satin gown. Features were a pannelled skirt, merging into a graceful train, shirring at the front and at the wrists, full sleeves and a Peter Pan collar. Her filmy tulle veil was held in place by a white satin halo and clusters of orange blossom. She held a bouquet of water-lilies.

Attending the bride were Misses Olive Shallard (sister of the groom) and Doris Bool, who were in blue georgette with panelled skirts and floral and tulle halos. The little flower-girl, Miss Joyce Bell was frocked in pink georgette with a Dolly Varden bonnet. Bouquets of delphiniums and pink carnations were carried by all the attendants.

Supporting the groom were his brothers, Messrs Frederick and Arthur Shallard. Rev. W. H. Chamberlain performed the ceremony, and Mr. R. Blatchford was at the organ.

A breakfast and reception were held at the Memorial Hall, Northcote, where Mr. Ward presided. The bride's mother chose a navy blue georgette and lace frock with cave blue hat; and the groom's mother appeared in a black figured crepe de chene gown with black hat.

A black skirt with a red and white crepe de chene coat and red hat and shoes were worn by the bride for travelling.

The couple will make their home at Preston.

## MILLINERY FASHIONS

Hats are high, many with sharp pointed crowns like a pierrot's, worn on the side, or rather back on the head. These are shown in great variety. But there are also many trimmed Homburg shapes with high folded or tapering crowns. Others are Empire—turning sharply up at the back and down in front, sometimes with a long plume coming from the back to the front. This forward movement is apparent too, in small front-brimmed hats which slope off the back of the head. There is a shape like a postman's; the new tricorners with the point over the face, and the beret which is pulled forward and sharply up at one side like the Scotch bonnet.

In sports wear, examples of the popular swagger in tweed or plaid are being shown, though with less fullness at the back. Long tweed or plaid capes have waistcoats attached, or are lined with soft jersey to match the little sports dresses or suits they accompany.

Tweeds are usually plain, but are seen in many unusual shades; as for instance, seaweed green, soldier red, electric blue, and wine red—these last two combined together in slightly varying tones for both day and evening wear. Terracotta, rust and all shades of yellow, from pale banana, to deep mustard will be popular.

### THE NEW CABLE BRACELETS

The cable bracelet has again made its appearance after many years of disfavour. The modern example is light in weight, and has a new type of link. Some of the links have the appearance of miniature picture hooks. Bracelets are definitely becoming smaller and more delicate in design. The massed effect in diamond is not as popular as it was, and rather it seems better taste to choose a smaller bracelet which tapers delicately round the wrists, and has fewer, but finer stones in its design.

## TAKING "ERA" OUT OF CAMERA

MAKING mistakes with your camera can be great fun. Stand too near, and you will give your girl friend feet like an elephant. A little tilting of the camera, and the clock tower at Flinders street station will go one better than the leaning tower of Pisa.

Make the common error of forgetting to wind on to the next number on your spool, and practically anything will happen. Aunt Susan can be left sitting in the path of the last of the cable-trams, (or am I looking too far ahead); or maybe the opening batsmen of the English Eleven will be discovered knocking up problematic centuries under the bows of the visiting "Danae." You would scarcely appreciate a snap from Cousin Beryl showing Crawford's defeat by the boy Bromwich, played on the broad back of Uncle John's bovine "Strawberry."

This is all quite amusing if you just want to be funny—but exceedingly annoying if you expect the camera to register just bare facts.

### Observe the Rules

When you are next handling a camera, bear in mind the following simple rules:—

1. Hold the camera level.
2. Hold the camera still.
3. Don't forget to have an unexposed section of the film behind the lens.

For more elaborate types of camera:—

4. Have the shutter set at the right speed, and adjusted in conjunction with the stops.
5. For fixed focus cameras, the object must be at the right distance, and for those with variable focus, choose the right setting.

These are about the main things to remember. Should you have any problems with your camera, write to the Editor, and an answer to your query will appear in our next issue.

### NORTHCOTE CRICKETER INJURED

H Vernon, a prominent Northcote batsman, while playing in the district cricket match on Monday (Foundation Day) between Northcote and Fitzroy, was struck on the head by a fast-rising ball from Sievers. He was subsequently admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital.

## BEFORE YOUR LOOKING GLASS

*A Section Devoted to*

BEAUTY HINTS

ALL QUESTIONS coming under the heading of this column should be addressed to "G.S." care "Leader" Office.

The replies to such questions are published by courtesy of Vera Maxwell Pty Ltd. High Street, Northcote.

"ELSIE" asks: How should excessively dry hair be shampooed, and what should be used?

Answer: For the regular shampoo, i.e., in cases where the shampoo is not followed by a hair-dye, if indications are that the oil supply of the hair is too small, use a good grade of sulphonated oil, or so-called soapless oil shampoo preferably one with a small percentage of mineral oil. The amount of oil removed by the shampooing action is compensated for by the mineral oil left on the hair.

What is the best shampoo to use to overcome oily hair?

Answer: Shampoo every day for three days with a weak solution of bicarbonate of soda—about 1 part to 100 parts of water. For regular shampoos use either a good soap or a soapless oil shampoo containing no mineral oil. Work up a really good lather. More care must be exercised in shampooing this type of hair.

Question: Is there any danger in having permanent waves on hair coloured with a liquid dye?

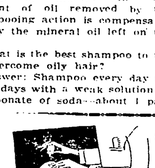
Answer: Generally no, but each case must be handled individually. It depends almost entirely on the dye used, how applied etc. If the manufacturer's directions are followed, and good sense is used, almost any dyed hair can be waved.

Question: How can bleached hair be treated to look glossy?

Answer: Use a good Castile soap for shampooing, and apply one of the reliable prepared rinses or vinegar or lemon. Dry by hand, and brush thoroughly.

Question: How can one determine what colour eye-shadow to use?

Answer: Eye shadow should match the colour of the iris of the eye, and be applied sparingly.

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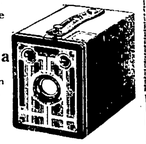

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# WESTGARTH

## NORTHCOTE'S CRADLE

**ACCORDING to all and sundry the depression is on the wane. Why is it then, that Westgarth, which has a tremendous historical appeal to the residents of Northcote; from a business point of view, is still far from the coveted corner?**

When the rest of Northcote was but a sylvan area, devoted to grazing and farming purposes, the district now known as Westgarth, was a flourishing settlement. Some ninety years ago the first pioneers made their homes within the half-mile now bordered by Westgarth street and the Merri Creek christening it Northcote.

Since then, Northcote has far out-grown these limits. But this essentially residential part of Northcote was not left behind in the progress that this ever-growing district has made. From an aesthetic point of view it presents as much charm and beauty as not only any other part of present Northcote, but can hold its own with any suburb of Melbourne. And from a business standpoint, Westgarth offers just as many keen values as any shopping centre of suburbia.

### Progressive Westgarth

The beautifully laid out entrance to Northcote is but one of numerous signs of Westgarth's modernity and progress. The lawns and rockeries, mainly the work of the South Ward Ratepayers' Association, and in particular Mr. Cornwall, better known as "Tree Guard Cornwall" is a fitting prelude to the equally modern and progressive shopping area of Westgarth, which is situated between Union and Westgarth streets in High street, and which offers as many bargains and as good buying to the housewife as many another centre twice its size.

The sixty feet wide streets of Westgarth, exceeding by ten feet the street width required by the government, are thickly populated by active thousands of artisans and tradespeople who find Westgarth an ideal residential suburb.

The following facts speak plainly for the numbers of Westgarth population—three railway stations and two train-systems cater for the thousands living in this district. Between 1400 and 1500 children attend the Westgarth Central school. The State Savings Bank has a branch for the convenience of those residing in this cradle of Northcote. The Northcote Cricket ground, and the Northcote Bowling green are both situated in Westgarth.

But in spite of all this, the Westgarth shopping centre does not enjoy the patronage extended to other shopping areas which are less favourably situated. It is up to the keen business man to go after the business, not to rest on his laurels, lulled into a sense of well-being by this fact of thousands of prospective customers living around him.

Each month the "Leader-Budget" will devote a certain space in its pages, through which the live shop-owner can reach all these thousands of prospective customers.

The "Leader-Budget" goes into every home in Northcote, and every home houses a prospective customer.

Business people of Westgarth.—Use this most obvious and best-value medium of advertising, and you will find that the depression will soon be a memory of the past.

## An Invitation To Readers!

EVERYONE who reads these pages may have a certain opinion on diverse matters of interest to all readers — or you may have problems in various fields of daily life. Remember, this paper is published for you. Don't hesitate in sending these views and queries to the Editor. We will be only too glad to let our readers use this publication as a query and answer forum of their problems. Consider it as an unbiassed medium for making public your personal views on matters of interest to everybody in general, and to residents of this district in particular.

"Pro bono publico" has always been the policy of this paper, so, for the good of the public we invite you to write to us all that you consider worth writing; to ask us any question to which you do not know the answer. Yours &c.

THE EDITOR.

Patrons of a fashionable New York restaurant had to enter the kitchen and serve themselves when 60 waiters went on strike during the dinner hour.

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The freighter "Kakariki" which sank after a collision near the Gellibrand light, in Port Phillip, may be blown up because of the danger to shipping in the bay.

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## Ineffective Brakes

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Is it likely that the brakes on a motor-vehicle can be rendered temporarily ineffective due to the fact that they have been hosed with water?

This was a point confronting the bench in a case at the Northcote Court on Friday last when Allan Francis Green, dairy employee of Park crescent, Fairfield was charged with having driven a motor-truck with ineffective brakes. Although Green called a garage proprietor, who told the court that there was "absolutely nothing wrong" with the brakes of the truck when he examined it the morning after Green was stopped by the police, the bench decided against Green and fined him £2.

Constable Hall said he saw Green at about 9.15 p.m. on November 26 driving a truck about 20 yards behind a bus in High street Northcote. The bus turned suddenly to the right into Elm street, and Green was also forced to turn into Elm street with the bus.

The constable stopped Green and tested his brakes. At a speed of 20 miles per hour, the truck travelled 55 yards from the point of application of the brakes until the the truck stopped. Green admitted the brakes needed attention, but said it was too late to repair them. "The brakes were very faulty," continued the constable, "and the truck could be pushed along the street with the foot-brake hard-on"

Green said he had hosed the truck on the night previous to being stopped by the police, and he said that the water had affected the brakes. His truck was beside the bus when it truned suddenly into Elm street, and he had no other alternative but to turn with it. The truck belonged to his employer.

Frederick Clarke, garage proprietor of Heidelberg road, Dareshin, said he inspected the brakes of Green's truck the morning after he was stopped by the police, and he regarded them as being quite satisfactory.

The P. M. said it was unfortunate that the employee had to suffer. Green would be fined £2.


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They all know they are lies—we know they are lies—and they know we know they are lies.

Why, then, do they keep on telling them (and why do so many of us believe them)?

Let us in future tell the truth, no matter how much it hurts.

## Celebrity Vaudeville

In the Northcote Town Hall on Monday night a good vaudeville programme was presented. Owing to the holidays and illness only three competed in the P. and A. contest, and the winner was Edna Roger.

Outstanding acts in the programme were Tex Glanville's rope-spinning, and the versatile work of the Alexanders was splendid entertainment. A party of artists on the way to the performance met with an accident causing one to be absent, and a consequent disarrangement in the performance. In a short speech, Miss Phillips left a large audience well satisfied that subsequent shows would amply justify their attendance.

## 73 Feet Fall Into 3 Feet of Water

THORNBURY LAD'S REMARKABLE ESCAPE

If a cat has nine lives, Neil Whibley, aged 12 years, of Mansfield street, Thornbury, runs a close second to the feline.

After a swim in the Yarra at Fairfield on Sunday afternoon, Neil Whibley and his mate Tommy Gardiner decided to cross over the old framework of a bridge. When half-way across, Tommy Gardiner, who was following, was horrified to see his leader disappear from view.

The boy's fall was broken by a suspended steel hawser. He struck the water with a terrific splash, but—a seventy-three feet fall plus a steel hawser met half-way resulted only in a few bruises and a bad shaking.

It couldn't have been serious, for yesterday Neil saw Neil on the beach, none the worse for his experience.

This is Neil's second lucky escape from death. Fifteen months ago he was mixed up in a street accident, with a six-wheeled truck, but escaped with only minor bruises, though his bicycle was smashed beyond repair.

If Neil keeps that up for long, the cat with its proverbial nine lives won't be in the running even.

## Northcote's Building Programme on the Up Grade

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Building Permits Issued for Dwellings

| Year | Number | Value £ |
|---|---|---|
| 1933 | 27 | 18,290 |
| 1934 | 46 | 26,394 |
| 1935 | 76 | 48,976 |
| 1936 | 92 | 57,040 |

Building Permits issued for "Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwellings."

| Year | Number | Value £ |
|---|---|---|
| 1933 | 137 | 6,130 |
| 1934 | 197 | 8,708 |
| 1935 | 336 | 14,777 |
| 1936 | 402 | 30,345 |

Building Permits issued for All Buildings

| Year | Number | Value £ |
|---|---|---|
| 1933 | 223 | 44,122 |
| 1934 | 260 | 55,313 |
| 1935 | 429 | 83,438 |
| 1936 | 562 | 93,040 |

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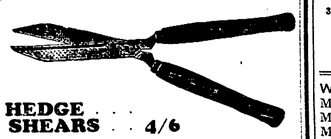

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**February 7—Harvest Festival**
8 a.m.: Holy Communion
11 a.m.: Matins and Sermon.
3 p.m.: Children's Gift Service.
7 p.m.: Festal Evensong and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher the Vicar (Rev W. H. Chamberlain)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH of ENGLAND, Plenty Rd., E. Preston
**Sunday, 7th February**
**Harvest Thanksgiving Service**
8 a.m.: Holy Communion.
11 a.m: Morning Prayer, Preacher, Rev Arthur M. Capper.
7 p.m.: Evening Prayer, Preacher Rev F. P. Edwards.

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We bless the years we called him ours
And leave the rest with God.
—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

## NOTICES

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## AMUSEMENTS

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**Walnut Tea.**
Games, competition, and musical items will compose the programme of a Walnut Tea to be held at the home of Mrs. Catmull, 71 Kingwilliam street, Regent. The function will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, and proceeds are for Preston Red Cross Auxiliary.

# ATHLETICS

## PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE CLUB

**Two Records Broken**

C Grade — This grade had a surprisingly easy victory on Saturday, by defeating Carlton by 52 points to 32. Wally Weightman, the club champion, broke the club's mile record, when he won on Saturday in the fast time of 4 min. 31 sec. Alf Wilson met his first defeat for the season, but he did not disgrace himself whilst Alec Tassie was third. The relay team clipped a second off the previous record, which has stood for a few years. In this event Vic Kirkland showed that he can still beat good opposition. At last the club has found a good javelin thrower, Alby James threw the javelin 133 feet. As this is his first effort in competition, it was a wonderful throw. Ossie Callick again accounted for the sprint, whilst Arthur Aldridge won the shot putt; Doug Osborne won the hop, step and jump event. Bruce McNabb took the 120 yds. hurdles in the creditable time of 17 sec.

B. Grade — The only performances worthy of note in this grade were those of Keith Brennan, who after a plucky race gained second position in the mile event against stiff opposition. Jack Page and Ray Dunn also performed well in jump events respectively.

**Club Notes**

Result of 220 yds. handicap final: Vic Watson 1; Elton Short 2; Doug Osborne 3; Jack Jowett 4.

A mile handicap will be held on Preston Park next Tuesday night.

A club picnic will be held on Sunday to Seaford. Buses will leave Preston Town Hall at 9.30 a.m., and corner of Arthurton road and High street, Northcote at 9.45.

V.A.A.A. championships and handicap events will be run at Olympic park on Saturdays February 13 and 20.

**Teams for Saturday**

**E Team** — 120 yds Hurdles (2.55)—M. Jones, J. Page, J. Walker (Emergency, F. Telfer); Mile (3 p.m.)—R. Coleman, K. Brennan W. Sutton (A. Reid); 100 yds (3.18)—R. Dunn, A. Davis, E. Short (S. Goodchild); 440 yds. (4.30)—V. Watson, F. Telfer, A. Walmsley (J. Page); 4 x 220 yds relay (4.56) — S. Goodchild, E. Scott, A. Davies, E. Short, (M. Jones); Shot putt (3.30) H. James (R. Dunn); Hop, step and jump (4.45)—T. Wawn (R. Dunn)

**C Team** — 100 yds (2.35 — O. Callick, F. Hecker, E. Wood (Emergency, B. McNabb); 120 yds. hurdles (3.10)—B. McNabb, V. Kirkland, D. Osborne (E. Telfer); 440 yds (3.54) T. Easton, J. Jowett V. Kirkland (A. Walmsley); Mile (4.14)—A. Wilson, W. Weightman, A. Tassie (K. Brennan); 4 x 220 (5.20)—O. Callick, F. Hecker, V. Kirkland, E. Wood (B. McNabb); High jump (2.15)—W. Bradbury; (A. James); Javelin (3.0)—A. James (A. Aldridge); Hop, step and jump (3.45)—D. Osborne (T. Wawn); Shot putt (4.30)—A. Aldridge (H. James).

## PRESTON SWIMMING CLUB

Preston breast-stroke team put up a good performance in the State 440 Teams championship, losing by a touch only to Melbourne. Included in the Melbourne's team was A. Higenson, (Empire Games swimmer and the fastest in Australia) and R. Houston (former Australian champion). The Preston coach (Mr. H. Hazeldene) is pleased with the performance of the team, which comprised E. Watts, N. Ladner, T. Pope and L. Stern.

Club championships — Men's Back-stroke — E. Watts 1; A. Saunders 2; M. Williams 3 Men's 110 yards Breast-stroke championship — N. Ladner 1; E. Watts 2; J. Walker 2. Men's 220 yds Breast-stroke championship — E. Watts 1; N. Ladner 2; T. Pope 3. Final result of Men's championship, Breast-stroke — N. Ladner 1; E. Watts 2; T. Pope 3. Girls' 55 yards Free-style championship —M. Knight 1; V. Block 2; J. Puddiphatt 3. Women's and girls' Diving championship — F. Griffiths 1; S. Finlayson 2; R. Smith and L. Oliver (dead-heat) 3. Men's 110 yds. Free-style championship —G. Warren 1, H. Dineen 2; C. Smith 3. Men's 220 yds Free-style championship—T. Warren 1; C. Smith 2; H. Willis 3. Junior girls' 55 yds. Breast-stroke championship — S. Garland 1; J. Puddiphatt 2; R. Smith and F. Griffiths (dead-heat) 3. Senior Girls 110 yds Breast-stroke championship—L. Horon 1; N. Finlayson 2; G. Gouge 3.

# SOCIAL NOTES..

**St. Vincent's Auxiliary.**

The first meeting of 1937 of the Northcote-Thornbury Auxiliary for St. Vincent's Hospital will take place in the Committee Room of the Northcote Town Hall on Thursday, February 11, at 2.30 p.m. Mrs P. Ogden (president) will be in the chair and will welcome old and new members. Arrangements will be made for future functions.

**R.V.I.B. Northcote Auxiliary**

The first meeting for the year of the Northcote Auxiliary of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind was held on Tuesday afternoon, February 2, in the Committee Room, Northcote Town Hall, with the president (Mrs W. F. Brownell) in the chair.

The auxiliary meets on the first Monday in the month, but owing to Australia Day falling on that date, the meeting was held on the Tuesday.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs J. W. French, and confirmed.

Miss G. Holden, treasurer, reported that the auxiliary began the year with a credit balance of £9/6/7—a start towards beating the auxiliary's record of £115 handed to the Institute in 1936.

A vote of condolence with Mrs Disher in her tragic bereavement was moved and carried, and members stood in silence to show their sympathy.

All were pleased to learn that Mr and Mrs A. V. Peters (Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote) had granted their patronage to the auxiliary. Mrs P. P. Scott was thanked for her gift of a beautiful dressing jacket, to be disposed of for the funds.

Mrs M. C. Jones, wife of Cr Jones, is generously helping the sightless by giving an "At Home" at her home on February 26. A Garden Party on March 19 at the Y.M.C.A. Hostel (kindly lent by Mr and Mrs T. Pollock) has been arranged.

The meetings of this auxiliary are a great pleasure to members, being characterised by friendliness and enthusiasm. Afternoon tea concluded a happy afternoon.

**Preston Younger Set**

A good attendance was present at the meeting of the Preston Younger Set, held at the Library Hall on January 27, with the president (Mr Ken Warren) in the chair. Officers for the new financial year were elected from nominations previously received, and will now take over their various duties.

Reports from the treasurers prove the club to have had a successful year, and the method of forwarding the results to the charitable institutions for which the Younger Set works, will be discussed at the annual meeting, to which old and intending members and interested friends are invited.

The picnic to Mornington on January 31 proved to be a successful start for the new year.

Intending members can obtain information from the hon. sec., Miss J. Hannan, 79 May street, West Preston.

**Engagements.**

The engagement is announced of Miss Elsa de Beere, only daughter of Mrs F. Bartlett, Geelong West and of the late Mr William de Beere, to Mr Alfred G. Selkrig, of Arthurton road, Northcote.

The engagement is announced of Grace Lorna, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. J. Lee, Main street, Coburg, to William Eric, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. U. Waddell, Arthur street, Fairfield.

The engagement is announced of Miss Jessie Bishop, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bishop, of Pender street, Thornbury to Mr. Percy Cleland, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Cleland, of Garnet street, Preston.

**Fing Bridge Function.**

Humid weather failed to deter over 40 ladies from attending an enjoyable fing bridge afternoon in the Kindergarten Hall, Bastings street, Northcote on Wednesday. It was the first event of this kind in the new hall, and proceeds were for the Kindergarten.

The president of the Creche committee (Mrs. Brownell) welcomed the guests, and introduced the new Kindergarten Director, Miss Yule, and her assistant, Miss Archer. She also presented the prizes donated by Mrs. J. J. Ryan, and a pleasant afternoon concluded with afternoon tea.

# PERSONAL

Miss Isabel Young, of Preston, accompanied by Miss Baird, of Ballarat, is spending a holiday at Sydney, Blue Mountains and Tasmania.

Mr J. Matthews, headmaster of West Preston S.S., with Mrs Matthews, spent a recent holiday at Lorne.

Mrs J. Quin, of Preston, is a patient in Melbourne Hospital, where she will undergo an operation.

Mr Ben Johnson, engineer to Preston City Council, resumed duties on Tuesday after a holiday extending over several weeks.

The many friends of Mrs J. H. Merrick, 125 Bent street, Northcote, will be pleased to learn that after a long illness she is recuperating at Cowes, where she is staying at "Erehwon."

Mr P. J. Wilkes, of Mansfield street, Thornbury, returned last week from Rosebud, where he has had a long holiday.

Mr J. Hartnett, of Westbourne grove, Northcote, and his son, Dr Frank Hartnett, of Camberwell, have gone to Adelaide to see the Test match.

Mrs W. H. Turner, S.M., wife of Cr. W. H. Turner, J.P., of Thornbury, underwent an operation at Epworth Hospital on Tuesday. Dr Bearham, who performed the operation, is satisfied with the operation and with the progress made to date by the patient.

The Mayor of Preston (Cr A. G. Davis), with the Mayoress and family, have spent an enjoyable holiday at Mornington. The Mayor returned to Preston on Tuesday, and the Mayoress and children will reach home at the week-end.

Mr F. Young, Roseberry avenue, Preston, has returned from his annual leave, which was spent at Inverloch and Dromana.

Next Tuesday evening, the Lord Mayor of Melbourne is entertaining the mayors and mayoresses of Melbourne suburbs at a theatre party at His Majesty's, city. The Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Cr A. G. and Mrs Davis) have received invitations to attend the function.

Mr A. Bryan, of High street, Northcote, recently underwent a serious operation and is at present in the Caulfield Convalescent Hospital.

After spending an enjoyable holiday in Victoria, Mr and Mrs Alfred Moyle, of Western Australia, are returning home on Saturday, February 6. Part of the holiday was spent with Mr Moyle's sister., Mrs H. Mohr, of Darebin road, Northcote, whom they had not seen for forty years.

Mrs. F. Martin, of Sefton Park, South Australia, is spending a month's holiday with Mr and Mrs W. J. Pott, of 56 Cramer street, Preston.

The death occurred of Mr William Charles Brown, of 155 Bastings street, Northcote, late of A.I.F., postal employee, on February 1.

The many friends of Mrs. E. T. Ford, of 111 Bruce street, Preston, will regret to learn that her health has been unsatisfactory of late. Mrs. Ford entered Bethesda hospital this afternoon for the purpose of undergoing an operation, which may be performed tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bird, of Cramer street, Preston, have returned home after a most enjoyable holiday, which was spent at the seaside at Somers. They were accompanied by several members of their family.

## SHEEP ATTACKED BY ALSATIAN

Besides killing one sheep and chasing another one until it fell and broke its leg, a big dark-haired Alsatian on Wednesday attacked a flock of sheep, the property of A. E. Collins, butcher, of Bridge street, Richmond.

The sheep were in a paddock next to an old quarry in Holtham street, Preston, the caretaker of which Mr. W. Bowles stated that there were about half-a-dozen similar dogs at large in the neighbourhood. He attributes this fact to the new high registration fee of £2/10/- per head on Alsatian dogs, which becomes operative in March, and which has caused many people, who are not in a position to pay the fee, to turn their dogs loose

# CHURCH NEWS

### Holy Trinity, Thornbury

Splendid congregations assembled on Sunday. At evensong the vicar gave a topical sermon on "The Test Match."

Next Sunday special Harvest Festival services will be held. The early celebration will be corporate for church workers. A special feature will be the children's service in the afternoon, when the children will present their gifts of groceries, fruit, produce, etc. Services will be bright, the choir rendering joyful anthems. The vicar will lead and preach at all services.

### Christian Science

"Spirit" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 7. The golden text is from II Corinthians 3 : 18. "We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. . . But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. . . Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." (Ephesians 4 : 4, 7, 13.) 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: "The Divine Ego, or individuality, is reflected in all spiritual individuality from the infinitesimal to the infinite. . . The spiritual man's consciousness and individuality are reflections of God. They are the emanations of Him to His Life, Truth, and Love." Page 336.


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# Bright Batting in Jika Cricket

## TWO CENTURIES RECORDED

**E. Newton 107; Kiely 101 not out; Bolton 76; Richie 76 not out**
**M. Newton 7/5; W. Davies 6/9**

## Fine Batting Performance

**Eric Newton, opening batsman for Croxton United was again in fine form with the bat, displaying shots to all parts of the ground. His 107 not out was a good knock which included one 6, and fourteen 4's. In his last three innings he has scored 114 not out, 10 and 107. Bolton, his club mate batted well and assisted in a partnership of 159 with Newton for the third wicket. Bolton's score of 76 included one 6 and eleven 4's.**

## Bowling Feat

**Merv. Newton (Croxton United) gave a splendid bowling display on Saturday. He is a medium pace right-hand bowler, turning the ball nicely both ways, and dismissed seven Imperial batsmen for 5 runs off seven overs.**

Notes by "Observer."

Opening well under ideal conditions, the eighth round of Association matches was commenced on Saturday, and was marked by several attractive batting performances. E. Newton 107 and Kiely (P.A.F.S.) 101 not out. Several bowlers secured creditable averages notably M. Newton 7/5, and W. Davis (A.O.F) 6/9.

Outstanding performances were:

BATTING

| | |
|---|---|
| E. NEWTON (CroxtonUnited) | 107 |
| KIELY (N'cote P.A.F.S.) | 101* |
| BOLTON (Croxton United) | 76 |
| RICHIE (Regent) | 70* |
| W. JACKSON (Scouts) | 55 |
| LANE (Pres. P'bilrs) | 55 |
| H. TALBOT (Pastrycooks 1st) | 54 |

* denotes Not out.

BOWLING

| | |
|---|---|
| M. NEWTON (Croxton Utd) | 7/5 |
| W. DAVIES (N'cote A.O.F.) | 6/9 |
| POWER (Braithwaites) | 6/75 |
| N. SMITH (Dennis) | 5/19 |
| A. SPOOR (Pres. P'bilrs 1st) | 5/23 |
| ROBERTS (Th'by Foresters) | 5/25 |
| CURRIE (Pres. Sth A.N.A.) | 5/27 |

### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

A GRADE

**Prestonlte v Bell Ramblers**

The Ramblers visited Crispe Park, and batting first managed to reach the century before their last wicket fell. Prestonlte's contribution at stumps in reply was 3/48.

Bell Ramblers 107 (McKenzie 49) v Prestonlte 3/48.

**East Preston v Northcote Junior Footballers**

East Preston batted first and compiled 124. Huxley was top-scorer, and Jacobs was next. Martin was the most successful bowler. Northcote Junior Footballers in reply have opened well. Whitbourne a most prolific scorer being in good form.

East Preston 124 (Huxley 25, Jacobs 23; Martin 3/28) v Northcote Junior Footballers 1/51 (Whitbourne 32 not out).

**Broadhursts v Bell**

Hughes and Mildern were the chief scorers in Bell's total of 104 for their first innings. Scott was outstanding with the ball. Broadhurst scored 21 for the loss of four wickets before the close of play.

Bell 104 (Hughes 20, Mildren 19; P. Scott 4/38) v Broadhursts 4/21 (Bott 2/10, Kupsch 2/10).

**Pastrycooks v Epping**

The principal run-getter for Pastrycooks, who declared with 4/182 was Talbot, who batted soundly. Barry and Frawley helped the side to declare with a good score. Epping are having a lean period, and had lost five wickets when time was called.

Pastrycooks 4/182 declared (H. Talbot 54, Barry 48, A. Frawley 42 not out) v Epping 5/62.

**Reservoir v Regent**

Regent declared with four wickets down. Richie batted exceptionally well, and Cooke's knock was a good one. The remaining time saw Reservoir gain six runs without loss.

Regent 4/182 declared (Cooke 51, Richie 70 not out, Newbegin 43 not out) v Reservoir 0/6.

**Preston Baseballers v Dennis**

N. Smith and Ireland shared the wickets for Dennis against the Baseballers. R. Spoor was the only batsman to reach double figures. In response Steele knocked up 31. A Spoor bowled well and at stumps Dennis were 7/78.

Preston Baseballers 77 (Curwood 16, R. Spoor 10; N. Smith 5/19, Ireland 2/14) v Dennis 7/78 (Steele 31, Bott 19; A. Spoor 5/23)

B GRADE

**Thornbury v Highview.**

Thornbury were at home and Highview batted first for 165. Gibson and Smith being the main run-getters. Tanner bowled with success. Thornbury had only a few minutes to bat, and scored two without loss.

Highview 165 (Gibson 30, Ayton 18, Smith 39 not out; Tanner 3/18) v Thornbury 0/2.

**Preston Imperials v Croxton United**

The visitors, Croxton United knocked up a double century for four wickets and declared. E. Newton batted in perfect style, and his partnership with Bolton was a veritable one. The Imperials had lost eight wickets at stumps, M. Newton being highly successful with the ball, taking 7/5 off seven overs.

Croxton United 4/220 declared (E. Newton 107, Bolton 76, Clayden 21) v Preston Imperials 8/44 (M. Newton 7/5).

**Northcote P.A.F.S. v. Excelsior.**

Kiely for P.A.F.S. followed up his previous century in the last round with a clean 101 not out. P.A.F.S. declared with 6/188 against Excelsior. In the remaining time Excelsior put 12 on the board.

Northcote P.A.F.S. (6/188 declared (Kiely 101 not out; King 27) v Excelsiors 0/12.

**Rosebank v Scouts**

An outstanding feature at Reservoir was the innings of Jackson, who with Russ was responsible for a partnership of 80. The best bowler for Rosebank was Donaldson. Fisher secured double figures for Rosebank, whose score stood at 2/35 at stumps.

Scouts 190 (W. Jackson 55, Buss 45, Hill 28; Donaldson 4/33) v Rosebank 2/35 (Fisher 13).

**Braithwaites v Preston Footballers**

Braithwaites were at home, but the visitors batting first compiled 170. Outstanding were Lane, Hayes and Talmadge. Power, Braithwaites slow bowler took most of the wickets. When stumps were drawn, Braithwaites had lost 1/16.

Preston Footballers 170 (Lane 55, Hayes 46, Talmadge 30 n.o.; Power 6/75) v Braithwaites 1/16.

**Cramer v Sherry Socials.**

Owing to Rhodes and W. Reece being successful with the ball for the Socials, Cramer were dismissed for 135. The Socials made an excellent start, the board showing 1/71.

Cramer 135 (Cassim 24, Harrington 21, Kendall 20, Middleton 17; W. Rhodes 3/33, W. Reece 3/27) v Sherry Socials 1..71 (Stafford 35 n.o. Morgan 29 n.o.)

C GRADE

**Thornbury Foresters v Preston Baseballers**

The Baseballers visited Mayer Park and hit up 152. Cooper batted patiently. Robinson continued to show good form with the ball. The Foresters with 6/43 have not made a good start.

Preston Baseballers 152 (Cooper 34, Allen 24, Kent 23, Sprott 23; Robinson 5/25) v Thornbury Foresters 6/43.

**Northcote Junior Footballers v Preston Druids**

The wicket was in splendid order for the match, and the Footballers, with 6/146 declared just before time. Main was top scorer, and Roberts assisted ably.

Northcote Junior Footballers 6/146 declared (Roberts 34, Wigston 23, Hannaford 20, Main 40 n.o.) v Preston Druids.

**Northcote A.O.F. v Preston South A.N.A.**

A.N.A. batted first and were dismissed for the small total of 29. A.O.F. in reply compiled 66, Currie securing five wickets. A.N.A. went to the wickets again, and did much better.

Northcote A.O.F. 66 (Gates 22; Currie 5/27) v Preston South A.N.A. 29 and 1/51 (Davies 6/9).

**Clifton v Thestrycooks**

Batting first Pastrycooks knocked up 109. Coe being outstanding with the bat. Clifton, when time was called, had 55 on the board for seven wickets.

Pastrycooks 109 (N. Coe 42) v Clifton 7/55.

**Atyeo & Sons v Ajax**

Atyeos occupied the wicket for the afternoon, and at stumps the score stood at 7/181. Ross was top scorer batting in good style. Slinger and Ward were the best of the others.

Atyeo & Sons 7/181 (Ross 40, Slinger 30, Ward 30) v Ajax.

**Preston Boys v Thomastown**

There were 112 runs to the credit of Thomastown for their first innings, and at the call of time the Boys had lost 3/37. Dunn batted consistently for Thomastown and Sanders, who turns the ball well, took four wickets.

Thomastown 112 (Dunn 35; Sanders 4/22) v Preston Boys 3/37.

### AUSTRALIA DAY—NINTH ROUND OF MATCHES

A GRADE

Preston Baseballers 142 and 5/85 (R. Spoor 26, McNamara 36, Westcott 26 and 23 n.o.) defeated Regent 95 (Hamilton 29, Bernard-Haig 14; Fowler 4/18) by 47 runs on the first innings.

Reservoir 138 (Ward 49 and 34, T. Forde 24, Harris 36, J. Forde 36 n.o.; McKenzie 4/43) defeated Bell Ramblers 110 (Hartney 46 r. o., Steele 32; Allen 4/24) by 28 runs on the first innings.

Broadhursts 129 and 4/106 (O'Connor 29, Wollington 35) defeated Epping 121 and 6/112 declared (Worthington 29, T. Dea 33, Rose 30; White 8/23) outright by 2 runs.

East Preston 60 and 64 (Bott 6/26, Kupsch 4/27) defeated Bell 77 and 36 (Harry 5/8) outright by 11 runs.

Pastrycooks 160 (Frawley 58 n. o., Cleary 25; N. Smith 4/30) defeated Dennis 119 and 3/52 (N. Smith 60, Saunders 24; W. Smith 4/28) by 41 runs on the first innings.

B GRADE

Braithwaites 267 (Light 107, Power 48, Ashby 33, Waddingham 29 n.o.; M. Newton 5/57) defeated Croxton United 162 (Davies 52, Forde 24, E. Newton 22, Power 10/90) by 105 runs on the first innings.

Thornbury 107 and 5/53 (Bramley 39, McKay 30 and 30 n.o.; Marrs 7/31) defeated Excelsior 104 and 54 (Marrs 58; Tanner 5/31, Bramley 5/29) outright by five wickets and 2 runs.

Sherry Socials 6/169 declared. (Stafford 72, Reece 57 n.o.; Griffin 4/32) defeated Preston Imperials 26 and 72 (Manzie 7/14; Stafford 4/28, Rhodes 4/19) outright by an innings and 71 runs.

Highview 3/149 (Smith 100, Sharkey 30, L. Pike 31, B. Pike 33 n.o.) defeated Cramer 52 and 5/37 (Middleton 22 n.o.; Sharkey 5/11, Leach 5/41) by 258 runs on the first innings.

Preston Footballers 7/215 declared (Hayes 64, Smith 50 n.o.) defeated Rosebank 13 and 46 (Hayes 8/4) outright by an innings and 156 runs.

C GRADE

Preston Boys 136 and 2/51 (Masslem 83 and 22 n.o., Davies 25 n.o.; Sankey 4/46, Sprott 4/41) defeated Preston Ramblers 59 and 122 (Sprott 41, Mitchell 37; Foster 4/32) by 75 runs on the first innings.

Northcote A.O.F. 101 and 2/59 (Gates 41, Coghlan 34 n.o., Powell 20; Wilton 4/39, Wuchatsch 4/22) defeated Thomastown 86 and 4/125 declared (Wright 39 and 35 n.o. Wuchatsch 30 n.o.) by 15 runs on the first innings.

Northcote Junior Footballers 126 and 181 (Roberts 52, Hannaford 48; Hargreaves 4/24) defeated Preston South A.N.A. 111 (McNamara 39; Hannaford 4/8, Davies 4/15) by 15 runs on the first innings.

Atyeo 231 (Shewin 59, Morgan 38 Heeney 4/61) defeated Clifton 211 and 1/36 (Scaife 50, Tormey 35; Shewin 7/39) by 20 runs on the first innings.

Atyeo & Sons 125 and 4/78 (Ward 74 and 45 n.o.; Shore 4/63, Clarke 4/42) defeated Preston Druids 84 and 118 (Bigmore 60; Ross 6/39, Slinger 5/53) outright by six wickets.

Pastrycooks 72 and 6/115 (Coe 54, Guest 36 and 33; Robertson 5/27, Robinson 5/60) defeated Thornbury Foresters 109 and 3/77 declared (Scott 26 and 40 n.o Robinson 17) outright by four wickets.

### NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES

A Grade

Thornbury Presbyterians 179 (Morrison 53, Cheffers 32, Taylor 53, Baker 17, D. Pitt 16, Jordan 12; G. Hill 6/57, Baggott 3/35, Orr 1/29) v Westgarth Baptists.

B Grade

Northcote Church of Christ 7/80 (V. Buszard 18 n.o.; Arnott 15, C. Buszard 14; Moran 5/21) v Regent Presbyterians 96 (Atkinson 24, Aldron 24, Middleton 13 n.o.; May 5/14).

**Australia Day Matches**

A Grade

Thornbury Presbyterians 6/218 (J. Cheffers 66 n.o., Baker 62, E. Douglas 27 n.o. J Douglas 14; R. Burgis 2/20, W. Warren 2/36, H. McDonald 1/25) defeated South Preston Methodist 139 (L. Bishop 52 n.o. R. Burgis 24, Bott 18, A. Kaufman 14; E. Douglas 6/27, D. Pitt 1/9, McDonald 1/21, Taylor 1/27, J. Douglas 1/38) by four wickets and 79 runs on the first innings. A feature of this match was the partnership in Thornbury's innings between E. Baker and J. Cheffers, which added 108 runs.

C Grade

Thornbury Presbyterians received a walk-over from Clifton Hill Baptists.

Northcote Church of Christ 7/6 and 0/19 (May 25, A. Cooper 24; Stokes 4/20, Chatley 3/39) defeated Preston Church of Christ 5/9 and 33 (Stokes 36; Arnott 2/1, May 5/32, A. Buszard 3/3) by ten wickets and four runs outright.


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## Preston Court

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Before Mr E. E. O'Grady, P.M., and Mr T. J. McMahon, J.P.

**No Wireless Licenses**

Nine persons were fined on charges of having operated wireless sets without holding current broadcast listeners' licenses. John Lovett, Cuthbert road, Reservoir; Ralph Ernest O'Neill, Tennyson street, Preston; George Rex Tate, Etnam street, Preston, were each fined £3. Charles Edward Callander, Austral avenue; Leonard Percy Davey, High street; Ellen May Hayes, Mutimer street; Alice Ashby, Murray road; George Harold Bynon, Tennyson grove; Charles Victor Thoroughgood, Preston street, all of Preston, were each fined £2.

**Rode on Footpaths**

Charged with having ridden bicycles on the footpath in St. George's road on January 30, John Little, Park avenue; Vincent Hellings, Cramer street; James Reid, May street, and John Taggart, Cramer Park, all of Preston, were each fined £1.

**Worked Without License**

Michael Aarons, High street, Preston, was charged with having engaged in electrical wiring work without holding an electrical mechanic's licence.

Inspector W. H. Dawe said Aarons was not a licenced A Grade mechanic.

Adam Mather, licenced A Grade electrical mechanic, said Aarons carried out A Grade work on premises in Delaware street, Preston.

Aarons said he was an electrician's laborer and thought he could perform A Grade work as long as he was with an A Grade mechanic. Recalled, Aarons admitted he had taken out the contract for this work and employed Mather to do it.

A fine of £5, with £1 costs, was imposed.

**Ejectment**

An ejectment order was made against E. Gillard, Edward street, Preston. It was stated that Gillard had been a good tenant, but the owner wished to recover possession of the property.

**Driving While Under the Influence**

James Wilfred Kerpatrick, of South street, Preston, carpenter, was charged with having driven a motor cycle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Constable Truman said he saw Kerpatrick driving a motor cycle in an erratic manner in High street, Preston, at about 9 p.m. on January 30. Kerpatrick was swaying from side to side, and eventually rode on the footpath outside the Star Theatre. Kerpatrick, said the constable, was unsteady in gait, and his speech was thick. The machine was damaged extensively and Kerpatrick's trousers were torn. He had to be assisted into the patrol sidecar.

Constable McNulty said he saw Kerpatrick drunk in a Preston restaurant and later lying beside a motor cycle near Cramer street. He rode the machine away in an erratic manner.

Kerpatrick said the brake lever had slipped and operated constantly on the front wheel.

A fine of £5 was imposed and Kerpatrick's driving license was cancelled.

**Noisy Motor Cycle**

Frederick Ernest Worfolk, Plenty road, Preston, was fined £2 on a charge of having ridden a motor cycle which was not fitted with an effective silencer.

## MOTOR CYCLE — CAR COLLISION

**PAINTER FINED £3**

Eric Charles Jackson, Davey street, Preston, painter, at Preston Court on Wednesday, was fined on a charge of having driven a car on the wrong side of the road.

Ernest Albert Ferguson, machinist, Reid street, Northcote, who appeared in court on crutches, said he was driving a motor cycle along High street, Reservoir, at about 12.30 a.m. on August 23. When about 300 yards from the railway gates a car passed him and next moment 'something hit him and he knew nothing more." He sustained a double fracture of the leg.

Senior constable Perry said he found the tracks of a motor cycle on its correct side. A car stood on the footpath on its wrong side. Tracks on the road showed that the car had swerved to its wrong side and then on to the footpath. He showed Jackson the tracks of his car and Jackson said he could not account for being on the wrong side.

Jackson said he was driving on his correct side and Ferguson swerved his motor cycle on to his incorrect side and struck his (Jackson's) car. His car then careered on to its wrong side and on the footpath.

The witness denied that the constable had shown him the tracks of his car on its wrong side.

The P.M. (Mr E. E. O'Grady) said the bench believed the constable's evidence and Jackson would be fined £3, in default 14 days' imprisonment.

## WATCH YOUR DOG'S TAIL

**WATCH THE WHOLE DOG**

The next time your dog attempts to impart some important piece of news to you, don't take any notice of the ear-splitting yaps that he omits most of the time. They are merely artful byplay, disguised perhaps to distract your attention from his tail, which threatens to come off his body in the extreme throes of his excitement.

A dog's tail is his talking organ, and the surest index to his frame of mind. The animal raises and wags it under the impression of joy; lowers it when afflicted, and trails it between his legs when frightened. So in future watch your dog's tail.

**In the Near Future**

If you see some altogether new movement in your pet's rear appendage, stop watching the tail, watch the whole dog.

For these new evolutions mean that the Northcote Council will shortly introduce (the motion was unanimously carried at the monthly meeting in the town hall on Monday last) that no dogs will be allowed in High street, between Westgarth and Union streets, and between Clarke and Dundas streets, unless they are under effective control of some person by means of a chain or leash, the penalty for breach of this new regulation being for first offence not more than £2, and for second and subsequent offences not more than £5.

If you don't want to lose any money per medium of your pet—watch your dog!

## NORTHCOTE NOTES

**Vandals Damage Batman Park.**

At the meeting of the Northcote council on Monday, Cr. A. C. Bird asked for the strong support of the council in prosecution against offenders responsible for vandalism in public reserves. As an instance, he quoted acts of vandalism in Batman Park, Arthurton road, where one of the slides was completely wrecked. He asked the council to support the honorary park rangers, in their endeavour to rid the children's playgrounds of the presence of young loafers, who take possession of the parks intended for small children. Their insults and offensive behaviour were unpardonable acts, and merited prosecution to the limit.

**Grass Fire**

"Burning off" is thought to have been the cause of a fire which destroyed a quarter of an acre of grass on fenced land adjoining a house occupied by M. Bornell, in Clarke street, Northcote, near High street, on Saturday.

**Elderly Woman's Leg Broken**

The corner of St. George's road and Charles street, was the scene of an accident on Tuesday night, when a motor-cycle ran into Mrs. N. Reidy, 72 years of age, of St. George's road, Northcote. Mrs. Reidy's condition is serious, as she is suffering from a compound fracture of the leg.

**Celebrity Vaudeville**

The audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance presented by Celebrity Vaudeville at the Northcote Town Hall on Monday night, every act being a star turn. Fred Ford, the comedian, amused with his character impersonations, and Andy Varley's singing delighted, while Billy Andross' juggling and conjuring tricks were appreciated. Agnes Pearson, Ritchie Bros., Mavis Hall, Elaine Ingram, and Horrie Dargie all added to an entertaining programme.

The second heat of the P. and A. Quest was won by Joy Hayson and Beryl Lowe, in a song and dance double act, each receiving a gold medal. Dot Stephenson and Peggy Varda ran a close second in this popular competition.

An equally good programme is billed for next Monday night.

**Cyclist Dies After Accident.**

Riding a bicycle in Oakhill avenue Preston, early on Wednesday morning, Ernest Dyer, 21 years, of Ramsden street, Clifton Hill was involved in a collision with a car. Dyer seemed to be unhurt, and was taken to his home by the driver of the car. During the night he became ill, and lapsed into unconsciousness. He was conveyed to St. Vincent's Hospital by ambulance and admitted about 7.30 a.m. but he died three hours later from a fractured skull.

His parents, who live at Kilmore, upon being advised, left at once for Melbourne, but did not arrive before their son had expired.

**Westgarth Teacher to Teach Actresses.**

Miss Gladys Powell, a teacher at Westgarth school, will accompany J. C. Williamson's Australian tour of "White Horse Inn.". Although she will travel throughout Australia with the "White Horse Inn" troupe, she will not appear in the production, but will teach the eight girl actresses, so that the children will be able to return to their respective schools without having lost ground. Miss Powell intends to continue on the lines of rural schools. The children will kept a diary of the tour, which will prove a grand lesson in Australian geography.

## Three Factory Breaking Charges

**£600 BAIL**

Three charges were preferred against John Edward Hodgson, at the Northcote court on Tuesday, that he broke into the office of the Northcote & District Ice Works Arthurton road, Northcote, and stole about £30 in money; that he broke into the factory of Fink Bros., Ltd., Fairfield and stole £3/6/9 in cash; and that he entered the iron-foundry of Edward B. Scott, Shattesbury parade, Thornbury, and stole £2 in money.

Percival Joseph Mitchell, accountant, French avenue, Brunswick, said he placed £29/6/6 in notes and cash in the front office safe on January 11 and locked the safe. Next morning at 9 a.m. he found the safe cut open and the money gone. There was an oxy-acetylene plant in the office.

Thomas Gannon, proprietor of the Northcote Ice Works, said he left the office securely locked on January 11, and on returning about 7 a.m. next morning he found the door of the office open, the back window forced open and the door of the safe wide open.

Similar evidence was given in the other two cases.

Senior-Detective Lee said he interviewed defendant at a house in Queen's parade, Clifton Hill, and at Brunswick police station defendant admitted breaking into the Northcote Ice Works, Fink Bros.' factory, Fairfield, and Scott's Foundry, Thornbury. In each case he used an oxy-acetylene plant and left it in each office.

On each charge Hodgson pleaded guilty and was committed for trial at the Supreme Court on February 15. He was remanded on three further charges, and was granted bail of £100 on each charge.

**NORTHCOTE £2000 JOB READY**

The construction of a storm-water drain in South Northcote is completed. Twenty-five relief workers were given employment on this construction for eight weeks

The drain runs from South crescent to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works main drain in Green street, and costs the Northcote council £2,000.

**JUST THE SAME!**

P.M. at Preston Court on Wednesday: The maximum penalty for operating radio sets without holding licenses is still the same —£20. I presume?

Wireless Inspector: Yes, still the same.

P.M.: And the wireless fee—that is just the same, no doubt?

Inspector: Just the same, your worship—£1/1/.

**Twice Smashed by Cars**

On February 4 at about 8 p.m. a car crashed into the verandah post of a grocer's shop at the corner of High and Mansfield streets, Thornbury. The breaking of the post brought the verandah down, and the car careered across the road, and finally stopped after dislodging several bricks in the fence around St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Goldsmith, who occupies the shop, suspects a "hoodoo" on the verandah, as this is the second time within two years that it has been damaged.

## Northcote Court

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Before Mr. E. E. O'Grady, P.M. and Messrs J. Hartnett and P. J. Kean, J's. P.

**Railways Case**

Jean Lewthwaite, Ford street, Ivanhoe was charged with having travelled first-class on a second-class ticket between Ivanhoe and Dennis on October 16. She was fined £1 with 7/6 costs.

**No License—Fined £2.**

Alan Hore, Irene street, Preston, was fined £2 or a charge of having driven a car in High street, Northcote on December 30 without being licensed.

**Owed £230 Rent**

An ejectment order was made against Frederick Roy Hocking, Heidelberg parade, Ivanhoe. The evidence disclosed that Hocking was £230/11/10 in arrears with his rent.

**Wife to Ascertain Husband's Earnings**

"For the past three years he has been telling me that his prospects were improving," said Eva May Coldrey, Woodhead street, North Fitzroy, at the Northcote court on Tuesday, when she claimed arrears of maintenance from her husband, Walter Coldrey, Oumaru street, Northcote.

An order had been made at the Northcote court, she said on March 18, 1936, that her husband should pay her 10/- weekly for each of two children. Since then he had pair her £4, and he was £47/10/- in arrears.

Coldrey said he was a wharf-labourer, and his annual earnings during the last three years were £50 to £70. He had been unable to keep up the payments because of his low earnings. He and his wife had agreed that the order should not be enforced.

The P.M. said he would adjourn the case for 28 days to enable Mrs. Coldrey to ascertain if the statements of her husband regarding his earnings were correct.

## Jika Cricket Picnic

**OVER 400 PRESENT**

Over 400 attended at the fourth annual picnic of the Jika Cricket Association, in Eltham Park where motor-cars and buses conveyed the picnickers. A long and varied programme was keenly contested. Interested spectators included the president, Mr. H. P. Zwar, M.L.A. and 6 cials.

Results of sports:—Jika association handicap, 75 yards, Final—Len Smith 1; W. Hill 2. Single Ladies' race — Miss W. McDonald 1; Miss B. Page 2. Married Ladies race — Mrs. Ookey 1; Mrs. Atkin 2. Sack race — C. Sharkey. Egg and Spoon — W. Smith. Stepping the chair — W. Caddaye. Mixed Siamese race—Mr. Wardle and Mrs. Stephens 1; Mr. C. Smithwick and Miss Parish 2. Bowling at wicket — Len Smith and - Currie divided. Ladies Nail driving — Mrs. W. H. Burland.

Juvenile events — Boys, 6—9—W. Stevens 1; W. Smith 2. Girls do.—B. Wollington 1; M. Ookley 2. Boys 9—12—C. Mills 1 K. Ross 2. Girls do—Ivy Allen 1; Normi Allen 2. Boys 12—15—K. Torrens 1; D. Newcombe 2. Girls do—G. Oakley 1; D. Causely 2.

The hawker came home very late one evening looking despondent. "What's the matter, Tom?" asked his wife. "There's a blinkin' lot of swindlers in this world," he told her. "'Ere 'ave I gorn and spent 'alf a day paintin' a sparrer to look like a canary—and then a bloke comes along an' gives me a dud 'arf-a-crown for it."

# STRUGGLE FOR JIKA FINALISTS

## THOMASTOWN'S ONE RUN WIN

### Stafford 96 and 26 not out; W. Davies 15/47; M. Newton 10/27

A PERFECT day was recorded for the termination of the eighth round of Association matches on Saturday. As the end of the home and home series draws to a close, the struggle for the final four grows keener, and particular interest will attach to the remaining games to decide the semi-finalistes. Dennis are the leaders in the A Grade, and Sherry Socials and Preston Basebaliers in their respective grades. The latter club is leading comfortably, but for the three remaining places, six clubs have a chance, only four points separating them.

Stafford (Sherry Socials) batted attractively for 96 and 26 n.o. against Cramer; while a good bowling feat was achieved by W. Davies (A.O.F.) with 15/47.

**Premiership Points**

A Grade:—Dennis 31; Pastrycooks 27; Prestonite 25; Bell 22; Regent 19; Broadhursts 17; Bell Ramblers 15. Northcote Junior Footballers 15. Preston Basebaliers 12. Reservoir S. East Preston S. Epping 0.

B Grade — Sherry Socials 32; Thornbury 27; Preston Footballers 25; Croxton United 21. Braithwaites 21. Cramer 16. Excelsior 16; Highview 15; Northcote P.A. F.S. 14. Preston Imperials 11; Scouts 6; Rosebank 0.

C Grade — Preston Basebaliers 29; Ajax 26; Northcote Junior Footballers 23; Atyeo & Sons 21; Northcote A.O.F. 21; Preston Boys 21; Thomastown 19; Preston South A.N.A. 11; Thornbury Foresters 11; Pastrycooks 10; Clifton 8; Preston Druids 8.

**Individual Performances**

BATTING

| | |
|---|---|
| STAFFORD (Sherry Socials) | 96 |
| JACOBS (Preston B'ballers) | 55* |
| SAYER (Scouts) | 55* |
| HAMILTON (Prestonite) | 50 |
| McKENZIE (Bell Ramblers) | 49 |
| BARRY (Pastrycooks 1st. XI.) | 48 |
| MANN (N'cote Jun. F'ballers) | 48 |

* Denotes not out.

BOWLING

| | |
|---|---|
| W. DAVIES (N'cote A.O.F.) | 15/47 |
| N. SMITH (Dennis) | 11/58 |
| M. NEWTON (Croxton Utd.) | 10/27 |
| COE (Pastrycooks 2nd XI) | 9/23 |
| BOTT (Bell) | 9/47 |
| NOEL (N'cte J. F'blirs 2nds) | 8/25 |

**SATURDAY'S RESULTS**

A GRADE

**East Preston v Northcote Junior Footballers**

East Preston managed to save an outright defeat, but the Footballers compiled 204. Batting with confidence, Proposch gave an all round display, and Whitbourn assisted. East Preston held the fort until stumps, the score standing at 105.

Northcote Junior Foothallers 204 (Proposch 77, Whitbourne 40, Martin 22) defeated East Preston 124 and 105 (Jacobs 35, Cameron 32, Hurley 25; Gilkes 5/35) by 80 runs on the first innings.

**Prestonite v Bell Ramblers.**

At Crisp Park in the first innings Prestonite declared with 8/184. The visitors' response was 107, and following on lost 7/51.

Prestonite 8/184 declared (Hamilton 50, Gordon 33 not out) defeated Bell Ramblers 107 and 7/51 (McKenzie 30) by 77 runs on the first innings.

**Broadhursts v Bell**

Broadhursts resumed with 4/21 and the innings closed at 49. Forcing for an outright win, Bell in their second innings closed with 5/38. Fighting stubbornly, Broadhursts remained at the wickets until stumps, the board then showing 5/62.

Bell 104 and 5/38 declared, defeated Broadhursts 49 and 5/62 (N. Sims 22, Pitts 20 not out) by 55 runs on the first innings.

**Pastrycooks v Epping**

Pastrycooks declared with 4/182 and Epping were dismissed for 96. Epping followed on, and gave a good display. Pastrycooks, having 15 minutes left went for the runs, and knocked up 71 just before time, thus gaining an outright win. H. Talbot included two 6's in his score.

Pastrycooks 4/182 declared and 71 (H. Talbot 36 not out; Carey 28) defeated Epping 96 and 152 (E. J. Dea 44 not out, Worthington 24, Head 25 ;W. Smith 6/51, Carey 4/33) outright by 5 runs.

**Reservoir v Regent**

Regent 4/217 declared on the first day, but could not dismiss Reservoir, and had to be content with a first innings win. Reservoir's first total was 103, and they had 8/52 at stumps. Hamilton and Monagle bowled well for Regent.

Regent 4/217 defeated Reservoir 103 and 8/52 (T. Forde 39 not out, Harris 32; Hamilton 6/40, Monagle 5/10) by 114 runs on the first innings.

**Preston Basebaliers v Dennis**

At Gower Park, Dennis resumed its innings against the Basebaliers who had made 77, and responded with 144. Saunders was outstanding with the bat, and Spoor trundled well. The Basebaliers in their second innings found the Smith brothers in good form with the ball Dennis had no difficulty in securing the required runs without loss for an outright win.

Dennis 144 and 0/26 (J. Saunders 40; Spoor 4/50) defeated Preston Basebaliers 77 and 87 (N. Smith 6/39, L. Smith 4/36) outright by ten wickets.

B GRADE

**Thornbury v Highview**

In reply to Highview's 165, Thornbury, on its home ground at Meyer Park compiled 96. At stumps Highview had lost five wickets in their second knock.

Highview 165 and 5/49 (Osnam 4/12) defeated Thornbury 96 (R. Gall 34, Hendy 17) by 69 runs on the first innings.

**Cramer v Sherry Socials**

Cramer staged one of its best games for the season. Socials, with 1/71 resumed. Stafford and Morgan batting well, and the innings closed at 156. Cramer in their second knock declared with 5/76. The Socials, with only minutes to spare went for the runs, and managed to gain an outright win.

Sherry Socials 156 and 2/57 (Stafford 96 and 26 not out, Morgan 30) defeated Cramer 135 and 5/76 declared (Cassin 27) outright by eight wickets.

**Braithwaites v Preston Footballers**

Braithwaites fought hard against Footballers who had compiled 170 on the first day. Resuming with 1/16, Braithwaites were best served by Twomey and Townsend. Footballers, batting again lost one wicket.

Preston Footballers 170 and 1/20 defeated Braithwaites 157 (Ashby 23, Light 23, Townsend 36 not out Twomey 29; Lane 4/39) by 13 runs on the first innings.

**Preston Imperials v Croxton United**

Facing United's good score of 4/220, the Imperials could not stand up to the excellent bowling of Newton. The first innings total was 44 and the second produced 68.

Croxton United 4/220 declared (Newton 107, Bolton 72; Claydon 30) defeated Preston Imperials 44 and 68 (Dwyer 20; M. Newton 10/27, Bolton 4/21) outright by an innings and 108 runs.

**Northcote P.A.F.S. v Excelsior**

Improving every match, P.A.F.S. were again successful at Merri Park. With a total of 6/138 at their first attempt, they dismissed Excelsior for 140. Lovelace batted in fine style, and Crellin, playing his first game showed out. Kiely, for P.A.F.S. was responsible for most wickets. P.A.F.S. were dismissed the second time for 46.

Northcote P.A.F.S. 6/138 declared and 46 (Hull 6/25) defeated Excelsior 140 (Lovelace 43, Crellin 33; Kiely 5/33) by 48 runs on the first innings.

**Rosebank v Scouts**

Scouts 190 and 5/80 gained a win over Rosebank at Reservoir. Rosebank carried their score to 126 before the last wicket fell. Fisher performed the hat trick.

Scouts 190 and 5/80 (Huss 45, Sayers 55 and 27; Donaldson 4/36, Taylor 3/17) defeated Rosebank 126 (Fisher 30, Taylor 15; Hill 3/29, Sayers 3/10 including hat trick) by 64 runs on the first innings.

C GRADE

**Northcote Junior Footballers v Preston Druids**

The Footballers batted first and made 146 for the loss of six wickets. Druids responded with 38 and 79, Bigmore doing well. The best bowler for the Footballers was Noel.

Northcote Junior Footballers 6/146 declared defeated Preston Druids 38 and 79 (Bigmore 34; Noel 5/21) outright by an innings and 29 runs.

**Preston Boys v Thomastown**

This match was close and exciting, one run giving victory to Thomastown. The Boys, with 3/37 resumed, and put up a good fight, just failing to reach their opponent's score. Foster gave a good display. Thomastown at the close of play, had three down for 93.

Thomastown 112 and 3/93 (Dunn 35, Wright 38; Sanders 4/22) defeated Preston Boys 111 (Foster 35, Anderson 3/13, Wuchatsch 3/38, Wilton 3/42) by one run on the first innings.

**Northcote A.O.F. v Preston South A.N.A.**

The lodge teams contested this match keenly, A.O.F. gaining victory with full points. A.N.A. gave a better display in their second innings. W. Davies captured nine wickets, including the hat trick. N. Davies and Powell were both not out when the runs required for victory were obtained.

Northcote A.O.F. 66 and 2/70 (N. Davies 29 not out, E. Cowell, 24 not out) defeated Preston South A.N.A. 29 and 104 (W. Davies 6/9 and 9/38 including hat trick) outright by eight wickets.

**Clifton v Pastrycooks**

Pastrycooks made 109 and Clifton 7/55 on the opening day. The latter added a further 25 runs before the innings terminated. Pastrycooks with 6/43 declared in their second innings. Coe for Pastrycooks struck a good length, and was unplayable in Clifton's second innings.

Pastrycooks 109 and 6/43 declared (Coe 42; Heeney 4/36) defeated Clifton 82 and 50 (Guest 4/33, Coe 9/23) outright by 20 runs.

**Atyeo & Sons v Ajax.**

Atyeo with 7/181 continued to bat, and with the score at 225 for the loss of eight wickets, declared. Ajax defied the bowlers, and remained at the wickets until stumps losing 7/81. Stockwell, who batted well, was also successful with the ball.

Atyeo & Sons 8/225 declared (Stockwell 34) drew with Ajax 7/81 (Stockwell 4/17).

**Thornbury Foresters v Preston Basebaliers**

In response to the Basebaliers 152, the Foresters replied with 67 and being sent back to the wickets the Basebaliers dismissed them for a century. Requiring 15 runs, with plenty of time, the Basebaliers had no difficulty in obtaining them.

Preston Basebaliers 152 and 1/20 defeated Thornbury Foresters 67 and 100 (Sprott 6/26, Mitchell 4/4) outright by nine wickets.

**UMPIRES AND FIXTURES**

Umpires appointed for the tenth round, commencing on Saturday, February 23:—

**A Grade** — Northcote Junior Footballers v Bell, Siedel & Sinclair; Bell Ramblers v East Preston, Lack & Simmons; Regent v Prestonite, Hellings & Cranston; Dennis v Reservoir, Loughlan & Fricke; Epping v Preston Basebaliers, Brown & Cooper; Pastrycooks v Broadhursts, Thomann & Clayton.

**B Grade** — Highview v Excelsior, Williams & Hastings; Sherry Socials v Thornbury, Hill & Kirton; Croxton United v Cramer, Carlton & Howard; Preston Footballers v Preston Imperials, Gray & Hancock; Scouts v Braithwaites Melling & Digby; Rosebank v Northcote P.A.F.S, Collins & Thompson.

**C Grade** — Preston Basebaliers v Pastrycooks, Hine & Lougheed; Thomastown v Thornbury Foresters, Fisher & Hickey; Preston South A.N.A. v Preston Boys, Hartley & Ludlow; Preston Druids v Northcote A.O.F., Porter F.R. & Gilbert; Ajax v Northcote Junior Footballers, O'Keefe & Porter; A.A.: Atyeo & Sons v Clifton, McMillan & Jowett. Emergencies — Wraight, O'Connor, Patrick, Baker and Rhodes.

**NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES**

A Grade

Thornbury Presbyterians 179 and 2/48 (J. Robertson 53, Cheffers 32, Douglas 15 n.o, Taylor 23, Baker 17, Jordan 17 n.o, Pitt 16, Jordan 12; Hill 6/57, Baggott 3/35; Orr 1/23) defeated Westgarth Baptist 123 (Hill 30, Keeble 24, Walker 21; McDonald 4/15, Douglas 2/25, Cheffers 2/35, Douglas 1/22) by 56 runs on the first innings.

C Grade

Thornbury Presbyterians 181 (Ellsworth 38, Douglas 37, Reid 31, G. Price 10; Chattey 4/72; Torrens 2/7, Stokes 1/52) defeated Preston Church of Christ 89 and 146 (Stokes 28, Quaife 15, Chattey 12 and 14 Johanson 12 n.o.; Price 7/16, G. Price 4/31, Fenwick 4/12) outright by an innings and 46 runs

Northcote Church of Christ 110 and 3/36 (A Arnott 15, E. Buzzard 14, V. Buzzard 33, W. Tyson 11 n.o. May 18; Mangan 7/53, W. Anderson 5/29) defeated Regent Presbyterians 95 and 8/99 declared (Atkinson 24 and 13, Alden 24, Middleton 13 n.o. and 19 n.o. Capp 12; Young 5/22, May 7/34, Clarke 1/1.)

Sunday School Grade .....

Thornbury Baptist 160 defeated South Preston Methodist 52 (Young 21; Thoms 5/20) and 52 (K. Schou 16, Birkett 11; Nightingale 3/14).

Northcote Church of Christ 97 and 4/33 (Plymin 22, Peake 18; Webb 16; Linford 5/20, Wilson 4/39) defeated St. Aidan's Church of England 70 and 54 (Linford 29 Johnston 11; Hoyle 5/12 and 4/16, Plymin 3/1).

# BOWLING

**PRESTON CLUB**

Ideal weather prevailed for the resumption of pennant play on Saturday last, and this with the fast greens made play most enjoyable.

A PENNANT

Preston strengthened their position with a comfortable win over City, on the City green. Pike's rink being up to the extent of 31 points. Scores:—Bell Hindson, Watson, Condie defeated King's rink 35—19; Crispe, Fleming, Mc Gregor, Morgan lost to Townsend's rink 25—31; Patchell, Hill, Nevill, Pike defeated C. Townsend's rink 42—11; White G. Birchall, Merrie Webb defeated McIlroy's rink 19—12. Totals Preston 121; City 73.

B PENNANT

Preston were unequal to the task of defeating Footscray at home, and finished up 24 down. Howe's rink was the only Preston rink to win. Scores: — Cohen, Williams, Dahl, Henshaw, lost to Moran's rink 45—22; Welch, Farr, Shepheard, Howe defeated Russell's rink 24—22; Farley, Davis, Dickens, Lewis W., lost to Roger's rink 19—34; Blake, Zwar, Fletcher Siddons lost to Clayton's rink 25—29. Totals — Preston 83; Footscray 107.

C PENNANT

The C1 team visited Footscray, who are undefeated, but could not overthrow their stronger opponents Carthew's rink staged a surprise, being 7 up. Scores: — James, Lewis R., Cousens, Carthew defeated Smith's rink 29—22; Peile, Kiddle, Price, Saunders lost to Sayer's rink 16—31; McDonnell Hornaby Smith Wood lost to Robinson's rink 12—44. Totals—Preston 57; Footscray 97.

The C2 team had rather a barren day against Fitzroy, all rinks being down. Scores: — Francis, Norris, Pine, McIntosh lost to Hamah's rink 15—26; Gill, Matthews, McIntyre, Ross lost to Nash's rink 18—30; Stewart, Crough, Lamperd, Watts lost to Miller's rink 15—22. Totals — Preston 48; Fitzroy 78.

In the Darebin trophy competition match on February 4, Preston had a win over Kew. With only two ends to date, Preston should have a say in the destination of this trophy.

**Club Champion.**

The club champion for this season is Mr. Nevill, and the runner-up F. Morgan. After a great tussle on February 4, in a game of about 2½ hours' duration, and requiring 39 ends to be played before the necessary number of points was scored, there were only two points separating these players, the final score being — Nevill 31; Morgan 29.

In last week's report on the President's day, it was erroneously stated that the members of the Ladies' club were responsible for the preparation of a very fine luncheon provided by the President on the day. Actually, Mrs. Williams, the wife of the President was solely responsible for its preparation, and she is to be congratulated on her wonderful effort.

# BOY SCOUTS

**1st PRESTON TROOP**

On February 18 the troop will repeat the concert given at Sale in the Scout hall. The annual meeting will be held on February 24 when all appointments for the year will be made known. The scouts' gymnasium will meet on Monday night.

During A.N.A. week-end several present members and others who were in Jack Goller's Otter Patrol in 1925-27 went to Jamefield. A fine sundial was placed on a pillar of rocks, and should prove an acquisition to the camp site.

**2nd. NORTHCOTE TROOP**

On February 2 the usual meeting was held. After the fall-in, and inspection, two new patrols were formed. The patrols now are:—Foxes, Stags, Kangaroos and Wombats, and are under the leadership of Patrol-Leaders Jack Pethybridge, Ron Greenhill, Jack Dowdle and Ron Jager respectively.

P.L. Ron Greenhill formerly P.L. of the Fox patrol has been promoted to troop leader. After the partols were formed, they were given instructions in scoutcraft, then followed active and competitive games.


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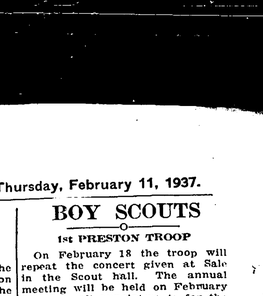

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# Northcote's Future Transport ?

## Cable Trams; Trams; Trolley Buses

**THE Tramways Board has the power to replace cable trams with an electric service. What will take the place of this obsolete method of transportation ? This question has to be answered by local councils of the municipalities in question — Northcote, Collingwood, and Fitzroy — before the Tramways Board makes any definite steps.**

### LOCAL COUNCIL'S ATTITUDE

We understand from the Mayor of Northcote (Cr A. V. Peters) that in the forthcoming conference of representatives, all three municipalities will vote against the existing system, but whereas Fitzroy and Collingwood are favoring trolley buses, Northcote's choice is trams.

The replacement of the existing tram service by another tram service — substituting one street railway by another fixed rail system — is definitely not progress in a civic or indeed any other sense.

For some years past we have not been too proud of our cable trams, faithful old servants though they have proved to be; now when an opportunity presents itself to give Northcote a transport service which could be favorably compared with other States' and overseas passenger carrying undertakings, our transport advisers — the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board —suggests trams and more trams against the expressed wish of all concerned, Northcote's being the only council to favor the M.M.T.B.'s proposal.

Despite the lessons to be learned from overseas, is Northcote to have more trams — inflexible, noisy, hard-seated, uncomfortable, traffic-slow-moving trams ? Let us quote a London publication dated October 1936, headlined as follows:—

### "London Trams Doomed

**"Entire System to be Converted to Trolley Buses**

**"London Transport has decided to scrap the whole of its tramway system and substitute trolley buses. This was announced this week by Lord Ashfield, chairman of the London Transport Board."**

It is stated that the Board considers the results obtained so far with the trolley buses are sufficiently satisfactory to justify their deciding to complete the substitution of trams by trolley buses and in the Bill to be promoted in the coming session of Parliament the necessary powers for conversion are to be sought.

When the Board took over in 1933 they had eighteen miles of trolley buses in operation, and about 350 miles of tram routes; at present 87 miles of trolley buses are open to the public and work is proceeding rapidly on the conversion of a further 131 miles already authorised.

Another overseas quotation from South Africa appearing in November last year reads:—

### Supercede Buses and Trolleys

**"Reference to the substitution of petrol buses and trolley buses on various undertakings is made in the annual report which has been issued by the Central Road Transportation Board of South Africa. It is stated that the Johannesburg City Council, which replaced trams on certain routes by petrol buses a year or two ago, now proposes to inaugurate trolley bus services over these routes. The Durban Corporation is pursuing a similar policy, and has replaced some of its trams with trolley buses, while in East London the whole tramway system has been abandoned and replaced with petrol driven buses."**

### And Yet——

Northcote is to continue to have the old fixed rail system and as mentioned above — More Trams and MORE TRAMS — and later on — More Trams !

The following letter-pamphlet dated 14/1/37 has been sent to every councillor of all municipalities likely to be drawn into the Trams — Trolley Buses controversy. Northcote councillors can't say they don't know the essential advantages of either side. For the benefit of all and sundry we are reproducing this letter-phamplet, which leaves little doubt as to what is the more modern, convenient and progressive system.

Jan. 14, 1937.

Dear Councillor, — The Tramways Board has invited your council's expression as to the most acceptable type of transport for the Bourke Street-Clifton Hill-Northcote route conversion.

One voting body (the Melbourne City Council) has already recorded its verdict sweepingly against electric trams !

Unanimity of decision amongst the remaining voters is the one hope of preventing further perpetration of this ghastly error of electric trams in our already overcongested streets. The following may be helpful in reaching a wise decision:—

**What Types of Transport are Available ?**

Four types only come up for consideration — cable trams, electric trams, trolley buses, or other buses. The cable tram is, of course, now "only a relic—a museum piece!" Electric trams are noisy, nerve-racking, congestion-causing, and are "doomed." Evidence from all over the world indicates that "tram tracks are being torn up and the silent, smooth-running, luxuriously-comfortable Trolley Buses are everywhere taking their places."

**What are the Great Objections to Electric Trams ?**

Their bottle-necking at stops and slowing up of all traffic; danger to passengers crossing roadways; holding up of whole line if even one tram breaks down; and excessive noise and vibration, in an age when these are recognised as wreckers of health and the community's well-being.

**What are the Outstanding Advantages of Trolley Buses ?**

Their low cost at first and economy all along; their high speed, freedom from vibration, silent smooth running and elastic mobility; entry from, and exit at, kerb; total absence of fumes; and, if one Trolley Bus should break down, it does not interfere with any other bus on route.

(Further References on Page 5)

## RESERVOIR NOTES

The Harvest Thanksgiving services at St. George's Church of England were celebrated by the Rev. T. Whitworth.

Mrs. T. Stapleton, of Northernhay street has returned after a vacation to Queenscliff.

Mr. A. Pollard, assistant stationmaster at Reservoir is on annual leave, and with Mrs. Pollard and family is holidaying at Sorrento.

Following complaints of alleged overcrowding of buses on the High street route, local police were instructed to see that the regulations were being carried out. On Friday night many bus users were forced to walk, and it is stated that in some cases buses were stopped and passengers in excess of the number the bus was licensed to carry were forced to alight. Many expressions of resentment, indignation and dissatisfaction accompanied the proceedings.

Another successful meeting was held at the home of Mr. Hardie, Ralph street, with Mr. Newton Clarke, organiser of the new ward movement in the chair. The canvass is proving highly satisfactory, and the reports of sectional workers show a wonderful co-operative spirit.

Reservoir was shocked at the death of Mr. Poole, resident manager for T. B. Scott & Co. Mr. Poole's cheery disposition and amiability made him a host of friends. Death was due to appendicitis.

The Mothers' club of the Reservoir school held its annual birthday party on Monday night. There was a good attendance, and an enjoyable night was spent, the star turn being the illuminated birthday cake.

At Reservoir school Mr. Gleeson has been appointed in place of Mr. Huthnance, who was transferred as head-teacher to Morwell.

Mr. A. Austin, of Kenilworth street was brought home from work on Monday, as the result of an accident.


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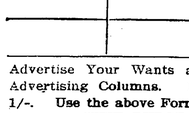

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"This is a work of fiction and all characters in the book are drawn from the author's imagination. If any names or titles belonging to living people have been used, this has been done inadvertently and no reference to such person or persons is intended."

One can read the above few lines between the flyleaf and the first page of practically any novel. It is correct in its phraseology as well as in its contents. Why should an author use a person's actual name in his novel when it is so easy to give names. He, the author, extracts a jumble of letters from the alphabet, changes the locality, and by prefacing his work with the above explanation, washes his hands of the possibility of any inference as to his good taste. Besides, it provides his lawyer—if he is successful enough to afford one—with prima facie evidence, bound to defeat any libel actions which may be brought against his client. His literary work is the product of his imagination—pure and simple.

Be that as it may: the names and the geographical positions of the activities of his heroes, heroines and villains might be fictitious, but nine times out of ten his book is based on some episode enacted in real life. Probably the whole plot has no counterpart in real life, but the average author must confess that a certain actual event coming either directly or indirectly under his or her notice—maybe years before he or she ever started the manuscript—is responsible for the author's work.

By prefacing this document with the above remarks, I am by no means trying to find excuses for myself. No judge or jury would ever convict me of premeditated murder, but I, without actually being a religious man, think that in the eyes of He who deals out justice without prosecution or defence, I am guilty of destroying two human beings. I am using the term "Destroying a human being," in preference to murder—not that I shrink from calling myself a murderer, but simply because my knowledge of law and criminology tells me that no person can be termed "murderer" unless the death of a certain human being is directly due to violence or injury by that person. But although my hands never held a weapon more dangerous than a pen, I feel that the tragic deaths of Robert Dalton, and his wife, Constance Dalton, is my doing.

"The pen is mightier than the sword,"—to me the adage has a more direct meaning than the originator meant to imply.

Robert Dalton survived the sword, in other words a shell fragment during the last international blood orgy, but my pen—an otherwise harmless implement on my writing desk, proved to be, indirectly his death weapon.

I knew Dalton, at least I had met him some ten years ago in America. At that time I was a reporter on a London daily. The paper's commission took me to the Dominion on the opposite side of the Atlantic, and during my fortnight's stay in Montreal, I met Robert Dalton and Constance Merringham, for at that time they were not married, but in the parlance of suburbia, kept company.

I met him in the course of business; was invited to lunch; taken to a theatre, and finally, on the fifth day of my stay in Montreal, was introduced to his fiancee. On the whole, I met him on five occasions, and Miss Merringham on three.

I have never written to him, or to her; neither have I had any letters from either of them. I must correct myself here—two days ago I received a letter from him, forwarded to me by his solicitors—but of that . . . later.

I pride myself on being a judge of character. That is why, eight years later, being on the look-out for a decent plot (I since became an author), those few days spent in Montreal came to my mind. Miss Merringham, although seen on only three occasions, struck me as the possessor of a very complex and, on the whole, unsettled character. I do not mean to imply that the instability of her character was obvious, but some of her statements contradicted themselves, and the fluttering of her hands during speech, being not merely gesticulation, seemed to indicate the restlessness of the speaker's mind.

Robert Dalton presented a complete contrast to the charming girl. One as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar, the other as unstable as mercury. So I took them, outlined their characters, brought their good and bad points to the fore, and made their lives and their doings more interesting to the average reader by making them the central figures in my novel "Dead Leaves."

Not having heard from them, I did not know whether my chance acquaintances from Montreal did marry or not. In "Dead Leaves" Clarisse Beauford became the wife of Gregory Challis rather early in the story; their lives and their acquaintance previous to their marriage formed but a sort of preface to the actual book. Clarisse meets with an "accident" which is but thinly disguised suicide; and Gregory Challis . . .

Enclosed with these pages, you will find the letter from Dalton's solicitors, of which I spoke earlier . . .

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When Ramsay Alterson, the well-known novelist, was found shot at his home, all kinds of theories were brought forward to explain his deed of self destruction.

At the inquest, held in camera, the summing up of which in every newspaper was prefaced with half-a-column on the dead author, prior to the finding of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind," the above last lines of the deceased were produced, together with the following letter:—

Dear Sir,—

This letter will reach you when myself and my wife will be beyond human help. Why didn't you write your "Dead Leaves" some seven years earlier? Then I might have taken some steps, found some way or other of combating with that instability in my wife's character. Now it is too late. Clarisse Beauford did become a drug addict; she read your book as well, and in practically the same way as your "imaginary character" brought disgrace on an otherwise good name.

The scandal is too big to live down, but that is not the only reason for my deed.

Her craving for drugs is incurable; what she did before she will do again, and I for one, am unable to face the consequences of her drug-taking. Besides, I want to forestall her meeting with an "accident" which might not be as successful as in your book.

There is only one way out and I am taking it. Your Clarisse is better off dead and I am still too much in love with her to live on alone.

Although you call your characters "imaginary," you don't deceive me. What does surprise me is that to the best of my knowledge I have never met you, but your description of our lives on the whole—even to some of the details of our personal habits and appearance, is not the work of a perfect stranger.

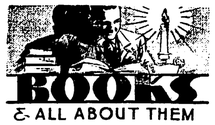
I cannot hold you responsible for our lives and their end, but I wish to God you had never written "Dead Leaves."

Now that it is all over—or going to be, soon, I may as well sign myself . . .

GREGORY CHALLIS.

## BAMBOO SPIKE PIERCES BOY'S LEG

Geoffrey Harley, elder son of Dr. and Mrs. Harley, of Kemp street, Croxton received a painful injury on February 1, when he fell backwards into a bamboo clump. A spike pierced his leg, inflicting a nasty gash. The boy is making a good recovery.



# BOOKS & ALL ABOUT THEM

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Miss Valerie Beachamp was the sort of woman novelist all right-minded people fly from. She was the leader of a small literary society called the Esoterics, and she tyrannised over them so much that they planned revenge, but when Miss Beachamp found out that they had succeeded in making a fool of her, tragedy comes swiftly. She was found murdered, and each friend felt that he was suspected. Haunted by fear of arrest and by their consciences, they were further terrorised by the murders of several members of their society. Who is the common enemy? —A brilliant character study and murder mystery.

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By Peter Cheyney.

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## "New Guinea Gold,"

By Edmond De Maitre.

Mr. Edmond De Maitre, who has travelled through the unexplored regions of New Guinea, paints a fascinating picture of primeval jungles with their great orchids and birds of paradise, and cannibals and head-hunters. An interesting feature is the account of gold mining, and how the difficulties of communication were solved by C. J. Levien, a young Australian, by means of aerial transport.

"New Guinea Gold" is remarkable for studies of native character and customs, which are both interesting and amusing.

Other Recommendations:—

"LEAD ON McLEAN"
"McLEAN TAKE CHARGE"
—By George Goodchild.

"THE TOWER MYSTERY"
"THERE SITS DEATH"
—By Paul McGuire

"THE INCENDIARIES"
"THE FLAG-LIEUTENANT IN CHINA"
—By Lieut. Col. W. P. Drury.

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## NORTHCOTE'S TRANSPORT

(Continued from Front Page)

**Who Will Benefit Chiefly by Trolley Buses?**

The unvarying experience has been that everyone resident, in business or trading, along the whole Trolley Bus route benefits. The better the transport provided, the better the class and volume of shopping promoted.

**Why do Women Shoppers Always Prefer Trolley Buses?**

Passenger preference is overwhelmingly in favor of Trolley Buses. This is particularly noticeable in Sydney, where Trolley Buses run parallel with electric trams—the Trolley Buses being filled first always.

Women shoppers prefer Trolley Buses because they draw right up to footpaths, and allow shelter from verandahs on entering and leaving.

The woman who has no car of her own specially appreciates the luxury travelling that Trolley Buses present.

**What Cities Already Have Trolley Buses?**

Trolley Bus fleets have proved successful in Sydney, Adelaide, Perth, Hobart. Sydney recently spent an additional £69,700 for equipment.

London, comprising over 90 municipalities is spending an estimated £35,000,000 on a Trolley Bus system that will utilise a running fleet of over 3,000 Trolley Buses.

One hundred other cities of England are "scrapping trams and installing buses," as are Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban and other South African cities.

All over Europe, too, Melbourne lags behind — very far behind!

**How Trolley Buses will Relieve the Congestion**

A double-decker Trolley Bus occupies only HALF the road area of an electric tram. Sydney's double-decker Trolley Buses, 21 feet in length, seat 70 passengers. Melbourne trams carrying the same load are 48 feet in length.

**Remember—Not Your Council, but the Tramways Board, Must Re-make Tram Roads!**

The cost of removing old tracks and replacing road equal to adjoining surface must be borne by the Tramways Board (see Section 68, Sub. 6, Tramways Act).

In any case, there is no urgent need to re-make roads at all. The Tramways Broad have not yet replaced miles and miles of old tram roadways.

Trolley Buses do not call for specially constructed roads. The low pressure, wide, air tyres of today are actually "road-makers, not road-breakers."

**Are There any Engineering Difficulties?**

On the Bourke Street—Clifton Hill—Northcote route? None whatever!

The Tramways Board has mentioned the camber of Smith street. There is "not the slightest difficulty in levelling this stretch of roadway for Trolley Buses." The railway Bridge at Clifton Hill junction allows a small margin for the passage even of double-decker Trolley Buses. A very slight lowering of the roadway would give ample passage.

**Who Are in Favor of Trolley Buses?**

The Melbourne City Council voted last month for Buses to replace Bourke street trams. Heidelberg Council is definitely opposed to electrification of trams, asking Trolley Buses for first choice. Collingwood Council (December 1935) voted for Trolley Buses. Smith Street traders voted unanimously Trolley Buses; Bourke Street traders voted Trolley Buses at two public meetings—unanimously. Every trader who considers the safety, comfort and better facilities for his shoppers will approve the decision for Trolley Buses!

**Why Does the Tramways Board Oppose Trolley Buses?**

Because many years ago the Tramways Board became pledged to "a system—the electric tramway system"—which is now swiftly becoming obsolete. Originally, it was quite the best system, just as, in THEIR day, were the velocipede and stage coach.

But the increasing pressure on transport and the phenomenally expanding road traffic demand something more mobile than electric trams — something that will relieve, rather than accentuate, congestion; something safer to enter or leave; something silent—and the chief cities of the world have decided for Trolley Buses. "A Trolley Bus route is a better business route" they have found.

BOURKE STREET TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, Horace E. Wilson, Organising Secretary.

## Northcote Supports Trams

And yet the Mayor of Northcote (Cr A. V. Peters) tells us that the council is going to support the trams, thereby opposing the system the advantages of which have been reproduced above.

Notes—We have written to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, to let us hear their side of the argument. So far, we have had no reply from them. Should it arrive we will gladly publish it, for the Leader-Budget believes in fair play.

## NORTHCOTE A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting of the Northcote branch A.N.A. was held in the Austral hall on February 4.

Deep regret was expressed at the death of the wife of a member, Mr. Goodrich, and a letter of condolence was sent by the secretary.

Correspondence was received from the Collingwood A.N.A. inviting members and friends to an exhibition of films of the S.E.C. works at Yallourn, and from Mr. F. Carney, an inmate of the Fairfield hospital, thanking members for their sympathy.

Four new members were elected and were welcomed by the president Cr. T. Parry), and one was nominated. Messrs T. Bolt, A. Turnbull, E. Guerin and D. Carney reported on sick members.

It was decided to enter a bowls team in the Victorian Indoor Bowls championship, and Mr. Barker, captain of the Rifle club reported that the team was not successful in the final of the A.N.A. shield against Footscray branch. He complimented Mr. Hogg, a new member for obtaining the highest score in the final match.

Mr. Aldridge, social secretary, in reporting on the annual picnic on Australia Day, said it was a grand success, both socially and financially. Mr. Henry, a member, won the Sheffield handicap, and the branch relay team ran second in the relay race. The sports programme for the children had been carried out most satisfactorily, and the social committee are to be congratulated.

Mr. E. Guerin reported on A.N.A. smoke night at the Melbourne Town Hall.

Mr. Parry, in reporting on the cricket club said Northcote defeated Heidelberg outright in the previous match, and last week played at Clifton Hill. Clifton Hill had scored 66 in its first innings, and Northcote had lost 3/63.

It was decided to write and protest against the cost of broadcast listeners' licenses, with a request for a reduction; and to write to the Northcote City Council and complain re the menace the tip in Separation street is to the community.

The syllabus item for the evening was an indoor bowls tournament, which was keenly contested. Mr. R. Campbell won, defeating Mr. R. L. Fitch by a narrow margin.

Next syllabus item is a First Aid lecture by Mr. W. Blackburn on February 18.

## Northcote Town Hall Repainted

The Northcote council is spending £350 on outside renovations and repainting of the Northcote Town hall. When the work is finished, the town hall and the Northcote Free Library, the building of which is maintained by the council, will be of uniform colour, thereby disposing of the colour-discord, which was so obvious to the discriminating passer-by, and thus completing an attractive block.

**WARNING TO BIRD OWNERS**

On Saturday last, some person, by jumping and damaging the trellis-gate, gained access to a fernery at a house in Normanby avenue, Thornbury, and opened the doors of an aviary and two parrot-cages. The cage doors were fastened with wire so that they were held open.

When he discovered what had happened, the owner of the birds, Mr. C. Nelson, with the aid of neighbours, was successful in recovering a number of canaries, but at least six valuable birds are still missing, as well as a beautiful Lowry parrot.

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# The SCREEN and its STARS.

## Actor Starts at Bottom

From the bottom of the world at Capetown, South Africa, to the top of the Hollywood movie colony is a long hurdle, but Ian Hunter seems well on the way to making it successfully.

The popular young actor, featured with Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy in "To Mary—With Love" at the Regent Theatre, first left Africa when he went to London to attend college. Attracted by his appearance and ability, English producers were easily persuaded to give him a stage opportunity, and overnight he became a London favourite. Six thousand miles away, Hollywood heard of his reputation, and sent for him.

## Wheeler, Woolsey Excavate Laughs in Egypt

Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey, who have made nineteen films together, have never "repeated" their stories.

For their newest vehicle, "Mummy's Boys" coming to the Merri Theatre, the celluloid clowns portray amateur archaeologists who set out on a mysterious expedition to Egypt and encounter hair-raising adventures. They have some of the funniest moments of their careers when their ship is rammed by another vessel during a fog, and they valiantly decide to save all the pretty girls on board.

## Freddie Bartholomew Made Debut at 3

Freddie Bartholomew, who electrified the world with his portrayal of the young "David Copperfield" in the filmisation of the Dickens classic, made his stage debut at the age of three, reciting a poem at an entertainment in Warminster, Wiltshire, England. He was an instantaneous success, and he has never had a "flop" since.

Now at the age of 11, he is the star of Selznick International's production of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" with Dolores Costello Barrymore making her return to the screen co-starred with him in the role of "Dearest."

The picture will be at the Merri Theatre shortly.

## MAN OF MYSTERY

One of the mysteries surrounding Ricardo Cortez, featured in the title role of Universal's "Postal Inspector," is the puzzle of how he continues successfully in romantic leading roles after 15 years and 150 hits on the screen. Many younger stars would like to know the answer, but he refuses to reveal his methods. There is mystery in his latest role, as well as mystery in his background.

Ricardo Cortez has make-up secrets which he has closely guarded for years. He will not allow anybody in his dressing room while he is making up for a role. Another bit of mystery surrounding him has been his birthplace, and his manner of entering the movies.

Finally he revealed that he was born in Vienna, Austria, to put an end to stories which named spots on the globe from Kurdistan, Afghanistan, and Hindustan, to Timbuctoo and Kalamazoo.

## Cook's Tour Lears to American Roles

Myrna Loy made a veritable cinematic Cook's tour of the world before she began to obtain roles as an American girl.

The lovely Myrna, so hard to visualise as anything but a typical—and exceedingly beautiful—American, played Chinese, Maylayan, Hindu, Javanese and Eurasian roles before Hollywood finally saw her possibilities and cast her in the type of roles which she now portrays. In "To Mary—With Love" Twentieth Century-Fox picture coming to the Regent Theatre, in which she is co-starred with Warner Baxter, Myrna has one of the finest roles of her career as the heroine of Richard Sherman's famous novel of modern love and life.


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# Catapulted From Car

## DAMAGES CLAIM ADJOURNED

Giving his weight as 16 stone E. W. Williams, manager, of Bondi, Sydney, told the Northcote Court on Friday, how he had been shot from a car "like a bullet," after a collision with another car at the intersection of St. George's road and Arthurton road, Northcote, on December 3. Skidding across the road on his back, he related how he watched his car proceed on its way, driverless for 20 yards.

This was in a claim in which Gus Raymond Wood, insurance adjuster, Taylor street, Brighton, claimed £50 damages from Williams, representing repairs to a car, caused, he alleged, by the negligent driving of Williams.

Wood said he saw Williams roll across the road, and his car came to a stop at a telephone post in Arthurton road. Williams alleged contributory negligence, and counter-claimed to the extent of £4/6/.

Wood said that on December 3 at about 6.45 p.m. he was driving a car north along St. George's road. It was raining at the time, and visibility was bad. When he was about nine yards from the intersection of St. George's road and Arthurton road, he saw another car come from behind the greenery and commence to travel east across the path of his car. He sounded his horn immediately, and at the same moment applied his brakes. Both cars were travelling at about the same speed—from 25—30 miles an hour.

"The other car," continued Wood, "did not alter its speed or direction, and I was unable to avoid a collision. Williams told me that he thought the driver on the right had the "right of the road."

Cross-examined, Wood said he assumed that no cars would enter the major street (St. George's road) without first stopping. He did not see the other car until its radiator came from between the plantations.

Williams said he had stopped his car before entering St. George's road. He then proceeded to cross the road, and when half-way across, he saw Wood's car approaching, travelling at about 30 to 35 miles an hour. Sounding his horn, he accelerated, thinking there was ample time for him to cross the western track before the other car. His car was struck, and he was thrown out. He denied that he suggested the police should not be informed.

The P. M. (Mr. E. E. O'Grady) adjourned the hearing for seven days, in order to enable him to consider his decision.

## MUSIC SUCCESSES

At the recent musical examinations conducted by the University of Melbourne the following pupils of Miss Jean Bazeley's were successful: — Gwen Gilbert, Grade VI, piano, honors; Mervyn Thomson, Grade VI, piano honors; Wilma Barnett, Grade VI, piano, credit June Beckmann, Grade VI, piano, credit; Jean Collins, Grade IV, piano Grade V piano, honors; Jean Bolle, Grade III, piano, Grade IV theory, honors. These pupils are to be congratulated upon their successes.

Applications for the use of football grounds in the City of Northcote during the coming season, close at noon on March 6 as advertised.

## Mickey Rooney Saved by Hay

Mickey Rooney has developed almost as much fondness for hay as for the horses he rides in the First National film "Down the Stretch" at the Merri Theatre, but not for eating purposes.

He was saved from injury by a thick mound of it after falling from a horse in one of his riding scenes as a jockey at location at a stable and race-track in Encino.

Instead of turning the sharp curve in the small track, his horse balked, and sent him sailing over the fence. While the company gasped, Mickey picked himself up from his spongy landing place, and ran back to grab the bridle of his mount.

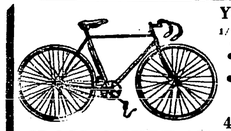
# THE CAR TO-MORROW

Some thought provoking predictions were recently made by Captain J. S. Irving, (designer of the late Sir H. Seagrave's £18,000 "Golden Arrow," the first automobile to reach and exceed 200 miles per hour) in his recent presidential address to the British Institute of Automobile Engineers.

Captain Irving opened his address by stating that road speed travel of the future will average between 70 and 100 miles per hour., but he qualified the statement by emphasising that such average speeds would only become safely possible when roads have been designed and built for this particular purpose. Such speeds would be maintained with less fuss than the 35—40 miles per hour touring averages of to-day.

Amongst many interesting points touched upon by this automotive authority, was the necessity of lighting all main routes by non-dazzle lamps, so arranged that there would be no alternate patches of light and shadow. Head-lamps would not be necessary on such highways.

Irving predicts that within the next decade the average power output of cars will be in the region of 90—100 brake horse-power at normal speeds.

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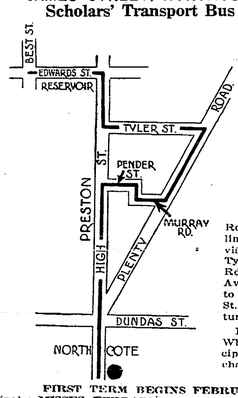


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# NEWS AND VIEWS
## OF THE WORLD OF FILMS

## His Mouth is His Fortune

There's a cavern in the clown!

It belongs to Joe E. Brown, and it's just about the cheeriest, most capacious cavern that's ever been located south of a nose.

In repose his mouth is not much wider than normal. It's when he opens it, reveals his tonsils, and gives one of his famous ear-splitting war-whoops that you realise that here is a mouth that defies all imitation.

**Tragedy Started It.**

"The funny thing is that for years I never realised that I'd got an asset in my mouth. When I broke into pictures it was as a serious actor, and one day I was playing a death scene in a drama. They photographed it from an almost horizontal angle, and in the rushes, all you could see was my mouth and nostrils. It gave me an idea," went on Joe, "and when I was fairly launched on screen farces, I suggested to the director that he should have the camera trained always from a low angle which would capitalise the size of my mouth."

In one of his latest films, "A Natural Born Salesman," Joe had to drive a sixteen ton tractor. He jumped on to the tractor, pulled a few levers, offered up a few last requests, and started plunging round the set like a mad-man.

**Serious Business.**

This slight, well-built likeable man takes his job of being funny with deadly seriousness. All Joe's gags are worked out seriously at a conference. It might almost be a Big Business meeting! Then they are rehearsed, talked over, and rehearsed again before the cameras get busy.

But though Joe is serious-minded, he has no hankering to play tragedy. Not even the inevitable Hamlet. He is quite content with the serious job of making people laugh.

## Chinese Revolt Story

Gary Cooper, the screen's most famous soldier-of-fortune will be seen again in his favourite role.

Having already established himself as filmdom's outstanding portrayer of adventurous roles in the French Foreign Legion, the Bengal Lancers, and the Italian and American armies, Cooper now comes to the screen as a roving soldier-of-fortune in modern war torn China.

Appearing opposite him is beautiful blonde Madeleine Carroll, in the role of the lure put out by a scheming war-lord to trap Cooper. This is an entirely new role for Miss Carroll. Akim Tamiroff, famed for his portrayal of sinister roles, is cast as the ruthless war-lord.

The Chinese junk seen in the closing sequences of "The General Died at Dawn," Paramount's story of intrigue and romance in China, is an exact reproduction of the famous vessels which have plied China's yellow rivers for thousands of years.

## Comedy Rules the Waves

Lew Ayres, Mary Carlisle, Larry Crabbe, Benny Baker and Grant Withers have the leading roles in a fast-moving laugh-studded farce of gobs and gals, set aboard ship and in the town of Panama City. Ayres is a timid sailor who accidentally gets a reputation as a woman-killer, and Crabbe is a Marine, who spends his hours at sea boasting of his romantic prowess.

The story revolves around a bet made by shipmate friends of Ayres that the timid gob can make a date with the most exclusive girl in Panama City, a blonde dancer known as "Stonewall" Jackson. To prove that he has succeeded, Ayres is to return to the ship after shore-leave with a ribbon, won by the dancer in a beauty contest.

How Ayres gets his date, gets the ribbon, and gets the girl into the bargain, is the story of "Lady Be Careful."


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Pop-Eye, the Sailor in "Let's U and Him Fight"
(For General Exhibition)


# Northcote Court

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Before Mr. E. E. O'Grady, P.M.

**Bumpy Lane Blamed**

Stanley Stratton, Queen's parade North Fitzroy was fined £1 on a charge of having driven a milk-cart without a lighted lamp in Hutton street, Thornbury on December 30. Stratton said the lamp must have been extinguished in a bumpy lane off Hutton street.

**Unlighted Bicycle**

Roy Halley, Dundas street, Thornbury, charged with having ridden a bicycle without a light in High street, on January 5 was fined £1.

**"Decidedly Gilbertian"**

The usual method of serving "notice to quit" upon a tenant is "to read it over to the tenant, and explain the meaning and purport thereof," but a youthful witness caused some amusement at the Northcote court on Friday, by detailing how he knocked at the door of a house, but could make no one hear. Thereupon he read the notice over, and explained it to the door!

"What a Gilbertian procedure" commented the counsel for the complainant.

**Six Ejectments.**

Six ejectment orders were made against the following:—A. Campbell, Armadale street, Northcote; V. and D. Short, Perry street, Alphington; Walter Henwood, Darling street, Fairfield; John and Jessie Matheson, Clarke street, Northcote; — and Mrs. Fullarton, Gordon grove, Northcote; and James Smith, Urquhart street, Northcote.

In each case a stay of 14 days was granted, all the defendants stating that they could not find houses.

"It can be a Christian duty to kill" declared the Archbishop of York at a church assembly, "the pacifist agitation is increasing the danger of war."

## AN ORIGINAL EXPLANATION

**"NORTHCOTE BRICKS ARE LIGHTER THAN OTHERS"**

"I was told by a Geelong contractor that Northcote bricks are a little lighter than those of other Melbourne suburbs, so I thought I could load more bricks on the truck in Northcote," said Athol Ronald Greaves, Yuille street, West Geelong, at the Northcote Court on Friday. He was charged with having driven a motor-truck the weight of the load on which exceeded by ten per cent the carrying capacity specified in the registration certificate.

Constable Porter said the truck was stopped in St. George's road, Northcote on December 30, and it was loaded with 1,500 bricks. On being weighed, it was found that the load exceeded the limit by 12 cwt.

"You should not believe all you hear," said Mr. E. E. O'Grady, P.M., in imposing a fine of £1. "It might not be true."

On a similar charge, William Heeney, Jones street, Fairfield was fined £3. In this case the police evidence was to the effect that the load carried by Heeney's truck was two tons overweight.

## Sequel to Hutton Street Case

The last act in the child abandoning drama was played in the General Sessions on Friday, February 5, when the case against Arthur Ronald Turner and Mary Lamb was heard.

Lamb's defence was that being hard-pressed to keep the child, she was befriended by the other defendant. As she thought it unfair to him to let him maintain another man's child, she decided to leave it in somebody's car, hoping that it would, when found, be given a home and cared for.

Considering the good reports of the two accused, his Honour decided not to send either of them to prison. Passing a sentence of six months' imprisonment on each, he suspended the sentences on bonds of £10 to be of good behaviour for two years.

The Northcote City council elsewhere notifies that all dogs must be registered by March 16, to avoid proceedings under the Dog Act, 1928 and 1936


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# Recent Weddings

## St. Joseph Lilies Carried

HUGHES—JONES

AT the Epiphany Church, Northcote, on December 24, the marriage of Miss Florence May Jones to Mr. Ray Thomas Hughes was solemnised.

The bride's uncle Mr. W McGill gave her away. A white metalasse gown was chosen by the bride. Features were two small collars caught in the middle with a spray of orange blossom, and buttoning down the back; a long train; long sleeves pointed at the hand; and a pleated girdle at the waist. Her misty tulle veil was clasped with a halo of orange blossom. St. Joseph lilies and gladioli were arranged in her bouquet.

The bride was attended by Misses Janet Brown and Phyllis Bennetts and little June McGill was trainbearer. They were frocked similarly in dresses of blue embossed taffeta with halos of silver leaves in their hair, and held pink carnations and blue delphiniums.

The groom was supported by Mr. Max Goldbloom (best man) and Mr. Raymond Jones (groomsman.)

A reception and breakfast were held at Normanby Hall, Thornbury, and the catering was capably attended to by Mrs. Olorenshaw.

Navy georgette and lace, with navy accessories were selected by the bride's mother, and she carried a bouquet of blue cornflowers and sweet pears.

For travelling the bride donned a pale blue crown trimmed with navy and navy accessories. The honeymoon was spent at Healesville

## Three Bridesmaids

STAGGARD—ROSE

HOLY Trinity Church Thornbury was beautifully decorated with Christmas lilies and a huge white wedding bell on December 28, for the marriage of Miss Hazel Ernestine Rose, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rose, of 86 Emmaline street, Northcote, to Mr. Thomas John Staggard, second son of Mr. and Mrs E. Staggard, of 5 King street, West Geelong.

The bride was given away by her father. Her graceful magnolia satin gown was worn with an exquisite matching coat panelled and edged with lace and sweeping into a train at the back. The billowy tulle veil was clasped with sprays of orange blossom, and a bouquet of St. Joseph lilies was carried.

Misses Phyl Tuckett, Kath Staggard and Haley Cavanagh attended the bride. They were dressed alike in flowing frocks of green triple georgette finished with gold and diamente clips at the neck. Golden leaves formed a halo effect on their heads, and they wore green and gold sandals, and carried sheafs of golden roses.

Messrs Keith Nankervis, Geo. Cornell and Harry Rose attended the groom.

The Rev. W. H. Chamberlain performed the ceremony, and Mr. Alex Smith was at the organ. During the signing of the register, Mrs. Schofoel sang.

A reception and breakfast were held at Normanby Hall, Thornbury, where the catering was admirably performed by Mrs. Olorenshaw, and dancing and singing were enjoyed later.

For her gown the bride's mother selected black satin striped georgette trimmed with cream satin, and a long spray of frangipanni. The groom's mother chose black georgette trimmed with white, and wore a shoulder spray of mauve clematis.

For travelling the bride donned a Marina blue frock trimmed with navy lace and finished with gold clasps, and a navy taffeta coat. The couple will make their home at Ivanhoe.

## Bride and Maids in White

MOELLER—BYRNE

A pretty wedding was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church, Bell street, Preston on Saturday, December 26, between Violet May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Byrne of Preston, and Louis Patrick, third son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Moeller, of Sydney. The Rev. Father O'Rourke was the officiating clergyman.

Entering the church with her father, the bride made a charming picture in an ankle length gown of moire taffeta made with tight fitting bodice, with lace yoke and sleeves. The train was finished with hand-made roses, and on her arm rested a sheaf of Christmas and St. Joseph lilies. The beautiful embossed tulle veil was worn cap-fashion, and finished with a coronet of orange blossom buds, and looked most effective.

As bridesmaids, Miss M. Mehegan and Miss D. Crowe (cousin of the bride) wore frocks of white lace made on close fitting lines, and finished with frilled georgette godets at the hem. They carried bouquets of pink carnations and sweet peas. Miss N. Hudson, acting as flower-girl looked dainty in an ankle length pink georgette frock finished with silver trimmings. Her posy was arranged with pink carnations and sweet peas, and a matching garland wreathed her hair.

Mr. Michael Byrne (brother of the bride) acted as best man, and Mr. Crowe (cousin of the bride) was groomsman. During the ceremony the organ was played by Miss Doran.

The reception was held at Hillman's hall, Preston, the tables being beautifully decorated with pink carnations, and sweet peas, and the attactive two-tiered wedding cake was of a matching colour.

The bride's mother received the guests, and her navy blue georgette ensemble was worn with a matching hat of tagel straw, and a spray of cowhoil in autumn shades.

When leaving, the bride donned a powder-blue suit finished with navy blue satin bolero.


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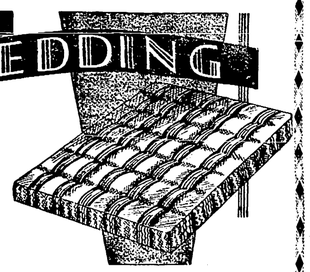

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## Child and Education

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In Westleigh College, now in the hands of the Misses Everard, the individuality of the child is taken into consideration, is studied, and fostered. The early schooling days are responsible for the whole of the future life, and under excellent guidance of a staff of competent teachers, the pupils of Westleigh receive a proper start in life.

Having been successfully associated with the Horton Girls' Grammar School, Box Hill for a number of years, when it progressed from a small primary school to a flourishing secondary school, the Misses Everard took charge in Preston in July of last year. Since then, their excellent methods of teaching have been so successful that a change to more suitable and larger premises was made necessary. Westleigh College in James street, Northcote was their choice.

The arrangement for safe conduct of pupils to and from school is one of many signs of thoroughness and ability to cover any emergency that make the Misses Everard so popular with mothers. The welfare of the children could not be entrusted into better hands.

As well as being a most successful teacher, Miss S. Everard has assimilated modern methods of education abroad, while Miss C. Everard has always obtained a high percentage of passes for the Intermediate and School Leaving Examinations.

The object of the principals is to foster the ability and develop the individuality of each pupil. To this end, large classes are avoided.

## DIES FROM INJURIES

In our last issue we reported an accident, in which Edward Barratt, of Emmaline street Northcote, while riding a motor-cycle, collided with Donald Hart. Both men were severely injured. On Friday afternoon Hart died as a result of his injuries.


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BEAUTY HINTS

Mrs. H. G. asks:—Why is my hair dry after a permanent wave?

ANSWER:—A woman who had her hair permanently waved should put a little oil on it, otherwise she is likely to join the number of women who say that permanent-waving kills the hair, as it makes it so dry. As a matter of fact, it is herself who is killing it, by not doing what she should to keep it alive. One cannot expect hair to look right if one does nothing but put water on it every day, a drying habit in any case. So help your wave by brushing it and rubbing a little brilliantine into it.

"KNOW ALL" asks:—What are oil shampoos used for?

ANSWER:—To cleanse the scalp of dandruff; to correct too dry a condition; to remove hair-dyes; or to keep permanent waves in condition.

"Miss Lou" asks:— Should one use whites or yolks of eggs, or both, for a shampoo?

ANSWER:—It is generally advisable to use the whites only for light hair; for brunettes the entire egg can be used.

"MOTHER" wants to know:—What is a good rinse for white or grey hair that is very coarse?

ANSWER: — French blueing mixed with fruit vinegar will lighten and soften the hair.

"MODERN" (Westgarth) writes:—Would you mind telling me if the eyebrow plucking process is a painful one; also if there is any chance of it affecting the eye-sight?

ANSWER:—There is a certain amount of pain attached to eyebrow plucking at first but it gets less and less painful, until eventually you hardly notice it. It is much quicker and less painful to pluck out a few stray hairs two or three times a week than to let it accumulate for a week or a fortnight. Be sure to grasp the hair as near the roots as posible. Then there will be no danger of the hair snapping off, and leaving an end behind. Eyebrow plucking does not affect the sight.

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## OBITUARY

At a private hospital, at Ivanhoe, on Monday, the death occurred of Mr. William Henry Watson, of Kelvin grove, Thornbury. Aged 80 years, he was a familiar figure in Northcote, and at one time, he conducted a wood yard in North Fitzroy. Mr. Watson and his wife, who was aged 84 years, were noted in the locality for their devotion to one another, and had lived in a cottage in Kelvin grove for many years. Both became ill on December 13, and were taken to hospital. Mrs. Watson died two days later, and her husband lingered on for seven weeks. The funeral of Mr. Watson took place on Tuesday, the interment being made at the Melbourne General cemetery. Rev. W. H. Shamberlain conducting the graveside service.

## Northcote Council's Gift to Children

We understand that the Northcote council is making arrangements to convert the corner block of Victoria road and Clarendon street into a children's playground.

Three-quarters of an acre will be opened for children, the playground to be of tan-bark cover, with a sand-pit, see-saw, slides and swings.

The cost of the projected work is estimated at £100.

A new Australian 5/- coin will be put into circulation as soon as it is approved by British authorities.

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## Northcote 'Learn to Swim' Drive

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

In the "Learn-to-Swim" campaign, conducted by the Northcote Life Saving and Swimming club in conjunction with the Northcote council 320 children and adults were taught to swim over 10 yards. In the 25 yards tests, 102 qualified for certificates. Many of the learners did not qualify because of the adverse weather during the drive, but all were given an elementary knowledge of the Crawl stroke. Most of these will be able to swim across the baths with a few days' practice.

Mr. J. Fogg, bathskeeper, and Mr. A. McIntosh, hon secretary of the Northcote Life Saving and Swimming club were both congratulated by the Campaign president (Cr. Frank Beaurepaire) on their fine effort in the teaching of 220 at the early morning session. 102 of these passed the full distance of 25 yards, and Mr. Fogg and Mr. McIntosh have each been credited with 50 swimmers over the full distance.

The certificates will be presented by Cr. A. V. Peters, J.P., Mayor of Northcote, at a children's carnival at the Northcote baths. The following will receive certificates:—Beryl Allen (10), Miss Alma Byford, Mrs. S. Booth, Alma and Audrey Bosworth twins (12), Dorothy Bell (15), Clare Burnham (9), James Brasher (10), Lesley Bennett (11), Miss Beryl Bowtell, Miss. S. Butcher, Dorothy Coote, Mavis Carnell (10), Robert Cowan (11), Valma Caelli (10), Olive Catmull (11), A. Cavanagh (12), Eddie Caddock (9), Jim Collins (9), Madge Daley (13),Kathleen Daley (11), Maisie Daley (11), George Duncan (13), George Eaton (13), Vera Evans (13), Clarice Edwards (11), Olive Egan (10), Dulcie Edwards (10), Patsy Edwards (9), Jean Edwards (14), Paul Easton (11), Albert Edwards (13), Barbara Flavell (11), Raymond Eversday (13), Miss Betty Franks, Miss Valda Franks, Marjorie Gange (9) Shirley Hay (13), Shirley Harrison (13), Sylvia Haynon (8), Mrs. Iredale, Miss Mary Inglis, Kevin Jolly (13), Keith Trueman (13), Wallace Kemm, Miss Audrey Jacobs, Leslie Lynch (9), Dulcio Lee (12) Barbara Laidbrook (13), Isobel Lindsey (13), Clifford Lay (13), Peter Lukey, Leigh Mason (12), Jack Meeling, Graeme Milne (13), Valerie Milne (11), Dorothy Morris (13), Don Maile (9), Silvia McGaw (12), Desmond Nelson (9), Eileen O'Callaghan (10), Betty Purcell (8), Miss Lena Patterson, Graham Pope (8), Miss Doris Reynolds, Jack Rogers (12), Lily Richardson (12), Betty Read (13) Betty Ross (13), Gwen Robertson (11), Joan Robertson (11), Mr. S. Ryan, James Tulok (12), Winnie Thompson, Lindsey Thompson (12), George Shields (13), Thomas Searle (12), Jack Saunders (3), Bonnie Saunders (10), Mr. Albert Sticklands, Noel Shaw (12), Master Sharp, Nellie Shugg (12), Royce Viney (13), Mavis Spencer (11), June Webber (10), Dorothy Wheatley (9), Shirley Williams (11), Edmund Wade (15), Ivy Walker (12), Betty Walker (10), Gwen Wayland (12), Sheila Walle (13), Nancy McDevitt (10), Ivy Williams (9), Marjory Weller (9), Valda Lang (9), Desmond McDevitt (12), Ron Brasher (11) Ronald Gibbs (13), Shirley Izard (7).


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# LORD NUFFIELD AND AUSTRALIA

News Item: Lord Nuffield has arrived on another visit to Australia.

It may be of possible significance to Australia this third visit of England's prominent industrialist and philanthropist. It may be remembered that as plain Mr. Morris he visited Australia in 1928 in connection with his motor-car interests, and later, as Lord Nuffield, came again and distributed some £50,000 to the noblest of our charities. He has since become one of the most famous men in Great Britain as the result of a series of wonderful benefactions, including £2,000,000 to the Oxford University, and later another cool million for the provision of work in certain industrial areas which had suffered severely from the depression. It is not solely that he has given away over six millions in recent years that important results may issue from his further visit to Australia, because Lord Nuffield, who is still a comparatively young man, is one of the most enterprising and resourceful manufacturers in Great Britain. He figured advantageously in a recent dispute with certain of the British authorities over the manufacture of aeroplane engines.

He had offered the nation the gift of his aeroplane manufacturing plant, but the conservative mind of some of the people in another industry induced the display of a cavalier and rather discourteous attitude towards the generous offer of this great Englishman, with the result that he was compelled to state the facts to the public. Then there was an immediate back-down by the sealing wax departments, and apologies of an indemnate nature were made to Lord Nuffield.

### Object of Visit

The incident is in a way, associated with the supposed objects of Lord Nuffield's visit to Australia, as it has been stated that he is coming prepared with an offer to assist in the establishment in Australia of aeroplane building on a large scale. It does not seem to be fully appreciated that the aeroplanes in commercial as well as defence matters, is likely in the years to come, to occupy the stage as fully as motor-car building has engaged attention over the past 30 years. With Lord Nuffield as patron of this great industry in Australia, results of the utmost importance to this community and to the Empire may ensue.

### Raw Material and Climate

It is understood that Australia can supply the raw materials for all the essential operations in the making of engines for aeroplanes, and it is possible that the manufacture of the most delicate parts of the engines may be most satisfactorily carried out in the more or less even climate of Australia, where raw material s natural to the country, than in other parts of the Empire where the climatic variations are greater, and where the raw material is not to hand.

Matters have progressed so far that Lord Nuffield has stated that if the proposal goes through, Australia will derive the whole of the advantages, except that British experts will be brought to the country to supervise the making of the engines. It is to be hoped that at the outset the warmest welcome will be extended by the Commonwealth Government to Lord Nuffield.

### Elaborate Preparations

The work of plane building has to go on to a most elaborate programme, because the safety of the Empire is truly in "the clouds." We need not display the same complacency as the British people in regard to the peace of officials in controlling the safety of the Empire. Lord Nuffield is too great a Britisher to adopt half-measures with any proposals he has in hand, nor is it possible for such a man to carry into action less than he promises, unless hindered by the withered grasp of "authority." The most creditable attribute that attaches to the Lyons government is its air-mindedness, so that it is assured that any offers from Lord Nuffield will receive full consideration.

### Defence Purposes

The backing of such an industry by such a man may yield the most important results to Australian industry. It is a fact that in men and material the Commonwealth can supply all that is required. The real importance of the suggestion is that it paves the way for the adoption of defence measures that should be effective to suit Australia's own particular needs. The only possible defence for Australia with its thousands of miles of coastline, is through the air. It is not only feasible because of its effectiveness for fighting, but is so economical compared with other so-called systems as to make it possible to find the money for an air defence, when that would make Australia more completely independent in defence matters than could be said of any other country. More than that, when the "fledgling" planes are not required for that purpose, they may be employed in survey and even commerce, and thus "earn their keep" in all seasons.

It won't be long now before Lord Nuffield's visit will be more freely discussed in the daily press, but let us hope the the news that will be read will be beneficial to us and to our country.

## Prominent Cyclist As Manufacturer

In partnership with Mr. Cross, Mr. Jack Munday has commenced business manufacturing the "Magic Flyer" cycles.

Mr. Munday is well-known as a racing cyclist, and has an imposing record His main championship wins were:—Victoria and Australian Malvern Star Junior championship in 1934; Victorian Amateur Road championship, 1935, Victorian One Mile Junior Hrack championship 1936, and also Christian Brothers' and Y.M.C.A. titles. At 15 years of age, Mr. Munday, riding with the Richmond professionals, was on the scratch mark with Ossie Nicholson, Frank Kennedy and Geo. Eddy. He is at present riding with the Fairfield Amateurs, and holds the club championship.

Both Mr. Cross and Mr. Munday have had considerable manufacturing experience with several of the leading cycle firms, and that experience is reflected in the quality of the machines being produced by them.

An ex-policefan was bound over to keep the peace at Richmond on an application of a girl who had 50 or 60, but he adds that there was afraid he would do her grievous bodily harm.

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A man was attacked near the and harness valued at £400 lost in Melbourne Cricket ground and rob- a fire which destroyed a 30 stall bed of £28.

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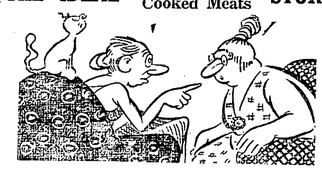

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# BOXING

BURGESS HALF PRESSED

Jacky Burgess, 9.10, still undefeated after 43 contests, had perhaps the hardest fight of his career against the hard-hitting Bill Hamilton 9.6 in a 12 rounds contest at Fitzroy on Friday night last. Burgess, ably managed and trained by W. O'Brien, the mentor of Jack Carroll, entered the ring in a wonderful physical condition, in fact it would be safe to say that his condition saved him from defeat. From the first gong he attacked incessantly, and even when rattled on several occasions by hard rights, resumed the offensive immediately. He constantly made the fight, but Hamilton, showing to greater advantage than ever before, steadied him with his powerful punching.

A great contest, and the referee's decision a draw, appeared to please the spectators.

Preliminaries.

In another contest, in which Miles Finney 9.4 substituted for Harry Summers against Danny Reilly 9.2, the referee disregarded Finney's appeal for a foul blow and counted him out in the eighth round. Finney boxed on the retreat throughout, but could not escape some severe punishment, and was getting much the worse of matters.

Bob Lewis 10.10 won the first six rounds, lost the next two, and drew even over the other two in his contest with Ernie Myers 10.6, yet was greeted with a shout of disapproval when the referee crowned him at the end of the contest.

Stan Stevenson 10.5 and Bill Newton battled hard over four rounds, their efforts being rewarded with a drawn decision.

Jimmy Lee 10.10 survived longer than usual by staying for three rounds. Harry White 11.0 knocked him out with two punches in the last of a four round contest.

Bankruptcy

Robert Marchall, manufacturer, of St. Duthus street, Preston. Cause of insolvency: Losses in trade. Liabilities £897/16/5; Assets £723/12/; deficiency £174/4/5.

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## Salvation Army Officer in Collision

WIFE THROWN FROM CAR

How his car had been damaged in a collision with another car, and his wife had been thrown out and bruised, was told by George William Sandells, Salvation Army officer, Gillingham street, Preston at the Northcote court on Tuesday. This was when he was called to give evidence against Alphonso Raphael, High street, Preston, who was charged with having failed to give his name and address after an accident in which his car was involved; and with having driven a car without being licensed.

Sandells said a car driven by Raphael struck his car at the intersection of High and Hutton streets, at about 8 p.m. on January 17. The rear wheel, mudguard, and side of his car were damaged. Raphael admitted to witness that he did not see witness' car before the accident. He gave his name as Hart, Rathdown street, North Carlton. Later Raphael called on witness, and said he had shifted to High street, Preston.

Constable McDonald said a man who gave the name of Hart and address as Rathdown street, Carlton called at the Thornbury police station and said his brother-in-law whose name was Raphael, had been involved in an accident. Later Raphael came to the police station, and admitted that he had driven the car without being licensed.

For Raphael it was stated that he was leaning to drive, and had had a licensed driver in the back seat of the car.

The P. M. said that Raphael had certainly not run away from the scene of the accident, but he had deliberately given a wrong name. On this charge he would be fined £5, and on the charge of driving without a license, £2

HE PICKED IT UP!

Constable at Preston Court on Wednesday: I dropped a shilling on the floor of the watch-house to test the defendant's sobriety. He picked it up.

Mr A. E. O'Connor: Well, you would expect him to pick it up with a name like Kerpatrick?

## Indecent Card Sent by Post

AUTHORITY TO PROSECUTE QUESTIONED

An extraordinary case at the Northcote court on Tuesday was one in which Walter Vernon Christian, of Jenkins street, Northcote, was charged with having "knowingly sent a postal article, to wit a letter addressed to Miss C. K. Harrison, Avendale, Morphett road, Minehead, Somerset, England, which contained an indecent card, contrary to Section 107 of the Post and Telegraph Act." For the defence it was claimed that Detective Leigh had no authority to prosecute in this case.

Detective Leigh said that with Plainclothes Constable Murray he interviewed Christian at his home on December 28 regarding the card. He showed Christian a letter and an envelope containing three cards. On the top of the letter was the address of Christian's home. Christian admitted that the address was his, but at first denied that the signature was his. Later he admitted it. The detective said Christian told him he communicated with Miss Harrison through a pen-club conducted in an Australian monthly paper, with its head-quarters in America.

Plainclothes Constable Murray said Christian told him he was unemployed, and was studying commercial art.

Authority Questioned

Mr. F. Dawson (for Christian) contended that the informant, Detective Leigh could not prosecute in a case of this kind, as a special section of the Post and Telegraph Act stipulated that the only person able to prosecute in such a case as this was a Post and Telegraph officer, authorised by the Post Master General. Detective Leigh was not a postal officer, and had no authority to prosecute Mr. Dawson further contended that such a submission as this had been the subject of judicial discussion, and it had been held that the authority of the Post Master General to such a prosecution was essential.

Sub-Inspector Downie, prosecuting, said it was the procedure in Petty Sessions for the police to prosecute in these cases. The P.M.G's department had said it was valid for the police to prosecute in the case before the court.

It was intimated that no evidence would be called for the defence.

The P. M. (Mr. E. E. O'Grady) said he would adjourn the case until February 16. His decision would rest on a point or law.

GOLF

IVANHOE GOLF CLUB

On Saturday in the Stroke, first round for C. Buckley's trophy (best net three rounds on consecutive Saturdays) the following were the leading scores:—W. Hardess (23) 63; E. Eckersley (21) 64; R. Hallam (27) 65; G. Norton (6) 66; C. Buckley (24) 67; R. Bone (19) 67; K. Grant (19) 67; J. Price (4) 68; E. Lee (19) 68; A. Simpson (22) 69; F. W. Phillips (25) 70; A. Turner (21) 71; H. Sloss (14) 71; J. M. Durrant (10) 71.

Next Saturday the second round of stroke play for C. Buckley's trophy will be played, and on Sunday morning's match will be played at the Ivanhoe links between teams representing the Australasian club, Aspendale and the local club in A and B grades. Seven players will comprise each team, and a start will be made at 10 a.m.


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CHURCH NOTICES

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY Shaftesbury Pde. (off High St.) "The Church With a Welcome"
February 14—1st Sunday in Lent
8 a.m.: Holy Communion.
11 a.m.: Choral Eucharist.
7 p.m.: Evensong and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher, The Vicar (Rev W. H. Chamberlain)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH of ENGLAND, Plenty Rd., E. Preston
Sunday, February 14
8 a.m.: Holy Communion.
10 a.m.: Service for Children.
11 a.m.: Holy Communion (choral).
7 p.m.: Evening Prayer.
Preacher 11 and 7: Rev Arthur M. Capper.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
Bayview Street, Northcote
Sunday, February 14
8 a.m.: Holy Communion.
11 a.m.: Matins, the Bishop of Geelong.
7 p.m.: Evensong, preacher Rev F. E. Thornton, M.A., subject:—"Our Parish Church."

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DEATH

NELSON.—In loving memory of our dear Husband and Father who passed away 9th. February 1936.
With tender love and deep regret.
We who loved him never forget.
—Inserted by loving wife and family, Steane St. Preston, late Herbert St. Northcote.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE
POOLE—Mrs E. Poole and Son, Leonard, desire to THANK all kind relatives and friends for letters, telegrams, and personal wishes, conveying expressions of sympathy during their recent sad bereavement. Will all please accept this intimation as their only expression of deep gratitude.
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THANKS
MOORE.—Sons and Daughters of the late Mr G. F. Moore wish to THANK relatives and friends for expressions of sympathy, letters, cards and floral tributes in their sad bereavement and to especially thank Dr Bearham, Mr Cunningham, Sisters and Nurses at Epworth Private Hospital.

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## PERSONAL

At the meeting of the Federal Cabinet last Tuesday, Mr Frank G. Thorpe, former resident of Flinders street, Thornbury, was appointed chairman of the Public Service Board. Mr Thorpe will take over on March 27 at a salary of £2,000. Mr Thorpe joined the public service in the Postal Department during the war. He was transferred from the Postal Department as a member of a special finance sub-committee in the Defence Department, but after the war entered the Prime Minister's Department and was afterwards appointed to the staff of the Public Service Commission. He was appointed second assistant commissioner of the Public Service Board in 1935.

The Mayor of Preston (Cr A. G. Davis), with his wife and family, have returned home after spending a holiday at Mornington.

It was resolved at Northcote council meeting on Monday to send a letter to Mrs J. J. Daly, wife of Dr Daly, of High street, Northcote, congratulating her on the "high honor that had been conferred on her and the city of Northcote" on being made the recipient of the O.B.E.

Northcote Council decided on Monday to send a letter of condolence to Miss Agar (of the Engineer's office) and Mrs Johnson (wife of Cr B. E. Johnson) on the passing of their father and brother respectively. Mr Walter Agar, a very old resident of Northcote.

Cr J. O. Hughes, of Clarke street, Northcote, who was recently the victim of serious illness, was granted a further month's leave of absence at Northcote Council on Monday. Cr Sutch was also granted a further two months' leave of absence. Cr Burnham said Cr Sutch had recently returned from a health trip to Queensland, but he was still very ill. A motion was passed that a letter expressing regret at Cr Sutch's illness should be sent to his wife.

His period of probation having ended, Mr G. McCulloch was appointed librarian to the Northcote Free Library at Northcote Council meeting on Monday.

A motion was passed at the Northcote Council meeting on Monday that a letter should be sent to the Town Clerk (Mr J. A. Thomson), expressing regret at his absence owing to the serious illness in his family.

It was resolved to send a letter to Cr Turner's wife, who recently underwent an operation, expressing regret at her illness.

Messrs E. J. Alford and J. Foss have been appointed by the Northcote Council as dog registration officers.

Jean Skipper, of 99 Malpas street, East Preston, a pupil at Preston Girls' High School has been successful in winning a Junior Government Scholarship. She has resumed her studies at her old school for the present.

Mr and Mrs J. Bahen, of Whalley street, Northcote, are rejoicing at the birth of a daughter (Barbara Janice).

On January 3 a daughter was born to Mr and Mrs L. Morffew, of 261 Tyler street, Preston.

After residing in Herbert street, Northcote, for 56 years, Mrs M. Nelson has taken up her residence in Steane street, East Preston.

On February 6, as the result of an accident, Mr George William Clement Clarke, the younger son of Mrs Ellen Louise Clarke, of 46 Southernhay street, Preston, passed away at the age of 30 years.

Mr. Harry Humphrey Smith, of 89 Shaftesbury avenue, Thornbury, passed away suddenly on February 6. He is survived by a wife and a son and daughter.

The death occurred of Mrs Ada Florence Dunn, of Josephine grove East Preston, on February 6, at her sister's residence in Footscray. Mrs Dunn is survived by a husband and son.

Mrs. J. Quin, wife of Mr. J. Quin, sustenance officer in charge at Preston, underwent an operation at Royal Melbourne Hospital. The friends of Mr. and Mrs Quin will be pleased to learn that the operation resulted successfully.

Mr. F. Caddy, manager of G.J. Coles Pty Ltd. branch, High street Preston, is enjoying with his wife and infant, a fortnight's holiday at Apollo Bay.

Rev. T. Wilkinson, vicar of All Saints' Preston, has returned from a holiday at Tasmania.

Mrs. H. P. Zwar, Cr. and Mrs. Swain of Preston, Mr. Frank Brennan M.H.R., and Mrs. Brennan, were among the visitors at the 12th anniversary of Reservoir State school Mothers' club on Monday evening. The following presentations were made:—teaset to Mrs. Turpin, president; lady's handbag to Mrs. Meltine, hon. secretary; and crystal vase to Mrs Decker, hon. treasurer.

Cr. and Mrs. H. Swain were present last Saturday afternoon at the marriage of their grandson, Mr. C. H. Page to Miss Agnes Murray, at the Methodist Church, Prince of Wales Park, Thornbury. Mr. M. Langdon father of the bride, gave her away. Rev. Langdon, uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony, which was followed by a reception in the church hall.

Sergeant and Mrs. H. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Bird, Cr. H. F. Nisbett and Mrs. Nisbett will leave on Friday on a week-end trip to Numurkah. The menfolk will journey to the Murray, arrangements have been made for a boat and they hope to catch a good supply of fish.


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# Activities at Preston

Preston Division St. John Ambulance Brigade

THE fortnightly drill held by the brigade in the Supper room of the Town Hall last Monday night was well attended by the members who had an interesting evening when bandaging and splinting broken limbs was practised. After practice, Sergeant Windley gave a lecture on the classification of fractures. A meeting will be held on February 15 for those interested in the Picnic to Kinglake on February 27. At the next drill the subject of the lecture will be "Poisons: Classification and Treatment."

Hospital duty, Saturday. Ames, Hackett; Sunday, Hardinge, Manning.

Preston South A.N.A.

MR. J. E. O'MEARA presided over the meeting held on February 4, when two new members were admitted. A number of visitors were persent to hear the fine address delivered by Mr. Oldham, of the League of Nations Union. After traversing Europe, country by country, to indicate political moves, the speaker indicated Australia's responsibility to the League of Nations in its endeavour to maintain peace. After questions had been asked and discussed by all present, Mr. Oldham was accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the instance of Messrs Andrews and Brown.

Two items from the Flower Show committee and the Musical and Elocutionary Competitions committee were discussed at length.

Bell Railway Station

THE sum of £935 was taken at Bell railway station in passenger traffic for the month of January. The decrease, as compared with the January receipts last year amounted to £129. Goods traffic this January accounted for £907 and parcels turnover £23.

Men in Country Camps

FOR the use of men in country camps, Mr. W. H. Crow, Garnet street Preston has sent along playing cards; Mr. Groves, books and reading matter from Mr. P. Clements. Mr. H. P. Zwar M.L.A. has received a letter of thanks from men in the Merrijig camp.

False Alarms

PRESTON firemen answered two false alarms; one in the early hours of Saturday morning to Wood and Tennyson streets; and the other to Wood street and Plenty road on Sunday morning.

Preston Works to Start.

ALTERATIONS and additions to the Soldiers' Memorial Hall at Preston are to be commenced shortly. Sanitary convenience alterations attached to the local municipal buildings are also to be taken in hand.

Heidelberg Municipal Buildings

CR. C. T. DARLING represented the Preston council at the first meeting, held on Tuesday evening this week, of the Heidelberg council, in its new municipal buildings.

Firemen at Cricket.

ON February 21 men connected with Preston and Ivanhoe Fire brigade stations will try conclusions at cricket. The game will start at 1 p.m. These matches are an annual event, and much pleasure is obtained by friendly rivalry on the cricket pitch.

Dance in Aid of Charity.

THE opening Monday night dances in aid of charity held in Preston Town Hall realised £8.

Temporary Preston Bandmaster "MASSA" Johnson has been appointed acting band-master of Preston Municipal Band, during the absence in New Zealand of Mr. W. S. May, who in to tour that country with the Russian Ballet.

## 200 ODD MILES PER GALLON

During the past few months, reports have been coming from Canada of remarkable claims for a new carburettor system invented by C. N. Pogue. The main principle of the system appears to be partial, baffled so that all free drops of petrol are returned to a reservoir, so that only completely vaporised petrol reaches the combustion chambers of the engine.

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## OBITUARY

**MR WALTER COULTHARD**

At the age of 76, Mr Walter Coulthard, Gower street, Preston, passed away at Alfred Hospital last Friday. He left a widow and family of four. The interment, in charge of Mr Ern. Jensen, took place in Preston Cemetery the following day. Rev T. Wilkinson read the burial service. The pallbearers were Messrs Lancaster, Close, McClelland, Kelly, Leonard and Delaney.

**MR E. E. POOLE**

The death of Mr Edgar Ernest Poole, High street, Reservoir, occurred last Saturday, after an operation for appendicitis. The funeral took place in Preston Cemetery, Rev Capper officiating at the graveside. A widow and son survive Mr Poole. The pallbearers were Messrs Scott, Rennick, Davis, Cook, Pola and Campbell. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr Ern Jensen.


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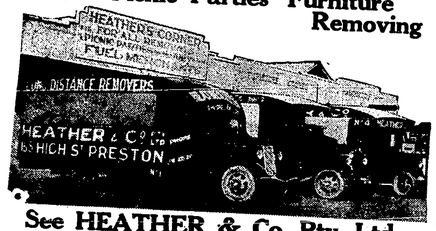


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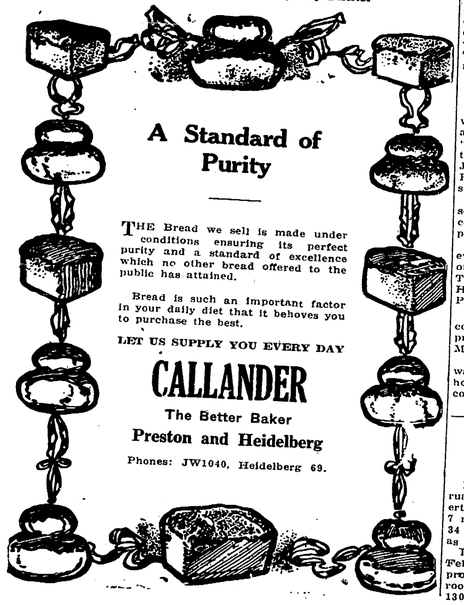

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Church of the Epiphany

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Special Series of Addresses by the Bishop of Geelong**

At the annual meeting of the electors and parishioners of the Church of the Epiphany on Monday evening (the following officers were elected: — Churchwardens: Rev J. O. Hughes, Mr J. Ramsden, Mr F. Moorman sen; vestry: Messrs R. Bohme, A. Rogerson, C. Hills, F. Moorman jun., Archie Ziebell, A. J. Hayeraft, A. Ziebell, A. Twentyman, R. Mott; the Vicar has three nominees for the vestry who have yet to be named.

In presenting the churchwardens' report, Mr. J. Ramsden spoke of the Vicar's work during the year, hall renovations, envelope system, furnishings of the church, finances, and St. Aidans, all of which were satisfactory, also the remission of debt made by the Diocese. Parishioners should make an effort to support the scheme for raising an extra sum in this, the church's tenth year.

The balance sheet, presented in an able manner by Mr A. Twentyman, showed the financial position sound, but there was a falling of in hall receipts which should be checked. Special efforts should be made this year with the building fund and the "box" scheme, to increase revenues.

A short report on St. Aidan's was given by Rev J. O. Hughes which showed that the church was in a satisfactory position. Reports were also received from the Tennis Club, Cricket Club, Men's Society, Ladies' Guild, Entertainment Society, Mothers' Union.

Discussion took place on the advisability of substituting the "box" direct giving scheme for the fete, and it was decided to try out the "box" scheme for six months, when the position would be reviewed; however, the fete could not be abandoned.

The Vicar presidede at the meeting at which about 80 were present; the ladies served supper at the close.

Last Sunday was observed as Harvest Festival Sunday and the Rev Hedley Raymond, of Essendon, was the speaker at Evensong, taking an appropriate text. Gifts of groceries &c. will go to the Mission of St James and St John.

The Bishop of Geelong will commence a series of sermons on Sunday at 11 a.m. and will continue on February 21 and 28 at the same time. The Bishop will also conduct services on Thursdays February 18, 25 and March 4 at 8 p.m. and will deliver a special Lenten series of addresses at 8 p.m. on these days.

**Christian Science**

"Soul" will be the subject of the lesson at all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 14. The golden text is from Psalms 62: 1. "Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation." Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned." (Song of Solomon 8: 7.) 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: "Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind, and happiness would be more readily attained and would be more secure in our keeping if sought in Soul. Higher enjoyments alone can satisfy the cravings of immortal man. We cannot circumscribe happiness within the limits of personal sense. The senses confer no real enjoyment." (Page 60.)

**Holy Trinity, Thornbury**

The Harvest Festival was observed. At matins the vicar officiated and preached on the theme "Gratitude." The choir presented the anthem, "Break forth into Joy." Miss Rita Bennett and Mr Reg. Blatchford rendering the solos.

In the afternoon at a children's service in the church, gifts of groceries, fruit, produce, etc., were presented.

A large assemblage gathered at evensong when the vicar preached on "Feeding the Five Thousand." The choir sang "O Clap Your Hands Together." Miss Gwen Pearson being soloist.

The church was beautifully decorated by the ladies, and harvest produce was despatched to the Mission of St. James and St. John.

On Tuesday the annual meeting was held. Special services were held on Ash Wednesday, and will continue until Easter.

Next Sunday—the first in Lent —the vicar will lead all services.

**APPROACHING AUCTIONS**

By F. W. Stott & Son on February 13 at 3.30 p.m. on the property, 25 Barry street, Northcote, 7 roomed D.F.W.B. house on land 34 ft 6 in x 140 ft; also furniture as advertised.

By J. G. Membrey & Co, on February 16 at 3 p.m. on the property, 19 Hawthorn road, 6 roomed W.B. villa, on land 42 x 130 feet as advertised.

## SOCIAL NOTES..

**Engagements**

The engagement is announced of Irene, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. L. Taylor, of Collins street, West Preston, to Harold Edwin, eldest son of Mrs G. I. Smith, and the late Mr A. E. Broughton.

The engagement is announced of Jean, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter McColl, of Coonan street, Preston, to Alex., eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Power, of Elm street, Northcote.

The engagement is announced of Nellie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Maunder, 25 Arthur street, Preston, to Albert William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F. Goodchild, 5 Margaret grove, East Preston.

**Approaching Marriage**

The marriage of Mr W. Russell Wilson (an employee of Cr H. Swain, High street, Preston), eldest son of Mr and Mrs Andrew M. Wilson, Walker street, West Brunswick, to Miss Doris Victoria Pitt, Melville road, West Brunswick, will take place at the Methodist Church in the latter suburb at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, and afterwards at St. John's Hall.

**Married 59 Years**

On Tuesday of this week, 59 years ago, at St. John's Church of England, Latrobe street, Melbourne, Mr and Mrs Geo. May were married by Canon Crotty. Mr May established a saddlery business in Smith street, Collingwood and it is he married on for 60 years. The couple reared a family of twelve, seven of whom are living, including Mrs Chadwick, Mrs Laidlaw and Reggie and Willie Chadwick, all of whom are residents of Northcote. Mr and Mrs May are proud in having 20 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren figure at 21. Mrs May is still going strong and is in her 81st year and enjoys the best of health.

The happy couple were the recipients of numerous congratulations and good wishes on Tuesday, and on Monday at the community singing session—where Mrs May has been a regular attendant for many years—Mr J. Gawne, who conducted, spoke cheering words to Mr and Mrs May, and the large audience joined in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" and "We're All Pals Together."

Mrs May was identified with social and charitable work in Fitzroy, and from that suburb, also Northcote, were received wishes for continued good health and happy and prosperous years for the couple, who still look upon the pleasant and joyful side of life.

**Plain and Fancy Dress Carnival**

Holy Trinity Guild Hall, Thornbury, presented a colorful scene on February 2, when a plain and fancy dress carnival was held in aid of church funds. The judges were two nieces of the vicar (Rev W. H. Chamberlain), Mrs G. Milne and Mrs. R. Warren, who had motored from The Rock (N.S.W.) to spend a few days at the vicarage.

Prize-winners were: National costume, Miss Esme Edes (Norwegian girl); best couple, Mr. Wilfred Hulett and Miss Jean Carlisle (Bride and Bridegroom); best impersonation, Mr Phillips (monkey); special prize donated by the judges, Miss June Burgess (Miss Gay Nineties).

**House Party**

Through the generosity of Mr P. Cleland, of Garnet street, Preston, the South Preston Methodist Junior Cricket Club were entertained at his home on Saturday, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

At the supper advantage was taken by the captain of the team (Keith Schou) and Albert Bott, to express to the host the appreciation of the members for the kindly interest revealed by Mr and Mrs Cleland. In acknowledging the enthusiastic vote, Mr Cleland said that both he and Mrs Cleland deemed it a pleasure to entertain the club. The objective of this newly-formed club is to establish a branch of the church amongst the boys.

**Marriage.**

Miss Brownie Bakker, a sister of Mrs. H. Lang, Roseberry avenue Preston, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Bakker, Moubray street, Albert Park, was married on Saturday, January 23 to Mr. Russell Knight, son of Mrs. Knight, of Albert Park. The ceremony was performed at St. Silas' Church of England. A reception followed at the Kiosk, Toorak road, South Yarra.

## TENNIS

**PRESTON LAWN ASSOCIATION**

**Positions of Teams**

Special A—Reservoir, played 14; won 9; lost 2; unfinished 3. Regent 14:7:3:4. Cranross 14:5:4:5. Hill, 14:4:64. Numurray, 14: 3: 6:5. Danella Park, 14:1:8:5.

A Grade — Oakover played 13; won 9; lost 0; unfinished 4. Danella 13 : 8 : 1 : 4. Hill, 13 : 7 : 3 : 3. Cranross, 14 : 5 : 5 : 4. Coaching College, 13 : 4 : 4 : 5. Regent 13: 1: 9: 3. Numurray, 13: 2: 6: 5. Reservoir, 14:2:10:2.

B No 1 Grade — Warrain, played 14; won 10; lost 1; unfinished 3 Gilbert 15: 10: 4: 1. Oakover, 15: 9: 2: 4. Reservoir Presbyterians, 15: 4: 6: 5. Grove 15: 3: 11: 1. Cranross 14 2 7 5. Regent, 14 2 9: 3.

B No .2 Grade — Danella 1 played 17: won 9; lost 2; unfinished 6. Danella, 17: 11: 3: 3. Preston 17: 9: 3: 5. St. Mary's, 17 8: 5: 4. Oakover 17: 4: 9: 4. Numurray 17: 3 9: 5. College 17: 6: 8 3. Warrain, 17: 1: 12: 4.

C No 1 Grade — Bell Park, played 14; won 11; lost 2; unfinished 1. Regent 14: 9: 3: 2. Cranress 14: 8: 4: 2. Warrain 14: 9: 4: 1. Sacred Heart 14: 6: 5: 3. Gilbert 14: 3: 9: 2. Numurray, 14: 0: 11: 3. East Preston 14: 1: 9: 4

C No 2 Grade — Comas played 14: won 14: lost 0; unfinished 0. Preston Methodists, 14: 12: 2: 0. Oakover 14: 7: 5: 2. Reservoir Presbyterians, 14: 6: 6: 2. Grove 14: 5: 7: 2. Bell Park 14: 4: 8: 2. East Preston, 14:0:11:3. Warrain 14: 1: 10: 3.

**Successes of Pupils**

Last year we had the pleasure of congratulating Miss E. F. Holyoak on her success with her local pupils at the London College of Music elocution examinations. We are again pleased to note from the returns just published that this year she has obtained still better results. Nineteen passes and very creditable passes — from nineteen entrants is a result which speaks for itself and we must congratulate both pupils and teacher on their remarkable attainment. If, as the saying goes "Speech is the index to culture", Northcote seems to bid fair to reach a high standard.

The successful pupils were the Misses Alison Fitzgerald, Margaret Fitzgerald ,Patti Robertson, Dorothy Patrick, Margaret Phillips, Jean Williams, Nancy Baines, Nanette Rainbow, Valda Syfers, Thelma Collins, June Glanfield, Olive Jones, Betty Elmore, Wilma Watson, Joy Glanfield, Eleanor Easton, Mary Scott; Evelyn Watson and Paul Easton.*

**FASHIONABLE TWEEDS**

Fashions may come, and fashions may go, but we will never desert our tweed suits. Tweed suits vary little from year to year, but there is usually some little device that stamps them as of 'to-day.' This autumn it is to be the masculinity of the cut. Padded shoulders, wide lapels, and big patch pockets are to appear. For the tweed itself, there is a new weave that incorporates seven colours without appearing in the least gaudy. They are mauve, pale blue, dark red, bottle, lime green, royal purple, and white; the last named appearing as small "knots" and hairs.


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## Preston Court

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Before Mr T. J. McMahon, P.M.

**"Thank God You Are Not Married"**

Mr. T. J. McMahon, J.P. was somewhat caustic in his remarks when he inflicted the maximum penalty of £10, in default three months' imprisonment, on Theodore Oxley, charged with having used obscene language on February 13 in High street, Epping.

"Thank God you are not married, so that you can't pollute the atmosphere in which your wife and children may be. After using the language to which you plead guilty the least you can do is to use the strongest disinfectant as a mouthwash."

**Ejectments**

Ejectment orders were made against the following: Mr and Mrs Stewart, 82 Pender street, Preston; Mrs Redfern, 16 Compton street, Preston: Charles Alexander, 18 South street, Preston; George Faldon, Rene street, Preston, and A. Andrews, Wurruck avenue, Preston.

An ejectment application was dismissed in the case of George Pilgrim, as the P.M. (Mr McMahon) was not satisfied that the notice to quit was given to the tenant or the tenant's agent.

**House Uninhabitable**

The Union Building Society and Mr Lyons proceeded against Edward J. Willis for rent. The amounts involved were respectively £2/13/9 and £8/6/. This case had been settled previously, a verdict being given for the complainants. The case was re-opened, as Mrs Willis was unable to pay the amounts involved, and was at an earlier date refused weekly payments in respect of the amounts involved. Mrs. Willis brought evidence that she had the health inspector called into her residence at corner Gilbert and Monash streets, Preston, now the property of Mr Lyons, and the inspector testified the building as uninhabitable unless certain repairs were carried out. Up to the time of leaving the above address the repairs were not executed, and due to the unhealthy condition of the residence, Mr. Willis was ill on several occasions.

Remarking that a landlord should provide dwellings fit for human habitation. Mr McMahon expressed the opinion that he was sorry he could not change the verdict, and allowed Mrs. Willis ample time to pay off the debt by letting her pay to both complainants the nominal amount of 2/ per week.

**Breaches of School Regulations**

For not sending their children to school, the following people were prosecuted on behalf of the Minister for Public Instruction: Henry Greenwood, James street, Preston, and George Winther, 125 Rathgown street, Reservoir, were fined 2/ each, in default six hours' imprisonment.

Similar cases against Patrick Stanton, 4 Stott street, and Clarence Smith, 19 Gregory grove, were withdrawn.

**MAN SEVERELY BURNED**

William Ashton, 28, of High street, Thornbury, was severely burned by boiling pitch at McRobertson's factory, Argyle street, Fitzroy, when it splashed on his left hand. Suffering from burns and shock, Ashton was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital.

**Bankruptcy**

Claude Wm Towlerton, of Plant st, Northcote, builder. Causes o. insolvency:—Unemployment and loss on contracts. Liabilities £492/13/7; assets £597/15/-; surplus £105/1/5.

## CONTRADICTORY EVIDENCE

**CASE DISMISSED**

Evidence completely contradictory to that given for the complainant was given for the defence in a case at the Northcote Court on Tuesday.

The case arose out of an alleged accident between a cyclist, Jack Cross, 20, of Beavers road, Northcote, and one of the Capitol Co's bread carts, driven by Robert James Lindsay. The complainant alleged that Lindsay turned into High street, Northcote, a few yards past Union street, without giving any warning, and that the complainant, trying to miss the turning cart, struck the off-side rear wheel and was catapulted on to the footpath, sustaining a fractured collarbone. Cross claimed £13/6/ in loss of wages over a period of five weeks; £2/1/6 medical expenses, and 15/ damages to cycle and clothes. The complainant had two eye-witnesses whose evidence, although bearing out the complainant's statement, was contradictory to each other.

**"Like Hubert Opperman"**

The counsel for the defence said that the complainant was coming down the hill like Hubert Opperman at his best, head down, and according to his own evidence did not notice the breadcart until he was but 30 feet away. Lindsay asserted that the complainant had skidded on the road, temporarily losing control of his bike, and crashed into the footpath without actually coming into contact with the cart.

The magistrate pointed out that it was a most peculiar case as the evidence on both sides was the exact opposite. From the evidence he could not pass judgment against the defendant, and dismissed the case, making an order for costs £10/7/6 against the complainant.

## SHOTS FIRED IN WESTBOURNE GROVE

**CONSTABLE'S ARM BROKEN**

When Constable McCormack, 32, of Bridge street, Northcote, in company with another member of the Northcote bicycle patrol, saw a car which had been reported as being stolen, they gave chase. The car proceeded along Westbourne grove. The driver, losing control, the occupants jumped out when the police ordered them to stop. A few shots were fired when the men did not obey the order to stop.

Constable McCormack stumbled and fell. The police recovered the car, but the occupants escaped.

Later, Constable McCormack was admitted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital with a broken arm.

## TWO ACCIDENTS IN SAME PLACE

**HIGH STREET DANGER SPOT**

While the police were taking down particulars of an accident at High St., corner of Hawthorn road in which a car, driven by Mr. E.A. Kenyor, Helen street, Northcote, and a motor-cycle ridden by an employee of Hatcher's laundry Allan Lee, Mansfield street, Thornbury were involved, knocking the motor-cyclist off his machine, another car smashed the back wheel of a bicycle ridden by George Kingston, Raines street, Northcote.

Lee had a remarkable escape from death or severe injury, as he was thrown right across to the western side of the road, finishing underneath a horse-trough.

## Northcote Football Club

**Presentation of Pennant**

There was a good attendance on Wednesday night at the Northcote Town Hall for the annual meeting of the Northcote Football Club.

It was mentioned by several speakers that the club was in dire distress, due to lack of support accorded to the club by Northcote residents.

The president (Mr. P. W. Tomkins) expressed the hope that the coming season would be more successful financially than the last; and also that the team would continue to be as successful as in the past eight years, during which time the N.P.C. had brought home the Association pennant on five occasions.

**Pennant Presented**

The premiership pennant won by Northcote was presented by Mr. Keon-Cohen, secretary of the Victorian Football Association. He said that this was the first time he had been called upon in his official capacity to hand over a premiership pennant. Northcote had succumbed over all difficulties, and he congratulated them on their fine victory (Applause).

The president of the club, Mr. P. W. Tomkins, in accepting the pennant, said it was one of the proudest nights Northcote had ever had to win it.

**Presentation of Trophies**

Trophies were presented as follow:—President's trophy (best and fairest), J. O'Keefe; H. McMillan's trophy (best first season player), J. Wegner; T. Gannon's trophy (most consistent player) J. Holden; P. Dalton's trophy (most serviceable player) J. Lyngcoln; Alexander's trophy, (best club man) G. Simmonds; T. Kelly's trophy (most improved player) E. Honig; Plaza Theatre trophy (most unselfish player) S. Powell.

Mr. B. Hosking's trophy, for the fairest and best player, awarded on the votes of press representatives, was awarded to C. Williamson, while a trophy donated by Mr. F. O'Neale for the best player in the grand final match was awarded to R. Ross. Trophies were also awarded to every player of the premiership team, and five-year certificates were presented to Ernie Hart, Len Smith and F. Ackland.

It is probable that Ackland, Williamson Hart and George Bates will apply for clearances to the league; Ackland to Fitzroy, Williamson to St. Kilda, Hart to Carlton and Bates to Richmond.

**Office-Bearers**

The following office-bearers were elected: — President, Mr. P. W. Tomkins; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. R. Hales, B. Hosking, J. C. Stuchbery, W. W. Wright; general committee, Messrs Ross Faulkner, J. Flinn, H. J. Harmer, R. J. Hobson, F. B. O'Neale, R. Rodda, J. Towers, R. N. Walsh; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. L. Howse; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. E. George.

The secretary will be appointed by the new committee.

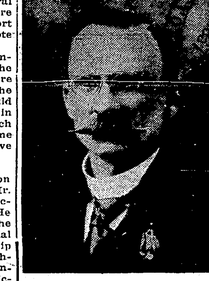
**Preston St. Vincent's Red Cross.**

The auxiliary held its first meeting for the year on Wednesday, February 17 in the Lounge at the Preston Town Hall. The president (Mrs. C. T. Crispe) welcomed members and intending members. Anyone making a visit to St. Vincent's Hospital would feel proud to be working for such a noble cause.

## Cr J. W. Adams, J.P.

**NEW APPOINTMENT**

Half a century ago or more, Mr. J. W. Adams came to live in Preston, and ever since then he has lived here, first as an ordinary citizen, but since 1921 as a councillor representing the East Ward. For 16 years he has been associated with the council ,three times in mayoral capacity.



In private life, Mr. Adams, is, or, rather was, the manager of the Glen Iris Brick, Tile and Terra Cotta Co. Pty Ltd. Why "was" instead of 'is"?

Because we learn that Mr. J. W. Adams, in recognition of his long years' association with that firm, has been appointed managing director. It is a fitting tribute to an excellent citizen.

We all know of his untiring efforts to make Preston what it is to-day. We all know his gift to the Preston Council of 2½ acres of land in Milton street, and of making it into a playground for the children of the municipality.

He is well known as the organiser and conductor of the Glen Iris Brick Co's band; also for his work to found the Preston City Band.

For over 20 years (ever since the inception of the firm as a company) he was manager of the Glen Iris Brick Co., having under his capable hands over 500 employees, who all are glad, as also are his numerous friends, to hear of the new appointment of Mr. Adams.

All who know Cr. Adams will join in wishing him many happy years in his new capacity as managing director of the Glen Iris Brick Company.

## 40-Hour Week Meeting

**MR J. CAIN'S ADDRESS**

The leading speaker at the meeting at the Dispensary Hall, Gooch street, Thornbury, on February 10, convened by the Batman 40-Hour Week Committee, was Mr J. Cain, M.L.A. The meeting was well attended and received favorably Mr Cain's remarks.

Mr Cain pointed out that the inevitable shortening of working hours was made necessary by the increased spread of production in modern industry. In his opinion the workers should, to a certain extent, benefit by the application of science to production. The fact that at Geneva Conference three out of four representatives of each country voted for the introduction of the 40 hour week spoke volumes. Not only were they union representatives, but spokesmen of employers and governments.

**Phenomenal Increases**

The following figures supported Mr Cain's argument, in regard to the rapidly increasing output.

In the shoe industry in 1927, nineteen thousand operatives produced 16,000,000 pairs of shoes at an average labour cost of 3/10 per hour.

Six years later the figures read 14,000 operatives producing 17,000,000 pairs of shoes at an average labour cost of 2/4 per pair.

Such phenomenal increase was not only due to improved machinery, but also to the continual speeding up of the workers. In some branches of industry operators were turning out 100 per cent more work than ten years ago.

Mr Cain said that perhaps an inferior class of shoes was made now, thereby reducing the cost.

**3d. Per Pair Rise**

His contention was, based on figures, that if a 40-hour week was introduced in the shoe trade and the operatives received a standard wage of £5 per week the cost of production would increase only by 3d. each per pair.

A vote of thanks was passed to this capable speaker, the meeting ending with a number of queries and answers.

## Northcote Court

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Before Mr. E. E. O'Grady, P.M.

**Fines for Non-attendance at School**

John Henry Johnstone, Truancy Inspector, proceeded against the following for failing to send their children to school the required number of half-days, and fines of 2/-, in default six hours' imprisonment were imposed on: — James Harris, Rennie street, Thornbury; Gerald Hawkins, Mansfield street, Thornbury, Walter Ham, Dundas street, Thornbury, Edward Penny, Shaftesbury parade, Thornbury; Reginald Temple, Elm street, Northcote; and a fine of 5/- in default 12 hours' imprisonment was imposed on James Kenna, Claude street, Northcote.

**An Unpaid Fine**

On February 9, 1932, Roy Nankivell, of Fitzgibbon street, Caulfield was fined £2 for having ridden a motor-cycle without an effective silencer. The defendant at that date had asked for time to pay, and since had disappeared, but the police traced him after four years.

The court ordered, in default of payment of the fine, that the defendant be imprisoned for one week.

**Committed for Trial**

Murray Kingston, 19, Thornbury, who appeared on a charge of having committed an offence against a girl, was committed for trial. The magistrate allowed bail of £50 and a surety of £50.

**HIGH STREET PRESTON**

**A Dirty Thoroughfare**

SEVERAL business people in High street have complained about the dirty state of that throughfare each week-end Council workmen clean up early on Saturday morning, but from then until Monday morning nothing more is done. By Sunday evening there is a noticeable collection of all sorts of litter—cigarette butts peanut shells, vegetable ends, soiled newspapers, and general rubbish Some shopkeepers do their best, after closing time on Saturday to leave the fronts of their premises in as presentable and cleanly condition as possible, but this, they contend is not sufficient to meet the situation. It has been suggested that the council might arrange for the flushing of the gutters and removal of debris on Saturday afternoons. This is done in some suburbs, and those complaining can see no reason why similar action should not be taken in at least the main street of a city which claims to be one of the most pretentious, imposing and progressive among the suburbs of Melbourne.

# BOXING

WILSON TO FIGHT KELLY

It is safe to assume that a bumper crowd will be in attendance when the sensational middleweight champion of Victoria, Jack Wilson who has won so many of his contests with a K.O. meets Leo Kelly, the vanquisher of Ambrose Palmer.

Billy Johnson, Wilson's trainer, stated on Tuesday that definite arrangements had been made for the meeting to take place at West Melbourne Stadium on March 1.

**Fitzroy Contests**

In the main bout at Fitzroy last week, Hary Doran 12.4, the former amateur made his debut into the ranks of the professionals and soundly trounced Jim Edwards, 12.12, the referee stopping the one-sided contest during the 11th round. Doran, showing great pace for a heavyweight, was able to land almost at will, but could not hit hard enough to make an early finish of the bout. Edwards, a very decided favourite, commenced confidently to make things bad for Doran by connecting with a heavy right, cutting the eye a few seconds after the start. Doran stood up well to a furious attack during the first round, and commenced an offensive in the second that gave his opponent no rest. Beating Edwards to the punch, he connected with fast stinging punches that soon had Edwards staggering helplessly round the ring, whilst repeated calls to the referee to stop the contest were heard from the spectators. Doran punched himself to a standstill in an endeavour to overwhelm his opponent, and tottered to the floor when a "haymaker" from Edwards landed on the back of his neck. During the rounds from the fifth on, Edwards became weaker and weaker, but with Doran tired and lacking a convincing punch, the bout lost its interest. The referee's intervention in the 11th round was generally anticipated.

**Preliminaries.**

Clem Fundess, 9.6 showed flashes of brilliance during his twelve round contest with the veteran, Pat Hamilton 9 7, but faded on receiving some hefty punches to the body. Hamilton boxed better as the contest proceeded, and won easily on points.

Alby Mann 9.1 provided a great rally during the last round of his contest wit hthe veteran Pete Herman, and collected the decision.

Bill Earle 9.5 and Billy Tunney 9.5 provided the "fireworks" of the evening by a sustained toe to toe exchange for four rounds. Earle looked like winning early, by his nicely used right, but Tunney, despite an injured nose, refused to wilt, and appeared to delight in the willing exchange. A draw pleased everyone.

**This Week's Contest.**

Spike Simkins, a hard-hitting middleweight is billed to meet "Reef" Maloney in the main contest at Fitzroy. Simpkins has given an attractive display at every appearance, his only knock-out reverse in Melbourne being at the hands of the Northcote lad, Jim Starr.

# GOLF

IVANHOE CLUB

On Saturday the second round for Mr. C. Buckley's trophy resulted:—J. Greenshields (21) 62; T. H. Dunn (18) 63; W. F. Hardess (23) 63; R. M. Bone (19) 64; R. Hallam (27) 64; C. J. Buckley (24) 65; A. G. Hardess (20) 67; A. Sullivan (17) 68.

Sweepstakes was won by J. Greenshields (21) 62.

On Sunday teams from the Australasian club, Aspendale, visited Ivanhoe to play a friendly match. In the A grade, Ivanhoe teams won by four matches, and Ivanhoe also won by the same margin in the B grade.

# BASKETBALL

PROPOSED NEW ASSOCIATION

With a view to increased interest in Men's basketball throughout Victoria, it is proposed to form an Open Basket-Ball Association. For this purpose a meeting has been called at the Y.M.C.A. for February 23, and delegates are invited from existing clubs and interested groups. Full information may be obtained from Mr. C. Silver, 19, Pindon street, Hawthorn.

# SWIMMING

ACTIVITIES AT NORTHCOTE BATHS

In spite of the easy opportunity of learning to swim provided nowadays, there are large numbers of young children who cannot swim Indicative of this is the result of a questionnaire taken last week in the various school swimming classes in attendance at the Northcote Municipal baths. Of 1062 present for instruction, 721 could not swim.

Headmasters and staff of the various schools, also the swimming branch of the Victorian Education Department (Miss M. Cox, director) with its limited staff are determined that the task of teaching the whole of this number, and others, before the present season closes, can be accomplished.

Special instruction was given last week by Messrs. R. Lovitt and Richardson and Miss Bell of the Swimming branch to most of the following schools who attend the Northcote baths:— Falconer St. Central, North Fitzroy (Mr. Wilkins, head-master; swimming instructors, Messrs Weyman, McNicholl, Rogers, Gazzard, and Misses K. Layne and L. Wright.) Fairfield North (Mr. F. L. Syer, head-master; Swimming instructors. Mr. McConnell and Miss L. Fraser.) Fairfield South (Mr. Carter head-teacher), Swimming instructors, Mr. Nankervis and Misses Bunning and Oates; Spensley St. Clifton Hill, (Mr. Considine headteacher) Swimming instructors, Messrs W. Acklam and Storcina, and Miss M. Collett; Westgarth Central (Mr. Denehy) Swimming instructors, Messrs F. Wells, F. Aldus, G. Emmett, and Misses Weston, Mercovich, Boswell, Standish and Trythall; Northcote High School (Mr. Johnson) Mr. Day and assistants; Hutton St. Thornbury (Mr Hall) Messrs F. Ely, A. Callow, and Misses M. Connolly and W. Ellis; Helen St. Central (Mr. Perry) Messrs Sier, Williams, and Misses Williams and McMeekin; Wales St. (Mr. W. Vick) head-teacher and assistants

# CYCLING

On Saturday evening at the new board-track, something different and thrilling in track racing was seen. The headline of the night was the World's Derby, a half-mile race. It consisted of eight heats with four riders in each, all off scratch. The resultant racing was a series of match races. In each event the four riders carefully watched each other, back-pedalling jumping forward, jamming running each other up the track and generally finessing for position. The actual racing was in the last lap when "everything was turned on" and some wonderfully thrilling racing was seen.

R. L. Bates of Preston was beaten by inches in his heat, but finished in front of Nino Borsari, champion of Italy, and Pat Veitch. In the special semi-final he was narrowly defeated in a heat of which the last furlong was covered in 12 9..10 sec, or only one-tenth sec outside the track record. He defeated Grant Pye, N.S.W. champion, and Joe Parmley. L. Cutts, who beat him by a wheel was showing splendid form, but in a further semi-final broke his chain whilst in a winning position.

Eric Gibaud, well-known rider, of Preston won his heat and rode well in the semi-final to be beaten by C. Ritter of America, again in the fast time of 12 9/10 sec for the last furlong.

Cecil Walker, Australian, but of American adoption this last 13 or 14 years, won the final by a tyre from C. Ritter with W. F. (Hefty) Stuart, third. Mr. Lyons, Prime Minster congratulated the winner, who was decorated by Mrs. Ritter with a garland of roses and a sash.

The rest of the racing was of equally high standard, Nino Borsari winning the scratch race.

# RIFLE SHOOTING

PRESTON CLUB

Preston Miniature Rifle club fired a pool shoot, which was won by G. Gee. Scores:—G. Gee 79—2.2—81.2; J. Piggott 79—2.1—81.1; J. Lowery 78—2—80; R. Dickson 79—1—80; F. Lowery 77—3—80; F. Griffiths 79—6—79.6; R. Alford 78—1—79; J. Lowery jun. 75—3—78; H. Court 75—1—76; R. Griffiths 71—4—75.

Preston Rifle club will in future fire their matches at Williamstown owing to the closing of the range at Port Melbourne.

# TENNIS

PRESTON ASSOCIATION

The final round of the home matches was played on Saturday.

**Results:**

Special.—Cranross 69 d Numurray 54; Hill 62 d Danella 49; Regent 61 d Reservoir 54.

A.—Danella 56 d Hill 48; College 70 d Regent 43.

B1.—Warrain 69 d Reservoir Presbyterian 39; Oakover 65 d Regent 33; Cranross 68 d Grove 52.

B2.—College 54 d Warrain 53; South Preston 67 d Oakover 47.

# BOY SCOUTS

1st PRESTON TROOP

Another issue of the Journal should be ready next week. The annual meeting will be held next Wednesday night, and parents and friends are invited. Appointments for the year will be announced, and reports on the troop's activities for the past year will be presented. A.S.M. Hambly has recovered from his illness.

Mr J. Hartnett, J.P., of Northcote, in company with his sons, Mr L. W. Hartnett, L.L.B., and Dr F. T. Hartnett, of Camberwell, has just returned from Adelaide, having visited that city to witness the fourth Test match.

# Thornbury District Car Club

Activities for January and February were again interesting and enjoyable. At A.N.A. week-end two camps were held at Launching Place and Rosebud. Many members took the opportunity of delightful weather to experience the simple life.

A run to Frankston Fernery was attended by 16 members, and nothing was indulged in. On February 7, 14 members and friends made the run to Grice's Lane, about five miles on the other side of Frankston. A social sports programme was held, and Mrs. Turner and Mr. Gatehouse proved the winners of their respective sections On Thursday last, 16 members and friends made an inspection of the Iron Rolling Mills, and the wonders of the works were unfolded to the party. A new electric melting furnace in operation, and the running off of the molten metal into moulds was explained by the guide. The rolling and cutting of steel was also demonstrated After this the party was invited to visit Mr. C. Stevens' nut and bolt factory at West Footscray, and this also proved instructive and interesting. Mr. Stevens and his sons explained the many processes in manufacturing and finishing. At the conclusion of the inspection, the visitors were entertained at supper by Mrs Stevens.

The secretary, Mr C. Williamson is making arrangements with the Huddart Parker Shipping Company for a visit to one of their liners. On Sunday, February 20 the club outing is to Healesville, and arrangements are being made with Sir Colin McKenzie to inspect the Native Game Park

# Thornbury Scholars' Successes

Many messages of congratulation have been received by Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Payne, of 50 Ethel street, Thornbury, on the successes attained by their son and daughter, Jack and Eula during the recent examinations of the Education Department.

Reports to hand show that Jack was successful in the Leaving Honour examination, gaining several honours and half an exhibition in Agricultural Science and has further been awarded a free place at the University to complete his course in that degree. In 1931 he won the J. O. Hughes Scholarship, awarded by the Thornbury State school, and in 1935 succeeded in winning a place in the Public Service examination; also the scholarship of the Forestry Department.

In 1932 Eula won the J. O. Hughes Scholarship awarded to girls, and at the recent examinations of the Emily McPherson College of Domestic Economy, passed in nine subjects and now has been awarded a Senior Technical scholarship to continue her studies for the Diploma of Needlework.

During recent years Jack attended the Northcote and Melbourne High schools, and Eula attended the Preston Girls' School.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# Closely Contested Jika Matches

In perfect weather, the tenth round of Jika Association matches was commenced. The highest total for the afternoon was that of Ajax, with 220, knocked up in 100 minutes against Northcote Junior Footballers; and the lowest was that of Thornbury Foresters with 48 against Thomastown.

**Individual Performances**

Shewan (Ajax) 79 not out batted well, and his total was the highest for the afternoon. He was closely followed by R. Gall (Thornbury) 77 and McNamara (Preston Baseballers) 74.

BATTING

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| SHEWAN (Ajax) | 79* |
| R. GALL (Thornbury) | 77 |
| McNAMARA (Preston B'ballrs) | 74 |
| CRELLIN (Preston Imp.) | 62* |
| N. DAVIES (N'cote A.O.F.) | 56 |
| SIMS (Reservoir) | 56 |
| McKAY (Thornbury) | 50 |

* Denotes not out.

BOWLING

W. Davies (A.O.F.) was the outstanding bowler of the day, and took 8/35 against Preston Druids His best two performances were 15/47 and 11/83.

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| W. DAVIES (N'cote A.O.F.) | 8/35 |
| POWER (Braithwaites) | 6/27 |
| L. PEACH (Preston P'ballrs) | 5/17 |
| WUCHATSCH (Thomastown) | 5/24 |
| ALLEN (Reservoir) | 5/32 |
| COE (Pastrycooks 2nds) | 5/36 |
| RHODES (Sherry Socials) | 5/41 |

**SATURDAY'S PLAY**

A GRADE

**Dennis v Reservoir**

Dennis had first use of the wicket at McDonell Park. The Smith brothers, who are in excellent form gave the side a good start, the board showing 177 when the innings concluded. The bowling honours went to Allen. Reservoir have not made a good start and at stumps they had lost 4/59. Ward reached double figures, and Len Smith took 2/6.

Dennis 177 (N. Smith 49, L. Smith 38, Steele 26; Allen 5/32) v Reservoir 4/59 (Ward 14; L. Smith 2/6).

**Pastrycooks v Broadhursts**

Broadhursts batted first and were dismissed just before time for 187. Sims gave a valuable contribution, and next in order were Pitts, and O'Connor. Pastrycook's most destructive bowlers were Brown and Carey.

Broadhursts 187 (Sims 56, Pitts 37, O'Connor 29; Brown 4/42, Carey 4/45) v Pastrycooks.

**Epping v Preston Baseballers**

Playing at Epping for the visitors, McNamara batted attractively and was assisted by Clarkson. The bowling honours for Epping went to Worthington who was in good form. In the remaining time, N. Spoor, bowling well for Baseballers accounted for three wickets.

Preston Baseballers 181 (McNamara, 74, Clarkson 36; Worthington 4/25) v Epping 3/25 (A. Spoor 3/11).

**Bell Ramblers v East Preston.**

Good batting by Clack and McKenzie enabled the Ramblers to put 142 on the board. Harry and Spargo were the best bowlers. At stumps East Preston were in an excellent position, having 2/103. Huxley and Rundle gave a good display with the bat.

Bell Ramblers 142 (Clack 45, McKenzie 36; Harry 3/9, Spargo 3/41) v East Preston 2/103 (Campbell 23, Rundle 21 n.o, Huxley 42 n.o.)

**Northcote Junior Footballers v Bell**

The home side batted first, and Whitbourne's score included three 4's; while Martin and Proposch batted in fine style. Bott and Thornycroft took the wickets At the close of play, Bell had lost four wickets to the excellent bowling of Gilkes.

Northcote Junior Footballers 167 (Whitbourne 38, Martin 37, Proposch 36, Westhorpe 21; Bott 4/64, Thornycroft 3/31) v Bell 3/71 (Bradford 10, Mildren 10; Gilkes 1/18).

**Regent v Prestonite**

This match was played at Cricse Park the home ground of both clubs. Prestonite had first use of the wicket and occupied it for the whole of the afternoon.

Prestonite 8/154 (Bruce 39; Allen 25) v Regent.

B GRADE

**Scouts v Braithwaites**

Scouts at East Preston were dismissed for 71 runs, Jackson being top-scorer. Power, a consistent bowler of the googly type secured most wickets. In reply, Braithwaites have lost five wickets, Pangbourne being not out. Hall was the most successful bowler.

Scouts 74 (Jackson 24, Sayers 14; Smithwick 10; Power 6/27, Wallard 2/29) v Braithwaites 5/95 (Dowling 24, Pangbourne 30 n.o, Hall 3/21).

**Highview v Excelsior**

Excelsior were sent in first, and compiled 175 before the last wicket fell. Crellin was outstanding, and scored all round the wicket. Sharkey and L. Pike trundled well Highview have made a good start Sharkey and L. Pike, who opened, both being not out.

Excelsior 175 (Lovelace 37, Crellin 62 not out; Sharkey 4/33, Pike 3/23) v Highview 0/48 (Sharkey 22 not out; L. Pike 15 not out).

**Sherry Socials v Thornbury**

One of the best batting displays for some time was given at Gower Park by Thornbury who knocked up 216 for their innings in 160 minutes. Batting in attractive style and disdaining shots all round the wicket, R. Gall was at his best. McKay and Bramley came next. Rhodes captured five wickets. In the time left for play, Sherry made three runs without loss.

Thornbury 216 (Gall 77, McKay 50, Bramley 29; Rhodes 5/41) v Sherry Socials 0/3.

**Croxton United v Cramer**

Cramer visited Mayer Park, Northcote, in their commencement with Croxton United, and batting first just passed the century. Cohen's score was made by perfect placing and timing, and Birchall gave a useful contribution. Billings and Bolton were the most successful bowlers. Croxton have lost 3/97. E. Newton, who is not out having 38.

Cramer 109 (Birchall 28, Cohen 31 not out; Billings 4/42, Bolton 3/25) v Croxton United 3/97 (E. Newton 38 not out.)

**Preston Baseballers v Preston Imperials**

This engagement took place at Gower Park. Imperials batted first, and Noonan was responsible for one-third of the score. L. Punch was the most destructive bowler. The Footballers had over 100 on the board before stumps and five wickets in hand.

Preston Imperials 62 (W. Noonan 21; L. Punch 5/17) v Preston Footballers 5/104 (Hayes 34).

C GRADE

**Thomastown v Thornbury Foresters**

Wuchatsch was a successful performer at Thomastown and his excellent bowling was rewarded with five wickets. Watson was the only batsman to reach double figures. Thomastown were almost double their opponents' score at stumps, with two wickets yet to fall. Robinson secured the bowling honours for the Foresters.

Thornbury Foresters 48 (Watson 11; Wuchatsch 5/24) v Thomastown 8/76 (Lockhead 21 not out; Robinson 4/17).

**Ajax v Northcote Junior Footballers**

Ajax batsmen were in good form and for the second time this season have compiled the highest total for the afternoon's play. Top scorer was Shewan, who batted soundly, and was unconquered at the end. Roberts took four wickets. The Footballers had only a few minutes left for play, and lost one wicket without scoring.

Ajax 220 (Shewan 79 not out, Dickenson 38, Hansen 21; Roberts 4/46) v Northcote Junior Footballers 1/0.

**Preston Baseballers v Pastrycooks**

Pastrycooks opened well against the Baseballers, but later Mitchell and Allen struck a good length, and the wickets fell rather fast. The Baseballers have passed their opponents' score with nine wickets down. Coe was the outstanding bowler.

Pastrycooks 74 (Gutst 15, Rourke 16, Budge 10, Mitchell 4/26, Allen 3/14) v Preston Baseballers 5/91 (Cooper 38, Moore 21; Coe 5/36, Guest 3/5.)

**Preston Druids v Northcote A.O.F.**

W. Davies was again in good form with the ball. The Druids batted first and were dismissed for 61. A.O.F. with a view to forcing an outright win, declared at stumps with 7/139. N. Davies and Coghlan knocked up the runs, and Farrar was responsible for most wickets.

Preston Druids 61 (W. Davies 8/35) v Northcote A.O.F. 7/139 declared (N. Davies 56, Coghlan 39; Farrar 4/34).

**Northcote and Preston Churches**

A Grade

Thornbury Presbyterians 2/21 (J. Douglas 8, D. Pitt 7 n.o.; M. Veevers 1/10; H. Veevers 1/2) v St. George's road Methodists 127 (K. Veevers 46, Kewish 29, Collier 10, McAuley 10; Taylor 3/36, J. Douglas 3/31, J. Cheffers 1/3, E. Douglas 1/20).

C Grade

Thornbury Presbyterian 1/6 (W. Read 6; Williams 1/5) v Regent Baptist 140 (Bouttcher 70; O'Brien 17, Hosking 10; Price 2/12; McDonald 2/17; R. Price 2/30, J. Hooper 1/11, Fenwick 1/19).

Northcote Church of Christ 87 (Arnott 18, V. Buszard 22, Clarke 10 not out; Wade 3/32) v St. George's road Footballers 6/40 Buszard 3/13, Kelly 2/5, Carpenter 1/14). The outstanding performance was that of Wade, who was responsible for the whole of Northcote's wickets, including two run-outs.

Sunday School Grade

Thornbury Baptist 61 (Birkett 6/0 including hat trick; Young 4/4) and 6/71 (Webster 28) v South Preston Methodist 51 (Young 16; Downs 6/10).

Northcote Church of Christ 6/190 declared (Vincent 64, Hoyle 49, Plymon 33, Garraway 17 Koochew sen 3/41) v Epiphany 6/25 (Reid 15; Hoyle 4/11).

**PRESTON A.L.P.**

Pre-selection Ballot.—The pre-selection ballot for the Legislative Council elections resulted in Cr. Marshall defeating Mr. Lewis.

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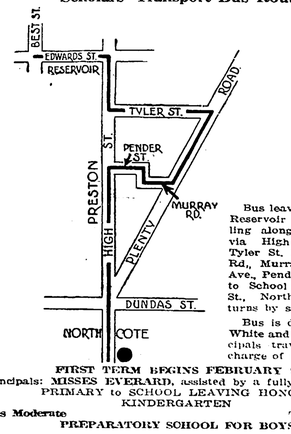


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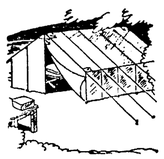

## CAT TAX OR NO TAX

### — That's The Question

A Black Cat Has Its Say

AS everybody must realise, who has given a thought to the matter, it costs a good deal to run a country, even if it does happen to be far away off the beaten tracks of an average globe-trotter

Quite apart from the National Debt, which is what we owe to other nations for failing to lose the war, the treasury has many little expenses to meet.

Postmen, for example, require new hats from time to time; members of Parliament, even when not in Australia, which is often the case, must be paid, for some reason or other, for doing what members of Parliament do do. Not even Australia's sons of the sea can go about dressed—or rather undressed a la nudist colony: while light-house keepers who are deprived of the necessary bread and butter and other etceteras can turn nasty and decide to keep the rest of the world at large, and passing ships in particular, in the dark as to their whereabouts, which would never do.

This being so, any effort to increase the national revenue deserves our serious consideration, and consequently I am much interested in the suggestion by some anonymous writer, that a tax should be placed on cats.

As the above correspondent rightly points out the common dog—which will do anything from snaking burglars to retrieving odds and ends thrown into the sea—contributes a small but regular sum to the exchequer (small sum if it is anything but an Alsatian); whereas the equally common, but more snooty cat, which will do practically nothing except occupy the best armchair and look superior, contributes precisely nopence. Is this fair? Is this just? Is this cricket? Echo, late as usual, answers: Cat could contribute.

Thank you. I am quite ready to believe that there are useful and lovable cats, just as there are useless and unlovable dogs." Dotted about the various States, no doubt there are cats which earn their keep by fetching newspapers, guarding the home while the family is at the movies, attacking midnight intruders, romping with the kiddies, giving the alarm in case of fire, and so forth. There are such cats, though I have never met one; but that is no reason why they should not contribute a little something to the [illegible] of balancing the Commonwealth's budget.

With the idea of getting the "low-down" on this proposition from the feline point of view, I have taken the trouble to interview a prominent cat of my acquaintance, and take pleasure in appending the actual proceedings. This animal, Nigger by name, belongs to—or rather, owns—the wife of a prominent Northcote citizen. I found him, as I expected, neatly knotted up in a large armchair, and staring in a superior way at nothing in particular, myself included.

**"I Shouldn't Pay It."**

"Good afternoon," I said. "I have called [illegible]."

"Haven't you any manners? Nigger is the name," said Nigger, bending himself into a sort of a Sydney Harbour bridge, and yawning at me in a highly offensive manner, "unfortunately, but it is Nigger in spite of the White Australia policy: use it when addressing me."

"I have called, Nigger," courteous as ever, "to solicit your view on this capital suggestion."

"Pardon?" said Nigger, tearing languidly but effectively at the chair-cover (my wife's present by the way) with his claws.

"Somebody thinks there ought to be a tax on cats. Do you?"

"What do I care?" replied Nigger smoothing his whiskers. "I shouldn't pay it in any case."

"It seems a goodish idea to me, for, after all, one has to buy licenses for dogs."

"Dogs!" spat Nigger.

"Yes, dogs. And it does not seem fair. After all, you cats are pretty useless, don't you think?"

"Useless, did you say?" bristling all over. "We are extremely decorative and graceful creatures, let me tell you Mr. Reporter! We delight the eye, which is more than you do," he added hastily, "or any dog for that matter."

**Last of the Canary**

"And what is more," continued Nigger, warming up to his subject, "I am absolutely indispensable to my old woman. Why, she must have somebody to stroke. If she didn't have me, she would have to do it to the cook—and then there would be trouble. Have you ever stroked the cook?"

At this juncture of the interview my feelings towards this cat took a rapid negative course. I wonder whether Nigger knew anything about Mary, our cook, whom my wife dismissed a week ago.

"Never," (at least I did not stroke Mary). "But she could get a canary."

"She had one once," said Nigger reminiscently, "for about a fortnight. Then I had it permanently. Toughish, but not unpleasant. That reminds me. You don't happen to have a sardine on you by any chance?"

"I am sorry. I never carry them on Thursdays. So you don't actually care if you are taxed or not?"

"Up to about five bob will be O. K. with me; if it was more than that, the old lady will begin to wonder if I am worth it."

"Oh, you would be all right," I said. "Black cats are always lucky aren't they?"

**Not So Lucky**

"Don't you believe it. An old gentleman stopped to stroke me yesterday when I was out for a walk, and a taxi hit him while he was bending. I still have eight lives left, but no so the gentleman. That's how lucky we are—by the way, isn't it time you were going. They close at six, you know, and it's ten to now."

"Oh, very well," said I coldly, "if that's how you feel about it."

"Pssst to you," said Nigger yawning. "So there it is, straight from the cat's mouth, so to speak. It is now up to the government, in my opinion to do something pretty drastic. Fair's fair, and a joke is a joke, but a black cat that isn't even lucky is just a parasite if you ask me.

## THORNBURY SHOOTING CASE

### BOONE ACQUITTED

Appearing at General Sessions before Judge Magennis, on Thursday last, the Thornbury lad, Robert Henry Boone, was the sole defendant in the Thornbury shooting case, as the Crown had entered a nolle prosequi in respect of Hugh Roberts, of St. George's road, Croxton.

Appearing for the accused, Mr. J. A. Nimmo (instructed by Mr. N. H. Sonenberg) refused to let Boone give evidence on oath, or even make a statement from the dock. Neither the Crown Prosecutor nor counsel for the defence addressed the jury.

Judge Magennis left it to the jury to decide whether negligence on the part of Boone was so gross as to constitute manslaughter, instructing the jurymen to bear in mind the time and the location on which the unfortunate accident took place, resulting in the death of the railway supervisor, David Stark.

The jury acquitted the defendant after a very short retirement.

### BREAKING AND ENTERING CHARGES

At Northcote Court in Friday, Edwin Guntter was remanded for seevn days on a charge of having broken into the Fairfield Baptist Church on January 27, and stealing a silver tray valued at 19/6 and a 2/- piece. Bail was fixed at £100 with one surety of a like amount.

A further charge against Guntter of having broken into the office at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Arthur street, Fairfield, with intent to commit a felony, was adjourned for seven days.

## & ALL ABOUT THEM

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## Couple Suicide

### Note Pinned On Door

ENTERING the house at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning to commence her daily work, the maid, Miss Eliza Shields, employed by Mr and Mrs. Stewart McColl, at their home in Traill street, Northcote found the following note pinned to the door of her employers' bathroom: — "Don't open this door: Go for the police."

Miss Shields ran to the police-station, and accompanied by two policemen, returned to Traill street

After breaking down the door, of the bathroom, the police found Mr Stewart McColl and his wife, Mrs. Elsie Mae McColl dead in each other's arms. They were lying, covered with bedclothes, on a mattress on the floor of the bathroom.

The gas bath-heater was turned on full, and the fire, cracks around the door and windows were stuffed with rags.

**Incurable Disease**

It is believed that this death pact was due to the fact that Mrs. McColl was suffering from an incurable disease.

**Newspaper Competitions**

Miss Shields, who has been employed by the McColls for the past two years, saw them last on Friday night, at about 8.30. Mrs. McColl was then filling up forms for a radio competition.

According to Miss Shields, the dead couple were in the habit of going in for newspaper competitions, having heard them say often that they needed "easy money" for doctor's expenses and operations in connection with Mrs. McColl's illness.

**Left Notes and Toys**

The police found two notes on the table in the dining room, also a parcel of toys for some kiddies.

Neighbours of the dead couple informed the police that although Mr. McColl, who was employed by the Melbourne Steamship Company was recently promoted, he was in low spirits on account of numerous operations which Mrs McColl had undergone during past months.

Dr. Cashmore, after examination of the bodies, informed the police that Mrs. McColl had been dead only a short time, and that her husband's death preceded that of Mrs. McColl by about two to two and a half hours.

## INDECENT CARD IN LETTER

### MAN RELEASED ON BOND

The case in which Walter Vernon Christian, 24 years, of Jenkins street Northcote, was charged with having on or about October 17 sent an indecent card in a letter to Miss C. K. Harrison, Minehead, Somerset, England, was decided at the Northcote Court on Friday.

The P. M. (Mr. E. E. O'Grady) had adjourned the case from February 5, reserving his decision on a submission by Mr. P. R. Dawson (for Christian) that the informant had no power to prosecute under the Posts and Telegraph Act.

When the case was called on Friday, Mr. O'Grady over-ruled this contention, stating that the P.M.G. had power to delegate authority to anyone whom he desired should undertake prosecutions.

The P. M. said that Christian would be convicted, but without sentence being passed, he would be released on a bond of £20 to be of good behaviour for two years.

### DECISION IN DAMAGES CLAIM CASE

The P. M. (Mr. E. E. O'Grady) gave his decision on February 12 at Northcote Court in a case which had been adjourned from the previous Friday. Gus Raymond Wood, insurance adjuster, Taylor street, Brighton claimed £50 damages from E. W. Williams, manager, of Bondi (N.S.W.) representing repairs necessary to a car after it had been damaged in a collision, and it was alleged by Wood that the accident was caused by the negligence of Williams.

The P. M. found that the accident was caused by the negligence of Williams, and Wood was awarded £47/8/1 damages with £9/6/6 costs. A counter claim brought by Williams against Wood, claiming £4/6/- was dismissed.

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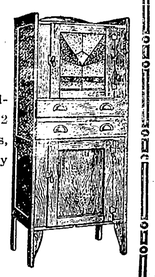

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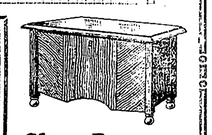

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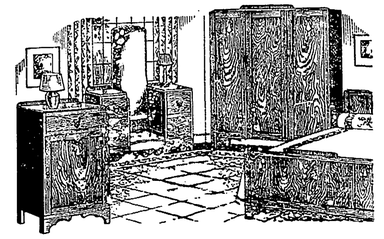

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### 2250 Extras Given Work In One Film

"Anthony Adverse," the Warner Bros. picture, which comes to the Merri soon, brought work to 2,550 extra film players.

The big opera house scenes in Paris required an audience of 600, an orchestra of 60, and 40 people on the stage.

The Leghorn opera, where Olivia de Havilland, as the heroine of the Hervey Allen literary classic commences her singing career, used an audience of 500, an orchestra of 40, and 50 singers.

Napoleonic ballroom scenes called for 350 guests, an orchestra of 35, and a corps of lackeys. Other scenes in which large numbers of extras were used included locations in Africa, Cuba, Italy, France and Spain.

Frederic March, Anita Louise, and Donald Woods are the featured players.

### Fun By Wheeler and Woolsey

Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey, who have poked unmerciful fun at so many overworked plot formulas, take a crack at the old "terror in some strange foreign place" recipe in their latest comedy "Mummy's Boys," coming to the Regent Theatre, Thornbury.

There are hordes of sinister characters and death and danger in almost every foot of film. The plot is a weird Egyptian curse that is credited with the deaths of ten men. And the climactic action takes place in a foreboding underground tomb in the Valley of Kings that is unsurpassed for its sheer number of gloomy passageways, secret panels, hidden chambers, and chilling atmosphere.

### Little Lord Fauntleroy

Dolores Costello Barrymore plays "Dearest," the beautiful and adored young mother of Cedric Errol, the little American boy who becomes Lord Fauntleroy in this filmisation of the world-famous Frances Hodgson Burnett story. Freddie Bartholomew plays the title role.

The familiar story is laid in America and England in 1885, and depicts the softening influence of Fauntleroy's devotion upon his irascible old grandfather, the Earl of Dorincourt. When the death of the Earl's third son makes Cedric his heir, the Earl takes the boy into Dorincourt Castle, but refuses to recognise "Dearest" the penniless American girl whom his son had married against his wishes.

Another unpleasant claimant has the effect of bringing the old Earl and "Dearest" together, and the story ends happily.

### Race Horse Playing in Film

"Faithful" a thoroughbred racehorse that has an important part in the First National film "Down the Stretch," which comes to the Regent Theatre Thornbury, receives the same consideration that Patricia Ellis, Mickey Rooney and the other human actors did. He had a stand-in too.

Intelligent and high-spirited, he fretted when kept under the lights too long. So, William Clemens, the director substituted a more solid nag of the same colour when the preparations were being made.

### March Wants Swimming Pool for Actors

Frederic March, who has the stellar role in "Anthony Adverse" the Warner Bros picture at the Regent, Thornbury, has started a move to pool the movie pools. It is a plan whereby stars may enjoy the privileges of a fine swimming pool without the terrific cost of maintaining an individual one.

According to March's plan, a plot of property will be bought, a pool installed on a share-for-share basis by the pool members.

### March, at Ease in Costume

There are only about five actors in Hollywood who can wear costumes, according to Mervyn Le Roy. Two of them, Frederic March and Donald Woods appear in Warner Bros. "Anthony Adverse," coming to the Merri Theatre. There are many more actors who look well in costume, but who cannot seem to wear them with easy naturalness.

"Frederic March," said Le Roy, "is really my first choice. In "Anthony Adverse" he has 29 changes of costume of the period from 1775 to 1801. That's a test for any actor. He wears them all as naturally as he would wear modern tweeds. Woods, also, has the same superb lack of self-consciousness."

### Dennis Moore

Born on his father's ranch near Fort Worth, Texas, on January 26, 1908, Dennis Moore was educated at the grammar school in that city, in High school at El Paso, and at Vanderbilt university, where he distinguished himself at athletics. His first theatrical work was for the Howard Johnson Stock Company, playing juvenile while the company was in Dallas, Texas. Later he toured that state in stock. Then he went to Los Angeles where he was given a role in "Louder Please" a the Belasco theatre. Later Warner Bros gave him a film contract, and that leading juvenile role in his first picture, "Down the Stretch."

## Amateur Athletics

PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE CLUB

PRESTON IN FINAL FOUR

C Grade.— This team was narrowly defeated on February 6 by Ivanhoe, chiefly owing to a weakened team. Points were 46 to 41. Despite the set-back, the team is still in the final four, and will meet Old Xaverians in the semi-finals on February 27. Ossie Cullick won against strong opposition, accounting for the sprint in fine style. Time 10 1/10 sec. W. Weightman eclipsed his brilliant performance of the previous week by winning the mile event in the record time of 4 min 31 1/5 sec from his team mates, J. Jowett and A. Tassie. In the quarter mile event, Alan Wilson showed versatility by winning in 53 4/5 sec. Bruce McNabb, despite his lack of training was only beaten by inches for first place in the 120 yds. hurdles. Doug. Osborne again accounted for the hop, step and jump event with a leap of 39 ft. 1 inch.

E Grade — Good performances were those of Keith Brennan, who won the mile event in promising style; Ellven Short showed wonderful improvement to run second in the sprint event; whilst Mervyn Pace won the hurdle event in brilliant fashion. Vic Watson ran second in the quarter mile to Keith Brennan.

#### Club Notes

In view of the club's bright prospects for winning the 1937 premiership, the club desires that all members should train thoroughly.

The next picnic will be held at Belgrave on February 21. The last picnic was held at Seaford, and was a pronounced success.

A committee meeting was held at the secretary's residence on February 10.

Handicaps will be held every Tuesday night at the Preston Football ground.

Result of 1 mile handicap: — R. Coleman (150 yds) 1; K. Brennan (135 yds) 2; A. Tassie (80 yards) 3; J. Jowett (90 yds) 4; B. McNabb (190 yds) 5. Time 4 min 46 sec.

The Mile handicap was run on February 9 and was keenly contested. Goodchild led smartly at the start, with the ultimate winner, Coleman, running easily in a handy position. At the start of the last lap, Coleman moved to the front and held his lead until the finish, staving off a determined challenge by Brennan over the last 200 yards

#### Flag Bridge

The Northcote-Thornbury Auxiliary for St. Vincent's Hospital are holding a Flag Bridge Afternoon in the Committee Room of the Northcote Town Hall on Thursday, February 18 at 2.30 p.m. Admission is 1/ and good prizes and afternoon tea will be provided.


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# NEWS AND VIEWS
## OF THE WORLD OF FILMS

### Outlaw Buried for 25 Years

In this modern era of invention and speed, a man who has figuratively been buried for 25 years would awaken to discover practically a new world, and that is the experience of Harry Carey in RKO Radio's thrilling Western film drama, 'The Last Outlaw."

Carey, a colorful outlaw, is released from prison after having served 25 years for a bank robbery He goes to his old stamping grounds to discover the little frontier village he was familiar with has changed to a noisy booming metropolis.

Co-starred with Carey is Hoot Gibson, who played in vaudeville with Dick Stanley and Bud Atkinson when they toured Australia.

Hoot Gibson and Miss Callahan provide the picture with an ardent romance. Miss Callahan playing the last outlaw's daughter whose kidnapping by gangsters sends Gibson out on the trail with Carey to hunt and smash her captors in their lonely Oklahoma mountain hide-out.

### Inter-Theatre Cricket

Keen cricket, delightful country surroundings, and general goodfellowship marked the recent cricket match played between the staff of the Plaza Theatre, Northcote and the staff fof the Liberty Theatre, East Brunswick. The game was played at Bacchus Marsh and Liberty scored 53 against which the Plaza team knocked up 97.

The game was notable for some really good bowling and batting, and it was perhaps unfortunate that the selectors for the Australian XI had not been invited to be present. Don't let it occur again, boys. Australia needs new talent.

### 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, 309 High Street, Northcote, as early as possible in the week, and be addressed to The Editor.**

### Love and Business

The two don't mix, but in 'Mr. Cohen Takes a walk," which comes to the Plaza Theatre, the love interest forms as big a part of the show as the workings of an immense retail store. Mr. Cohen is ably portrayed by Paul Graetz, a German actor of wonderful standing, and rises from a peddler to the founder of an emporium.

"Mr. Cohen Takes a Walk" relates how, finding himself without anything much to do, after establishing the firm on a sound footing in charge of his sons and son-in law, Mr. Cohen returns to the road as a peddler. His family is unaware of his whereabouts, and his absence causes much trouble. How the fortunes of the Emporium were threatened, a strike averted; and two couples eventually won through, is the subject of 'Mr. Cohen Takes a Walk," a human picture, at the Plaza Theatre.

## Attempted Hold-up in Northcote

Confectioner Shot By Bandit

SHORTLY before he closed up his shop in Hotham street, Northcote on Friday night, Mr. Horace Hunter was the victim of an attempted hold-up.

#### GUNS POINTED

With their hats effectively hiding their faces, two young men entered Hunter's shop, and pointing two guns at him, demanded the contents of his till.

Mr. Hunter, who in his younger days was an amateur boxer, threw a loaf of bread at the intruders. A tin of condensed milk was the second object that came to his hand and Mr. Hunter also threw this at the men, before one of them fired a shot a point blank range.

#### HUNTER WOUNDED

The fact that he threw up his hands, and had jumped to one side, no doubt saved Mr. Hunter's life, the charge entering his forearm.

Mr. Hunter collapsed behind the counter.

#### YOUTHS ESCAPE

The two youths then dashed out of the shop, and flinging themselves into a waiting car, were rapidly driven away.

Attracted by the noise of the shot, Mrs. Hunter and another woman (whom the bandits nearly knocked over as they rushed out of the shop), ran into the shop.

#### POLICE CALLED

A neighbour telephoned to the police, who arrived almost immediately, and after first aid had been rendered to Mr. Hunter, he was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he was admitted suffering from loss of blood and shock. He was unconscious, and at that stage was in no condition to answer questions.

#### NO CLUES

Mrs Hunter's statement concerning the events of the evening is of little value to the police, as she was not actually present when the hold-up took place. The police are desirous of getting into touch with the woman who was nearly knocked over by the escaping bandits.

The police have, as yet, no clues as to the identity of the youths. They suspect that the bandits used for their escape a Lancia saloon car which had previously been reported stolen from Clifton Hill.


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### MERRI STATION ROBBERY

The police believe that they have a solution of recent robberies at the Rushall and Dennis railway stations, following an arrest which they made in the early hours of Sunday.

Responding to a telephone call, Police headquarters got into touch with the Wireless patrol, which rushed to the Merri railway station

The police surrounded the station, and found a young man in the railway office, and it is alleged that he was trying to open the safe. It was found that entrance had been gained to the office by breaking a fan-light.

Stanley George, 18 years, of Union street, Northcote, was later charged with breaking and entering.

### LET'S GO SPOTTY

The vogue for spots has even invaded our furnishing accessories, and decorative wooden book-ends give a colorful and modern air, besides serving their practical purpose They can be bought very cheaply and decorated at home. You will need a tin of lacquer, some size, and some colored drawing pins.

Dissolve the size in hot water, allow to cool, and paint over the white-wood book ends with it. When dry, lacquer each side of the wood—one coat should be enough—and leave it for a day to dry.

Now decorate with drawing pins to give the spotted effect. Arrange these in scattered formation, in no particular pattern, but about equal distances apart. A tiny hole made with a tiny bradawl where each pin is to go will help them to go in easily.

A pair of book-ends recently given to me were lacquered jade-green with white spots, but your choice of colours will, of course, depend upon the decoration of your rooms.

At Northcote Court in Friday, Edwin Gunter was remanded for seven days on a charge of having broken into the Fairfield Baptist Church on January 27, and stealing a silver tray valued at 19/6 and a 2/- piece. Bail was fixed at £100 with one surety or a like amount.

### VAUDEVILLE TAKES ON

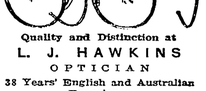
On Monday night a large audience greeted the third effort of Miss Iris Phillips' 'Celebrity Vaudeville," Co. Easily one of the most superior variety shows that has appeared on any suburban location, this company looks like having a long stay at the Northcote Town Hall.

Dave Kerr, mello-pianist, was encored repeatedly, and has been booked again for next week. Alexander and ten year old son went across with comedy and dancing; and also did Gus Franks. Zell Manners never fails to please, and special notice must be made of Edna Busse, whose operatic ballet work was highly appreciated. The ballet, direct from Rolls and J.C. Williamson, staged the "Blue Danube Waltz." Baby Gloria, Rex Paine, Little Alfie Goodcliffe, and Zella Andrew contributed to a really splendid programme.

The management has received advice that owing to certain clauses in their existing contracts, Nicky and Tuppy, and Nancy Lee cannot be billed to appear.

**Note**

"Anthony Adverse" as advertised in the Rivoli Theatre programme for February 27 on Page 2 of this issue is for General Exhibition.

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"Canary" wants to know how to put on make-up when there are dark circles under the eyes.

Answer:—Rouge slightly, blending the rouge into the colour on the cheek, then high on the temple.

"Mrs. Dot" enquires: How much does the hair grow in twelve months?

Answer: — With a well-conditioned scalp, the natural growth is six to nine inches; more rapidly in a climate where there is lots of sunshine.

"Mary X" asks: — Can eye-shadow correct the appearance of protruding eyes? Should it be used over deep-set eyes?

Answer: — Eye shadow blended on the upper eyelids of protruding eyes makes them appear less prominent. On deep-set eyes, use none at all, as it makes them appear hollow.

"Scared" wants to know if there is any cause for alarm when the hair falls out?

Answer: — No. The natural shedding of the hair is from 40 to 70 hairs daily, to make way for the renewal of growth.

"Regular Reader" writes: — My daughter is giving me a permanent wave for my birthday. As my hair is white, I am afraid it might turn it an ugly yellow colour. Is there any reason to worry?

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## Council of Northern Municipalities

"INSULT TO HEIDELBERG"

THE CABLE TRAMWAY

The main feature at the meeting of the Council of Northern Municipalities in the Northcote Town Hall on Friday night, was the discussion of the prospective scrapping of the cable-tramway service.

Cr. M. C. Jones (Northcote) who occupied the chair, remarked that although he personally favoured the inclusion of Heidelberg and Preston in the forthcoming conference with the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, the general attitude of the Northcote council was against such a move, as neither Heidelberg nor Preston were serviced by a cable-tram system. The question would be discussed on February 25, when Collingwood, Fitzroy and Northcote would meet to discuss what is to replace the existing system.

"INSULT TO HEIDELBERG"

Cr. Westfield (Heidelberg): The non-inclusion of Heidelberg in the conference is an insult to the municipality. The time has arrived when we must have some form of transport in Heidelberg. There are private buses, but it is impossible to stop progress, and sooner or later, something will have to be done. The present is the right time to express our views in this matter. Northcote council cannot take upon itself the role of "Lord High Executioner."

MAIN OBJECTION COST OF ROAD

Heidelberg is in favour of trolley-buses, but the main objection with you people is the cost of road construction."

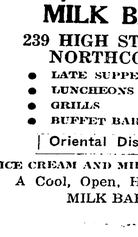
"Our engineer estimates the rebuilding or roads to carry trolley-buses to be approximately £60,000. The Bourke street Traders' Association and the Smith street Traders were anxious to have all suburbs included in the forthcoming conference, and to be linked up by the proposed new system.

(Note: Although the "Leader—Budget" in its last issue discussed Northcote's future transport at large, the Northcote council was unduly impressed by the estimate of the City engineer (Mr. Bradley) in regard to road re-construction. Let us quote an extract again for the benefit of the frightened councillors — "The cost of removing old tracks and replacing road equal to adjoining surface must be borne by the Tramways Board (See Section 68: Sub. sec. 6, Tramway Act).

As per the suggestion of roads not standing up to wear and tear of trolley-bus traffic, another extract is quoted from the same issue of the "Leader-Budget":— 'Trolley-buses do not call for specially constructed roads. The low pressure, wide air tyres of to-day are actually 'road-makers, not road-breakers.'

Before the councillors meet at the forthcoming conference, we advise them to read carefully our last issue, and consider the advantages of trolley-buses as submitted by the Bourke street Transport Improvement Association.

Let us remind them that the "Leader —Budget" wrote to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, making the front page available for their side of the argument, but the only reply we received was a letter to the effect that the request will be considered. The M.M.T.B. reply is at the "Leader" office, and every councillor is welcome to see it; and form his own opinion of the M.M.T. B's. laissez faire attitude in such an important matter concerning Northcote's progress.

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

## Winter Flowering Sweet Peas

Getting Ready For Sowing

The sweet-pea is such a universal favourite that no apologies are necessary for dealing with its cultivation. There is little, if anything new, to which we may call attention regarding the methods to be adopted to bring it to perfection in your garden.

Sowing the seed in the open ground is preferable if protection against slugs, snails and birds can be afforded. If not, then the seeds should be sown in pots or boxes, and the young plants transplanted when an inch or more high.

Care must be taken in transplanting not to injure the tap roots of the young plants, and to see that they go right down into the soil without being doubled up. Dig the ground thoroughly for a width of three to four feet, and leave it roughly dug for a week or so, scattering over it a good dressing of lime and fresh ashes. Choose a spot in your garden which gets a fair amount of sunshine, for preference near a wall or fence. It is not esential to manure the ground if it was done for the previous crop.

The day before sowing the seed or putting out the small plants, give the ground a thorough watering of lime or fresh ashes. Choose a planting, re-dig it and level it with a rake. The bed should not require any further watering unless very dry weather is experienced.

A very common cause of failure in the raising of young plants from seed is an overdose of moisture. This is particularly the case with the white-coated seeds of cream and white varieties..

Garden Notes.

Reminder about Melons—Melons will soon be ripening, and the best way to ascertain when a watermelon is ripe is to inspect the tendrils at the joint above the melon. If the three tendrils have turned brown and have shrivelled, the fruit is in just the right condition to pick. Sweet melons are not ripe until they drop off the stem naturally when lifted.

## Slapstick Comedy Comes To Court

Solicitor to Witness: So you were quietly walking along the street with your twenty-year-old infant in your arms?

* * *

Solicitor: Are you in employment?

Witness: No.

Solicitor: But from the previous witness I understand that you are working?

Witness: Oh, yes. I am working but I am not in employment!

* * *

The above are but few of many side-splitting utterances during a case heard in Northcote Court on Friday last, when Clarinda Smith, 17 years, of Urquhart street, Northcote, proceeded against a neighbour for assault.

It all started through a nine-year old nipper having a few words with the young brother of the complainant. There followed a fusillade of rotten apples, chasing up and down the street, a couple of well-directed kicks followed by the intervention of other members of the family on both sides, and eventually a legal battle before the court, both parties marshalling a dozen or so witnesses to describe, each differently, this Waterloo of the Smiths.

After 2½ hours, the magistrate decided against the defendant, Robert Rowan, but did not convict him.

The family feud was settled through payment of costs totalling £5, and so the Smiths left the Court.

## NORTHCOTE COURT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Fined for Speeding

Stanley Murdoch, salesman, was fined £1 for travelling along High street at a rate exceeding 25 miles an hour while crossing Westgarth street.

No Wireless Licenses

For having wireless in operation without having current licenses, several people were each fined at the Northcotee Court on Friday. They were George Herbert Dorsett Lawry street, Northcote, £2; Pearl Everest Travinia, Charles street, Northcote, £2.

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## HELEN STREET SCHOOL, NORTHCOTE

At a meeting of parents attached the Helen street School, it was decided to hold the third annual picnic to Williamstown on February 27. A special train has been chartered for the occasion, and with many donations from trades people and parents, everything points to a happy trip.

There will be an election of the School committee shortly. Helen street School is fortunate in having such a fine body of workers, who work in complete harmony, with the result that progress is achieved.

A children's party was held last Saturday, and there was a large attendance. Proceeds were for the picnic funds. The chairman (Mr. W. F. King) has issued an invitation to past and present scholars to take part in school functions.

PERSONAL

Mrs. F. Freebavin, an old resident of Northcote, with her youngest daughter Edith, will leave on February 20 for a month's holiday to Mt. Gambier for the Centenary Celebrations.



# The Bridge that isn't

## AN ARCHAIC CHINESE WALL IN THE HEART OF PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE

Question : How far is it from Hutton Street to Oakover Road ?

**Answer : One Mile and a Quarter.**

### RIDICULOUS TRAFFIC BARRIER

No barbed wire fence in a hotly disputed frontier is as effective as this mile and a quarter in keeping the traffic out of Northcote and Preston. And this distance only applies to light traffic, for in Oakover road there is a notice to the effect, that all vehicles exceeding two tons, are barred from this thoroughfare. Vehicles coming under the barred category have to travel another half-mile in the northern direction, to Bell street before then can leave or enter Preston !

BUT TRAMS ARE EXEMPTED

Have the trams to make this detour? Far from it. The Miller street bridge is there for their convenience. So there is a bridge between Thornbury and Bell stations? Yes, there is. And there is also a notice on each side of it —"No Thoroughfare" which means that even pedestrians crossing the bridge do so at risk of prosecution and fine.

The railway line to Reservoir has been opened since 1889. Nearly 50 years have passed, and nothing has been done to change the condition of the crossing since that date. Haven't we learned the danger-lesson of level crossings, which is the only way the West Preston and West Northcote resident can cross into the municipalities proper, or vice-versa?

PRESENT BRIDGE CAN BE ADAPTED

I do not for a minute suggest that a series, or even one new bridge should be built. The bridge is there—and so far is the private property of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board.

This particular bridge can be brought up to date, and made usable for general traffic, instead of being used by trams only. Naturally, the way it is now, it cannot have any other traffic on it. But why should it remain the way it is now?

BOTH MUNICIPALITIES VITALLY INTERESTED

As Miller street is a boundary between Northcote and Preston, it is in the interests of both these municipalities that a new and traffic-carrying bridge should replace the present span over the railway line.

Besides the fact that the cost of building would be greatly reduced by using the present bridge as a basis for the new one, the fact that it would be built in Miller street would enable both municipalities to share in footing the bill. But in my opinion, the whole cost will not have to be borne by Preston and Northcote. The Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, and the Railways can be induced to contribute to a certain extent towards the cost of the bridge exension.

COUNCILS SHOULD GET TOGETHER

As Preston and Northcote would both benefit greatly and equally by such an innovation, the municipalities should get together and work out a scheme to the advantage of both municipalities.

HISTORY PROVIDES PRECEDENT

Let mo quote Mr. William George Swift, A.F.I.A., F.C.I.S. town clerk and treasurer of Northcote from 1885 to 1923 (vide "History of Northcote," page 133 in reference to a similar matter in 1925):

"This month of August was marked by several events of great benefit to the city. On the 23rd the gates at the level crossing at Clifton Hill were removed, and on the 25th. the first train passed over the overhead bridge. This work, although costly, removed a crossing which had been a daily menace to the safety of the public, and a source of annoyance and delay to all classes of traffic. The cost of the work was shared between the Railway Commissioners, the Tramway Board, and the Northcote Council, the amounts contributed being respectively—, £17,336, £17,336 and £1,334, making a total of £39,006.

If in 1925 the bodies concerned contributed so largely towards such a scheme, there should be no refusal on their part to do so now, considering the increase of traffic in the past twelve years.

A PROFOUND NECESSITY — NOT A VISION

Both Northcote and Preston should do something to further this scheme, which is not one born in the visionary mind of some seer looking into the future, but which is a profound necessity of to-day.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE SACRIFICED TO TRAMS

When the tramway was built by the Tramway Trust comprised of the Northcote, Preston and Fitzroy councils, it was found necessary to build this overhead bridge so that tram traffic should be uninterrupted between the western and eastern parts of the municipalities in question. This Trust was absorbed by the Tramways Board, which was constituted shortly after the line was built.

But the councils themselves are unaware, or if aware, are unresponsive to the needs of the population in general, and traffic in particular as regards this matter.

St. George's road, which is often referred to as the second main entrance to both municipalities, actually cannot be called so, for it is effectively corked up by the overhead bridge at Miller street, in the north, by a bridge which is open to trams only.

CITIZENS' RIGHTS MUST BE ASSERTED

The inhabitants of both municipalities will have to assert their

(Continued Overleaf)

## BATMAN 40 HOUR WEEK COMMITTEE

A meeting was held on February 10 at the Dispansary Hall, Mr. Causland (Tramway Union) occupied the chair, and Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A. alluded to the material and cultural benefits that would ensue to the workers. He also said the abolition of overtime was a necessary component part of the 40 hour movement. The speaker answered a number of questions.

Mr. Don Thompson (Communist party) Mr. T. Andrews (Preston A.N.A. and A.L.P.) spoke at length the latter moving a motion that the committee be empowered to organise deputations to place the need of the 40 hour week before the Northcote City council, and that a petition be circulated for signatures. Mr. Purcell (Thornbury A.L.P.) opposed on ground that the A.L.P. had already sent two petitions. After support from Mr. Tierney (Preston A.L.P.), the resolution was carried.

## Preston Bowling Club

A fine day, ideal for bowling, was experienced for the round of pennant games on Saturday.

Preston had mixed luck, as two teams won, and two were defeated.

A PENNANT

Failing on the last ends in each rink, Preston were 11 down to Alma. Scores:—Crispe, Fleming, McGregor, Morgan lost to Whitlock's rink 19—23; Tatchell, Saunders, Nevill, Pike defeated Cooper's rink 26—22; White W., Hindson, Hill, Watson lost to Bedwell's rink 18—28; White G., Birchall, Merrie, Webb defeated Dempster's rink 26—22. Totals—Preston 89; Alma 100.

B PENNANT

Although Howe's rink was the only Preston rink up, their margin was sufficient to carry the day for Preston against Brunswick. Scores —Cohen, Williams, Dahl, Henshaw lost to Backman's rink 19—25; Parley, Smith, Lewis W., Carthew lost to Edward's rink 19—23; Bell Farr, Shepheard, Howe defeated Adams' rink 41—13; Blake, Harvey Fletcher, Siddons lost to Smith's rink 24—26. Totals—Preston 103; Brunswick 87.

C PENNANT

C1 team visited Moonee Ponds, only to finish up 12 down. Dickens' rink was the only Preston rink to win, being 1 up. Scores:—McDonnell, Peile, Price, Dickens defeated Roberts' rink 28—20; Hornsby, Downie, Davis, Welch lost to Freeman's rink 22—34; James, Lewis R., Cousens, Wood lost to Royle's rink 15—22. Totals —Preston 65; Moonee Ponds 76.

C2 team engaged Ivanhoe at home, and were equal to the task of defeating Ivanhoe. Rose' rink obtained a seven at the last end, giving Preston a margin of nine points on the day. Scores:—Francis, Norris Pipe Medallist) defeated Pitcher's rink 24—19; Gill, Matthews, McIntyre, Ross defeated Eaton's rink 27—23; Stewart, Cresswell, Lamperd, Waltz drew with Yelland's rink 20—20. Totals — Preston 71; Ivanhoe 62.

On Wednesday, February 10 a pleasant time was spent by visitors to the Preston greens, when the trophy presented by Mrs. W. Howe was won by Mesdames Cousins and Williams. There was a large attendance of ladies.

## Trolley Buses v Electric Trams

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

Dear Readers.—In our last issue we put before you the case of the trolley-buses. We wanted to be impartial in our pages, so we wrote to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board. Here's their reply (We have not heard from them since).

The Manager,
Leader Publishing Co. Pty Ltd,
Northcote

Dear Sir,—Replying to your letter of the 29th ult. requesting information as to the merits of Trolley Buses and Electric trams, I have to inform you that the matter will receive attention at an early date. Yours faithfully,

R.A. SPENCER,
Secretary.

When all is said and done, it is the residents of Northcote who are to use the new service, whatever it may be. Let us hear what you have to say, for or against the proposed systems of transportation that will take the place of the present cable-trams.

Below we are already quoting some of the opinions sent to us. No matter what innovation you favour, let us know of it, and we will publish the pros and cons of either side.

NORTHCOTE'S FUTURE TRANSPORT CONTROVERSY

Letter From Mr. Dan Robinson.

(To the Editor)

Sir.—I read in your latest issue that the Northcote council seems to favour electric trams to run in High street, instead of the more modern trolley-buses. Just lately, I was in Christchurch, New Zealand, where I carefully inspected the trolley-buses. I was deeply impressed with their utility and safety, as passengers step off the kerb into the spacious comfort of the easy riding trolley buses. The traffic flows evenly, owing to the fact that the bus is treated as a motor vehicle. One of the greatest problems in Northcote and Melbourne to-day is the traffic problem, which is being greatly accentuated owing to the increasing bicycle trend. For the safety of the cyclist, passengers, motorists, and pity for the nerves of the pedestrians, I most emphatically say that the trolley-bus is the most suitable solution. And from the the shop-keeper's point of view, there would no necessity for the inevitable dust which follows the patching of the tramr tracks. To conclude, I think the Northcote motto reads 'Pro Rona Ad Melbora' (For the good of the many), but I don't want to finish on a sarcastic note, but I definitely cannot see how an electric tram in High street would be an improvement. Yours etc.,

DAN ROBINSON
29 Dennis street, Northcote
13/2/37.

## OBITUARY

MR ADOLPH BUSSAU

Regret was expressed by a large circle of friends when the death became known on Saturday last of Mr Adolph Bussau, an esteemed resident of Flinders street, Thornbury, and a brother of Mr. Bussau Attorney-General for Victoria. A widow and family of four are left. The deceased gentleman, who was a member of a printing firm in the city, was an elder of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Preston and took a prominent part in arranging for the erection of that building. Mr Bussau was an interested worker at the recent Adventists' annual camp at Royal Park and played the trombone in the band. It is believed that in so doing his heart was strained and hastened death. The funeral took place in Preston Cemetery on Monday, Pastor Guilliard officiating.

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## The Bridge that isn't

(Continued from Front Page)

### Preston's Progress

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OBITUARY

On Thursday last, Mrs. Mary Brophy, 81 years of age, passed away at her residence, Bridge street, Northcote.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Sandwell, of Beaconsfield parade, Croxton, has just returned from a tour as a guest of the Misses Jones, formerly of the Commercial hotel, Northcote.

undoubted and undeniable rights in this matter.

SUGGESTIONS AND LETTERS WELCOMED

Any suggestions or opinions in reference to a vehicular overhead bridge in Miller street, open to all and sundry, will find space in this publication.

The "Preston Poet" is always willing to champion the cause of Northcote and Preston populations as long as the progress of the districts is their ultimate aim.

LOSS AND INCONVENIENCE ARE INCOMPREHENSIBLE

Think of the money wasted, the inconveniences incurred, the dangers suffered, as a result of having an overhead bridge which to all intents and purposes is closed to the general public!

Ask any pedestrian what he thinks about the extra distance he has to walk before he can legally cross the line between the Thornbury and the Bell stations!

Ask any motorist, what he thinks of it, and he will say plenty (especially about the condition of Oakover road.)

Ask any mother what she feels when she knows her children have to cross this Chinese Wall, which completely cuts off West from East for a distance of one and a quarter miles!

RESPONSIBILITY RESTS WITH COUNCILS

And, when you have heard what they have to say, remember that you yourself elected the respective councils.

Remember that the bridge over the railway in Miller street is but a paradox as far as public use is concerned, in fact a bridge that isn't a bridge at all!

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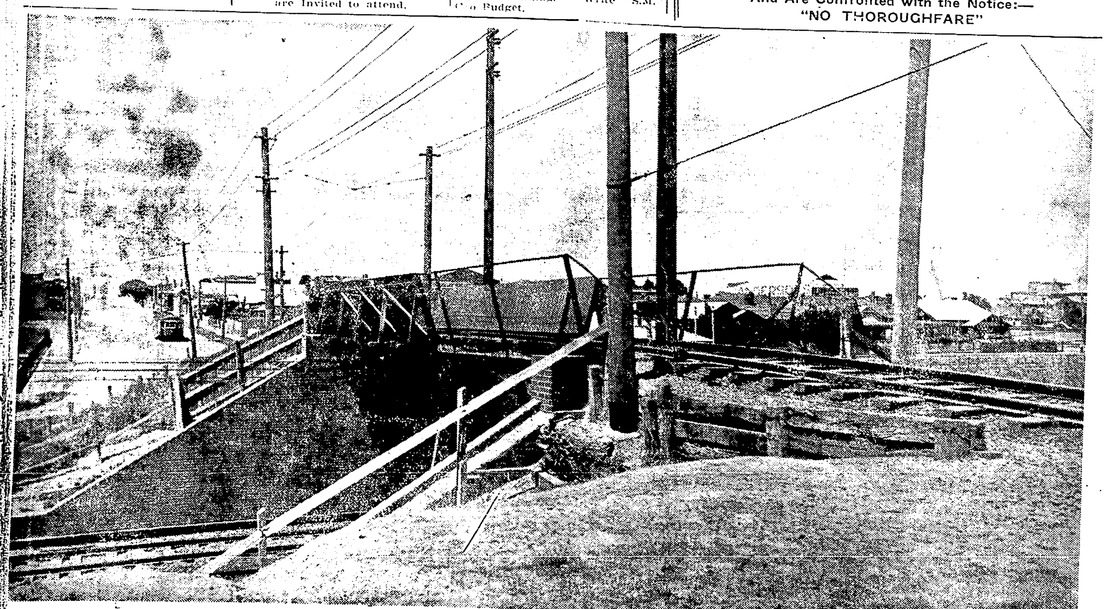

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Estate Agent, 318 High St., and 649 Plenty Rd., Preston, who will sell thrount his auctioneer, V. Page, Esq.

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CHURCH NOTICES

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Shaftesbury Pde. (off High St.) "The Church With a Welcome"
February 21—2nd Sunday in Lent
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m.: Matins and Sermon.
7 p.m.: Evensong and Sermon; Subject "I Don't Care."
Celebrant and Preacher, the Vicar (Rev W. H. Chamberlain)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH of ENGLAND, Plenty Rd., E. Preston
Sunday, 21st February
8 a.m.: Holy Communion.
10 a.m.: Service for Children.
11 a.m.: Morning Prayer.
7 p.m. Evening Prayer.
Preacher 11 and 7—
Rev Arthur M. Capper.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY Bayview Street, Northcote
Sunday, February 21
8 a.m.: Holy Communion.
11 a.m.: Choral Communion.
Preacher—The Bishop of Geelong
7 p.m.: Evensong, preacher Rev F. B. Thornton, M.A., subject:—"Our Parish Church."

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH
HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday, February 21st
11: Rev R. McLean, B.A.
3: Children's Service, Mr A. Holden.
7: Rev F. C. Bremer.
Special Music Throughout.

IN Salvation Army Hall, Wilmoth Street, Thornbury East.
**A Lecture on China**
AND ITEMS
By MAJOR and MRS. WALLER and FAMILY, who have just returned from China. All Welcome.
6d. ADMISSION

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
FOURTH CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, MELBOURNE
A BRANCH of The Mother Church The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass., U.S.A., holds services in the WESTGARTH HALL, UNION ST., WESTGARTH, as follows:
Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m.: Sunday School, 11 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Reading Room in Westgarth Hall, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

AMUSEMENTS

Preston Red Cross Auxiliary
CORONATION FAIR
TOWN HALL, PRESTON
MARCH 18, 19 20
Afternoons and EVENING to be opened by Lady Latham at 3 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 16th
BABY SHOW And CURLY HEAD COMPETITION
Entry Forms from Mesdames McGregor and H. Parsons.
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President, Mrs A. G. Davis (Mayoress); Treasurer, Mrs A. K. Allchin; Hon. Secretary, Mrs Fred Sheppard, 46 Compton St. Reservoir.

Preston Red Cross Auxiliary
A CARD AFTERNOON
WILL be held in the LOUNGE, Tuesday, February 23 at 2.30. Subscription 1/-, Afternoon Tea.
Convenor, MRS. O. LARSEN.
President, MRS. A. G. DAVIS, Mayoress.

CITY OF PRESTON
DANCES
(in aid of the Mayor of Preston's Relief Fund.)
Grand Opening Nights
MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY—
CITY HALL, "Old Time" Dance and Class, 7.30 till 11.30 p.m., 8 Teachers, Bill Stranger's "Old Time" Band. Admission 1/1.
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2 HALLS 2 BANDS 8 till 11.30 p.m.
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Preston Girls' School
Re-Union of Ex-Pupils
AT THE SCHOOL
SATURDAY 27th FEBRUARY
At 2.30 p.m.
Sport and Social
Girls are asked to bring a plate of cakes.
J. PRYOR ,Hon. Sec.

RESERVOIR STATE SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB

A very enjoyable social and dance was held at the Reservoir Palais on February 3 to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the Reservoir State School Mothers' club. The guests included Mr. Brennan, M.H.R. and Mrs. Brennan, Mrs. H. P. Zwar, Cr. and Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Wooding (representing the Federation of Mothers' clubs), and Mrs. Baker. Mr. Hall was master of ceremonies, and Mr. Baker, head-master of the school, occupied the chair. Mr. Baker spoke of the activities of the club during the past year, and of the untiring efforts of the president (Mrs. Turpin). It was due to her capable leadership that the club was able to raise the sum of £72. Praise is also due to Mrs. McCrae, who proved a capable secretary. The official table was adorned with a two-tier birthday cake, on which were twelve candles, a miniature of the school, and the school badge. The cutting of the cake was performed by the president.

In appreciaton of their services the club presented each of the office-bearers. (Mesdames Turpin, McCrae and Derrick) with a gift.

At the annual meeting held on February 11, the following office-bearers were elected for 1937:—president, Mrs. Penglase; vice-president, Mrs. Quadroy, secretary, Mrs. Woodward, treasurer, Mrs. Derrick; committee, Mesdames Binns, Walton, Pagrani, Heeps, E. Allan, and Allan sen. Delegates to Federation, Mesdames Quadroy and Pagram.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the school on March 11 at 2.30 p.m. when the president will be pleased to welcome new members.

NOTICES

THE CREMATORIUM
in the
Fawkner Memorial Park
(New Melbourne Cemetery)
WILL be OPEN for INSPECTION on Sundays between the hours of 10.0 a.m. and Noon, and 2.0 p.m., and 4.0 p.m. The Garden of Remembrance is open for Inspection daily including Sundays.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

SALE OF CROWN LANDS

TENDERS for the purchase of the undermentioned lands, will be Received by the Secretary, Closer Settlement Commission, Melbourne, up to Noon on THURSDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1937, endorsed "Tender for Closer Settlement Land."
EACH TENDERER is required to state clearly his full name, occupation, and address, the lot tendered for, and the price offered. He is also to give particulars of his farming experience and means at his disposal for carrying out the conditions of sale.
Commission To Agents
Two per cent. will be paid to the agent who shall lodge the necessary deposit with accepted tender.
Parish of Keelbundoora
LOT 1 — Area 9 ac. 0 rds. 24 per. — Allot 12, Sec. A, formerly held by J. BARNARD — situated about ½ mile north west of Bundoora P.O. Improvements consist of house, out-buildings and fencing.
Terms and Conditions
DEPOSIT to be lodged with Tender: 20 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 4½ per cent.
No residence condition.
Improvements to be maintained and insured.
Crown grant on completion of purchase.

HOUSES AND LAND WANTED

WANTED, Lease, option purchase House and few acres, Whittlesea line. Particulars 7 Henry St., Preston Nth.

# Activities at Preston

**Preston Fire Brigade**

ON Friday last at 11.26 p.m. Preston firemen responded to a false alarm from the corner of Plenty road, and Wood street. On Saturday morning another false alarm was received from near Broadhurst's tannery.

**The Mayor's Engagements**

THE Mayor of Preston (Cr. A. G. Davis) was in attendance with the Mayoress at the Preston Baths on Saturday at a carnival The Mayor handed over a cup to the winner of the Schoolboys' race and Mrs. Davis carried out a similar duty for the Schoolgirls' race. On Tuesday evening Mayor Davis was at a dinner tendered at the Hotel Windsor to Mr. G. W. Hollgraph, he was inundated with callers — milk-vendors, men with cheap grocery lists, a seller of meat a furniture dealer, and a gentleman who latter enquiring "D'yer wanter buy a good house Dave?" All the callers solicited the patronage of the young man who is about to take unto himself a wife. He did not anticipate having so many callers, all on business bent. Still, he recognises the fact that printer's ink, and judicious paragraphs can talk—it silently yet none the less effectively.

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A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the vicar and Mrs. Chamberlain. Supper, served by the ladies, terminated the meeting.

**Good Catch of Cod**

SGT. and Mrs. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bird and Cr. Nisbett spent a pleasant week-end up Numurkah way, and returned to Preston on Monday evening. The menfolk of the party whiled away the time landing a fine lot of Murray cod weighing from 11b to 15 lbs., also some bream.

**Prospective Bridegroom Alarmed**

IN last week's issue of the "Leader" was an announcement re the approaching marriage of a young fellow employed in a High street business establishment.—That was all very nice, but the prospective bridegroom was not too well pleased, when, as a result of the appearance of the paragraph, he was inundated with callers — milk-vendors, men with cheap grocery lists, a seller of meat a furniture dealer, and a gentleman who latter enquiring "D'yer wanter buy a good house Dave?" All the callers solicited the patronage of the young man who is about to take unto himself a wife. He did not anticipate having so many callers, all on business bent. Still, he recognises the fact that printer's ink, and judicious paragraphs can talk—it silently yet none the less effectively.

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### West Ward Progress Association

BIRTHDAY MEETING

There was a large attendance of members at the birthday meeting on February 10. After ordinary business, modern and old-time dancing was indulged in to a late hour. The Town Clerk (Mr. L.W. Williams) and Mrs. Williams both joined in whole-heartedly in making the evening one of delight and pleasure for all. Cr. Gray, an active member was also present, and a letter of apology, conveying good wishes was received from Cr. Swain.

## Illegal Use of Motor Car

**CASE DISMISSED**

According to First-Class Constable McNaulty, John Maurice Glennon, Flinders street, Thornbury, was the man whom he saw on September 30, 1936, in a Vauxhall car, which was reported stolen on the previous day. The constable said that he chased the man, who took to his heels. He was unable to overtake the suspect. Witness saw the accused again on January 25, 1937, and on the following day arrested him at his place of employment.

The uncle of the accused, Leonard Alexson, wood merchant, Beavers road, Northcote, testified that on September 30 the accused was employed by him, and being with him in Broadford, could not have been the man whom the constable chased. He was certain of the date, as it was Wednesday, and every Monday and Wednesday he and accused were out of town cutting and loading wood from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., the time when the constable chased the suspect falling between the above hours.

The case was dismissed.

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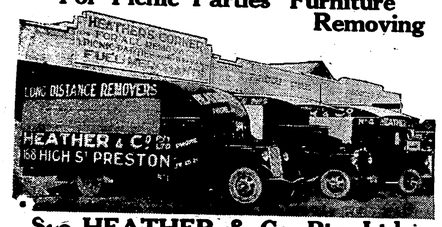


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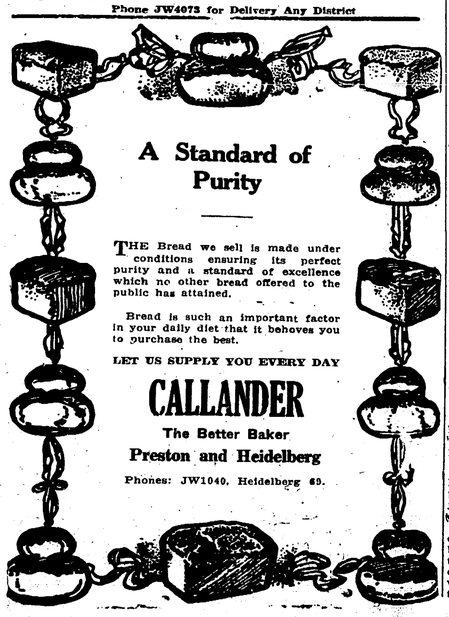

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## PERSONAL

Miss Doris Hackett, a noted radio singer of Deniliquin, New South Wales, is at present enjoying a holiday in Preston as the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Tom Hackett, 14 Bruce street.

The Mayor of Preston (Cr A. G. Davis) found himself in congenial company at the Hotel Windsor, city, on Tuesday evening when a large gathering assembled at dinner to wish Mr G. W. Holland, president of Victorian branch R.S.S.I.L.A., bon voyage prior to his departure for England at the end of March. The mayor's fellow-diners were:—Sir Carl Jess, Sir John Longstaff, Dr. W. Kent Hughes, M.L.A., Mr G. A. Norris, C.M.G., and Mr. S. Walker, a vice president of R.S.S.I.L.A. The chairman at the large and representative gathering was Mr Norman S. Osborne, senior vice-president of the League and a well-known president, and to Mr Osborne was the honor given in proposing the first toast of the evening, viz, that of His Excellency the Governor, Lord Huntingfield. Mr H. Rangecroft was another Preston visitor and he occupies the position of president of the local branch, R.S.S.I.L.A.

On the eve of their departure for England, Mr and Mrs Jack Humphries entertained members of the Old Thornbury Holy Trinity vestry at a pleasant evening at their home in Hutton street, Thornbury. During the evening, on behalf of the company, Mrs E. B. Scott wished Mr and Mrs Humphries bon voyage and presented them with a beautiful travelling clock. They will see the Coronation and be away for about nine months.

Mr H. Bolle, after about six months at Preston post office, has been transferred to Collingwood. Mr L. Byrne, from Thornbury post office is acting temporarily in place of Mr Bolle.

Mr D. N. Tippett, of Preston branch State Savings Bank, after enjoying three weeks' holiday at Lorne, resumed duty on Tuesday. Mr W. J. Johnstone, a member of the staff is relieving at Ivanhoe branch, and Mr J. Corby is taking the place of Mr Johnstone.

Mr O. W. Keith McIntyre, B.A., Dip. Ed., a member of West Preston State School staff, has obtained the distinction of Master of Education at Melbourne University.

Mrs J. Quin, of Preston, has left Melbourne Hospital, after a successful operation, and is now receiving treatment at the After-Care Home, Victoria parade, East Melbourne.

During the absence in England of Mr G. W. Holland, State President of R.S.S.I.L.A., his duties will be undertaken by Mr Norman S. Osborne, senior vice-president.

Wide circle of country friends, Mr H. P. Zwar, M.L.A., is spending ten days in the vicinity of the Murray, where fishing is the principal pastime.

Mr. Keith Arnold, receiver of revenue at Preston municipal chambers, is spending a holiday with his wife and family at Parkdale. In the meantime Mr Arnold Storey is carrying on Mr Arnold's duties.

On Wednesday evening, February 11, Mr Mahally, Spring street, Preston, celebrated his birthday—half a century. About forty friends assembled to do him honor. Numerous presents were received by Mr Mahally, and cards, music and dancing formed the programme.

Mr and Mrs Joseph Watt, of 132 Raleigh street, Thornbury, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Valerie Joy.

Mr J. Cain, M.L.A., of James street, Northcote, left on Tuesday for Sydney and Newcastle.

Residents of Reservoir will be pleased to hear that Mr Harry Bredin has been appointed manager to T. B. Scott in succession to the late Mr Poole, who passed away last week. Mr Bredin is popular in the district and his cheery disposition will go a long way to bring the success he so much deserves.

Mr and Mrs W. M. Houston, of Beavers road, Northcote, accompanied by their son, Ronald, have just returned from a month's holiday in Warrnambool and Sydney.

Rev W. H. Chamberlain, vicar of Holy Trinity, Thornbury, began his seventh year of ministry at this church on Sunday. He received many expressions of good wishes from parishioners and friends.

Mrs P. Ogden, Thornbury, president St. Vincent's Northcote-Thornbury Auxiliary, is convalescing after a severe attack of pleurisy.

Mrs H. J. Shewan, of Preston, has been seriously ill with another heart attack, and will be confined to her home for some time.

Sgt. Walter William Hook, 46, was a member of the contingent which sailed on Tuesday on the "Oronsay" to take part in the Coronation celebration. Long before the war, Sgt. Hook belonged to the 6th Battalion of the A.I.F. He had three years' active service in the war, joining the 3rd Field Ambulance and later the 8th Battalion of the A.I.F. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the 8th battalion. In June 1926 he joined the 57/60th Battalion in Preston as a bandsman, being a bass-player, and he later changed to bass-drum. In November 1934 he became Drum-Major of the band, which post he still holds. He was chosen as a member of the Coronation contingent as representatives of Returned soldiers of this unit.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Preston Methodist Church**

On Sunday next, Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated in the Preston Methodist Church, High street. There will be the usual display of produce, and the church will be appropriately decorated. Throughout the day special music will be rendered.

The morning service will be conducted by the Rev. R. McLean, B.A., who has been supplying in the South Preston Methodist circuit since the decease of the Rev. F. S. Woods.

In the afternoon at 3 p.m. there will be a special service conducted by Mr. Arnold Haldon, a former scholar of the school, who has been in charge of the Werrimul Home Mission Station.

For the evening service, a former superintendant Minister, the Rev. F. C. Bremer will officiate. Mr. Bremer is now President-elect of the Tasmanian Assembly of the Methodist Church.

**Christian Science.**

"Mind" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, February 21. The Golden Text is from Proverbs 3: 5 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "O the depth of the riches both of wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out." (Romans 11: 33).

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: "The time has come for a finite conception of the infinite and of a material body as the seat of Mind to give place to a diviner sense of intelligence and its manifestations,— to the better understanding that Science gives of the Supreme Being, or divine Principle, and idea . . All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is "All-in-All." (Pages 285 and 468.)

**Reservoir Church of Christ Ladies' Guild.**

The first meeting of the year was held during the week, at the home of Mrs. F. Sheppard, Compton street, when nominations for the ensuing year resulted:—President, Mrs. Cameron; vice-president, Mrs. Maines; treasurer, Mrs. J. Iles; secretary, Mrs. Lockwood; Mission convenor, Mrs. Plummer; social committee, Mesdames Allison, Trathen, Taylor and Welsford.

A happy time was spent, the hostesses being Mesdames Allison and Trathen. Others present were Mesdames Campbell, Moore, Paterson and Sheppard. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lockwood, 11 Compton street, Reservoir, and the business will be election of officers.

**Holy Trinity, Thornbury.**

Attendances were excellent last Sunday, the early celebration being especially well-attended. At night the vicar preached on "What have I done with my Life?" The hymn "Nearer My God to Thee," was sung in memory of the late Mr. W. H. Watson.

Next Sunday at evensong the vicar will preach on the subject "I don't care." Week-day services are being held during Lent.

## SOCIAL NOTES.

**"Bon Voyage"**

A farewell party was tendered to Miss May Wilkinson, an old identity of Preston, who left by the "Oronsay" for an extended holiday in England on February 16. The function was held in the Lounge at the Preston Town Hall on Friday last. The hostesses were Mesdames Fletcher, Harrap and Hepburn. The Lounge was tastefully decorated with bowls of hydrangeas, gladioli and phlox. During the afternoon bridge occupied the visitors, and at afternoon tea Mrs. Hepburn made a presentation of a handbag on behalf of those present, of which the guest made a suitable recognition. The guests were: Mesdames Bearham, Berry, Darrett, Catt, Crook, Cathie, Crowe, Grimwood, Horgan, Hodgson, McCausland, Fallsier, Patterson, Steel, Sinclair, Showers, E.J.B. White, L. E. Zwar, Misses Brock, J. Brock, Cameron, Berry, Sinclair and Showers.

**Afternoon Party.**

Mrs. R. Black, convenor of the social committe of the Thornbury Reed Cross auxiliary, entertained the members of the Social committee at her homee, "Woodstock" Ballantyne street, Thornbury, on Wednesday, February 10. Crazy whist played, Mrs. Pearce winning the first prize, Mrs. Page the second prize, and Mrs. Thayer the consolation prize. Mrs. Reid was fortunate in holding the lucky number.

While a dainty afternoon tea was being served, Mrs. Black (the hostess) took the opportunity to wish Mrs. Kitson "Bon Voyage", and she will shortly be sailing for England.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Black for the enjoyable afternoon.

**Preston Red Cross Auxiliary**

The first meetng of the year was held last week, and in the absence of the Mayoress, Mrs. H. McGregor presided over a good attendance. Good reports are to hand re the Coronation Fair, which Lady Latham will open. A Baby show, and Best head of Curls competition will be held in conjunction. Mesdames McGregor and H. Parsons will be in charge. There will also be cookery competitions, and National dancing.

Next meeting will be held on March 3 at 2.30.

Among those present were Mesdames McGregor, Yann, Allchin, Sheppard, Moore, Banfield, Bradford, McIntosh, L. Smith, Parsons, Lutteman, Jupp, Catmull, Shaw, Netherton, Kaufman, Maconochie, Scott, Mather, Jones, Duncan, Carr, M. Smith and Larsen.

A most successful afternoon was held at the home of Mrs. Catmull.

**Kitchen Tea.**

To celebrate the coming wedding of Mr. C. B. Warlimont of Northcote, and Miss Grace Gardom of Ivanhoe on February 18 Mr. V. Yeomans and Mis Merna Yeomans entertained a number of friends at the Grand Theatre, Footscray, on Monday. After seeing the programme, supper was served in the lounge, and a handsome collection of kitchen utensils presented to the guests of the evening, and eulogistic speeches made. The evening concluded happily with dancing.

## A.W.A. NOTES

Miss Law presided at the last meeting of the Northcote A.W.A.. The chief business was the annual report from the Board of Directors. Five new members were proposed, and the secretary reported on sick members. The appeal towards helping blind children was closed. Dr. Lovell's appointment as medical adviser was approved. The Metropolitan committee has arranged a basket picnic at Wattle Park on March 6 at 3 p.m.

At the close of the quarterly meeting next Monday, a novelty party will take place. Misses Davis, Becker and O'Connor have arranged an attractive programme.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Siebel, 43 Murray road, Preston, are joining the happy throng of holidaymakers to the North. They will leave on the 20th by the "Canberra" for Queensland.

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## Northcote Court

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Before Mr. E. E. O'Grady, P.M. and Messrs J. Hartnett and H. F. Tulloch, J's P.

**Headlights Not Strong Enough.**

For having inefficient headlights on his car on December 29 in High street, Northcote, Ashley Dyer, of Heidelberg road, Northcote was fined £1.

Eric Lewis Wilks, of St. George's road, Northcote, was fined £1 for having an insufficiently bright tail-light on his lorry.

**Fines Under Traffic Code**

For failing to stop when entering a major street, Eric Wotherspoon, carpenter, of Carnegie was fined £2.

Defendant was charged with having entered St. George's road from Smith street without stopping his car, which subsequently collided with a tram. The P. M. also ordered Wotherspoon to pay £1/3/8 costs.

**No Lights on Bicycle**

A fine of £1 was imposed on William Smethurst, of Raleigh street, Thornbury, for riding a bicycle without a light in High street, Northcote after 9 p.m. on January 28.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Before Mr. E. E. O'Grady, P.M. and Messrs J. Hartnett and P. J. Kean J's P.

**Traffic Offences**

A long list of breaches of traffic regulations came before the court

Roy Watson Eagles, Cooper street, West Preston was fined 10/- for having driven a motor-car in High street on the night of January 22 with ineffective lights.

On a similar charge, Bert Adler was also fined 10/-.

Giving evidence that he had been driving a car for the past 20 years without running foul of the law, Benjamin E. Hosking was fined 10/- for having an ineffective tail-light on his car at 9 p.m. on Thursday January 22 in High street.

John Thomas Jeffery, farmer, of Mernda was fined 10/ for having driven a car with insufficient headlights in Darebin street on the night of January 22. The fact that a witness saw the defendant's car driven out of a garage with the light burning failed to impress the bench.

Norman Leslie Walsh was found guilty on a charge of having driven a motor-cycle and side car the rear light of which was defective, in High street, Thornbury, on the night of January 22. He was fined £1.

Arthur Clifford Lee, Junction street, Preston was fined £1 for having ridden a bicycle without lights in High stret, Thornbury.

**Heidelberg Road—Queen's Parade Intersection**

This particular intersection was described as a "trap to motorists" by Leslie Alfred Bruce, garage proprietor, Wellington street, Windsor one of two defendants charged with failing to stop before entering a major street. Heidelberg road joins Queen's parade at an angle of approximately 35 degrees. Although there is a sign "stop" painted on the roadway. Bruce said he did not see it, as another car was right over the sign. Being a stranger to the district, he did not know that Queen's parade was a major street. He was fined 10/-.

On a similar charge, Lennon Tribe was also fined 10/-.

**Two Charges Against Dentist**

Harold Clark Moyan, dentist, of St. Kilda appeared to answer two charges—of having insufficient lights on his car on December 13, and of having failed to notify the Registration branch of change of address.

The P. M. sharply criticised the constable who gave evidence in the cases on what he called "unlawful tampering with a summons" the address being altered from 741 High street, Thornbury to 714 High street, Thornbury. After the case had been closed, the prosecution made application to have it re-opened on the ground that an officer from the registration branch was not called.

The P. M. refused the application and dismissed the second charge. Defendant was found guilty on the first charge and was fined £1.

**Crossing Major Streets**

Ernest Potter, Victoria street, Preston was fined 10/ for having failed to stop before crossing an intersection of two major streets—Dundas street and High street, on January 22. The defendant pleaded guilty stating that he did not know Dundas street was a major street as there were no tram-lines in it.

**Man Remanded**

On a charge of having stolen a motor-cycle, Albert Bransgrove, of Preston, was remanded for one week to appear at the Richmond Court. Bail was fixed at £25.

Bransgrove was arrested by Plain Clothes Constable Erwin only an hour before the Northcote Court opened.

**Textile Worker Fined £5.**

Charles Constance, textile worker of Whalley street, Northcote appeared to answer two charges of being drunk in charge of a motor-car, and, resisting the police.

Constable Grundy gave evidence that on February 10, following a complaint, he went to St. George's road, and near the corner of Westbourne grove he found the defendant trying to start a motor car which had previously been concerned in an accident. The defendant smelled strongly of liquor, and behaved like a drunken person. When Constable Grundy tried to pull the defendant out of the car, he broke free and sprinted up Westbourne grove for about 100 yards. It took the combined efforts of Plainclothes Constables Erwin Crawford and Grundy to arrest the defendant, who was eventually handcuffed.

Giving evidence for the prosecution, Senior Constable Bates remarked that no test had been made as regards the sobriety of the defendant Mr. Hartnett (for the defendant): Do you thing it possible for a drunken man to run 100 yards before being caught by Contsable Grundy, who is by no means a bad runner?

Senior Const. Bates: Sometimes drink gives added pep to a person.

The bench decided against the defendant, who admitted a £5 fine in December last for impersonation of a police.

Defendant was fined £3 in default 14 days' imprisonment on the first charge; and on the second £2 or seven days. A stay of fourteen days was allowed.

**Wireless Patrol's Quick Work.**

When Leonard O'Neill, tailor, of Osborne street, Northcote, heard a noise on his front verandah at midnight on February 17, he went out to investigate, and saw a man run out of the front gate, jump on a bicycle and pedal rapidly away. Although O'Neill gave chase, this midnight prowler escaped. The wireless patrol car was in Osborne street when O'Neill waited back. Apprised of the situation, the patrol apprehended the defendant in St. George's road, and he was identified by O'Neill as the man whom he had seen on his premises Photographs of the man's footprints, made on the front verandah were produced in court.

In February 1930 the defendant, Kevin Francis O'Dea, of Fenwick street, North Carlton, had been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for a similar offence.

A fine of £10, in default two months' imprisonment was imposed, and defendant also ordered to pay 19/6 costs.

## PRESTON JUBILEE FUNDS

**Requested by Technical School**

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday a letter was received from the Preston Technical School advising that the school was now in operation, and requesting that moneys raised during the Preston Jubilee Celebrations, which had been earmarked for the school, be made available.

Cr. Swain asked the exact purpose for which the money had been raised.

Cr. Pike: I think it was for furnishing the school—not for equipping it. I think it was to provide comforts for the students.

Cr. Croft: I have been in touch with the principal (Mr. Aberdeen) and he suggested that the money be used for purchasing a piano, a wireless set, talking machine etc.

The request will be considered by the Finance committee.

The amount available is approximately £500.

## State Public Service

**NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL**

Twenty boys were presented from the High School and sixteen were successful at the Public Service Examination held in December last.

The names are given in order of merit:—

C. E. Hounam, S. J. Prokhovnik, V. G. Farmer, A. N. Jones, H. H. Bowden, S. J. Blamey, A. T. Gardner, R. M. J. Kerr, N. W. Humphreys, R. W. Smith, L. L. Pemberton, A. A. Ashman, A. H. Blair, V. A. Woolcock, A. C. Brown, K. L. Watkins.

**APPEAL ALLOWED**

In the case of Arthur Albert Summerfield, Spring street, Reservoir, who was convicted at Preston Court on November 10 on a charge of selling liquor without a license, and fined £25, Judge McIndoe in the Court of General Sessions on January 22 said he would give the appellant the benefit of the doubt, and allowed the appeal.

**TRIP AROUND AUSTRALIA**

Messrs Claude Gale, Keith Knox Jack Jones and Bob Whittamore all of whom belong to Northcote, set out last Sunday by car, with a trailer attached to tour around Australia. These four young men, whose ages range from 20 to 23 years, intend to work their way on this trip, and expect to be away for twelve months.

**PRESTON TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

The Preston Technical school has proved so popular, that at peak hours additional buses had to be placed on the Coburg—Heidelberg, and Reservoir — Northcote routes to cope with the large numbers of students travelling.

**Sacred Heart Mothers' Club**

THE first meeting was held at the school on February 16, Rev. Father O'Grady being present. Nomination of officers for 1937 took place, Mrs. Byrne being elected in succession to Mrs. McGinty. Mrs. Smith was elected secretary in place of Mrs. Cahir. Mrs. McDonnel, the new treasurer took Mrs. Earp's office. Vice-presidents elected were — Mesdames McGinty and McGrath. Mrs Hackett was re-elected press correspondent. New members elected were Mesdames Meehan, Egan, McLaren, Gleeson, Ashton, Clifford and Willis. A meeting of officers and committee will take place on March 2.

## NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL

**Extraordinary Vacancy**

**Nominations Close Wednesday, March 3; Polling Day, Wednesday March 17.**

Owing to the death of Cr. Sutch, a vacancy has occurred in the Central Ward of the City of Northcote.

**MR R. P. THARRATT A CANDIDATE**

Following in the footsteps of his father, Mr. A. E. Tharratt, who was a member of the Northcote council for nine years, and who for three years occupied the mayoral chair, Mr. R. P. Tharratt, his son, is standing as a candidate for the vacant seat in the Central Ward.

Born in 1906, Mr. R. P. Tharratt saw the light of day in the municipality for the civic honors of which he is making a claim. He began his education in Northcote, and continued later at Thornbury school. Then followed some years at the Melbourne High school, his education being finished at Truro College in the West of England. A considerable time spent abroad gave this young man the necessary polish that a man of the world, which he undoubtedly is, requires.

At present, and for nine years past, Mr. Tharratt has been associated with the management of a large emporium which is well-known to all residents of Northcote and district.

His life companion is an active helper in his business career, Mr. Tharratt's hobby, when he has the time, is reading, especially those books dealing with ancient history of the pre-Persian era.

Here is a man who, we feel sure will have the whole-hearted support of residents in his attempt to become a member of the Northcote council, thereby carrying on the traditions of his family, and ready to give the citizens the benefit of his youth, experience, and enthusiasm.

If there is anything in heredity, this young man will be a credit to the name of Northcote.

Mr H. W. Shewan, who is announced as a candidate for the Central Ward vacancy created by the death of Cr Sutch, is a well-known business man of 213 High street, Northcote.

Born and educated at Rushworth he came to Northcote in 1912 to take a position with Ex-Cr W. Williams in his grocery business. In 1920 he purchased the business. After serving as a member of the Council of the Grocers' Association of Victoria, he was in 1936 elected president of that body, a position he still occupies.

## Young Business Man for Council Vacancy

Mr R. P. THARRATT, who is contesting the vacancy in the Central Ward at Northcote.

## GOLF

**IVANHOE CLUB**

On February 20 the final round of stroke play for Mr C. Buckley's Trophy took place, the result being W. F. Hardess, (23) 62; A. Simpson (22) 63; K. Grant (19) 64; R. Hallam (27) 65; A. G. Hardess (20) 66; A. Sullivan (17) 68; C. Buckley (24) 70 C. May (20) 71.

The trophy was won by W. F. Hardess with a net aggregate of 138 off a handicap of 23.

Other leading scores were—R. Hallam (27) 194; A. Sullivan (17) 198; K. Grant (19) 202; C. Buckley (24) 202; A. Simpson (22) 208.

Next Saturday Mixed Foursomes are listed, and on Sunday the return match with the Australasian Club will be played on this Club's links at Aspendale.

## THE MOTORIST WHO DID NOT STOP

It cost Raymond Albert Uren, of Reservoir, butcher £6 when he failed to stop and render assistance after his car collided with one owned by John McIntyre, also of Reservoir, on January 23.

Uren, who obtained his driver's license but nine months ago, was charged at the Preston Court on Wednesday, with negligent driving, and with failure to give his name and address after being concerned in an accident.

Uren's car got out of control when approaching the open railway gates at Reservoir in High street. He swerved and struck the rear of McIntyre's parked car. He admitted looking out, and, as there appeared to be no damage done, he continued on through the gates. McIntyre, standing near his car took the defendant's number as he was driving away.

Uren was fined £2 for negligent driving; and £4 for failing to stop stop after an accident. He was also ordered to pay 12/4 costs.

# MASLEN SCORES A CENTURY

## RAIN INTERFERES WITH PLAY AT CRITICAL STAGE

**Batting:**

**MASLEN 100; CAREY 88; SHARKEY 71 Not Out**

**Bowling:**

**BILLINGS 8/67; GILKES 7/41**

(Notes by "Observer")

THE concluding day for the tenth round of association matches was marred by rain late in the afternoon which interfered with play at a critical stage. In most cases the games were drawn. Croxton, Northcote P.A.F.S. and Preston Boys managed to secure outright wins.

**Outstanding Performances**

Maslen (Preston Boys) gave an excellent performance in making a century, which was the chief factor in cementing his club's position in the final four with an outright win. Carey (Pastrycooks) was next with 88, and Sharkey 71 not out had a good partnership of 1/118 with L. Pike 42 and helped to win for Highview.

Stan Gilkes (Pastrycooks 1sts) a fast bowler had excellent figures with 7/41. Billings for Croxton, followed up his previous performance with 8/67.

BATTING

| | |
|---|---|
| MASLEN (Preston Boys) | 100 |
| CAREY (Pastrycooks 1sts) | 88 |
| WARD (Alyeo & Sons) | 75 |
| SCAIFE (Clifton) | 72 |
| SHARKEY (Highview) | 71* |
| THOMPSON (Clifton) | 57 |
| HUGHAN (Preston Druids) | 54 |
| E. NEWTON (Croxton United) | 52 |

* Denotes not out.

BOWLING

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|---|---|
| BILLINGS (Croxton United) | 8/67 |
| GILKES (Pastrycooks 1sts) | 7/41 |
| WUCHATSCH (Thomastown) | 6/34 |
| FOSTER (Preston Boys) | 5/22 |
| KIELY (N'cote P.A.F.S.) | 5/34 |
| HILL (Scouts) | 5/36 |
| BURNS (Croxton United) | 5/38 |

**Semi-Final and Final Arrangements**

With the concluding round finishing on Saturday, March 13, the semi-final matches will commence on Eight Hours' Day, and will conclude on March 20. Final matches will be played to a finish and will commence on Good Friday and continue on Easter Saturday and April 3.

**LAST SATURDAY'S PLAY**

**A GRADE**

**Epping v Preston Bascballers**

Resuming at Epping, the home side with 3/25 carried their total to 71 in reply to the Baseballers' 181. Following on, Epping were a different team, and at stumps were 3/143. Worthington and E. Dea both carrying their bats.

Preston Baseballers 181 defeated Epping 71 and 3/143 (E. J. Dea 50 n.o., Worthington 50 n.o. E. Rose 31; A Spoor 7/50) by 110 runs on the first innings.

**Dennis v Reservoir**

Reservoir remained at the wickets for the afternoon, the board showing 8/109. Bowling honours went to L. Smith and N. Smith.

Dennis 177 drew with Reservoir 8/109 (Peters 25 n.o.; Ward 14, Allen 10; L. Smith 4/40, N. Smith 3/26).

**Regent v Prestonite**

Prestonite continuing took their total to 184. Hamilton was the outstanding bowler. In reply Regent lost 1/40. Play had to cease because of the rain.

Prestonite 185 (Bruce 39, Pears 27, Allen 25; Hamilton 5/72) drew with Regent 1/40 (Monggie 19 not out, Cooke 16 not out)

**Bell Ramblers v East Preston**

Replying to the Ramblers first innings of 142 East Preston compiled 161. Huxley and Rundle, not out resumed. The former was top scorer, and Rundle next. In their second innings the Ramblers lost two wickets.

Bell Ramblers 142 and 2/69 lost to East Preston 161 (Huxley (Clack 45 and 27, McKenzie 36) 47, Rundle 41, Campbell 23; McKenzie 4/51) by 19 runs on the first innings.

**Pastrycooks v Broadhursts**

Broadhursts with 187 took the field when Pastrycooks opened their first innings. Pastrycooks batted well under the conditions and had to be content with a drawn game on account of rain. Carey was in good form, and Frawley carried his bat.

Broadhursts 187 drew with Pastrycooks 3/156 (Talbot 33, Carey 88, Frawley 13 not out; Scott 2/61.)

**Northcote Junior Footballers v Bell**

The Footballers at home to Bell had 167 on the board. Continuing their innings with 4/41, Bell put up a stubborn fight. Gilkes was in exceptionally good form with the ball, and dismissed seven batsmen.

Northcote Junior Footballers 167 drew with Bell 9/83 (Hughes 20 not out, Pike 26; Gilkes 7/41).

**B GRADE**

**Preston Footballers v Preston Imperials**

With four wickets down for 104 in response to the Imperials total of 62, the Footballers resumed at Gower Park. Good batting by Hill and Hayes enabled the home side to achieve victory. Wade obtained four wickets. In their second innings the Imperials lost two wickets.

Preston Footballers 151 (Hayes 34, Hills 37; Wade 4/57) defeated Preston Imperials 62 and 2/40 (Fraser 21 not out) by 89 runs on the first innings.

**Scouts v Braithwaites.**

Braithwaites were too good for Scouts and secured a victory. Scouts made 74 in their first innings, and lost three wickets for 56 in their second. In reply Braithwaites were responsible for 142. Top scorer was Pangbourne 44. Dowling 24; Hills 5/36, Buss 4/28) defeated Scouts 74 and 3/56 by 68 runs on the first innings.

**Rosebank v Northcote P.A.F.S.**

P.A.F.S. secured a decisive victory against Rosebank, the latter being dismissed for small totals. The bowling was shared by Gillespie and Kiely. P.A.F.S. knocked up 131 and declared with 5/82 in the second innings. The only batsmen to secure double figures were Humphries and Gillespie.

Northcote P.A.F.S. 131 and 5/82 declared (Humphries 22; Gillespie 20; Fisher 3/24) defeated Rosebank 58 and 83 (Lowery 25, Gillespie 4/25, Kiely 5/34) outright by 72 runs.

**Sherry Socials v Thornbury**

In reply to Thornbury's double century score, Sherry were doing well until the rain came and impeded progress. Reece batted well and Morgan carried his bat.

Thornbury 216 drew with Sherry Socials 1/81 (Reece 31, Morgan 32 not out.)

**Highview v Excelsior.**

Highview gave an excellent display of batting. Sharkey, who opened, batted in good style and received valuable assistance from L. Pike. The first wicket fell at 118. When play ceased owing to rain, Highview were unfortunate as they were well on the way to secure a win over Excelsior.

Excelsior 175 drew with Highview 1/137 (Sharkey 71 not out, L. Piko 42.)

**Croxton United v Cramer**

Croxton United, requiring 12 runs to pass their opponent's first innings total resumed, and later declared. E. Newton not out added 14 runs before being dismissed. Cramer in their second innings were best served by Birchall. Croxton United had no difficulty in scoring the necessary runs for an outright win.

Croxton United 7/170 declared and 9/40 (E. Newton 52 and 20 not out) defeated Cramer 109 and 97(Birchall 28 and 22 (Billings 2/67; Burns 5/32) outright by ten wickets.

**C GRADE**

**Thomastown v Thornbury Foresters**

At Thomastown the visitors knocked up 48 and the home side had eight down for 76.

Continuing Thomastown added 14 runs before the innings terminated. Carrying his bat Lockhead batted in fine style. The bowling honours went to C. Robinson and Robertson. The Foresters in their second innings gave a much better display.

Thomastown 90 (Lockhead 38 n. out; Robertson 4/30 C. Robinson 4/17) defeated Thornbury Foresters 48 and 3/75 (Wuchatsch 6/34) by 42 runs on the first innings.

**Preston Druids v Northcote A.O.F.**

A.O.F. who required an outright win to consolidate their position in the four, had to be content with three points. The Druids batted well in their second innings Hughan played a good knock. Mallinson took five of the Druids wickets.

Northcote A.O.F. 7/139 declared defeated, Preston Druids 61 and 6/108 (Hughan 54, Bates 21 n.o.; Mallinson 5/63) by 78 runs on the first innings.

**Alyeo & Sons v Clifton**

Alyeo with 187 for seven wickets declared. Ward batted steadily, and Ward's hand was a good one. Heeney trundled best for Clifton. Rain interfered with the play, and Clifton, in their second innings had lost one wicket when play ceased.

Alyeo & Sons 7/187 declared (Ward 75, Thompson 57, Ross 17 n.o.; Heeney 5/72) defeated Clifton 141 and 1/27 (Scaife 72; Slinger 5/50) by 46 runs on the first innings.

**Ajax v Northcote Junior Footballers**

Ajax on the first day compiled 220. The weather seemed to be more severe in this quarter as the Footballers only produced 61 runs for the loss of six wickets. Shewan was the best bowler.

Ajax 220 drew with Northcote Junior Footballers 6/61 (Hannaford 15, Main 15 not out; Shewan 3/23).

**Preston South A.N.A. v. Preston Boys**

This match was well contested, the Boys gaining full points and also a position in the four. The Boys declared at 170, and Maslen reached the century before losing his wicket.

A.N.A. in their second attempt made a better fight against the excellent bowling of Foster and Walker. O'Meara and McNamara stood up well to the bowling.

Preston Boys, 4/170 (dec.), Maslen 100, Walker 43, Davies 13 n.o.; Currie 2/47) v Preston South A.N.A., 65 and 105 (O'Meara 34, McNamara 22; Foster 5/22; Walker 4/27.

Preston Boys won outright by an innings and 5 runs.

**Preston Baseballers v Pastrycooks**

In reply to the Pastrycooks' 74 the Baseballers made 110. Coe bowled well throughout and Guest captured three wickets.

Pastrycooks easily disposed of for 78 in their second innings. Mitchell was the most effective bowler.

Preston Baseballers 110 and 0/5 v Pastrycooks 74 and 78 (Saunder 15).

Preston Baseballers won by 36 on the first innings.

**11th Round Commencing on Saturday, March 6.**

**A Grade** — Bell v Bell Ramblers Ludlow & Porter, A.; Broadhursts v Northcote Junior Footballers, Hickey & Seidel; Preston Baseballers v Pastrycooks, Baker & Fricke; Reservoir v Epping, Turnham & Hastings; Prestonite v Dennis, Cranston & Hill; East Preston v Regent, Wraight & Kirton.

**B Grade** — Excelsior v Sherry Socials, Lack & Williams; Northcote P.A.F.S. v Highview, Collins & Hartley; Braithwaites v Rosebank, O'Connor & Thompson; Preston Imperials v Scouts, Hancock & Howard; Cramer v Preston Footballers Digby & Loughlin; Thornbury v Croxton United, Jowett & Brown.

**C Grade** — Pastrycooks v Thomastown, Gilbert & Lougheed; Clifton v Preston Baseballers, Hine & Patrick; Northcote Junior Footballers v Alyeo & Sons, Rhodes & Fisher; Northcote A.O.F. v Ajax, Sinclair & O'Keefe; Preston Boys v Preston Druids, Cooper & Clayton; Thornbury Foresters v Preston South A.N.A., Simmons & Gray.

Emergencies—Charlton, Melling, and F. R. Porter.

**OTHER MATCH**

**Boot Trade**

The Myrl Shoe were defeated outright by Laygols, played at Princes Park. Myrl Shoe 92 (Dollofsky 25, Eastman 22, Ferguson 20; Warren 6/11), v Laygols 119 (Thompson 49, Stafford 13, Downs 11; Eastman 3/33, Dollofsky 3/37). Myrl Shoe, second innings 41 (Dollofsky 22; Thompson 4/8, Stafford 4/23); Laygols, second innings, 2/16.

**Northcote and Preston Churches Association**

**A Grade**

Thornbury Presbyterians, 5/113 (J. Cheffers 42, J. Morrison 35 n.o., E. Douglas 12 n.o.; K. Veevers 3/26, M. Veevers 2/40), v St. George's Road Methodists, 127 (K. Veevers 46, F. Hewish 29, E. Collier 10, W. McAuley 10; Chas Taylor 3/26, J. Douglas 3/31, E. Douglas 1/20, J. Cheffers 1/3.

Drawn game on account of rain.

**C Grade**

Thornbury Presbyterians, 7/109 (H. Douglas 41, Fred Fenwick 28, Roy Price 17 n.o.; Williams 5/43, McLaren 1/17, Hoskings 1/29) v Regent Baptists, 140 (Boutcher 70,O'Brien 17, Hoskings 10; George Price 2/12, L. McDonald 2/17, Roy Price 2/30).

Drawn game on account of bad weather.

Northcote Church of Christ, 87 and 3/71 (V. Buszard 22, A. Arnott 18 and 20 n.o., Clarke 10 n.o., E. Buszard 10 n.o., A. Cooper 16, Wade 8/60, Maley 3/21), v St. George's Road Footballers, 69 (Woods 18 n.o., Kelly 4/16, V. Buszard 5/24, Carpenter 1/17).

Northcote Church of Christ won by 18 runs on the first innings.

**Sunday Schools**

Northcote Church of Christ, 6/190 dec., defeated Epiphany, 54 and 5/61 (K. Koochew 13 n.o.; Hoyle 4/37, including "hat trick.")

South Preston Methodists, 52 and 6/50 (School 15) defeated Thornbury Baptists, 6 and 94 (Birkett 10/17, Young 5/15).

**Preston Baths**

LAST Saturday and Sunday there were large attendances at Preston baths—somewhere in the vicinity of 1,500. Receipts for the two days amounted to £20.

The City of Preston elsewhere calls for tenders returnable on March 1 for the construction of rights-of-way between Scotia and Erin streets; and Erin street and Austral avenue.

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# TRAMS OR TROLLEY BUSES?

## Precipitate Action Should Be Avoided

### NORTHCOTE CALLS A CONFERENCE

A BIG question facing the councils of the northern suburbs is that of trolley buses as opposed to electric trams.

At first appearance this may seem to concern only two or three councils, but it is obvious after a little thought that it is a case of either creating a new policy or the continuation of the old.

**IS METHOD BETTER?**

Electric trams have given long and faithful service. If it can be proved that they are a better method of transport than trolley buses; if they are more speedy and economical, less costly; more comfortable, and give more employment, then all these factors should be taken into consideration.

It is not sufficient to say "Well, they are using trolley-buses in London," or to quote some other such phrase that because someone else is using them, then we too should blindly follow the lead given without thinking for ourselves. After all, London has a population of some 7,000,000 — or more than the total population of Australia. It is also the financial centre of the world, and the hub of European affairs, and has traffic problems unknown and undreamt of here.

**CONFERENCE CONVENED**

A conference has been convened by the City of Northcote and representatives of Collingwood and Fitzroy have been invited.

Heidelberg considers that it should be represented, as any system installed to replace the present Northcote cable-tramway, will, it is assumed, be eventually extended within the boundaries of Heidelberg. There is also something to say for the inclusion of Preston.

**NO HASTE FOR DECISION**

The conference in question has been called for Thursday evening, February 25. Before any decision is arrived at, and communicated to the Tramways Board, every consideration should be given to the various important aspects, and the pros and cons thoroughly discussed.

The Tramways Board recently intimated that at least 18 months must elapse before a commencement on the conversion of the High street, Northcote, route.

It is then the council's duty to delay coming to a decison until the fullest information in regard to all proposed systems has been assimilated and thoroughly digested.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—In your issue of February 2 you published a very fine article relative to trolley buses. May I be permitted to congratulate you on the comprehensive with which you put the case for the buses.

Now, as you will agree there are two sides to every question, and while I appreciate the merits of your article, I would like to see the case for the electrification of the tram-line put with equal thoroughness. If this were done, residents, all of whom read your valuable paper, would be in a position to decide which mode of transport would be the more suitable for the district.

I have no hesitation in saying that I favour electric trams. Yours etc.,

P. MULLINS.

Northcote, 18/2/37.

(We are arranging for the publication of the case for the tramways. This will appear in an early issue.—Ed.)

## HELEN ST. SCHOOL

Another large meeting was held last Thursday evening to consider plans for the picnic which is to be held at Williamstown. A special relectric train has been chartered to leave Croxton and Merri stations at 10 o'clock on February 27. Parents who buy tickets from the school will be supplied with milk and hot water free; and school children who attend the Helen street school will be taken free. A sports programme has been arranged for the children, also free buns, lollies etc. Parents who would help on a special committee for the day in controlling and caring for the children should hand in their names at the office at the school.

The date for the election of the new school committee is March 4. All parents are asked to attend this meeting.

**MUSICAL SUCCESSES**

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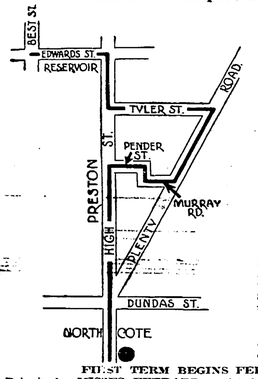


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# Avanti Wins

## A Complete Short Story

PETER BLORE was "broke to the wide."

He landed in Australia, Melbourne to be exact, in September 1932.

The bank transfer he had in his name did not run into four figures as a matter of fact, as the third son of an impoverished baronet he received a farewell gift from his father, a cheque for a modest three figures, so he had to make good in Australia or bust. There wasn't a chance of further financial support coming either from his father, who could hardly meet his own liabilities, nor from any of the few relatives who were scattered over the face of the globe. They were only too willing to give advice in pages written in a scholastic hand—all Blores were scholastic to a fault,—on paper headed with the Blore coat-of-arms.

So that was that. Australia was his oyster, and Peter had only to open it. Being young and ambitious, Peter was perfectly satisfied to step on the first rung of the ladder leading to success, fortified by the fact of his £400 odd in the bank.

1936 still saw Peter Blore in Melbourne, still trying to make his fortune, but in that year the sense of comparative security was not there, for there was no bank account to fall back on. You can't fall back on £10, not hard at least, nor for long.

His earning capacity was still the same as upon his arrival, but the prospects of getting something to do were nil. He had tried his hand at almost everything—but everything did not prove remunerative or lasting.

He had been counter-hand, and chauffeur, salesman of almost every commodity under the sun, hanger-on at the portals of sub-editorial rooms of the big daily newspapers, and a hundred and one other jobs, but the Gods refused to smile on Peter Blore.

As he was nearing the end of his financial resources, another young chap whom he had known back in Sussex, offered him a fairly sound proposition. Jack Carstings had £80, and if Peter could find a similar amount, they could pool their holdings and invest them in a deposit on a new car. A taxi-cab concern took on drivers with their own cars giving them for a small remuneration the benefit of their well-established service. One of them could drive [illegible] and the other at night. There wasn't a fortune in it, but there was a good living for both of them.

After three months of unemployment, the proposition had a vista of prosperity in it. But Peter had only a "tenner" which would be reduced to eight pounds ten shillings on the coming Saturday, for Mrs. Lonash, the landlady with whom he had boarded for the past five months, was very strict as regards the weekly payments in advance.

Where was he to get £70? With it he would not envy any prince of the royal blood of any king; and talking about kings, Peter had a peculiar dream. For a whole week his sleeping hours were haunted by Nero and ancient Rome. As soon as he would drop off to sleep he would find himself in that ancient city, standing next to Nero, while the fire-maddened crowd surged beneath his feet.

The proverbial fiddle was not in the ruler's hands; as a matter of fact, the hand that was not clasping Peter's shoulder held no musical instrument whatever, but was pointing to a mob of galloping horses with a bundle of Australian pound notes, while this portly monarch kept on shouting "Avanti Avanti!"

Tea was over. The four boarders of the be-spectacled Mrs. Lonash, were relaxing in the dubious comfort of ancient easy-chairs, in the room which was proudly referred to as the lounge.

Robert Blatch switched on the wireless. It was always he who performed this daily duty irrespective of the wishes of the others The instrument emitted a few crackling noises, eventually breaking into a distorted version of Peter Dawson's rendering of "We Joined the Navy,". There followed a detailed description of the advantages of a certain brand of soap. Pitter Blore was not interested. He was trying to read a book, but one can't be too receptive in reading Byron when it is done to the accompaniment of a third-class wireless set.

" . . . . . the following final accoptances for the Saturday's meeting come to you through the courtesy of Bax Bags Stores . . ." Peter tried hard to imbibe the beauty of Mazepa. " . . . . . the Maiden handicap, of six furlongs, for apprentice riders, claiming the usual allowances. The place of honour is filled by Brilliant Spear, whose second to Panorama at the Valley a fortnight ago was full of merit. The seven pounds more will not make much difference to this filly who comes from the stable of . . ." the wireless droned on " . . . Blue Blood, 7.12, Magora 7.7; Avanti 7.10, Exultant 7.10. . . . "

Peter sat up with a jerk. His sub-conscious mind registered the monotone of the announcer's talk. What was it he said just now?

'Excuse me Blatch, did the announcer say 'avanti'?"

"He did. It is a nag. Don't tell me you are interested in races."

'I am not, but tell me what kind of a horse is Avanti?"

'Just a horse, and not good at that. The last time it started it beat home only the ambulance. If you want a flutter in that race, have a smack at Brilliant Spear. She's a moral."

"Thanks for the information, but I don't think I'll have a bet."

Certainly he was going to have a bet. The idea!

But on Friday night Robert Blatch told him that although he was throwing good money away, he had got him tens with the bookie. £10 to £100. Goods odds that, but all the same like taking pennies from a blind man. Anyhow, do you know anything about the nag?"

'Not a thing, old man, just a hunch," said Peter Blore, who had eight-pence in his pocket, and nothing at all in the bank.

"Why didn't you have an each way bet? It may run into a place. Miracles may happen. But straight out? You must be cuckoo."

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At a quarter past three Peter came down from his room and entered the lounge. Nobody at home. He switched on the wireless, found the station which was broadcasting the races, and settled down to listen to his fate. He was not in the least excited. The fingers which still held the knob of the set were perfectly steady.

" . . . the barrier has been lowered, and the starter is calling the horses into line. Magora is on the rails, next to her is Brabant. The next horses to come are Blue Blood and Exultant on the extreme outside, inside Exultant is Fandago then Brilliant Spear . . . "

"Why in blue blazes doesn't he mention the horse," murmured Peter.

" . . . Brabant has turned sideways . . . now Fandango is out of place . . . here is a chance now . . . no Brabant has backed away from the barrier . . . the clerk of the course is leading him in . . . Brilliant Spear and Blue Blood have turned away . . . they are coming in in a fairly straight line . . . they are racing!"

Peter held his breath. It meant so much if . . . but what an if . . . Nero did you mean something? . . . was it a good hunch? . . . or was it a stroke of madness to dare all on a horse whose name he had heard in a dream, not even a name of a horse, just a word that happened to be the name of a rank outsider. If he does not win, a step off the platform will be the only course to take. But what was the announcer saying? " . . . Brabant was the first to break the line, and as they settle down he has opened a lead of two lengths from Son of Erin, Fandango, Avanti, closely followed by Magora on the rails, and the rest of the field two and a half lengths further back. After passing the five ing into a distorted version of Peter Dawson's rendering of "We Joined the Navy,". There followed a detailed description of the ad-

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## LARCENY CHARGE

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John Arthur Bird, milk-man, 29 years, married and father of three children, was found guilty of stealing £1 10/- the property of Mrs. Mary Ross, Marshall street, Ivanhoe.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

Plainclothes Constable Erwin gave evidence that he interviewed Bird on February 12 on the afternoon of the day when the theft took place, and the accused admitted having taken 2/- in notes from a purse lying on the kitchen window. He returned the money to the constable.

The employer of the accused testified that Bird had been employed for the last 11 years, during which time he had handled large sums of money, and had never given any reason to suspect dishonesty.

Accused was convicted and fined £5 in default 21 days' imprisonment.

## Thornbury District Car Club

On February 21 the club held a run to Badger creek. Leaving the Memorial Hall, the party proceeded along Heidelberg road and Burke road bridge to White-Horse road. The first stop was at Ringwood. Through Lilydale and Healesville, where the party was increased by several members, the party proceeded and soon the destination at Badger's Creek in delightful mountain settings, was reached. Lunch was taken, and the party then went blackberry-picking. The caretaker of the sanctuary (Mr. Green) conducted the party over the grounds, which proved both interesting and instructive. Many native animals and birds were seen, including such favourites as the kangaroo, and koala bears. "Splash" the platypus was shown by its owner, Mr. Eadie who gave an interesting chat concerning his pet which is four years old.

The run home completed a happy day.

On February 17 the club held the first card night, and there was a good muster of members. Mr. R. Smith and Mrs. Powell were the winners and Mrs. Rush and Mr. Gaunt received the consolation prizes.

## AVANTI WINS

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Passing the four furlong post Magora runs into second place with Son of Erin next, then coming Avanti and Brilliant Spear, coming on the outside of Blue Blood. As they approach the three Brabant leads only by a neck from Magora with Avanti in third place . . . half a length behind him is Brilliant Spear, Son of Erin dropping out of it . . . With two furlongs to go, Brabant has been passed by Magora, Avanti half a length back then Brilliant Spear followed by Blue Blood, Exultant, Son of Erin, Fandango, and the rest of the field right out of it. Coming to the turn, Avanti has joined Magora, Brilliant Spear coming with a great run . . . the three horses are entering the straight in a line . . . Magora on the rails, Avanti in the middle, and Brilliant Spear on the outside. As they straighten out, Brilliant Spear is nearly clear of the other two, his jockey is using his whip . . . he goes over to the rails . . . thundering down the straight the rest cannot catch up to the leader . . . Avanti is doing his best to finish within a length of the top-weight . . . with the fast finishing Exultant running into third place just cutting out Fandango . . . "

The announcer's voice makes a sudden leap into silence as Peter's fingers turn the knob.

"So that is that," he said calmly Peter Blore is not in the least excited. By running second, Avanti had passed sentence of death on Peter Blore, the young man who tried so hard to make good, who in a fit of madness staked his all on a horse, a horse which at its last start beat home only the ambulance. Why did he do it?

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Peter Blore picked up his hat, and quietly closing the door, stepped out into the sun-flooded street. If it was any consolation, at least it was a pleasant day on which to die. No need to hurry, he would enjoy his last walk. Why not go and have a milk-shake? One may as well be found dead with nothing in one's pockets.

The way Peter ordered a caramel milk-shake could never suggest a would-be suicide, nor did the smile which he gave the girl behind the bar as she took his sixpence, give anything in it her appreciation of her beauty.

"Blast that wireless." He had heard as much to-day as he wanted to hear. Nowadays one couldn't go anywhere without hearing something coming over the air, announcing to all and sundry the progress scores of some cricket match, the material advantage of patronising some firm of money-lenders, praises of some brand of cigarettes, and bits of music here and there, and the inevitable . . . "comes to you through the courtesy of . . . " Oh yes, the races, to be sure, the races, the one in the milk-bar was head at it.

" . . . of the meeting are:— Manooka Hurdle, run over two miles, Grey Baron, ridden by F. McCoy, first . . . "

Avanti was not first, and that was all that mattered to Peter Blore, . . . the placings in the Rainbow handicap . . . "

Who wanted to know all that? Not he. His race had been run and lost. No good crying over spilt milk. Talking of milk, this milk-shake certainly tasted good His last. Another quarter of an hour and a train accident the station would grind him to oblivion.

" . . . been upheld in the Malden handicap for two-year olds so that Avanti wins on protest . . . "

The girl behind the bar had no idea why the young man, who a few minutes ago asked for a milk-shake and appeared to enjoy it, fainted.

## Aged Painter Dies

APOSTOLIC CHURCH FATALITY

Two weeks ago we reported the collapse of the scaffolding on a painting job on the front of the Apostolic Church, in Wimble street Northcote. We learn that one of the two men injured in the accident, William Batchelor, 65 years, of Beaver's road Northcote, died on Saturday as a result of the injuries received then.

Batchelor was a former council employe, and was engaged voluntarily on this painting work.

## TRAFFIC OFFENCES

TRUCK COLLIDES WITH CABLE TRAM

At the Northcote Court on Friday, Robert Keith Fisher was charged with having driven a truck in a manner dangerous to the public.

Frederick C. World, gripman, of Langston street, Westgarth, gave evidence that on December 26 in High street, Northcote, a motor-truck driven by the defendant, proceeded in an erratic manner at a speed of approximately 30 to 35 miles an hour, came into collision with the cable tram which he was driving. The dummy suffered severe damage.

Senior Constable Kelly, who was a passenger on the tram, suffered slight injuries.

Defendant was fined £5 with 57/- costs.

EXCEEDED SPEED LIMIT

On a charge of having exceeded the speed limit of 20 miles an hour for vehicles over 2 tons weight on December 24 in St. George's road Northcote, Hector Reece, Merton street, Albert Park, was fined £3.

DANGEROUS DRIVING

A fine of £3 was imposed upon Augustus E. Pritchard, salesman, Bridge road, Richmond, for having driven a car on December 24 in St. George's road, Northcote, in a manner dangerous to the public.

The evidence was that Pritchard's car collided with a truck driven by R. Dunn. The damage to the truck was negligible.

Costs 7/6 were awarded against the defendant.

MAINTENANCE CLAIM

At the Northcote Court on Friday, Jack Brown, brass-finisher, of Separation street, Northcote was the defendant in a maintenance case, in which his wife, Phyllis Edith Brown was the complainant.

During the pre-lunch session both parties were in court, but on the resumption after lunch neither the complainant nor her solicitor made an appearance, and the P. M. (Mr. E. E. O'Grady) dismissed the case.

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Closely following the attempted hold-up in Herbert street, Northcote, when Howard Hunter was shot in the arm by two young men on February 12, Robert Russell Hosie, 26 Hill street, Hawthorn, reported an armed hold-up to the Preston police on the following Friday.

Mr. Hosie was in his car with a lady passenger near Reervoir, when a man thrust a sawn-off gun into his back, demanding money. The assailant was satisfied with the 3/- Mr. Hosie passed to him.

The police believe it was the same man who threatened a cyclist a couple of hours later.

## "GAY DESPERADO"

In one of the best shows of the year, "The Gay Desperado" glorious music is sung by handsome Nino Martini, in a gay, mad, frolicking escapade set to pulsating rythm and the laughter of love swept hearts to excite you with its charm, its romance, its carefree thrills!

## Ida Lupino Makes Her Debut at £1 a Week

Despite the fact that her father Stanley Lupino, was the highest-paid comedian in London, Ida Lupino made her debut at the staggering remuneration of five dollars a week.

Several years later her cousin, Lupino Lane, got her some extra work at the British International Studios, and less than a year later she was chosen for the lead in a British production, "Her First Affair." She was immediately acclaimed as a find.

Ida is an accomplished dancer, shining at the tap, ballet and ball-room varieties. She also plays the piano, sings well and speaks French fluently. On the brink of film-stardom, she still thinks the proverbial "home and babies" would provide the perfect career.

Her latest vehicle is "The Gay Desperado"

## FAY WRAY

Fay Wray was born in Wrayland Canada, September 15, 1907. When Fay was 14 years old, the family moved to Hollywood. While attending high school, she appeared in comedies and western pictures. Eric Von Stroheim selected the pert young miss to play a leading role in "The Wedding March," with the result that Paramount signed her for a long term contract. Her only stage appearance was in "Nikki" a play which her husband, John Monk Saunders wrote. Miss Wray is currently featured in "They Met in a Taxi"

## LIONEL STANDER

Lionel Stander was born in New York city on January 10, 1908. He was educated at high school, Military Academy, and University of North Carolina. He was expelled from five grammar schools, two high schools, and fifteen jobs before he became an actor. First tried acting on radio programme, and scored a personal success with "The Scoundrel" and has been a No. 1 film comedian ever since. His more important roles include "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" and the current "They Met in a Taxi."

## Joan Blondell Saved from Dog

Dick Powell's flying tackle of a Great Dane dog which was biting Joan Blandell saved the star from possible serious injury and the certainty of bad scratches during the filming of the First National picture "Stage Struck."

The Great Dane and two smaller dogs were in the scene with Powell, Miss Blundell, Jeanne Madden and Warren William. The dog which had been trained to lpull down anyone who ran from him for scenes of a recent Boris Karloff film, forgot his role in the current film.

Miss Blondell plays the part of a temperamental actress in "Stage Struck," a spectacular musical comedy romance.

## Northcote Social Club

### ENJOYABLE OUTING

The annual picnic of the Northcote Social club on February 14 at the Lavender Farm, Warrandyte was the most successful yet conducted by the club. After lunch an opportunity was given members to limber up for the exacting tasks.

The principal event was the N.S.C. derby, and much speculation occurred as to the probable winner. The parade past the grandstand to the starting barrier was spectacular and even thrilling. Many of the mounts proved hostile, and inclined to buck, and had it not been for the skilful handling by the riders, there is no doubt that some of them would have got out of hand. Mr. J. Ross handled the troublesome beasts with tact and caution, and after repeated efforts got the field away to a good start. It was a neck and neck, tail and tail struggle for the lead, until near the finish, when George Keech's mount fell. Wal Jackson's refused to go any further, and others got the cramp or whatever it is they happen to get, leaving Vern Scott's bolting steed a winner by a bit.

In a novelty guessing competition, Mrs. Welch proved her capacity for finding the missing number. Miss E. Shiels was successful in the single ladies race; whilst Mrs. H. Kennard again proved the advantages of keeping fit by rowing away with the championship cup. Mr. A. Gilchrist, with a great flourish of body-line won the event of bowling the tyre at the wicket, and Mr. A. Dalgleish and Mrs. R. Strahan proved champion ping pong ball throwers.

Mr. H. Kennard, president, thanked members for the interest and said he felt sure that the club would again have a happy and successful year.

## Manhattan Latin Dances Into Job

Because he was a Latin in Manhattan, Cesar Romero has become an accomplished actor. Scouts saw him dancing one night, found he spoke flawless English, and started him on a career that led through many famous stage productions to the screen where he threatens to become a matinee idol.

Discarding his early plan to become a banker, Romero forsook his job in a musty city bank for a brilliant career in ballroom dancing, cut short only by his stage debut. Romero is featured opposite Claire Trevor in "15 Maiden Lane."

## TOWN HALL BLOCK

We understand that 195 High street, Northcote, the building between the Library and Northcote Town Hall is going to be repainted together with the Town Hall..

At last some steps have been taken to make the civic block of Northcote of uniform colour, and put it in spick and span order.

## MERRI STATION ROBBERY

### MAN BEFORE COURT

At Northcote Court last Friday Stanley George, 18 years, Union street, Northcote, was remanded for a week on a charge of having broken into the Merri railway station with intent to commit a felony.

First Constable Caffin informed the court that four further charges of a similar nature will be preferred against the accused, when he was making application for the remand.

Bail was fixed at £150 with a surety of a similar amount.

## Did You Know?

Commercial vehicles in Greece must now by law, be painted blue. This is to ensure a uniform appearance in case the vehicles are required for military purposes.

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London's famous Tower bridge, now 43 years old cost more than £1¼ millions to build, and last year nearly £28,000 was spent on its maintenance. The arms are raised on an average about 13 times a day.

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A fish that cannot swim comes from Portuguese West Africa. Its common name is the mud-skipper. It breathes through its tail, and drowns if it gets out of its depth.

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Smoking was once compulsory for all children; this was in the year 1665, the Plague year, when the use of tobacco was regarded as a safeguard against infection.

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Ransom E. Olds is the only man now living who has founded two successful automobile companies. He gave his name to the Oldsmobile car, and the name Reo represents his initials.

By using ultra-violet rays, Australian detectives hope to be able to obtain finger prints from cloth and other soft surfaces.

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Shoes costing £45 a pair are produced by a shoemaker in Paris and he will only make them for people with feet which he considers fit to wear his "masterpieces."

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Ether was first used in England for operations in the year 1846.

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Licences were needed by Russians who wished to wear beards in the reign of Peter the Great, in the beginning of the 18th century who put a heavy tax on the "face fungus." His aim was to make the people shave in the European style.

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In England, immunity from motor-car insurance may be obtained by depositing the sum of £15,000 with the government Needless to say, this facility is seldom made use of.


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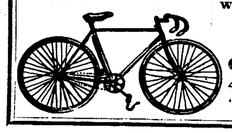

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# NEWS AND VIEWS
## OF THE WORLD OF FILMS

### Mystery: Find The Man Who Footed the Bill

Herbert Marshall, star of "Forgotten Faces" was telling Gertrude Michael, his leading lady, about two producers who visited the set during the filming of the picture. One producer was telling the other that he had just purchased a remarkable murder mystery story he intended making.

The mystery story was rather terrible, but the producer related the plot with great enthusiasm, according to Marshall. "And who do you think gets killed?" cried the producer. "Possibly the guy that puts money into that picture," said the other producer.

### Star Bans "Goody" Movie Roles

Gertrude Michael refuses to be "typed." To prove it, the blonde star has turned from her usual "sweet girl" roles and deliberately chosen to portray a screen villainess. It is in such a character that she is seen in "Forgotten Faces."

### Beauty Contest Winner

Winning of two beauty contests gave Mary Brian her start. Miss Brian, currently seen with Lynne Overman, William Frawley, and Roscoe Karns in Paramount's "Three Married Men," won her first beauty prize a few days after arriving in Hollywood, from Corsicana, Texas, to study art. She won the second at Ocean Park, California a week or two later. The two prizes gave her a theatre chance, and later the part of "Wendy" in Paramount's "Peter Pan."

Betty Ross Clark, featured in a supporting role in "Three Married Men" played opposite William Farnum in the early silent picture "If I Were King." Miss Clarke has appeared in stage productions in New York, London and Los Angeles.

Bennie Bartlett, ten-year-old child actor, who appears in the Paramount farce "Three Married Men" is a seasoned song-writer, despite his youth. The boy has sold Paramount two songs, for which Sam Coslaw of Paramount is writing lyrics.

## £.S.D. OF WIFEDOM

### WHAT YOUR WIFE IS WORTH

TREAT your wife tenderly, take care of her! She is worth a lot of money!

In the first place she is worth £52 per annum as a housekeeper, which gives her a capital value of £1900 right off the reel. Then she is worth an additional £52 per annum as a companion, raising her to £3915.

A lawyer would charge you a guinea for advice which your wife gives for nothing; and very often her advice is just as good, if not better. If you spend £5 a year on your lawyer, your wife's capital value over a span is raised by another £135, bringing the sum total to £3935.

To continue, the average wife is responsible for her husband getting an increase in salary, something like "a tenner", by continual encouragement to "go and tell the boss you are worth it." Therefore we can add on another £175. A similar amount is saved by your wife on doctors' bills. Nine single men out of ten are inclined to call in a doctor when they get a cold, but the married man is tucked into bed, given a hot water bag, a glass of something or other, and told to go to sleep.

That brings the total cash value of a wife up to £4265. An additional amount of £125 being the yearly saving of £5 when a wife buys the husband's shirts, collars, ties, and underwear, makes her value £4390.

There is a matter of £10 or thereabouts saved on income tax because of offsets and marriage allowance, etc. and this, added to £15 a year a wife saves her husband on laundry raises her capital value to £4765. We can safely include another £165 for savings on extravagant tips. A married man has the benefit of his wife's winning smile to make a three-penny-bit tip look like a shilling.

What she saves at Xmas by judicious shopping; what she saves by cutting down her husband's smoking and "refreshments" allowance is worth another say five hundred in the course of the average marriage.

This brings our figure up to £5,0000 as the cash value of an every-day wife, but for goodness sake don't let her know that, or she may want interest on that sum.

Perhaps this is why there are so many male bigamists.

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### Housewives and the Referendum

How should a housewife vote in the Referendum to be held on March 6?

With regard to aviation, a "Yes" vote is now an almost foregone conclusion, as State control would be obviously inadequate.

But it largely remains with the housewife to decide the other issue since she is responsible for the family budget, and every penny that is added to the every-day commodities, such as bread, butter and sugar is of importance to her.

We are asked to vote "Yes" on the marketing question in order that producers may be allowed to institute voluntary selling pools for any or all forms of primary produce, according to the desire of each group. In other words, if a group of producers think they can improve prices they will form a pool; and if they do not think the prices will be improved no pool will be formed!

Incidentally a "Yes" vote will leave it open to the manufacturers to take joint action and fix prices to suit themselves, in addition to the high protection most of them are already receiving from a high import tariff!

It is pointed out that a "Yes" vote will enable the Federal government to guarantee to the primary producers of each State complete independence in the disposal of their produce, whether it be wheat, wool, butter eggs etc., if they are disposed to organise their particular industry. We all know that dried fruits and dairy produce, under acts since found illegal, operated successfully during the last decade because they extracted high prices from the Australian consumer to compensate for the low prices ruling in Europe; and can only presume that other industries will institute selling pools, if encouraged, but only if they can see their way to stiffen prices for their own commodity.

If these pools were made compulsory, with a view to stabilising and equalising the prices, so that, for example, a rise in the price of wheat in the world's market would cheapen that commodity here for bakers and millers and poultry farmers etc., we might sit up and take notice, but the Lyons government in refusing the principle of compulsory pools, proposes to leave the consumer completely at the mercy of producers, in that when prices are satisfactory (like wheat to-day) producers will not be compelled to organise, but when world's parity rules low in certain commodities, the producers will quickly enough organise themselves (as in the case of butter and dried fruits) to extract from the Australian public the profit they are unable to make in the world's markets.

There is logic in the opposition's argument that complete control, or none at all, should be exercised by the federal government, and it is hard to see how any consumer, especially a house-wife, can be persuaded to vote anything but "No" in the marketing proposition which can only add to the already high cost of living.

## HILATORIUM

People who live in glass houses should pull down the blinds.

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A prospectus is a man who looks for gold.

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The minerals of Australia are lemonade, ginger-beer, ginger-ale and soda-water.

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If you drop a spoon it means that visitors are coming. If you miss them, the visitors have gone.

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The Royal Mint is what the King has with roast lamb.

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A free country is one where the income tax inspector doesn't tell you you have to keep books.

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# Recent Weddings

## Four Attendants

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O'FARRELL—HAYES

PINK and gold gladioli decorated the high altar of St. Mary's Church, High street, Thornbury, on January 30, when Miss Loretta Elizabeth Hayes, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hayes, of "Geraldine" 39 Clarendon street, Thornbury, was married to Mr. Thomas O'Farrell, only son of Mrs. T. O'Farrell and the late Mr. T. O'Farrell, of Ferry crescent, East Brunswick. Rev. Father Vaughan officiated.

To her deep magnolia satin gown cut on Grecian lines, the bride made a charming picture as she entered the church on her father's arm. The V-neckline was caught with a pearl brooch, and a Limerick lace veil was held at the nape of the neck with a cluster of orange blossom. A bouquet of Christmas and water lilies was carried.

The matron of honour was Mrs. R. T. Cahir, and the three bridesmaids were Misses Muriel Wilson, (South Australia) Eileen Howard, and Gladys Hayes. They were frocked alike in deep cream chiffon over pale gold taffeta, with belts of seed pearls, and stitched with gold thread. Dainty capes of chiffon made of four cowls shirred together formed a yoke, and each carried a sheaf of pastel tinted gladioli.

Mr. John Hogan was best man, and during the signing of the register Mrs. Nash sang "Ave Maria."

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Oriental hotel, where Miss Howard received the guests in the absence of Mrs. Hayes.


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## Orange Blossom at Neckline

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HILL—WARREN

THE marriage of Miss Elizabeth May Warren, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Warren, of 24 Oakover road, South Preston, and Mr. Frederick Hill, youngest son of Mr and Mrs. T. Hill, of Green Island, New Zealand, was celebrated at the Methodist Church, South Preston on December 12 by the Rev L. S. S. Saunders.

For her gown, the bride chose sheer metallasse, cut with a square cowl neckline caught with sprays of orange blossom, and cowl sleeves. The skirt extended into a flowing train, and her veil was mounted on tulle, and held with orange blossom. Water lilies were grouped in her bouquet.

A complete foil was the attire of the bridesmaid, Miss Joyce Warren in blue cloque and a hat to match. Vivid scarlet carnations were bunched in her bouquet.

Mr. J. S. Warren was best-man.

After the ceremony a breakfast was held at the home of the bride's parents. A black tailored costume with hat and bag to match was selected by the bride for travelling. The honeymoon was spent in New Zealand.


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"Blonde" asks:—Can an electric steamer be used on all skins?

Answer:—The steamer should not be used on delicate, dry and parchment like skins. Your own judgment will tell you when the steamer will be effective.

L.T." asks:—What can you advise to use when the neck is getting wrinkled?

Answer:—Tissue building cream and neck exercises will help.

"Miss Madge" asks: Where should rouge be applied on different types of faces?

Answer:—For a square face begin apex of rouge near the nose, broadening out triangle-wise towards the ear. For the oval face, place rouge fulness round the molar bone only. On the wedge-shaped face begin apex under the eye, rouge high to the temple, down towards the ear, and bend slightly down the cheek.

"In Despair" writes:—I have put on quite a lot of weight in the last six months, but am specially worried about the roll of fat just above my waist. Can you please help me?

Answer:—You must watch your diet, and take more exercise. Avoid fried foods, fatty meats, potatoes and sweets. Eat plenty of green-stuff and fresh fruits, and drink between meals; either half an hour after or before. Also guard against constipation. You will never lose weight if your system is not working properly. If you can carry out these instructions, I can promise you that the roll of fat above your waist will disappear.

"Mussy": What can be done to improve finger-nails that split, crack and break in spite of oil treatment?

Answer:—There are many possibilities of definite disease causing the difficulty. Ringworm of the nails is much more common than thought possible. A number of internal complaints also affect nail health. Keep your nails short and have them frequently manicured so splits do not travel into the nail body. Avoid keeping the hands in water if possible. Also try and omit liquid nail polish, for this sometimes has a drying effect.

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## White Flowers

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WARREN—FORD

WHITE flowers decked St. Matthew's Church, Prahran on January 23 for the wedding of Miss Iris Ella Ford and Mr. George Ernest Edward Warren. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dixie Ford of Stewart street, Windsor, and the groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Warren, "St. Elmo" Flinders street, Thornbury.

The bride's gown was fashioned of lustrous satin, and the graceful bodice had a Peter Pan collar, and was fastened with tiny buttons while the skirt was fully flared. Her billowy embroidered tulle veil was caught to the head by a coronet of orange blossom, and in her bouquet were white gladioli and arapanthus. The bride was given away by her father.

Misses Jennie W. Burnside and Marcel Edwards were bridesmaids. Miss Burnside's frock was of eiel blue courtaulds crepe, and she wore a matching straw hat, and Miss Edwards chose a dainty frock of rose pink crepe de chene, and a floral bandeau adorned her hair. Each maid carried a bouquet of carnations and sprays of fern.

Mr. R. L. Warren was best man, and Mr. R. J. Chirnside was groomsman. The Rev. P. W. Robinson performed the ceremony.

Afterwards a reception was held at 522 High street, Croxton.

## Flowing Magnolia Gown

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FURNESS—ARMSTRONG

ST LUKE'S Church, St. George's road, North Fitzroy was the setting for a delightful wedding on December 19, when Miss Thelma Irene Armstrong, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Armstrong, and Mrs. Saunders of Yarraville, was married to Mr. John Furness, of North Fitzroy.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, chose a flowing gown of magnolia satin, made with a demure Peter Pan collar and long tight sleeves. She carried a sheaf of creamy water-lilies, and on her head she wore a long tulle veil.

Miss F. Furness was the only bridesmaid, and little Peggy Furness was trainbearer. The bridesmaid wore a gown of green floral taffeta over which was worn a green stiffened net coat. She held a sheaf of gladioli. The trainbearer was frocked in pink taffeta.

Mr. G. Coleman acted as best-man, and the Rev. Sinclair performed the ceremony. During the signing of the register Mrs. Ryan sang.

A wedding breakfast was held at the dispensary hall, Clifton Hill, where about 50 guests were entertained, among them being the bride's two grandmothers, Mrs. Cousins of Geelong, and Mrs. Wright of Regent. The bride's mother selected an ensemble in navy with a spray of yellow blooms and the groom's mother wore an ensemble of navy floral silk.

After the breakfast some 150 guests were entertained at a reception, where Mr. A. Herndon and partner gave exhibition dances and Mrs. Ryan sang.

Later in the evening the couple left for Marysville. They will make their home in Preston.

Mr. J. Redmond, of Redmond's Hardware Store, High street, Northcote is at present holidaying at Patterson River Golf Club.

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## Vote No Every Time

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What about the federal income tax; of federal probate duties; the petrol tax; the federal capital; the frequent federal jaunts of Ministers and others to England together with their wives and families, uncles and aunts, secretaries and other hangers-on?

What about all the cushy jobs to parasites?

Pity the referendum is not to abolish the whole blooming lot—Parliament, federal capital, taxes and everything else.

Taxpayers — It is dangerous to vote Yes! Don't lie down and ask for more burdens!

Responsibility for all matter concerning the referendum poll in this issue is taken by G. Sills, 309 High street, Northcote.

## COOKERY NOOK

The last few days have been very hot, and naturally one's thoughts turn to cool dishes. Quite a number of people have written to me asking for salad dressing recipes to be used with cold meats and salads. Here are two, which are both good:—

**French Salad Dressing**

Ingredients—3 tablespoons olive oil; ½ saltspoon salt; ½ saltspoon mixed mustard; pinch of white pepper; 1½ tablespoons vinegar.

Put the oil into a large basin, stir in salt, mustard and pepper. Mix all thoroughly with a wooden spoon. Add drop by drop the vinegar, keeping it well stirred all the time. Toss the prepared salad dressing just before sending to the table. If the green salad is allowed to lie in the vinegar for any length of time, it will turn limp and black.

**Italian Salad Dressing**

Ingredients—1 tablespoon grated onion; ½ teaspoon salt, shake of pepper; 1 hard-boiled egg; 4 tablespoons olive oil; 2 tablespoons vinegar.

Mix the yolk smoothly with the oil, onion, salt, and a little pepper. Makes one gill of dressing.

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## BREAKING and ENTERING CHARGES

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YOUTH RELEASED ON BOND

Appearing for the defendant, Mr. Hartnett pleaded for leniency in the cases in which Edwin Gunsser, 18 years, Bastings street, Northcote, was charged last Friday at the Northcote Court, with having broken into the Fairfield Baptist Church on January 27, and stealing a silver communion tray valued at 17/6 and two shillings in a collection box; also on a charge of having broken into the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Railway place, Fairfield on February 6 with intent to commit a felony.

On application, the bench altered the charges to larceny and attempted larceny respectively.

Plainclothes Constable Erwin gave evidence that the accused admitted having been concerned in company with two other youths. The stolen plate was sold by the defendant in Smith street, Collingwood for 5/-.

Rev. William J. T. Pay, vicar of St. Paul's, Fairfield, gave an excellent personal reference to the accused, and promised the court that should the bench see fit to release him on bond, he personally would see to his future welfare.

The father of the accused said he had signed the boy on in the Melbourne Technical College on the day of his son's arrest, for a course of engine-driving. He attributed his son's lapse to unemployment and coming under bad influence.

The P. M. (Mr. E. E. O'Grady) sentenced the accused to two months' imprisonment on each charge, making the sentences concurrent, and releasing the accused on a bond of £10 and one surety of £10 to be of good behaviour for two years.


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## We Struck The Nail On The Head

### LEADER-BUDGET ROUSES GREAT PUBLIC INTEREST

BY featuring in last week's issue the necessity for a vehicular bridge over the Reservoir line where there now exists only a non-traffic bridge we struck the nail on the head.

The volume of correspondence, some of which we reproduce below, and the number of 'phone calls testify to the urgent requirements of the Preston and Northcote residents affected by the non-existence of a traffic bridge between the municipalities proper and the west.

We are anxious to hear what both councils are going to do in the matter. Should they want space in our columns to make a public announcement, we will only be too pleased to co-operate.

We have stated our side of the argument. Now hear what are the views of others pertaining to the "Bridge That Isn't."

### Discussion by Preston Council

At the meeting of the Preston City Council on Monday, reference was made to the Miller street "bridge" by Cr. Mott, who said that the present structure carried but a single tram-line. To convert it into a bridge which would serve the needs of pedestrian and vehicular traffic would no doubt present difficulties, but these difficulties were not insurmountable, and could be overcome. He suggested that the Preston council should consider this aspect — whether the conversion of the present structure into a public bridge would be of service to the district; and at the same time obtain an estimate of what the cost of conversion would be.

The nearest railway crossings to this bridge were at Hutton street, Northcote, and Oakover road, Preston, and both of these were level crossings.

There were four bodies who would be interested in the matter —the Northcote and Preston councils, the Tramways Board, and the Railways Department. This was the only "bridge" of its kind in the metropolis, and he would say unhesitatingly that the presence of such a structure would not be tolerated in the Southern and Eastern suburbs. He moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the council for consideration; and that the views of the Northcote council be ascertained.

Cr. Adamson seconded the motion. He said that a vehicular bridge at this point would be a boon to both municipalities as it would provide a free outlet for cross-traffic. That there were difficulties, he was well aware, as the land from St. George's road to Ethel street, Northcote, was private property (owned by the Tramways Board).

**Used by Pedestrians**

Continuing, Cr. Adams said that upwards of 800 pedestrians crossed the "bridge" daily—at their own risk—and this in itself was definite proof that some means of allowing people to cross the line at this point was an urgent necessity. At his factory (the Glen Iris Brick Works, Thornbury) were employed over 100 men, and of these approximately 60 per cent were residents of Preston, so that, after their day's work, these men had to go back to Hutton street to cross the railway line on their way home.

Gangs of railway men were frequently to be seen repairing the fences along the line—fences which had been broken down by people who crossed at unauthorised places. So continuous had been the repairs required to a picket fence that at last the Railways had substituted wire fences.

**Trap for Accidents.**

Another factor, said Cr. Adams, was that the Miller street side of the ramp closed much of what should be the entrance to Ethel street, and it was a common thing to see accidents narrowly averted on that account.

There would be difficulties, but it would be in the interests of residents on both sides of the line to see that something was done, as a public bridge at this point would give added facilities for crossing from one side of the line to the other; and a proper bridge would eliminate some of the eye-sore that existed at this point.

The motion was carried unanimously.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—In your last issue you bring forward the suggestion for a bridge in Miller street, in an article "The Bridge That Isn't."

In it you have a quotation "ask any motorist . . ." I am a car-owner, and daily I have to go to my place of employment in Oakover road. The delay and waste of petrol through keeping the engine running while waiting for the gates to open is quite considerable when taken over a period of a year.

A bridge to carry all traffic in Miller street is just what motorists want, and there are hundreds in Northcote and Preston who would greatly benefit by such a bridge.

You mention the cost of the bridge. Cannot a certain portion of this be borne by the body which benefits so largely by car registration? Yours etc.,

PRESTON MOTORIST.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—In regard to your article on "The Bridge That Isn't" may I suggest that some kind of a committee be formed to make representations to both the councils concerned. It is high time that an overhead bridge open to all traffic was constructed in this vicinity. If the respective councils do no take some steps in that direction, I would sugest that your paper sponsors the appointment of a committee to take the matter in hand. Yours etc.,

"SUGGESTION"

Keon street, Thornbury.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—As a resident of Miller street, Thornbury for the past ten years, your article on "The Bridge That Isn't" proved of particular interest. I have witnessed many narrow escapes by motorists and children; and I have gone to the assistance of car-drivers (strangers to the district) who, following the route of the electric trams, and being unable to pull up in time, found themselves trapped in the cattle pits. One car smashed two front wheels, and others have been badly damaged.

I have complained to the council re the state of the unmade road, footpath, and the gutter that does no exist in reality. I am willing to pay my share if there are any costs involved.

All the relief we can get is a few ashes (which the rain soon washes away) leaving stagnant pools to breed mosquitoes.

Your article is a timely one, and perhaps concerted agitation will make the Preston and Northcote councils sit up and take notice, or will an outbreak of fever or a fatal smash wake them up? Yours etc.,

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## NORTHCOTE A.N.A.

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The quarterly meeting of the Northcote branch was held in the Austral hall on February 18 with a large attendance. It was decided that the president and vice-president should represent the branch at the annual smoke night of the I.O.R. Northcote Tent on February 25. An invitation was received to attend the meeting of the Northcote branch A.L.P. In the balance-sheet of Clifton Hill and Northcote U.F.S. Dispensaries it was noticeable that the Northcote A.N.A. paid more than any other friendly society — an indication of growing membership. Circulars were received from the Board of Directors re support of "Yes" vote in the coming referendum.

Two new members were welcomed by the president (Mr. Parry) and 7 were nominated. Messrs D. Conway, T. Bolt and R. Pitch represented the committee activities. The Messrs Evers and Guerin on metropolitan committee activities. The balance sheet and report of the library was received. During the half-year the library has balanced its budget. A minute of appreciation was recorded to the librarian (Mr. Barker) and assistant librarian (Mr. Glanville).

The syllabus item for the evening was a lecture by Mr. W. Blackburn on First Aid, who gave an interesting and informative talk.

A vote of thanks was passed at the instance of Messrs Turnbull and Aldridge.

The syllabus item for the next meeting is a euchre night and conference agenda paper on March 4.

CELEBRITY VAUDEVILLE

A splendid show was presented at the Northcote Town Hall on Monday night when a large crowd braved the weather and enjoyed the programme. Harry Keegan, yodeller with banjo and guitar was appreciated; Freddie Ford supplied lots of fun; the Dancing Gilberts executed some snappy steps; Iris Roderick mimicked to everyone's amazement and added were some good singing, original and humorous sketches, making the whole one of the best vaudeville shows in Melbourne. The winner of the acrobatic section was Val Tanner, aged 7.


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

**THE BULBS (Daffodils)**

It is a mistake to think that all winter and spring flowering bulbs should be planted at the same time

When bulbs are mentioned we include true bulbs, tubers and corms, all of which are commonly spoken of as bulbs.

**Daffodils.**

Daffodils should be planted as early as possible, as the bulbs do not keep well out of the ground for any length of time. The most popular class of daffodils is the giant trumpet, of which a fine collection can be secured from mixed bulbs from a reliable source, which contain giant varieties that are not named, and are spoken of as seedlings.

The Barr's Leeds, Incomparabilis and Poeticus varieties produce smaller flowers, and many of them have wonderful colourings, and should be grown as well as trumpets.

Daffodils should be planted four inches deep in rows one foot apart and six inches between each bulb. A little well-sifted cow manure or some bone manure well mixed with the soil usually gives the best results.

**Anemones.**

One of the best strains is the Sunbeam St. Brigid, which produces huge double flowers in all shades of pink, scarlet, crimson, blue and purple. Anemones must have a particularly well-drained soil, and some of the best results are from plants grown in the rockeries. In such a position the plants are very healthy, and produce large flowers for a long period.

**Lachenalias.**

The best of all Lachenalias (commonly known as "Soldiers") is Aurea, a rich golden variety which has handsome foliage and gives many spikes from every bulb. They make a splendid display when massed in the garden, putting the bulbs in six inches apart. As bulbs for growing in bowls in fibre, or in soil in pots, they cannot be surpassed.

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**Other Bulbs.**

Other good varieties for planting during February and March are: Spanish and Dutch Iris; Grape Hyacinth, Muscar, Heavenly Blue, Tritomias, Scilla (The English Bluebell), Watsonias, Ixias.

**Notes.**

Daffodils which have not been lifted for two years, should be taken up before the end of February. The bulbs should not be kept out of the ground for long unless they are kept in a very cool, dry place, otherwise they will shrivel, and the flowers will be smaller than they should be.


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EVERY Candidate at such Election must be nominated at the office of the Council, Town Hall, High Street, Northcote, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 4 o'clock in the afternoon on or before the NOMINATION DAY, viz: — WEDNESDAY, the 3RD DAY OF MARCH, 1937, by delivery to my deputy, Mr J. A. Thomson, (Town Clerk), of a Nomination Paper in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1928.

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M. M. PHILLIPS, Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons. Melbourne, 17th February, 1937.

ELECTION NOTICES

Northcote City Council

**Central Ward By-Election**

OWING to the lamented death of Cr J. Sutch and at the request of a number of Ratepayers of the Ward, MR. H. W. SHEWAN of 213 High Street, Northcote, announces his intention to OFFER HIMSELF as a CANDIDATE for the Vacancy.

A meeting of friends and supporters will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 3RD at the Northcote Town Hall.

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CHURCH NOTICES

**HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY** Shaftesbury Pde. (off High St.) "The Church With a Welcome" **February 28—3rd Sunday in Lent**
8 a.m.: Holy Communion.
11 a.m.: Choral Eucharist.
4.15 p.m.: Holy Baptism.
7 p.m.: Evensong and Sermon. Subject: "Come Into the Parlor." Celebrant and Preacher, The Vicar (Rev W. H. Chamberlain)

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH of ENGLAND, Plenty Rd., E. Preston Sunday, 28th February**
8 a.m.: Holy Communion.
10 a.m.: Service for Children.
11 a.m.: Morning Prayer, Rev Henry Host (appeal for the Blind)
7 p.m.: Evening Prayer, Rev Arthur M. Capner.
Retiring Collections for the Victorian Institute for the Blind.

**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY** Bayview Street, Northcote **February 28—3rd Sunday in Lent**
8 a.m.: Holy Communion.
11 a.m.: Matins,
Preacher, Bishop of Geelong.
7 p.m.: Evensong, The Rev F. E. Thornton.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**
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THANKS

WILLIAMS—Mrs G. Williams desires to THANK all friends for cards, letters, telegrams, and floral tributes in her time of bereavement in the loss of her dearly beloved husband. Will all please accept this as an acknowledgment of thanks. —27 Clapham St., Thornbury.

MUNICIPAL NOTICES

CITY OF PRESTON
**TENDERS**

TENDERS are invited, returnable up till noon on MONDAY, 1ST MARCH, 1937, for the construction, in re-inforced concrete, of—
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**DANCES**
(in aid of the Mayor of Preston's Relief Fund.)
Grand Opening Nights
MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY—
CITY HALL, "Old Time" Dance and Class, 7.30 till 11.30 p.m., 8 Teachers, Bill Stranger's "Old Time" Band. Admission 1/1.
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**Preston Girls' School**
**Re-Union of Ex-Pupils**
AT THE SCHOOL
SATURDAY 27th FEBRUARY
At 2.30 p.m.
**Sport and Social**
Girls are asked to bring a plate of cakes.
J. PRYOR ,Hon. Sec.

# BOXING

SIMPKINS KNOCKED OUT

A durable and game boxer, "Spike" Simpkins, 10.10, was knocked out by Jim Maloney, 10.13, during the tenth round of a 12-round contest at Fitzroy last week. Although Maloney appeared to be somewhat over his usual fighting weight, he was too speedy for Simpkins during the early rounds, repeatedly evading the vicious swings, any one of which might have ended the bout. More successful during the fourth round, Simpkins had Maloney down to a short count, the bell interrupting an interesting clash. The fifth round was the best of the contest. Both boxers stood up to considerable punishment; Maloney's work being neater but not as effective as Simpkins. At this stage Simpkins appeared to be unfortunate, as on two occasions he was apparently in trouble because of low punches. Both boxers punched hard when in close, and Simpkins showed a decided preference for long range work. The end came during the tenth, when Simpkins, commencing a punch, was stopped by a right, delivered with enough power to send him down to be counted out amid the surprised yells of the spectators.

**Preliminaries**

Ernie Myers, 10.4, avenged his defeat of a fortnight ago by decisively outpointing Bob Murray, 10.4, in a 10-round preliminary, but collapsed immediately after being crowned by the referee.

Bill Turney, 9.0, who never fails to provide a good display, found a regular "tartar" in Dick Rawson, 9.4. Badly rattled by a terrific right to the jaw in the third, Turney responded gamely and thrilled spectators by his fighting finish which earned him the decision. Bleeding copiously and looking much the worse for wear, both lads were exhausted at the final gong.

Billy Clarke, 7.11, and Fred Hadfield 8.4 both slightly built, indulged in a fierce exchange over four rounds. Hadfield refused to wilt under Clarke's more purposeful punching and slugged away at every opportunity. A good fight and the decision—a draw—appeared to please everyone except the trainers.

Joe Cleve, 10.0, connected repeatedly during the third round of his contest with Bill Newton, 10.0 but lacked the condition to complete the work. Newton recovered and dealt out heavy punishment during the remaining rounds, winning easily on points.

In a wild scramble, Young Lewis, 10.0, knocked out Harry Parker, 10.0 during the first of a four-round contest.

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NOTICES

CITY HALL PRESTON
**Tuesday, March 2**
At 8 p.m.
**Messrs. H. P. ZWAR, M.L.A., MAURICE BLACKBURN L.LB, M.H.R.**
Will deliver ADDRESSES on the REFERENDUM.

**REASONS WHY THE VOTE SHOULD BE "NO"**

NOTICES

**THE CREMATORIUM**
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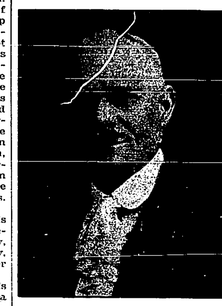
**Fawkner Memorial Park**
(New Melbourne Cemetery)
WILL be OPEN for INSPECTION on Sundays between the hours of 10.0 a.m. and Noon, and 2.0 p.m. and 4.0 p.m. The Garden of Remembrance is open for Inspection daily including Sundays.

# OBITUARY

COUNCILLOR JAMES SUTCH

After several months' illness, the death occured on February 16 of Cr. James Sutch, J.P., of 22 Traill street, Northcote. The interment was made at the Coburg cemetery on Tuesday morning, and the cortege was followed by a representative gathering including officers of the Gwalla Lodge No. 264 U.A.O.D., Northcote branch, Mr. F. W. Johnson (High School), and officers of the Northcote City council, the Mayor of North-



THE LATE CR. J. SUTCH, J.P.

cote, and fellow-councillors. Numerous wreaths were received, and the flag at the Northcote Town Hall was flown at half-mast as a token of respect. The late Cr. Sutch is survived by a widow and four daughters.

The pall-bearers were as follows —the Mayor (Cr. A. V. Peters) and Crs. Hayes and Dennis, (representing the council), Mr. F. A. Jenkins (representing the Municipal Association), Mr. H. P. Brady, (representing the Master Builders' Association of Victoria), Mr. T. A. Pemberton (representing the Building Industry Congress) and Messrs C. Burt and H. Gane.

Out of the 33 years that Cr. Sutch had lived in Northcote, 20 had been passed as a member of the Northcote council. During this time he was chairman of the Public Works committee (1920—21 and 1930—31), chairman of Streets and Quarry committee (1922—23) chairman of the Electric Light committee (1924—24, 1928—29, and 1932—33), and chairman of the Committee of the council (1926—27) and in 1925—26 Cr. Sutch was mayor of the municipality.

He was also a council representative on the Northcote Park Committee of Management, to which he was appointed in March 1930. Two years prior to that date he was the council's representative to the Municipal Association in which capacity he attended the Building Industry Congress.

For the first three years of this century, Cr. Sutch was a member of the Richmond council.

Formerly the secretary of the Timber Workers' Union of Victoria, the late councillor was also a member of the Master Builders' association of Victoria, being in business as a builder and contractor. Prior to his entry to the Northcote council in August 1917, he was president of the South Ward Ratepayers' association, and an active member of the Fitzroy, Northcote and Preston Tramway Trust which established electric tramways (the St. George's road and East and West Preston lines) in those suburbs.

Before coming to Northcote Mr. Sutch was an inspector of Railways and Bridges in Western Australia.

At the meeting of the council on Monday, motions were carried as follows:—"That the council hereby records its sincere regret at the passing of the late Cr. James Sutch and its deepest sympathy with his widow and family in their great sorrow and the irreparable loss suffered by them. The best thanks and keen appreciation of the council and the citizens for the able and faithful service rendered to the city by the late Cr. Sutch in his capacity as councillor over a period of 20 years is also hereby placed on record. That the town clerk be authorised to forward a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Sutch and express to her and the members of the family the sincere condolences and warmest sympathy of the council and the citizens who deeply mourn the passing of a kindly colleague and warm friend."

"Further, that as a mark of respect for the late Cr. Sutch, this meeting of the council be adjourned until 7.30 p.m. on Monday next, March 1."

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday night, it was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to the widow and family; and a further letter to the Northcote councillors expressing sympathy on the passing of a colleague.

# CHURCH NEWS

**Christian Science**

"Christ Jesus" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 28. The golden text is from Hebrews 13 : 8. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever." Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." (John 14: 16, 17.) 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: "Truth's immortal ides is sweeping down the centuries, gathering beneath its wings the sick and sinning. My weary hope tries to realise that happy day, when man shall recognise the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as himself—when he shall realise God's omnipotence and the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done and is doing for mankind. . . In the words of St. John: 'He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.' This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science." Page 55.

**Holy Trinity, Thornbury**

Deploring the apathy existing in the world to-day to things essential to the welfare of the community, Rev W. H. Chamberlain, in a special Lenten sermon at evensong on Sunday, entitled "I Don't Care," declared that the Christian spirit of "caring" was needed desperately in every sphere of life to-day. A splendid attendance was recorded at this service.

On Sunday week, Miss Jean Love (soprano), of Hamilton, winner of the Melba Scholarship, will sing at evensong.

Services are being held during Lent on Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings.

Preparations are proceeding for an adequate celebration of the Golden Jubilee of this church, to commence on Trinity Sunday (May 23).

**MILITIA NEWS—57/60th BATTALION**

The Men's Mess is organising a picnic to Seaford on March 14 to raise funds to furnish the mess.

The Sergeants' Mess is holding a dance in the Drill hall on March 6.

Steady enrollment in the militia has practically filled the unit, the remaining vacancies numbering about ten.

**Preston A.N.A.**

AT a meeting of the Preston branch A.N.A. on Monday next in the Town Hall a debate on the marketing proposals of the Federal government will take place between the Preston and Preston South branches. As each will be represented by its strongest team, this debate should be interesting.

**Charity Dance**

AGAIN last Monday evening, people young and old attended at Preston Town Hall and passed an enjoyable time in dancing for charity. Something like 200 persons put in an appearance, and money taken at the doors passed out at £10/[illegible]. Demonstrations of old-time dancing were given by Miss Bruton and Mr. Weston.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. A. G. Davis) attended in their official capacities on Monday night, the consecration of the Sanctuary of St. John's Church of England, in Epping. The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Melbourne, (Dr. F. W. Head.)

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# PERSONAL

Lieut. D. D. Smith, Staff Corps officer of 57/60th Battalion is enjoying his annual vacation at Mornington. His family is accompanying him.

Mrs Hatton, of Beavers road, Northcote, has returned from Adelaide after spending four weeks' holiday in delightful weather.

The friends of Mr P. C. Saloway, of William street, Preston, will be pleased to learn that he is satisfactorily recovering from his illness. Another operation is to be performed on his eyes next week, as a result of which it is confidently expected that his sight will be normal again.

At the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday, congratulations were voiced by the mayor (Cr Davis) and a number of councillors upon the elevation of Cr Adams to the position of managing director of the Glen Iris Brick Tile and Terra Cotta Co. Pty. Ltd.

An illuminated address was presented to Cr H. F. Swain, J.P., on behalf of the Preston Council by Cr. J. W. Adams, in recognition of his fine service to the city as mayor in 1935-36.

Mr W. Shaw, High street, Preston, is about again after being the victim of a broken ankle, received while playing golf.

Miss Mabel Cooper, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Cooper, Cunningham stret, Northcote, left by the Moldavia this week on a trip to England.

Mr H. P. Zwar, M.L.A., and Mrs Zwar were present on Wednesday evening at a social in the local town hall in connection with Preston branch A.W.A. On the same evening Mr Zwar put in an appearance at the annual meeting of Preston Lacrosse Club.

Mr H. Dyte, J.P., formerly a chemist at Thornbury and more recently a resident at Elwood, has made another start in a similar direction on the corner of Glen Eira and Hawthorn roads, Caulfield.

Ex-Cr H. Norris has sold his property in Regent street, Preston, and removed to another suburb.

Mr and Mrs P. Ogden, Christmas street, Northcote, recently entertained about forty friends in celebration of the coming-of-age of their daughter, Mavis.

Dr G. J. Yule, Invercargill (New Zealand) has been the guest of his brother, Dr R. J. B. Yule, High street, Preston. He arrived on February 14 and left on Wednesday of this week for Sydney, in which State he intends to remain for about ten days. Dr G. J. Yule was a delegate appointed from New Zealand to attend Rotary Club celebrations in Melbourne.

The marriage of Mr. Jas. P. Carruthers of 76 Andrew street, Northcote, to Miss Maisie Wishart Kitson, of 9 Smith street, Thornbury, will take place at the Presbyterian Church, James street, Northcote, on Saturday, February 27, at 4.30 p.m.

On January 24 at Epworth Hospital, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs T. E. Maslen, of South street, Preston.

Mr and Mrs Seal, Birch street, Preston, are rejoicing in the birth of a daughter.

Mr H. P. Zwar, M.L.A., with a party of ten friends from Mitiamo district spent a pleasant ten days at Little Murray. Fishing was successfully indulged in.

Mesdames G. Scott and W. G. Swift, of Epsom (Bendigo) are visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs L. Jones, Roseberry avenue, Preston.

Mr and Mrs H. R. Butler, of 42 Pender street, Preston, will leave by the Ormonde on May 25 for an extended trip to the Old Country. Mr and Mrs Butler contemplate being away for about two years.

Mrs W. H. Chamberlain, wife of Rev Chamberlain, of Thornbury, travelled to Hamilton by plane on Saturday. Undeterred by the stormy weather. Mrs Chamberlain returned by plane on Monday.

Mrs W. H. Turner, S.M., wife of Cr Turner, of Thornbury, returned home on Sunday from Epworth Hospital, after an operation, and is progressing favourably.

Mrs. A. W. Harley, of St. George's road, Thornbury, wishes to contradict a rumor that she is leaving Northcote for Toorak. She and Dr. Harley have no intention of leaving their present address.

# SOCIAL NOTES..

**On World Tour.**

Prior to the departure by the R.M.S. Moldavia on February 23 on a world tour and Coronation celebrations, Miss Mabel Cooper, of "Aylesford," 67 Cunningham street, Westgarth, was entertained by her many friends of the Westgarth Baptist Church and Sunday School, where she was the recipient of a folding camera.

At the home of Mrs Welch, of Simpson street, the tennis club entertained Miss Cooper and presented her with a handsome bag. A number of friends gathered at the boat to farewell her and gifts and beautiful flowers in profusion were given her.

**Preston Auxiliary for Melbourne and Women's Hospitals**

The first of the monthly card afternoons organised by the Preston combined auxiliary for Royal Melbourne and Women's Hospitals will be held on Tuesday, March 2 in the Lounge of the Town Hall: charge of 1/ includes afternoon tea.

The auxiliary held their first meeting on Thursday, February 11 and decided to hold a tennis tournament on Wednesday, March 17. Ladies desiring to enter for tournament please ring JW 3139 or JW 2054 not later than March 9.*

**Evening Wedding**

Dea—Jones.—On January 20 at 7.30 p.m. the wedding of Miss Myra Jones, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones, of Northernhay street, Regent, to James, second son of Mrs Dea and the late Mr Dea, of Epping, was quietly celebrated at Epping.

The bride's frock was of powder blue, with bouquet, hat and shoes to match. The couple will make their home in High street, Epping.

**Birthday Party**

To celebrate the birthday of her only daughter, Dorothy, Mrs McIntosh, 11 Reidford avenue, Preston, entertained members of the Preston Younger Set and friends at her home on February 21.

Community singing and music sped a happy evening, solo items being rendered by Miss I. Palmer (pianist), Mrs H. McGregor, Miss A. Enderby and Mr R. Carr sen. Mr C. Ross and Mr K. McIntosh played numbers on the mouth organ.

During supper, Mr K. Warren toasted Miss McIntosh on behalf of the Younger Set, and Mr W. Goldstein and Miss J. Hannan supported his remarks. Mr R. Carr, jun., conveyed greetings from the president of the Younger Set, the Mayoress of Preston (Mrs A. G. Davis), and Miss McIntosh responded. The birthday cake, a present from Mrs. Hannan, was then cut.

Amongst those present were: Mr and Mrs Hannan, Mr and Mrs R. Carr, Mrs McGregor, Mr, Mrs and Miss Burt, Mrs and Miss Sloper, Mr and Mrs M. Goldstein; Misses M. Collett, A. Enderby, A. Ewart, B. Ewart, M. McGregor, M. Goldstein, B. Goldstein, R. Goldstein, J. Hannan, S. Holmes and I. Palmer; Messrs A. Ash, R. Carr junr., A. Grant, W. Goldstein F. Houghton, M. McIntosh, K. McIntosh, B. Lawler, C. Ross, S. Stevenson, K. Warren.

**Engagements**

The engagement is announced of Viola, the only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Elliott, of "Vera," Regent street, Seddon, to Arthur, the only son of the late Mr Boice and of Mrs Boice, of Bruce street, Bell.

The engagement is announced of Elva Marjorie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Copley, of Bailey grove, Ivanhoe, to Arthur James, fourth son of the late Mr A. Brown (Hamilton) and of Mrs A. Straight, of Fairfield.

**Services Recognised.**

Miss Dorothy McIntosh, of Reidford avenue, Preston, has received a letter from Mr S. W. Hedger, superintendent and secretary of the R.V.I.B., per the Board of Management, to offer their gratitude and appreciation for valuable services which were so ably rendered to the Institute during her term as honorary secretary of the Preston Younger Set.

**Farewell Party**

On Saturday night, Mr Bert White was afforded an opportunity of saying "Good-bye" to his many friends in the Regent Tennis Club before leaving for Koo-Wee-Rup, where he is to be stationed at the E.S. and A. Bank. The evening took the form of a Salamagundi, at which there were about forty club members present, and the large gathering signified in what high esteem Mr White was held.

At supper Mr G. T. Bromley, vice-president of the club (in the absence of the president, Mr J. Butterfield), made a presentation to Mr White of a leather golf bag and wished him every success in his new position. Mr White has been an active member of the club for many years, and the success of many electric light tournaments has largely been due to his fine organising powers. He has been a member of the committee and also of the more recently formed dramatic club. All those who know Mr White will be sorry to lose him from the club and will look forward to seeing him back at the club at every available opportunity.

Mr White, in responding, said that he was sorry to leave Regent, but he would have many pleasant memories of happy times spent at the club.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Miss I. Juniper, who supervised the Salamagundi table, and to all ladies of the committee for the delectable supper provided. All tendered their good wishes to Mr White and wished him the best of luck in his new environment.

A happy evening was drawn to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

**A Picnic Outing**

A most enjoyable picnic was held by the Northcote Thursday Night Community Session when about 100 of the singers were conveyed to Lancefield. The Preston Boys' Band joined in the day's outing, entertaining the residents of Lance field and surrounding districts by a fine band recital in the park during the afternoon. The ladies contributed a most appetising tea for the band boys, who did full justice to it.

In the evening, Community Singing was held in the Mechanics' Hall conducted by Mr Will Nicoll, and at 8.30 no more seating accommodation was available. The programme went through in full swing interspersed with items from bandsmen, Miss Mitchell, Miss Jean Roberts, Master Keith Smith and Master Len Roberts. All the proceeds of the band recital and the community singing were handed to the committee of the Kyneton Hospital.

The president thanked the audience and also Mr Nicholl for organising such a fine outing.

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