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BENCH PERMITS WITHDRAWAL OF CHARGES

At Preston Court on Wednesday, October 5, a returned soldier named James Henry Ward was charged with assaulting Joseph Dalli, fruiterer, and also with damaging a quantity of vegetables by strewing bags of peas, etc., over the floor. Over-indulgence in "pinkie" was given as the reason for this playfulness, as the parties were good friends.

The bench, on the representation of Mr. W. T. Cahir and with the consent of prosecutor, agreed to permit the withdrawal of the charges on defendant agreeing to pay for the damage.

After hearing the evidence for the prosecution by Joseph Dalli, a fruiterer, of High street Northcote, as to what happened on September 29, and the address of the defending counsel (Mr. Royston T. Cahir), the bench allowed the withdrawal of two informations preferred against John Henry Ward, 36, of Ivy street, Preston, who was charged with unlawful assault, and wilfully causing damage to certain vegetables.

Dalli stated that on the evening of Show Day, defendant came to his shop, and asked him for 1/- worth of oranges. Dalli asked him what sort of oranges, to which defendant replied with an unprovoked assault, hitting Dalli in the face. Witness staggered, and was again struck by defendant. Mrs. Dalli next came into the shop. Defendant grabbed her by the legs in an endeavour to throw her to the ground. He then grabbed a box of peas and swung it at Mrs. Dalli. Defendant left the shop, and Dalli took up a position near the door to prevent any further intrusion. Defendant again approached and threw a bag of peas on the ground. Other vegetables were knocked to the footpath, and were rendered unfit for the purposes of sale.

Mr. Cahir said that defendant did not deny the actual facts of the assault. His client had been on a "bingo", having imbibed more "pinkie" than was good for him, and could not remember the assault. He and Dalli had known each other for some time, and were on quite friendly terms. Defendant, who was a returned soldier, bore an excellent character, and was decorated for bravery during the war. It was unfortunate for defendant that before the assault he was not seen by a member of the police force, who undoubtedly would have locked him up, and would have preferred a less serious charge against him. Ward had apologised to the fruiterer, and had promised to make full restitution for the damage. If his client were convicted, it would spoil an excellent record.

The bench said that no objection would be raised of the prosecution and the informant were willing to withdraw the case.

Mr. Hammond said defendant should pay at least 25/ for the damage, loss of time, and pain borne by Dalli.

When Dalli announced that he was quite willing to withdraw the information, the bench accepted it, and Mr. Hammond said to Ward that the informant had shown he bore no ill-feeling. It was an isolated act, but some clemency could be shown towards him in view of his excellent character.

Mrs. J. P. Green, of Childers, (formerly of Northcote) is paying a visit to her daughter, Miss Mabel Green, High street, Preston.

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Preston Red Cross Auxiliary

14th ANNUAL MEETING

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Preston Red Cross Auxiliary was held in the Preston Town Hall on September 29 with the mayor of Preston (Cr Pike) in the chair. Among the visitors welcomed were Miss May Newnham (matron of the Austin Hospital), and Miss L. Jones (matron of the Eye and Ear Hospital.' The mayor expressed thanks to the members for the wonderful work they had done during the past 12 months, and asked for even greater support during the coming year. Gratitude for the auxiliary's interest in the Eye and Ear Hospital for 12 years was expressed by the matron (Miss L. Jones) who said the hospital would be in a very precarious position were it not for the help of the auxiliaries. With the prospect of increased expenditure, because of increased wages for nurses, and shorter hours through an award which was long overdue, the hospital would need all the help that the auxiliaries could give.

Miss May Newnham (Austin Hospital) said the people of Preston assisted the Austin Hospital not only through this auxiliary, but through the Preston branch R.S.L. and other organisations. The hospital owed much to Preston people for providing materials and equipment for the occupational therapy department.

The annual report showed that eggs valued at £71/14/4 were sent to the Eye and Ear Hospital. £31 to the Austin Hospital; and £53/10/ to the Red Cross Appeal. A stainless steel trolley had also been presented to the Preston ward at the former hospital in appreciation of the services of the hon. secretary, Mrs. F. Sheppard, to the auxiliary and the hospital.

Office-bearers elected for the ensuing year included: President, the mayoress (Mrs. Pike), vice-presidents, Mesdames G. H. Mott, Catmull and Banfield; hon treasurer, Mrs. A. K. Allchin; hon. secretary, Mrs. F. Shoppard; hon. social secretary, Mrs. J. McIntosh.

Frequent Cause Of Accidents

The frequency of motor accidents caused by collisions between automobiles when passing other vehicles on the highways is attributed in the main to lack of knowledge of the proper precedure for drivers to follow when overtaking The method to be adopted must vary according to the traffic conditions and other factors. Excessive tooting is not desirable, but it is necessary for the driver ahead to be made aware of one's intention to overtake, otherwise he may swing out at a critical moment, so that an awkward situation arises. Nearside overtaking is not advisable and is risky apart from the fact that it is contrary to the law, for one never knows when a "middle of the road" driver will pull over

Points to be avoided when overtaking are never to pass another vehicle going in the same direction on a bend in the road, when surmounting a short sharp hill, or in fact, at any time when a clear view of the road ahead cannot be obtained. Never pull out suddenly to overtake unless you are sure that no other driver is just about to overtake you.

When overtaking at speed, and with a motor vehicle approaching in the opposite direction judgment and care are necessary, as the gap between the vehicles closes very rapidly.' Possibly it may be that the driver of the approaching vehicle is not very alert, and will not therefore expect another vehicle to suddenly swing out from behind the vehicle he is watching. The result is that an emergency arises, as his roadway is encroached upon by two approaching vehicles, instead of one as he has been observing. It is in his manner that head-on collisions frequently occur.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

Royal Victorian Institute For Blind

The committee room of the Northcote Town Hall was a flowery bower on October 3 when the Northcote Auxiliary for the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind held its sixth annual meeting, with an attendance of about 100. The room was set with small tables covered with dainty salmon-pink cloths, and roses, stocks, ranunculi and spring blossom set in vases made the atmosphere fragrant. The piano was massed with mauve wisteria, and baskets of broom and greenery decked the corners of the room.

Mrs. W. F. Brownell, president, introduced the Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. W. J French) and the Mayor took the chair. He welcomed representatives from the Institute and visitors, among whom were Mr. S. W. Hedger and Mr W. C. Willmott (Board of Management) and Mrs. Willmott, Mr. Van Asche, Mrs. J Frost (president Council of Auxiliaries), Cr. and Mrs. W Olver, Cr. M. C. Jones, Cr. W. Findlay, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thomson, Mr J. O. Hughes, Mr T. Pollock, Mesdames Baker (Fitzroy Creche), J. J. Ryan and R. Thompson (Northcote Red Cross), S. Dennis (Women's Auxiliary), A. H. Main, B. E. Anthony and Hibbert (Northcote Creche and Kindergarten), A. K. Allchin (Preston Benevolent Society), Pike (mayoress of Preston) and L. W. Williams; E Kirton and A. Page and Black (Thornbury Red Cross); J. H. Green (Combined Masonic Auxiliary), Jowett and Kenny (St. Vincent's Northcote-Thornbury Auxiliary), B. E. Johnson, and C. H. Burnham

In proposing the adoption of the annual report and balance-sheet, Cr. Olver spoke of the volume of work which was represented by the auxiliary's donation to the Institute. To raise this amount, it needed the co-operation of hundreds of citizens combined with the zeal of the executive and members. The endeavour of the sightless to try in some measure to overcome their terrible disability was most laudable, and to this end the whole community should join in assisting the officials of the R.V.I.B. as far as possible. The auxiliary was to be congratulated on its organisation and on the successful year just closed.

Mr. J. O. Hughes seconded the motion, and commented on the wonderful advances in medical skill which now made the restoration, or partial restoration of sight possible in a number of cases The auxiliary was "doing its bit" by supporting a blind baby, and giving it a chance that otherwise might be denied. This was carrying out the Master's creed "to help, serve, and love others."

The election of officers resulted: President, Mrs. W. F. Brownell; vice-presidents, Mesdames B. E. Johnson, W. J Clayden, S. S. Riches, T. Pollock, G. S. Scott, and A. McAdam; delegates to Central Council, president, secretary and Miss Grenfell; treasurer, Miss G. Holden; Birthday League secretary, Mrs. Holwell; auditor, Mr A. W. Nancarrow; secretary, Mrs. H. A. Main; publicity secretary, Miss M. MacMillan; patron, the Mayor of Northcote; patronesses, the Mayoress and Mrs. Brownell-Montgomery.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed by Cr. Jones who said that an auxiliary must be successful if the right officers were in command. With the Northcote R.V.I.B Auxiliary this seemed so, as shown by the report and statement of accounts, which each year was better than the last The executive did not lack the necessary ability and initiative, and Northcote was proud to have such a live and enthusiastic auxiliary in its midst. The only change was in the secretaryship; and although Miss Riches was retiring from that position, she would still continue as a member.

Cr. Findlay, who seconded the motion, spoke with considerable feeling as he had had long experience in the capacity of secretary. He praised the executive for its organisation, and on the splendid support of members.

A response came from Mrs. Brownell, who expressed her deep gratitude to the members and the executive for their support during her term of office. She also thanked the neighbouring auxiliaries for their assistance in making the social functions a success. A cheque for £140 was then handed to Mr. Willmott on behalf of the Institute.

In thanking the members for the handsome cheque, Mr. Willmott paid a tribute to the auxiliary for its continued interest in the blind babies. The nursery, which had just been installed, was proving a tremendous success, and was the only one of its kind in Australia. A sun-room had been built and decorated with dadoes of the seven dwarfs and story of Snow-White. With the explanations of a teacher, this room was bringing much happiness to the small inmates of the Institute. Branches at the Institute were nursery, school and workshops, while medical and oculist attention were also provided. In the workshops, trades were taught, and now a cookery class had been established in which the girls took great delight. There were 1,100 blind people in Victoria, and about 70 per cent of the population suffer from eye trouble, for which defective lighting is one of the main causes. In the Institute workshops 280 are employed, and lead useful and happy lives

Mrs. J. Frost, whose pet subject is blind babies, said she was delighted to be present and tell the members something of the work among these helpless children. There were eleven inmates at present, and through the auxiliary movement, this branch had been made possible, as the auxiliaries were responsible for the upkeep. Work among the babies gave greater results, for by the time they reached adolescence, most of them would have enough sight to make their way in the world. She thanked the auxiliary for its timely support.

As an ambassador for the Blind, Mr. Van Asche spends much time touring and gaining the interest of Victorians in every part of the State. He told of the practical endeavours of the outback auxiliaries to raise their quotas, and despite their setbacks, so far not one had failed. It was a strong and united team which made for success, and although some auxiliaries had more method and organisation than others, they all seemed to "get there." Kindness was the keynote of human assistance; a kindly word and deed mean so much, and cost so little. He thanked the members for their aim to make life a little easier for those, who, even under the best of circumstances, must find it a very difficult thing.

Mr. Pollock expressed a vote of thanks to the speakers for their informative addresses. Mrs. Brownell seconded, and thanked the mayor and mayoress for attending, and the mayor for presiding.

A supper-cloth worked and donated by Mrs. G. S. Scott was disposed of, and the winner was Mrs. Theggie. Afternoon tea, served by the social committee concluded the meeting.

The balance sheet showed: — Receipts: balance £143/4/, subscriptions £2/19/; donations £18/1/8; card parties £73/3/9, garden party £16/11/1; ball £12/4/10; picture night, competitions £11/0/5; Garden Week etc., £11/2/3. Expenditure was: Donation to Blind Institute £[illegible]; printing, stationery and postage £3/12/; catering £2/10/; leaving a balance in hand of £142/5/0.

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HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY

Thanksgiving services drew large congregations to Holy Trinity, Thornbury on Sunday last. Gratitude to God was the keynote of the day for the near deliverance from war. In the morning the Vicar based a thoughtful sermon on the subject of the second mile, and at night he dealt with the international crisis from a Christian standpoint, choosing as his text the words "Something happened."

Collections, which were splendid, were for the work of the Church of England in poorer parishes, hospitals, and kindred institutions. At night, Miss Lottie Daniels, a well-known Melbourne soprano, rendered the numbers "The Lord is My Light," and "Bless This House." The choir sang the anthem "Break Forth Into Joy," Miss Rita Bennett being the capable soloist.

Next Sunday the Sunday School Festival will be celebrated. Canon Wenzel will preach in the afternoon, and Bishop J. W. Ashton, D.D., will be the evening preacher.

SUPPLEMENTING CRUDE OIL RESOURCES

A new process for juggling carbon hydrogen molecules in natural oil gases, which will increase the known resources of crude oil in the United States by 150 per cent to 45,000,000,000 barrels, and reduce consumption by 625,000,000 barrels annually has been reported to the American Chemical Society from Milwaukee. Five hundred billion cubic feet of hydrogen will be provided as a by-product. Dr. Gustav Egloff, announcing the discovery, commented that it gave the United States an added advantage in the event of war, as it provided a better quality gasoline and increased engine efficiency.

SUMMER ANNUALS

Ageratum.

September and October are the best months for sowing seed of the annual summer-flowering ageratums. These plants are particularly hardy, flower very freely, and are most useful for bedding purposes.

The dwarf deep blue variety, Blue Cap, is compact, only growing about six inches high and the plants are covered with a mass of flowers. This variety used as an edging for the flower beds gives a splendid effect and we have seen it grown in several gardens as an edging to a bed of Rose Queen petunias, giving a delightful result.

Mauve Beauty is another good variety, which grows to a height of about 12 inches. It looks well when planted along the edge of a bed of delphiniums of the dwarf or medium type such as Belladonna or Belladonna.

Ageratum plants should be raised in a seed bed and transplanted when they are very little. Blue Cap, six inches apart and the taller sorts such as Mauve Beauty and Little Dorritt nine inches apart. The require a sunny and warm position.

Varieties.—We also advise sowing during September such varieties as Alyssum (earpet of snow), Petunias, Nianthus, Antirrhinums, Heliotrope, etc. African Marigold Celosia Phlox, Cosmos, Ipomoea, Balsams, Sweet Sultanas, Amaranthus, and Sunflowers. Wait until the weather is warm as the seed of these flowers germinates better during the warmer weather.

Northcote Engineer's Report

Mr. V. J. Bradley, engineer to the City of Northcote, reported the completion of the following works during the last fortnight:—

Roadways, reconstruction and carpeting in Bower street, Kellett street, Merri parade, Tanner grove, and Muriel street.

New Construction, lanes and drainage: Herbert street (off Bell street), lane between Muriel street and Russell street, lanes between Howitt street and Rathmines street new being concreted.

Kerbs, Channels reconstruction and Manholes adjustment in Pender's Park, Victoria road, Waterloo road (east side), Union street, Clarke street, Oxford street.

The following footpaths reconstructed, patched or painted as required: Herbert street (both sides), Hawthorn road (north side), Rossmoyne street (both sides), Raleigh street (both sides), St. David street (both sides), Hunter street (west side), Salisbury grove (east side), Beaconsfield parade (north side), Separation street (south side), Waterloo road (both sides), Elm street (south side), Bent street (north side), Hawthorn road (south side), Beaver's road (both sides), Hobson street (west side), Victoria road (east side), Union street (both sides).

Merri Park. — Cricket pitches completed and a section at the south-western corner levelled. Dressing shed in course of construction.

McDonell Park. — Twelve asphalt wickets constructed, ground levelled and grass cut.

Mayer Park. — Levelling in progress. Foundations for tool shed being taken out.

Building Report

During the past fortnight 15 permits have been issued as follows: North and West Wards five permits each, South and Central Wards 2 each; East Ward 1.

Gardener's Report

A rockery is in course of construction at the Creche. On the banks of the Merri Creek near St. George's road the following trees have been planted: Willows, Ash, Poplars, Catalpus, Eucalypts, Oaks and Callitris. Sensonable work is being carried out in the various parks and gardens.

AN OUTSIZE IN RATS

No doubt you've heard people talk of rats as big as rabbits, and thought it was an exaggeration. Well it is possible. Walking along the bank of the River Blackwater, Hampshire, England, a man recently shot a huge brown rat, which was about to dive into the water. From nose to tail-tip it measured 2 ft. 9 ins, with teeth one inch ong, tail 2 in. in circumference, and feet larger than a duck's.

Northcote Creche and Annie Dennis Free Kindergarten

"May thy holy influence ever stay—
And the greatest blessing that can rest upon her
Is the shaping of men, like the men of old!"
—Arthur Ferres (John Kevin)

"By thy love serve one another."
—Galatians 5:13.

FROM day to day in the life of those families whose mothers find it necessary to go out to work an institution which fills a great need is the Northcote Creche and Annie Dennis Kindergarten. It means a great deal to mothers with young families to be able to leave their children at the creche, knowing they will be safe and well-cared for during the mother's absence —and this is done for a very moderate fee.

Opened In 1928

Ten years ago a band of ladies, headed by Mrs. S. Dennis, felt the need for a place in Northcote where young children would be looked after during their mothers' working hours. The scheme matured and on July 2, 1928, the president of the Creche Association (Mrs. James Alston) opened as a Creche the upper storey of the building at the corner of Olds avenue and Bastings street, which already housed the Northcote Baby Health Centre.

Here, under Matron Eddy the work commenced in a small way. Children from two weeks up to 5½ to 6 years were accommodated, sometimes from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Several efficient matrons have been in charge, and the present one, Miss Gange, is assisted by Mrs. Grout.

The health of the children is watched by Sisters Stafford and Beer from the Baby Health Centre, and from time to time their teeth are inspected and advice given. Doctors Brownell and Harley also keep in touch with them.

The children are taught, amused and kept happy by teachers who specialise in kindergarten work. They are given light yet nourishing meals, and their day is so planned with amusement, rest and meals that their sojourn at the Creche is most beneficial. Each child has his or her own towel and washer which are distinguished by a particular mark, and it is surprising how quickly even the youngest ones can tell their own property. They are taught the ordinary every-day tasks that all children should learn and soon become independent. During the morning a period is set aside for rest, when the kindergarten children are accommodated with stretchers and blankets. Afterwards they partake of a warming or cooling drink as the season demands.

Dining Room Added

About 1935 a drive was made to renovate and extend the building and this was successful, due to generous donations from the Northcote City Council and private citizens. This resulted in the addition downstairs of a dining room, rest room, bathroom with miniature lavatories, and washhouse. Subsequently furnishings of low dining tables and forms were acquired and special nursery decorations made the rooms cheery.

Lady Latham Opens Kindergarten

On August 17, 1936, the erection of a Kindergarten room in the grounds was completed and opened by Mrs. S. Dennis, the Mayoress of that year, and Lady Latham unveiled a brass tablet over the mantleshelf. This room with glass doors folding the full extent of the east side, has many other windows. A fairy dado decorates the walls, small chairs are a feature, and a piano provides music for songs and games. One corner is used for housekeeping, with a large doll to be dressed and undressed; and brooms, table, auto-tray, chairs, crockery and bed in miniature. Another has a library of picture books, and gay bowls of growing bulbs on the window ledges are cared for. The average attendance last year was 24 daily, but this was small on account of the paralysis epidemic. Children over two years are taken from the Creche each day from 9 a.m. till 12 noon to the Kindergarten Room, where Miss E. Thomas (directress) and Miss Seely (assistant) and a band of voluntary helpers trains them.

The financial side of the organisation is handled by a Board of Management, composed of ladies whose control has proved most efficient, painstaking and successful. In the maintenance, the Northcote City Council and various tradespeople and citizens help generously in cash and kind, and this proves a great boon to the committee and lifts quite a big burden from its shoulders. Assistance also comes through the Victorian Association of Creches, functioning run by the committee, and a Birthday League under the control of Mrs. A. Cogle But there is always something necessary and so the members have to keep planning and working for the success of this project, which has brought great comfort and peace of mind to 801 mothers during the past ten years. The individual attendances of children to date number 34,632.

Office-Bearers

The foundation office-bearers were—President: Mrs. R. J. Bennetts; treasurer: Mrs. Gerald Davern; and secretary: Mrs. S. Dennis. Mrs Dennis has proved a capable, efficient, and untiring secretary and still retains the position, the other officers being—President: Mrs. W. F. Brownell; vice-presidents: Mesdames J. J. Ryan, E. Hawthorn, L. Pollock, and S. M. Gibaud; treasurer: Mrs. E. Kirton; Kindergarten assistants: Mesdames E. W. Lavender and L. C. Dennis; Birthday League Secretary: Mrs. A. Cogle; physicians: Drs. Harley and W. F. Brownell; auditor: Mr. J. A. Thomson; Management Committee: Mesdames A. Dunn, G. Reid, I. Jones, A. A. Glanfield, W. H. Gray, A. Peacock, J. Burke, H. A. Main, A. McAdam, J. W. French, and H. A. Bean and Miss Macmillan; social committee: Mesdames E. Anthony, L. Roberts, E. Robertson, E. Shaw, J. Firth, D. Bennetts, A. Cogle and Miss D. Hosking; trustees: Mesdames G. Reid and S. Dennis and Miss Grenfell; life members: Mrs. J. Cornish and Mrs. M. Britton.

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TWO MOTORISTS CHARGED

Two minor accidents, one on September 6, and the other two days later, resulted in the drivers making an appearance before the Northcote Court on September 30. Each defendant was charged with failing to give his name and address after an accident. The first resulted in a dismissal, the second in a small penalty being imposed.

The accident on September 6 took place at the intersection of Westgarth and High streets. Frank Robeu, a photographer, from Preston, stated that the sudden stopping of a motor cycle driven by defendant, Donald John Wilson of Foch street, Regent, resulted in his bicycle colliding with the rear wheel of defendant's machine. Robeu and another youth testified that defendant and the cyclist exchanged a few words as to who was at fault. At no stage of the conversation did defendant give his name and address. Both cyclists stated that the damage to the bicycle, a bent frame, was not noticed until Wison left the scene of the collision.

Mr. Williams P.M. in dismissing the information, said that his interpretation of the section of the traffic code required that a person who had broken it, should have knowledge of the damage done as a result of the accident. As the left is an essential and safe practice in traffic. It is a simple matter surely, for people to observe the first rule of the road, but what a wealth of difference it makes when it is strictly carried out. Only a few months ago I caused when people do not propstress the need that pedestrians should always walk on the left-hand side of a footpath where a footpath is provided, but if no footpath, and you are compelled to use the road, walk against the oncoming traffic.

This is a most important section of the code, and if adopted would be the means of saving many lives. Trusting that you can give this matter some publicity, Yours etc.,

R. S. FORBES.
Secretary, National Safety Council, September 26, 1938.

(Copies of the code in a handy form may be procured free from the secretary.)

Seated before a group of gratified directors who believed him to be the man they wanted as sales manager, the candidate was asked: "Who is the boss in your home?" "I am," was the reply, "but I let my wife think she is." That answer won a £500 a year job for him.

PRESERVING SAFETY ON THE ROADS

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—The National Safety Council would like to bring under notice the fact that the first rule of the road, namely "Keep to the Left" is not being observed generally by pedestrians in our busy city and suburban streets, and particularly at intersections. It is laid down in the Traffic Code that pedestrians must keep as near to the left-hand side as practicable and quite apart from the smooth flow of the traffic and the avoidance of congestion, keeping to the ly adhere to this rule. We also

Northcote Court

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Before Mr. F. W. Williams P.M., and Messrs W. J. Holden and A. E. Theiss J's P.

Man Remanded.

On a charge of having on September 30 had a motor clock in his possession which was suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained, William Arthur Costello was remanded for one week, bail being allowed, and fixed at £25 with a surety of a like amount.

Motor Cyclist Fined; No Brakes: No Horn.

According to Constable Tarrant the motor-cycle ridden by defendant, Sydney Wallace Humphreys, of Astor street, Preston, was dragging its brake-rod when he stopped the defendant in High street, Northcote, on July 22. When witness examined the cycle he found that the braking gear was originally fastened with a piece of copper wire, which however was broken. On applying the hand-brake, the constable could push the machine quite easily.

The total absence of effective brakes resulted in Humphries being fined £2.

In addition to the above fine, a penalty of 10/ was imposed upon him for riding a machine not equipped with a horn.

Borrowed Car and Trouble: No Silencer.

When one borrows a car from a friend, one is often in trouble. When Eric D. Diggins, of Lower Heidelberg road, Ivanhoe borrowed his friend's car on August 5, the trouble that overtook him was in the form of the long arm of the motor-cycle police, who stopped him in Heidelberg road, questioned him about the great noise the machine was making. When the exhaust was examined, it was found that though there was an expansion chamber attached to the exhaust pipe, there were no baffle plates in it.

The court fined Diggins £2 for driving a motor car not equipped with an efficient silencer.

Damaged Number Plate.

Leslie W. Egan, of Alphington street, Northcote, was fined 10/ for riding a motor-cycle the rear number of which was not easily distinguishable. When on August 26, he was stopped by the motor-cycle police, who drew his attention to a chipped number plate, he told them that a fortnight before he had had a spill, and so far had neglected to repair the damage.

Parked on Tram Stop.

When Clive L. Williams, of Hawksburn was charged with allowing his car to remain unattended within 15 feet of a tram-stop, he said he had explained to Constable Dunoon, who spoke to him in September 12, that he was a stranger to the district, and did not look up for a tram-stop sign on a verandah.

Constable Dunoon said defendant's car was parked opposite Mitchell street, right underneath the tram-stop-sign, in High street for 40 minutes. It was stated that the sign, an 18in. by 12 in metal plate, was located 12 feet up on a verandah post. Apparently this influenced the bench to assess the fine at 10/. Williams was also ordered to pay 2/6 costs.

Bicycle: No Light.

The absence of a light on his bicycle on the night of July 29, when he was riding it in Heidelberg road, Fairfield, resulted in Thomas Osborne, 19 years, of Thames street, Northcote, being fined £1 in default 24 hours' imprisonment.

Ejectments.

The bench granted two ejectment orders on the application of Thomas Gidley, acting on behalf of various owners. The orders were against Ellen and Rose Clarkson, of Claude street, Northcote, and against Francis Foster, of Clarke street, Alphington.

Simple Method Of Divorce

A quarrel has blown up between the British authorities in Singapore—where Britain has her most important Far Eastern Naval Base—and His Highness the Sultan of Johore, over the Sultan's new romance with a 24-year-old former London cabaret girl, who, with her mother, was recently his guest. The Sultan's former wife (who, according to Mohammedan law be divorced last year by the simple procedure of saying "Talak, talak, talak"—"Get out, get out, get out"—was a Scottish woman.

Previous to this the Sultan had a Malay wife who gave him a son, Crown Prince Ismail.

During the Jubilee the 65-year old Sultan made the British Government a gift of £500,000 towards the expense of fortifying the Singapore Island.

The cause of the present dispute is obvious. The British colony there feels that it lowers the prestige of the white people if the Sultan marries white women and considers himself free to apply the somewhat loose Mohammedan marriage laws, under which, without giving notice and without specific reason, he can divorce them by simply saying "Talak" three times.

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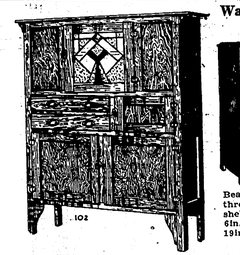

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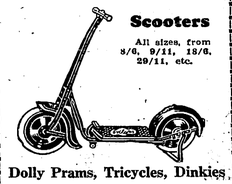

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BREACHES OF TRAFFIC BY-LAWS

Constable W. G. Elliott, who was on duty in High street, Northcote, on the night of August 27 saw a car without headlights being driven in a northerly direction. He intercepted the driver, Arthur J. Shallard, of High street, Epping, who told the constable that his lights were in good order, but he had forgotten to switch them on. Shallard was fined £1 at the Northcote Court on September 27.

A fine of £1 was imposed on Herbert C. Millist, taxi-driver, of Mackay street, Coburg, whose too speedy progress in the early hours of the morning of August 16 was observed by the motor-cycle patrol, which intercepted him near Westgarth street. The speed at which motor-vehicles are allowed to approach a minor intersection is 25 miles per hour, but on his own admission, Millist had been travelling at 40 miles per hour.

NUMEROUS COUNCIL PROSECUTIONS

Driving in the wrong direction along the one-way traffic lane in St. George's road is a breach of the traffic by-law of the City of Northcote frequently committed by cyclists and motorists. Last Tuesday a number of such breaches were dealt with, and convictions recorded in each case. The following fines were imposed:—John E. Bell, of Bower street, Preston, 10/; Jack Hosking, Merrilth street, Elwood, 10/; Glen Spencer, Antibes street, Parkdale, 10/; Brian Stevenson, Napier street, Footscray, 10/. Each defendant was ordered to pay 2/6 costs.

James J. Coghlan, of Bower street, Prahran, was fined a total of 20/ with 5/ costs for the way he entered High street from Westgarth street on September 3. When turning into the major street, he cut the traffic button, and before entering the major street, he failed to bring his vehicle to a complete stop.

Others who cut traffic buttons in St. George's road and High street were fined as follows:—Raymond Disher, of Burwood road, Hawthorn; Claude Hanislin, Scotchmer street, North Fitzroy; Ernest Lawson, Courtenay street, North Melbourne; Norman Proudfoot, Andrew street, Windsor, were each fined £1 with 2/6 costs; while three others, who had committed similar offences, but under less serious circumstances, were each fined 10/. They were Keith Kamp, Harold street, Thornbury; Charles Lawson, Courtenay street, North Melbourne; Norman Proudfoot, Andrew street, Windsor, were each fined £1 with 2/6 costs; while three others, who had committed similar offences, but under less serious circumstances, were each fined 10/. They were Keith Kamp, Harold street, Thornbury; Charles Lawson, Courtenay avenue, Brunswick, and Arthur E. Williams, Barkley street, Carlton.

There was only one prosecution against a motorist for parking too far from the kerb, the offender being George Lancefield, Halsey street, North Melbourne, who left his truck unattended in High street, Northcote, in such a position as to make it necessary for passing traffic to go well over the middle of the road. The bench imposed a fine of £1 with 2/6 costs.

Three justices at the Preston Court on September 23 dealt with several traffic cases, and in each instance a conviction was recorded and a fine imposed.

A fine of 10/ in default 24 hours' imprisonment was imposed on Roy Armistead, of St. George's road, Northcote, who was stopped by the motor-cycle patrol in High street, Preston on August 12 while riding a bicycle without lights. Defendant told the bench that only a couple of days before his lighting outfit had been stolen.

William Hendy, of Dundas street, Thornbury, was intercepted by the motor-cycle patrol on August 16 when riding a motor-cycle, the rear light of which was not alight. The prosecutor was committed in the street in which he resides, cost defendant £1.

Although his van was fitted with a rear-light, it was in such a position that it did not illuminate the rear number plate so that it could be read from a distance of 60 yards as prescribed by the regulations. The driver, Harold Moulden, of Kalimna street, Preston, in his explanation, said that prior to August 12, when he was stopped, the rear-light was in such a position as to make the number plate legible. In that position, however, it continually became damaged, so he moved the light. He was fined 10/.

For riding a bicycle on the footpath in Robertson street, Preston, Mervyn Cecil Galley, of Robinson street, Reservoir, was fined 10/.

Drove Duke of Gloucester—But Is Fined.

Stating that he had been a driver during the Royal Tour of the Duke of Gloucester, Warrant-Officer Francis John Turner, of South street, Preston, told the bench that on August 12, the police patrol stopped him and after questioning him, helped him to adjust the tail-light of his car. He had noticed that the lamp was alight about an hour earlier when he was shopping in Northcote. The cover of the switch must have been jolted off when he was travelling from Arthurton road where he had parked the car. He was fined £1.

Three Charges Against Farm Hand.

The bench imposed fines totalling £3/10/ on John William Morris, 20-year-old farm hand of Kinglake, who was charged with failing to give his name and address after an accident; driving a car without being licensed; and for driving a car not equipped with a screen wiper.

The prosecution arose out of an accident in Plenty road, on July 2, in which a truck driven by defendant, crashed into the rear of another truck driven by Keith Stewart, of Donovan street, Preston, a lineman employed by the Preston City Council. Stewart's truck was pushed on to the footpath and into the verandah of a house, causing damage to the extent of about £20 to the building. When asked for his name, defendant gave the name "Thoms," of Kinglake, but it was subsequently ascertained that this was the name of the owner of the truck, and not that of the driver. Defendant gave his correct name four days later to Constable McNulty, to whom he said "I was driving the truck without permission, so I thought it best to give the owner's name and address."

Stewart told the bench that on the night of the accident, a light drizzling rain was falling, making visibility very poor. Defendant's allegation that he did not see the truck driven by Stewart because there was no tail-light on it was not correct, for after the accident Stewart pointed out to defendant that the rear-light on his truck was still alight.

Mr. Thoms, defendant's employer, said that Morris had been employed by him for the past two years, and was an excellent character. Morris would pay for the damage to the verandah.

TREAT FOR MUSIC LOVERS

THE AUBURN METHODIST CHURCH CHOIR

"Most of us worship in the beauty of holiness, but we are indeed fortunate in being able to worship in the holiness of beauty" These words were said by a visiting preacher from overseas in connection with the musical service at the Auburn Methodist Church recently. The musical portion of a church service at Auburn has been built up gradually to its present beauty by the untiring work of Mr. J Sutton Crow, who is the choir conductor and organist. The choir is not a body of people for the show piece or the anthem, but under Mr. Crow's conductorship, adds to the beauty of the whole service.

This choir will give a concert in the Methodist School Hall rear of Methodist Church, High street, Northcote on Saturday, October 15 at 8 p.m., when part songs, negro spirituals, solos, sketches, and a play will be included in a varied programme. Admission is only 1/-; children half-price, 6d. Come and spend a happy night. An announcement appears elsewhere in these columns.

OBITUARY

MR ALFRED CRAIG

On Sunday September 25, Mr. Alfred Craig passed away at St. Vincent's Hospital after a lengthy illness, at the age of 64 years. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on Tuesday from his late residence, 5 Whalley street, Northcote, the remains being interred in the family grave in the Fawkner cemetery. The Rev. Davey of the Methodist Church, conducted impressive services at the house and at the graveside. There was a large collection of beautiful floral tributes, and Nelson Bros. were the funeral directors.

THE CLEAR-CUT ISSUE ON OCTOBER 8

As an elector you must choose simply between the **abolition** or the **continuance** of the existing system of public regulation and control of the Liquor Industry in this State.

No effort has been spared by the Victorian Prohibition League and associated organisations to mislead you into the belief that a variety of other matters must be decided by your vote.

Study the specimen ballot paper below and judge for yourself what are the facts.

HERE IS THE QUESTION YOU MUST ANSWER

***ABOLITION: THAT LICENCES BE ABOLISHED.**

I Vote ☐

I Vote NO ☒

This is what it means:—

*"ABOLITION" (vide "The Shorter Oxford Dictionary"):—Act of abolishing . . . destruction.

● The licences referred to are those for HOTELS, CLUBS, GROCERS, SPIRIT MERCHANTS and WINE SELLERS.

There is no provision of any kind under Victorian law to permit the retail sale of liquor under Abolition.

(1) Do you desire the closing of the 1,711 hotels to which travellers and others look for accommodation? — NO.

(2) Do you desire the immediate abolition, not merely of hotel licences, but those of licensed grocers, cafes, wine and spirit merchants, and clubs? — NO.

(3) Do you desire to make the "sale, supply, barter, or disposal of liquor" a penal offence? — NO.

(4) Do you desire to throw out of employment 23,000 wage-earners, with 46,000 dependents, now engaged in all branches of the Liquor Industry? — NO.

(5) Do you desire to saddle yourself, as a taxpayer, with an additional burden of £2,000,000 a year for sustenance of these displaced workers? — NO.

(6) Do you desire to sacrifice £4,000,000 annual revenue now drawn from the Industry by the Commonwealth, the State and the Municipalities in this State alone? — NO.

(7) Do you desire to supplant the existing legitimate, regulated Industry by a lawless Bootleg traffic? — NO.

(8) Do you, as a citizen of this State, accept the Prohibitionist view that you are morally unfitted to exercise moderation in the consumption of alcoholic beverages? — NO.

KEEP OUT THE EVIL, PROHIBITION!

VOTE NO ☒

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE

City of Preston

TENDERS

TENDERS are invited, returnable up till NOON on MONDAY, 17th OCTOBER, 1938, for the Council's requirements of PRINTING & STATIONERY for year ending 30th September, 1939.

Specifications may be obtained on application.

L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk.

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City of Preston

Notice of Special Order For Borrowing Money

PRIVATE STREET CONSTRUCTION

LOAN NO. 7

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Council of the City of Preston, held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Preston, on Monday, 26th September, 1938, at 8 p.m., the said Council did agree to the following resolution:—

"THAT the Council do, by Special Order, and it does hereby resolve to borrow the sum of £15,000 (fifteen thousand pounds), by the issue of twenty (20) half-yearly debentures, including principal and interest, bearing interest at the rate of £4/2/6 (Four pounds two shillings and sixpence) per centum per annum, and charged upon the security of the Municipal Fund. Debentures payable at the Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne, or at the Council's Bankers for the time being in the City of Melbourne, half-yearly on the FIRST day of MAY and the FIRST day of NOVEMBER in each year from 1/5/1939 to 1/11/1948 (inclusive), for the purpose of defraying the cost and expenses of works of making streets, lanes, etc., within the Municipality, under Private Street Construction, namely:—

Dunstan and Donald Streets and parts of Rene, Madeline and Malpas Streets Group, and

Howard, Bedford and Bernard Streets and part of Meredith Road Group of Streets;

under the conditions provided for under Division 10 of the Local Government Act 1928, in accordance with the plans and specifications and estimate of costs prepared thereof by the City Surveyor; and that this resolution do come up for confirmation at a meeting of this Council to be held on Monday, 24th October, 1938.."

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a Meeting of the Council of the City of Preston will be held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Town Hall, Preston, on MONDAY, 24th OCTOBER, 1938, at 8 O'CLOCK P.M., when the resolution, as set out above, will be submitted for confirmation.

L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Preston.
6th October, 1938.

Activities At .... PRESTON

A Treble Misfortune

TROUBLES, it is said, never come singly, and the truth of this old saying was verified by a series of misfortunes at the home of Mr. Robert Gilchrist, of Tyler street who is assistant rail-keeper at the Preston Town Hall. He, and his young son, George, were engaged on Saturday in cleaning a car at their home. A tin of petrol was being used in the process. The engine was also receiving some attention. The petrol became ignited, thought to have been brought about by an electric spark from the battery, with the result that the overalls worn by George caught fire, also his shirt and underwear. Mr. Gilchrist, in attempting to beat out the flames, was severely burned on the hands. An ambulance was called, and George was hurried to the Royal Melbourne Hospital, where remedial measures were applied. Mr. Gilchrist also received attention. The condition of the boy was reported to be serious.

A second misfortune happened on Monday evening, when Mr. Gilchrist motored from Preston to the hospital in order to see his son. While in the hospital, his motor-car was stolen. Later information is to the effect that the lad is off the danger list, and that the stolen car (apparently taken by joy-riders) has been recovered

Sustenance Workers at Preston

THE number of men engaged on sustenance work in Preston at the present time is 268 as compared with 284 this time last year. Engaged in relief work in the country are 30 men from Preston. The number of men registered for work only is 80.

Preston Municipal Band

MR. W. S. May, bandmaster of the Preston Municipal Band, is well satisfied with its operations and appearance in public of the band invarably meets with appreciation. On Saturday afternoon the band will render selections in front of the Town Hall, and on Thursday, October 27, there is to be a civic concert. On Sunday afternoon, October 30 there will be solo competitions in which about 30 bandsmen are expected to take part. The adjudicator will be Mr. Tom Campbell, bandmaster at Kingaville and Yarraville.

Preston Ladies' Bowling Club

ON Wednesday afternoon, September 28 there was a well attended tourney in connection with the above, including a team from Northcote. The winning four was composed of Mesdames L. Roberts, E. G. Green and Welsh, also Mr. McIntosh. The trophy was presented by Mr. R. Cripps at afternoon tea was enjoyed by the company.

More Reading Matter Asked For

MR. H. P. Zwar M.L.A., will be pleased to receive more reading matter for the use of Preston men in country camps at Riddell and Shepparton.

Preston Relief Committee

OCCASION was taken on Monday evening at a meeting of this committee to bid farewell to Mr. A. C. Fletcher, who has rendered acceptable service during his term as a member, and who is shortly to leave Preston.

St. John Ambulance

ALL members were successful in their examination held at Preston Town Hall for women's home nursing. Four members obtained 100 per cent. Misses G. Anderson, Rheita Buchanan, Isobel Young, Mary Phillips, Stella Tosch, Florence Tosch, Beryl

IN MEMORIAM

STEPHENSON.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Charles, and our loving father, who passed away on September 27, 1937, at Preston.

"Not just to-day, but every day
In silence we remember."

Treasured by his loving wife and daughter.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

FOURTH CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, MELBOURNE

A BRANCH of the Mother Church The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass., holds services in the WESTGARTH HALL, UNION ST WESTGARTH, as follow:

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 daily except Saturday, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Personal

Mr. Tom E. Cantlon, 79, a resident of Osborne grove, Preston, was taken about a fortnight ago to St. Vincent's Hospital suffering from appendicitis. At his advanced age, an operation was not considered advisable, and death occurred at an early hour on Tuesday morning. Mr. Cantlon left a widow and family of five, including Mr. F. M. Cantlon, an officer engaged at the Preston Post Office. Mr. Cantlon was a well-known figure in South Preston, where he was frequently to be seen on marketing expeditions, with his grandson, Kevin, aged 4½. Mr. Cantlon was a retired storekeeper, and was proud of the fact that he bought the first railway ticket issued from Melbourne to Numurkah, and he was also the first to be married at the Roman Catholic Church at that place to Miss Mary Morrison. In addition, he was the founder of the Numurkah, Nathalia, and Cobram Fire brigades, and he acted as captain in each of these country towns. The burial took place at the Preston cemetery on Wednesday morning, after a service had been conducted at the Sacred Heart Church, Bell street, Preston, there being a large attendance at the funeral. The service at the graveside was read by Rev. Fr. Wade of Heidelberg.

Among the guests at the annual dinner of the Chamber of Manufactures at Menzies' Hotel, city on Monday evening, were Messrs. H. P. Zwar M.L.A. and Herman Zwar

Mrs. Margaret M. Stirling, 24 years, of Powell street, Regent, died on Wednesday, September 28, leaving a husband and two young children. The funeral, in charge of Mr. Ern Jensen took place in the Preston cemetery on Thursday. Rev. Father Pearce of Heidelberg officiating at the graveside. The pall-bearers were Messrs J. Stewart, P. Burke, J. Dorgan, F. W. Smith, K. Nelson, and P. Styring.

Mr. J. Quin, officer in charge of sustenance at Preston, has been appointed a Life-Governor of the Austin Hospital in recognition of services rendered to the institution during 1937-38.

Edward Charles Lang Reaks is the name given to the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Reaks, Delaware street, Reservoir, who was christened at All Saints' Church, Preston on Sunday afternoon. Among those at the ceremony were the parents of Mrs. Reaks (Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lang), Mr. Alf Lang, and Miss Elsie Bambridge (godmother). Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Reaks entertained about 30 at their home.

By the death on September 29 at Caulfield Hospital of Mr. Fred Johnson, Mrs. Welsh of Northcote has lost a brother.

At his daughter's residence, Pendennis street, Preston, on September 30, Mr. Alfred Dixon, aged 67 passed away. He leaves a widow (Mrs. Isabel Dixon), and a daughter Dorothy (Mrs. Smith).

The death occurred on October 1 at his brother's residence, Raleigh street, Thornbury, of Mabel Helena Tucker, aged 73 years. Messrs Herbert and William Tucker are brothers.

On September 28 Mr. John Herbert Farrell, of Clarke street, Northcote, died at the Caulfield Military Hospital.

At the age of 83 years, Rachael Jane Pudney died at her brother's residence, Flinders street, Thornbury, on September 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Beers (nee Maria M. Lingcoln) of Thornbury, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Judith Maria.

PRESTON DAIRYMAN'S ACHIEVEMENT

Once again, Mr. George Higgs, dairyman, of 343 Plenty road, Preston, was a successful entrant at the Royal Show, having been awarded the highest points in the clean milk competition, thereby receiving the congratulations of the judge on the cleanliness of his dairy. All milk supplied by Mr. Higgs is T.B. tested.

Last year Mr. Higgs was the recipient of a similar honor.

New Northcote Brick Co Dividend

The directors of the New Northcote Brick Co. Ltd., have declared an interim dividend of 3d. per share, payable on October 21. The directors report that trade for the past six months has been satisfactory, but in view of the strike in the coal trade, it had been decided to maintain the dividend at the above rate. Last year the company made one distribution of 3d. per share.

Church of the Epiphany

Thanksgiving Service.

Evensong on Sunday last the Vicar (Rev. F. E. Thornton) assisted by the Rev. J. O. Hughes, conducted a special service of thanksgiving for the successful issue of the recent trouble in Europe. Speaking from the 124th chapter of Kings II. about the manner in which the armies of Sennacherib, who was marching against the Jews, were defeated by the Lord, Rev. Thornton compared this with the manner in which recent threats of world war had been banished.

There was a large congregation but the Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. J. W. French) who had been invited, were unable to attend.

At the monthly children's service on Sunday afternoon last, eleven children were baptised into the church.

Preparations are in hand for the annual Sunday School picnic on Cup Day, and the annual church fete.

Improvements are being made to the Parish Hall where the stage is receiving attention.

A proposal has been submitted by the Epiphany tennis club for extensive renovation of the tennis court.

Christian Science

"Are sin, disease, and death real?" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon at all churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, October 9. The golden text is from Jeremiah 30: 17 "I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord." Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (I. Corinthians 6: 19.) 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: "Knowing the falsity of so-called material sense, you can assert your prerogative to overcome the belief in sin, disease, or death . . . When false human beliefs learn even a little of their own falsity, they begin to disappear." (Pages 253, and 252.)

BOWLS

FOUR-FOURS COMPETITION

Section 3 Division 2 — Elsternwick District 11, 98 d Northcote 73. Scores: Davis' rink 23 lost to Gill, Urquhart, Sibley, Brown 24; Stott's rink d Threlkeld, Sharp, Steed, Catarinich 15; Wilson's rink 24 d Hosking, Hawthorn, Horsley, Shaw 16; Beddoe's rink 20 d Harvey, Andrews, Faulkner, Davis 18.

Division 3 Section 4.—Auburn Heights 102 d Thornbury II. 72.

THREE FOURS COMPETITION

Section 1. —Thornbury 71 d Footscray 66.

THORNBURY CLUB

Thornbury No 1 team played at home against East Kew. After playing in good form for the major part of the afternoon, the Thornbury rinks finished weakly, losing 33 points in the last seven ends, to finish 4 down. Scores: Plotkin's rink 29 lost to Cornish, W. White, A. White G. Allen 30; France's rink 26 d Thomas, Fonton, Junor, Cogle 18; Herbert's rink 22 lost to Wallace, Humphries, Whalley, Landy, 23; Green' rink 24 lost to Morris, Dalgleish, W. Smith, Roberson 26. Totals; East Kew 101: Thornbury 97.

Thornbury No 2 team playing at Auburn Heights had two rinks up, and two down. One rink in particular had a very rough passage throughout the afternoon, finishing 38—10, and the total scores were 103—72. Scores:—North's rink 26 d Colley, Mahoney, Paterson, Carlyle 20; Morrie's rink 20 lost to Colson, Beattie, L. Hales, Wardley 22; Ward's rink 19 lost to Shingler, Treweren Pickford, Weste 20; Timms' rink 38 d Rose, Olver, Stone, Tulloch 10. Totals, Auburn Heights 103 Thornbury 72.

Thornbury No. 3 team had a good win by a margin of 7 pts. against Footscray, although one rink was badly down. This augurs well for the future, as the rinks are not yet at their top form, and should improve as the season advances. Scores: Werry, DeHaan, Powderham, Williams 14 lost to Fisher's rink 36; Birchall, Gibson, S. Hales, Davis 28 d Jenkins' rink 16, Stewart, Gorey, H. Smith, Auty 29 d Griffiths rink 14. Totals Thornbury 71; Footscray 11. 66."

PRESTON CLUB

PENNANT SEASON OPENED

Bowlers were favoured with ideal weather conditions for the opening of the pennant competition on Saturday, and although the greens are not yet up to concert pitch, the playing area as a whole was in a fairly fast and true condition. Naturally the greens improve as the season progresses.

Preston has three teams in the field, and at the end of the 12th end was 14—3. This looked good for the spoons, but in the next 18 ends, only found the score twice, and were beaten 16—25. Neil Sheridan nor Snell's rinks could gather the spoils, and will have to work for next time.

No. 2 team were the heroes of the day. They encountered strong opposition from Middle Park, but managed to win by 3 rinks to two, three rinks were first past the post. Carthew was the most successful. Starting off with a full hand, he later collected a 6 and finished 28—19. Ross showed fighting spirit. Eight down at the 18th, his men got to work and obtained the last six ends to win 27—20. Ellis started off in front and was never headed. Five at the 18th was a helpful contribution to a score of 26—20. McIntosh's rink struggled hard, but made no headway until the 19th end, when a 5, 1, and 4 brought the total to 22—27.

Spoon winners for the day were Williams, Howe, Carthew, and the flag points went to Carthew and Howe (equal first) and Ross (third).

Next Saturday's games are against Canterbury (No. 1), and Fairfield (No. 2). Our leading team has no fewer than four players away engaged on the licensing poll.

The Ladies' Club has opened its series of games with a mixed rinks tournament, and a pleasant afternoon's play resulted in trophies going to H. McIntosh, Mrs. Green, A. Welch, and Mrs. Roberts (2-3).

The card parties are being largely attended since the resumption of the weekly fixtures. About 40 were present on Saturday, Mrs. Sellwood, Mr. Fleming and Master Boyd being the prize winners.

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SOCIAL PARS

Blue Kitchen Tea.

At the South Preston Methodist School Hall, a blue Kitchen Tea was tendered to Miss Marjorie Coleman on the occasion of her approaching marriage to Mr. Ralph Johns on October 22. There were about 90 guests present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs. Sprott delighted with songs, and games and competitions whiled away the hours until supper time. The evening was a complete surprise to Miss Coleman and it was arranged by Miss C. Evans, (bridesmaid) and Miss R. Watson; and Messrs Watson and T. Evans acted as M's C. At supper a handsome collection of kitchenware was handed to Miss Coleman by Mr. Watson, who, on behalf of the guests wished them both all future joy and happiness. Miss Coleman and Mr. Johns made suitable replies.

Mayoress' Reception.

The Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. J. W French) has issued invitations for a reception to be held at the Town Hall, Northcote, on Tuesday, October 25.

Afternoon Party.

Last Saturday afternoon, Joyce Bott, of High street, Regent, entertained 36 of her little friends at an afternoon tea party at her home. Games, during which pandemonium reigned, whiled away the afternoon until 5.30, when the playmates of the little hostess returned home after having spent an enjoyable afternoon.

Children's Bazaar For 3AW

MARVELLOUS RESULT OF £54

On Saturday, October 1 a successful bazaar was held at Normanby Hall, Thornbury. The effort was for 3AW Chatterbox Corner cot appeal, and was organised by Pat Nelson, Dorothy and Geoffrey Olorenshaw, Betty Wilkinson and Joyce Lay. In opening the function the Mayoress, (Mrs. J. W. French), who was accompanied by Mrs. J. A. Thomson spoke of the high esteem in which she held "Nancy Lee" in her work for the children, and duly declared the fete open. Many representative people of Northcote were present, and the function yielded the magnificent sum of £54.

The children interested would like to take the opportunity of thanking all who helped in any way to make their effort such a marvellous success.

SAFETY CODES FOR PEDESTRIANS

Copies of the codes for pedestrians issued by the National Safety Council, and referred to elsewhere in this issue, are now available for free distribution at the "Leader-Budget" Office, 481 High street, Northcote.

ACCIDENT PROVES FATAL

Mrs. Mary McTavish, 76 years, of Brunswick, died on Tuesday night, October 4, at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. On the previous Wednesday, she was knocked down by a motor-cycle in High street, Northcote, when she received the injuries which subsequently proved fatal.

MR. W. BEATTIE

of 138 Smith street, Thornbury, who has been for the last four years manager of F. G. Smith Pty. Ltd's. store at Heidelberg, has taken over the business. For the last 27 years, Mr. Beattie has been with the old firm of Smith's, and of this time, 16 years were spent as manager, first at Thornbury, and then at Heidelberg.

Mr. Beattie went through the Great War; has taken a prominent part in various sports; and for the last ten years has been secretary to the Northcote Horticultural Society. He is an enthusiastic horticulturist. His numerous friends will wish him well in his new sphere.

Valuer's Report

NORTHCOTE VALUATION INCREASES

In consequence of the number of new buildings being erected, and the general increase in rentals, the valuation for 1938-39 shows a substantial increase. The total nett annual value is £479,449, being an increase of £20,747 over last year. The increases in the various wards are as follow:— North £6,269; West, £6,177; South £3,253; Central £2,724. East £2,324.

Building activities have brought the total number of buildings in the city to 10,964. This increase comprises 130 buildings, which includes 22 in course of erection.

Population Declines

The population figures, however, have decreased by 794, leaving it at 41,308.

The new valuation on the increased rating will mean an increase in revenue of £2,593/7/6

The totals of buildings in the various wards show that the West Ward leads with 3,204. This figure represents the highest number of weather-board houses in any one ward, the number being 2,550. Next is the North Ward with 3,034 buildings. This ward shows the main increase in building activities, having 87 out of the 130 mentioned above. The South Ward with 2,021 has the largest number of brick houses (452). In the East Ward there are 1,623 buildings, while in the Central Ward there are 1,082.

Although the main shopping block is not situated in the West Ward, the latter leads with 230 shops with dwellings attached, and 122 lock-up shops. The West Ward also has the largest number of factories; —26.

The number of shops with dwellings, lock-up shops, and factories are: North Ward 131: 57. 13. South Ward 85: 34: 16. Central Ward 57. 45: 13.. East Ward 56: 40: 5.

The population figures for the various wards are: North 11,881 (decrease of 317). East 11,661 (decrease 431). South 7,555 (decrease 126); East 6,012 (decrease 125); The Central Ward has the smallest population with 4,199 (decrease 81.)

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RESERVOIR METHODISTS

FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Tuesday afternoon the first birthday of the Reservoir Methodist Women's Auxiliary for the Overseas Mission was celebrated by a party in the church hall. Proceedings opened with a hymn, followed by a prayer and scripture reading, and then an overture by Meadames Trevena and Roberts. A warm welcome was extended by the president (Mrs. Albon) and the roll was called by Mrs. Freeman, responses being made by representatives from the following branches: South Preston Methodist, Reservoir Church of Christ, Reservoir Presbyterian, West Preston Methodist, and East Preston Methodist, North Preston Methodist.

Mrs Lelean, from Fiji, gave a most interesting talk about the life and customs there. She exhibited a large polished shark's tooth, which teeth the Fijians prize greatly. Afternoon tea, and the cutting of a birthday cake (made by Mrs. O. Dempsey) and decorated with one candle, was a fitting conclusion to a highly enjoyable afternoon. Items were given as follows: solos by Mesdames Lloyd and O. Moody, and a duet by Mesars Thompson and Lloyd.

TENNIS

PRESTON ASSOCIATION

Saturday's results:—

Special Grade. — Preston 59 d Reservoir 47; Oakover 64 d Hill 35; Numurray 57 d Danella Park 38; Eumeralla 54 d Warrain 43.

A Grade. — Danella 68 d Reservoir 32; Hill 57 d Oakover 44; College 53 d Yooralla 42. Comas 63 d Warrain 40; Numurray 65 d Danella Park 37.

B1 Grade. — College 61 d Bell Park 30; Grove 56 d Warain 39. Preston Methodist 58 d Sacred Heart 41; Normanbie 55 d Preston 40: Numurray 65 d Reservoir Presbyterians 43.

B2 Grade. — West Preston Methodist 53 d St. Gabriel's 50; South Preston 66 d College 33; Comas 60 d Danella 47; Regent 56 d Cooma (walk over); Cranross d Oakover.

C1 Grade. — Numurray 64 d (decrease of 31); Reservoir Methodists 18; East Preston 54 d Bell Park 48; Warrain 52 d Grove 44.

C2 Grade. — West Preston Methodist 61 d St. Gabriel's 45; South Preston 60 d East Preston 48; Regent 64 d Cooma 19; Cranross d Oakover.

RELIEVING P.M. HAS SHORT LIST

Mr. D. M. Addison the relieving P.M. at the Northcote Court on October 4, assisted by three justices (Messrs Holden, Kean and Aherne) had a comparatively short list.

The bulk of the cases were council prosecutions which resulted in convictions and fines. For parking too far off the kerb in High street, north of Arthurton road, on September 14, Ait Foletta, of Beaconsfield parade was fined 15/ with 2/6 costs.

John Noble, of South Yarra, on the same date ran foul of the traffic inspector by driving his truck in the wrong direction along St. George's road. was fined £1 and 2/6 costs.

A similar fine was imposed on Michael Hogan, of Perry street, Alphington, who also disregarded the one-way traffic notices in St. George's road.

Two motorists were each fined £2 with 2/6 costs for having cut traffic buttons at major intersections. The first was Phillip Daley, of Clarke street, Northcote, who cut the button at the corner of St. George's road and Arthurton road on September 15. The second was Frank K. Shekleton, accountant, of Hawthorn, whose offence was committed at 5.30 on August 11, at the intersection of Separation and High streets.

Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, subjected the traffic inspector (Leslie Howse) to a searching cross-examination which lasted 45 minutes. He followed this up by his own version of what took place in an equally long address to the bench, which however, found against him, and imposed a fine.

RIFLE SHOOTING

PRESTON CLUB

Preston Rifle Club fired the first Bignell trophy from 600 yds on Saturday. Scores: — L. Dunnoweth 46-3-49; J. Piggott 45-4-49; V. Coish 44-3-47; B. Jordan 43-4-47; E. Batstone 45-1-46; G. Carter 44-2-46; G. Bignell 44-1-45 H. Court 43-2-45; H. Batstone 31-6-37.

TO FIREPROOF CANVAS

To fireproof canvas, curtains, drapes, etc., the following recipe may be used: Mix 1 lb. ammonium phosphate and 2 lb ammonium chloride in 6 quarts of water, and then soak in it the article it is desired to render fireproof. Lightly squeeze out the excess liquid, and let the article dry with the ammonium salts in it.

For the more delicate fabrics, use 1oz. borax and 8 oz boric acid dissolved in a gallon of water. Wring out very lightly and allow to dry, but do not rinse the material.

RESERVOIR NOTES

At the continuation of the "Coming of Age" celebrations of St. George's Church of England euchre party the ladies' trophies were won by Mrs. Polu. Irwin and Broadbent, while Messrs Murphy and Barker were successful in the men's section. This was followed on Saturday night by a clever farce "Patricia" in which the Trinity Players from Thornbury showed out to advantage. The celebrations concluded with special services preached by the Rev. T. Whitworth (morning) and Rev. McKenna (night).

The most successful fancy dress dance ever staged in Reservoir was attended by about 180 people when the North Ward Progress Association carried out its initial programme. Crs. Moore and Croft were present, the latter presenting a long list of prizes.

The Progress Association has requested the council to ask the Board of Works if the triangular piece of land, owned by the Council at the south of the railway station, and bordering High street, can be used by Reservoir children as a park and playground.

Owing to the increase of business at the Reservoir station, the status has been raised. This will necessitate alteration in the personnel of the staff.

The ordinary business of the North Ward Progress Association was suspended to allow Mr. Bastrop to deliver an address on National Insurance. His lucid explanations were followed by many questions. The president, Mr. Penglaze, moved a vote of thanks.

The Railways Department has promised to ameliorate the approach to the railway station.

The opening of Edwardes Park as a cricket ground took place on Saturday when the local P.A.F.S. team played Atyeo and Sons.

The contractors have started excavation in the Bedford street group of streets. Steady increase in the building of houses is noted.

Miss Mona Moulden, of Ralph street has gone for a holiday to Longwarry South.

The refusal of the Railways Department to improve the antiquated station buildings at Reservoir has been received with disappointment.

The balance sheet of the North Ward Progress Association when presented by the treasurer, Mr. Marshall was favourably commented upon. The credit stands at £34. This is mainly due to the activities of the social committee of which Messrs Woolard and McCrae are secretaries. These two gentlemen, assisted by Messrs Hardie, Smith, and Penglaze, are organising a picnic to Whittlesea on Cup Day. Mrs. Irwin was presented with a trophy (euchre.)

Mr. Arnott has been appointed superintendent of St. George's Church of England.

NORTHCOTE RATES

The Northcote Rate Collector (Mr. E. D. Riddle) has submitted the following report for the year ending September 30, 1938:— Current rates £57,331/15/; supplementary £125/13/9, totalling £57,463/8/9 of which £55,043/10/1 was collected. This represents 96 per cent, an increase of one-half per cent over the corresponding period for 1937. Arrears have been considerably reduced, as from a total of £6,167/15/6, the sum of £3,092/19/8 has been paid. The total income in various departments for the current year including rates, arrears, etc., is £73,943/9/6.

BOY SCOUTS

FIRST PRESTON TROOP

The "Whoopee Fair" is to be held on October 15 afternoon and evening. The stalls are being managed by the scouts' parents. The boys have arranged side shows, and many competitions, etc.

The test in the Hurford Competition for the best designed patrol corner was won by the Otter Patrol, with P.L. W Bredt in charge.

Scouters from surrounding districts held an evening at the Scout Hall recently, and amongst those present were the Chief Commissioner, G. Anderson, and General Secretary, F. Sanders.

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News of the . . . LODGES

CLIFTON DRUIDS U.A.O.D.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Wednesday, September 28, Bro. E. A. Ludlow presiding, and welcoming the visitors from the Royal Lodge. It was decided to pay an official visit to the Royal Lodge. The principal business of the evening was the installation of the new District President, Bro. Ames P.A.D., by Bro. Fox, D.P. Bro. Ames D.P. said that during his term of office he would try to keep the district on a sound basis.

The evening concluded with a dance and supper which was greatly enjoyed.

NORTHCOTE LODGE G.U.O.O.F.

There was an exceptionally large attendance at the fortnightly meeting on September 27 at the Dispensary Hall, Thornbury. Bro. H. Farmer N.G. presided. Sister J. Honey, Bros. H. Farmer and E. Jewell were each presented with a double ticket for the Grand Lodge Conference Social. The quarterly statement was read by the secretary, (Bro. R. Russell). It was pleasing to note the substantial increase in members for the quarter, also a large increase in the management fund. It was decided to elect a social committee, and the following members were appointed: President, Bro. H. Farmer; secretary and treasurer, Bro. E. Jewell: committee, Sister J. Honey, Bros. E. Keaney and D. Carey. Sister Warden then served refreshments.

The newly elected social committee held their first meeting after the lodge meeting, when it was decided to increase the number of indoor games by purchasing quoits, table tennis, darts, airguns, and various board games. The committee hopes to establish a tennis club in the near future.

The syllabus for the next lodge meeting is table tennis.

NORTHCOTE BRANCH A.N.A

The fortnightly meeting was held on September 29. Cr. A. McAdam will represent the Northcote City Council at the branch smoke night on October 13. Members and friends are invited to the anniversary smoke night on October 3. Admission is 2/ and an excellent night is assured. It was learned with regret of the death of one of our members, Mr. Waycott. The secretary reported sending a letter of condolence.

One new member was welcomed by the president (Mr. R. H. Campbell) and five more were nominated. Mr. R Fitch reported on sick members.

Mr. Turnbull reported on cricket activities. On Saturday the team played against Fairfield A.N.A. at their ground, corner Darebin and Grange roads, Northcote East. Northcote scored 116 (J. Gostelow 38, B. Jackson 32, and N. White 32 not out); Fairfield lost 3/9. Thus Northcote made an excellent beginning against Fairfield, who won the premiership last year.

Mr. Aldridge, reporting on social activities, said the Xmas tree arrangements were progressing satisfactorily, and an excellent programme has been arranged for the smoke night on Thursday, October 3. Members and friends are invited; admission 2/.

The rifle team are to practice on Monday, October 3 and 10 at Merri Rifle range. As they are the only two practices before the competition begins, members are asked to attend.

The syllabus item was a euchre tournament, which was well attended by both ladies and gentlemen. The president presented Mrs. Walpole with the ladies' prize, and Mr. Turnbull with the gentlemen's prize. He thanked all for their attendance, and congratulated the winners.

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Holy Trinity Parish Ball

A parish ball held at Holy Trinity Thornbury, Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 28 (Show Eve) was an unqualified social and financial success. This was a special effort to augment funds for the liquidation of the parish debt. The Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. J. W. French) extended their patronage. The Vicar and Mrs. Chamberlain received the guests as they entered the hall, which had been tastefully decorated in colours of the rainbow. A dainty supper was served in the Shattesbury Hall.

A "great night" was the unanimous opinion of all present. Dancing was indulged in until the early hours of Thursday morning. Donations were received from many who were unavoidably absent. The arrangements were excellent, and were carried out by a capable and enthusiastic committee.

It was indeed a social highlight of the parish, and a credit to Holy Trinity.

DON'T OVERDO GAMES

One hears a great deal about physical fitness these days, but being fit to play games well is a different thing from being merely physically fit writes an English doctor. Certainly, your muscles must be in good trim to play games, but if you have not been properly taught you will find that a great deal of energy can be misspent by doing things the wrong way.

Even those who have a natural aptitude for games can improve if they will only go to an expert and take the trouble to learn. Waste of energy through not knowing the correct way to play any game means that you will become exhausted early in the game. The result is that you are apt to strain yourself, or in making extra efforts, develop a sprain. These strains, if not properly treated, may leave you a permanently weakened joint or muscle.

Just as important is the choice of sports gear. The correct weight of a tennis racquet or golf clubs, the right size of badminton sandals be ascertained before you start, and this is even more important where children are concerned. If your club or racquet is too heavy, it will impose a great strain on the tendons and joints, which may easily be damaged. Let your choice be guided by someone who knows all there is to be known about these things.

The Price of Sugar

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BUT AUSTRALIA PAYS £27

In Sydney last week, Captain Victor Casalet, British M.P., and delegate to the British Commonwealth Relations Conference, had some trenchant criticism to offer concerning the Australian price of sugar. He said "Unless you are prepared to open your doors to the latest inventions, you are bound to deprive yourself and your people of some of the advantages of civilisation. You pay £27 per ton for sugar, which could be bought on the world market for £7."

This brings us to the question as to the value of the sugar industry, the growing of the sugar cane by which is almost entirely in the hands of Italians. We pay 4d. per pound for sugar in Australia in order to benefit this horde of aliens, and to provide sugar at world's parity for export. Apparently, according to the visitor, our methods of production are also out of date.

"My sister is awfully lucky," said little Mary. "She went to a party last night where they played a game in which the men either had to kiss a girl or pay a forfeit of a box of chocolates." "Well, how was Beatrice lucky?" "She came home with thirteen boxes of chocolates."

EXPENSIVE IMPORTED MILITARY OFFICERS.

Lieutenant General to Get £3647.

Criticism of the appointment of Lieutenant-General Squires as Inspector General of the Australian Military Forces at a salary of £3647 a year was made by the Leader of the Opposition in the Federal Parliament (Mr. Curtin) recently. He said "The amount to be paid to this Englishman is twice that paid to any Australian officer, and is a sorry commentary on the scale of payments to Australians and the Governments regard for their ability." Mr. Curtin went on to say he was amazed that Lieutenant-General Squires was promoted from the rank of Major-General only after his appointment by the Commonwealth Government. He believed that Mr. Thorby (Minister of Defence) had not obtained the best man for the position.

AN AUDACIOUS THEFT

On Saturday night an impudent theft was committed at the shop of Werring Radio Co., Swanston street, city. Thieves forced the front door of the shop, and set a radio going in the front window. Next, four radio cabinets and two mantel receivers were loaded on to a vehicle outside. Two other receivers were got ready for removal. The stolen goods are valued at £60 to £70.

When a constable on patrol duty on Sunday morning saw the front door open, the neon sign alight and the shop fully illuminated, he started to make inquiries.

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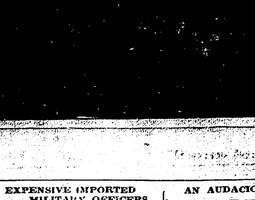

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THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Reader, can you qualify for jobs as assistants to the noted Chinese philosopher, Hon. Nin-Com-Poop, who conducts this column, by answering these questions? (The position is an honorary one).

1.—Talking about positions, the war position in Europe has ceased, due to a pact signed by four people representing four nations. Who were they and whom do they represent?

2.— Are you well versed in intricacies of municipal government. If you are, you ought to knew that each ward in Northcote is represented by — councillors? — One, two, three, four, five, nil?

3.—To be certain that the last word (nil) was spelled correctly, I looked up the dictionary. I was right. The word appearing immediately above nil (in the dictionary) caught my eye—nihility. Do you knew what it stands for?

4.—I mentioned war in my first question, which reminds me that my friend, Mr. Whittlesnoop asked me whether spotted torpedoes would be used by the navy in the next one. I told him they could not. Why?

5.— Besides being a nit-wit and golfer, Mr. Whittlesnoop is an awful liar. He was telling me the other day that he was out in the country where a couple of army men were having a bit of fun with an explosive called cordite. He told me the noise was something awful, and the smoke and fire made by the explosion were terrific. I taxed him with not telling the truth. Do you know why?

6.—Leaving Whittlesnoop and his lies, I would like my readers to tell me what is a Sepoy?

7.—Harangue has nothing to do with meringue. It is nothing to eat, in fact. It stands for —?

8.—When it rains a lady uses an umbrella. It hot weather to keep the sun off she would use a —? Why is the latter so called?

9.— Othello is a horse, but also stands for—?

10.—An flatly something very easy. "Oz." Is an abbreviation for —?

(Answers on Back Page.)

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The SCREEN and its STARS

A CANDID CAMERA PLOT

A new craze for "candid camera photography" which has set every second person snapping his friends and relatives unawares, has finally crashed the movies. A "candid camera" in the hands of bungling Roscoe Karns motivates the plot when a shot taken of a young girl without her knowledge involves her in a mysterious murder in "Scandal Street." The murder, in which the camera figures, is the climax of a long battle waged against Louise Campbell by the women of the town who fear her attraction for their husbands.

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ANOTHER JUNGLE TECHNICOLOR

A romance between a handsome young aviator, whose aeroplane is wrecked on a lonely South Sea island, and an untamed native girl who has never laid eyes on a white man before, forms the story of "Her Jungle Love." Ray Milland and Dorothy Lamour head the cast, making their first appearance together since they scored in "The Jungle Princess" so sensationally a season ago. Probably no two stars in Hollywood are more often associated with tropical romance than Milland and Miss Lamour, he having recently appeared in "Ebb Tide," and she in "Hurricane." In "Her Jungle Love" they are assisted by a cast of popular players.

Their latest picture marks a continuance of the experiment which brought such success in "Ebb Tide" of using technicolour to bring out the exotic charm and beauty of a tropical background. But, while "Ebb Tide" took place mostly aboard ship, the setting of "Her Jungle Love" is exclusively a lush South Sea island which affords perfectly adapted material for colour photography.

NEW ANGLE ON GANGSTERS

Gangsterism, a theme for motion pictures, has finally reached the stage where it can be "kidded" That is what happened in "A Slight Case of Murder," a gaily hilarious burlesque from the studios of Warner Bros. The star of this farce is the same man who first established the gangster-racketeer as a familiar screen figure—Edward G. Robinson, who years ago was the menacing "Little Caesar". There are shootings in "A Slight Case of Murder," of course. In fact, four gangsters of varying degrees of wickedness bite the dust. But the "killings" are so ludicrous that they bring laughs instead of gasps. The characters are always funny, whether they are playing the roles or being killed by their enemies. Eddie Robinson plays a beer baron of dry days in the U.S.A., who, when prohibition repeal comes along, turns "legitimate" brewer. His rum-running, hi-jacking henchmen become his salesmen. They have to lay aside their guns, wear clean shirts, and shave daily. But, of course, the honest business does not run smoothly. Eddie, teetotaller himself, does not know that his beer is very bad stuff. His gunless salesmen cannot force it upon the tavern keepers. And nobody dares to tell him the truth. He loses money, and is down to his last half million when a rival gang tries to hi-jack this. They shoot each other up in process, and Eddie saves his money. Then he learns about his beer, changes the formula, and goes forward successfully. Throughout all this nonsense, runs a romance between the beer baron's daughter, Jane Bryan and a wealthy young suitor Willard Parker.

STILL IN MURDER FILMS

No actress in Hollywood has appeared in a greater percentage of pictures involving murder than Louise Campbell, who plays opposite Lew Ayres in Paramount's "Scandal Street." Her previous exciting roles in "Bulldog Drummond" stories and Cecil B. De Mille's latest epic drama "The Buccaneer" make her well suited to her new role as the victim of small town slander and intrigue.

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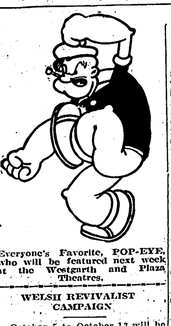

Everyone's Favorite, POP-EYE, who will be featured next week at the Westgarth and Plaza Theatres.

RACING COMPETITION

MOST ENTRANTS AT SEA

The opening of the Spring racing carnival was not a success as far as the majority of entrants in the 33rd Westgarth Racing Competition were concerned. A few isolated entries submitted high scoring coupons, but the majority were wide of the mark.

The best entry gained 21 points with Kerry Boy (won at 10/1), Sylvana (unplaced), Limerick Lace (won at 7/2), Alan-a-Dale (unplaced), Lady Montague (won at 4/1), Ajax won at 4/1 on), and Footmark (3rd at 7/2).

The next also selected Limerick Lace, Alyca-Dale, Lady Montague, and Ajax, but the remainder of the entry form—David Quex, Mars Flight (won at 6/4) and Otelle's Star—added only 5 points, thus making a total of 20 points. The third best was one point behind, having selected Laveur (unplaced), Limerick Lace (won), Historian (2nd at 5/1), Lady Montague (won), Avonside (won), and Temple Coyn (2nd at 16/1).

Two other entries qualify for free tickets to the Westgarth Theatre, sponsors of this competition, with 17 points each. Both selected Lady Montague and Ajax as winners of the 5th and 6th race respectively. The remaining selections were different, and read. (4)—David Quex (unplaced), Avonside (unplaced), Limerick Lace (won), Historian (2nd), and Otelle's Star (unplaced; while (5) had Laveur (unplaced), Mars Flight (won), Riviera (2nd at 2/1), Captain Kettle (unplaced), and Son of Aurus (unplaced).

Xavier, who paid the splendid dividend of £35/13/ on the win tote, was mentioned only on one entry.

The 34th Westgarth Racing Competition will be decided on the Caulfield races to be held on Saturday next. The points and conditions will be the same as in previous competitions. No entries received after 12 noon on Saturday next, October 8 will be eligible. Cut out the entry form, and after filling it in, bring, or post it in envelope marked "Westgarth Theatre Racing Competition" to the "Leader" Budget" Office, 431 High street, Northcote, N. 16.

Entries Can Be Left at Theatre.

For the convenience of readers and patrons, racing entries may be left at the theatre. They will be collected at noon.

CAULFIELD: OCTOBER 8

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SKODA MUNITION FACTORY

MAY COME TO AUSTRALIA

A representative of the Skoda munition works of Czechoslovakia which is the largest institution of its kind in the world (Mr. Gieslinger), has arrived in Sydney to investigate the engineering industry here on behalf of his company. It he considered conditions suitable, he said, his company would establish a large engineering factory in Sydney.

Mr. Gieslinger, who is a graduate in engineering at the Vienna University, has been factory manager at Pilzo-, where his company produced all types of machinery. He said a subsidiary company had been working for some time producing the Bren machine gun. Communication had been maintained with his principals throughout the trip, and he had received no indication that they desired him to curtail his mission.

Elector (to candidate): "You are an idiot!" Candidate: "Then I'm the very man to represent you!"

WELSH REVIVALIST CAMPAIGN

October 5 to October 13 will be the closing dates of Evangelist Isaac Hewitt's campaign at Northcote. His meetings have been held in the Tabernacle, Wimble street (at rear of Northcote Picture Theatre), and the congregations from night to night have been inspired and uplifted. Those who have attended meetings during the campaign have returned hight after night to receive their portion of blessing.

These meetings are convened under the auspices of the Apostolic Church of Australia, which is a branch of a world-wide movement. It is the outcome of a Great Welsh Revival which swept through Wales in 1904-5, when 20,000 decisions were made for Christ. The evangelist during the closing meetings will explain the tenets of the Church.

YOUTH SEVERELY BURNED

George Gilchrist, 16 years, of Tyler street, Preston, suffered extensive burns to the body and arms while attempting to extinguish a fire which broke out in a car at his home in Preston.

Other members of the family succeeded in extinguishing the flames while the youth was rushed to the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

WEEK-END ACCIDENT

When two cars collided in Plenty road, Heidelberg, on Saturday night last, the driver of one of them, Kenneth Allen, 22 years of age, Shaftesbury parade, Thornbury, suffered fractures of the leg and skull. He was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital, where his passenger, Ethel Davey, 21 years, of Research Post Office, was also treated for shock and abrasions.

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OUR SHORT STORY

"THIRD FLOOR PLEASE"

MR. Lane, feeling tired, sat on the chair by the counter and looked vaguely about him. Twenty minutes ago he had entered the store with his wife, and the vastness, the babel, the elusive ghost(?) of perfume had the effect of an opiate. In a muffled fashion came to him the voices of shoppers, the whirr and clang of a lift, and the chant of the liftman—"Third floor—ladies' underwear, school outfits, stationery, fancy goods perfumery —"

Mr. Lane rather wished he had stayed at home. To a man in business in London, he supposed, this would be as nothing. But to a middle-aged tutor who seldom ventured beyond Dalchester, it was overpowering.

"What do you think of this, Henry?"

He blinked, and glanced at the nail file his wife was holding out for his inspection.

"Very fine, dear."

"It's not exactly what I wanted."

He experienced mild amazement A nail-file was such a small thing, and she had inspected dozens.

"I'll have to leave it," said his wife to the assistant.

"Yes, madam."

Mr. Lane blinked. "Are we going home, dear?"

"Good gracious, no," she said, laughing. "I've lots more things to buy."

"In here?"

"Yes."

Mr. Lane drew on a glove and prepared to follow her. The prospect of walking along endless vistas of carpet, past bowers of unrestful decorative sprays, of being sucked up and discharged by lifts, gave him a reluctant weariness.

His wife took pity on him and said, "Stop here if you like. I'll come back for you, and then we'll have some tea."

"I thank you, my dear. How long will you be?"

"Say half an hour."

He nodded at her affectionately The assistant, having nobody to attend to in this corner of the department, drifted away. Mr. Lane receded from the world of amazing bargains, drastic reductions, and oppressive central heating. His head nodded.

Upon his peace broke disturbance in the shape of a slim and pretty girl, a short-stepping, vital sort of girl, whose footsteps pattered into his consciousness. His eyes opened dreamily.

Then he became rigidly awake. She was walking along the counter, and her hand brushed up some article. It was done in a second, covertly, with the ease and speed of practice. She walked on, innocently regarding perfumes and powders, lipsticks and manicure sets.

This alone would have been enough to startle Mr. Lane. But he had seen something else. Over against an angle of the wall hung a long pier glass. A flicker of movement in it had divided his shocked attention. He saw the reflection of a rag-waller, a dark and immaculate man with protruding eyes and an unpleasant grin, whose solid self seemed to be behind a corner of the department. The eyes in the mirror were watchin the girl in the mirror.

"Got you," they proclaimed.

Mr. Lane went hot and cold. Scrupulous as he was, he had taken an instinctive dislike to that grinning face. And the girl was so young, so young.

Then, in the mirror advanced slowly. Its feet moved with feline softness. Its hands rubbed together. Mr. Lane thought of a cat stalking a mouse.

A damp tension came over him The solid reflection left the corner. "Good afternoon, moddom," said the shop-walker, "is there anything further?"

The girl was calm.

"I beg your pardon?"

"I said moddom, is there anything further?"

She looked at him, and through him, and began to walk away. "I am not," said the shopwalker.

"I will give moddom a bill for what she has t-ken."

"What do you mean?"

Exactly what I said moddom."

"How dare you?. Beneath her richness was a breath of fear.

Mr. Lane came forward. His purpose was uncertain, but a sense of chivalry urged him.

"Sir," said the girl, her eyes appealing to him, "this—this person has accused me of taking something."

Mr. Lane molstened his lips and said "Dear, dear!"

"I saw her take it," said the shopwalker grimly.

"There's no mistake. We lose thousands a year in petty pilfering—"

"How dare you!"

What happened next took Mr Lane's breath away. The girl's hand stole behind her back. The stirring of her slender fingers was eloquent. They were praying for him to take something from her, and he could not resist. He slid his hand under hers, and received a flat cold object, which he slid into his pocket.

The girl's strategy had been clever anticipation. For the shopwalker said : "I saw you pick up something. Where is it?"

"Of all th. insufferable accusations!" She held out her right hand, her left, opened her bag. "What am I supposed to have taken? I should be glad to know."

"An inexcusable mistake," said Mr. Lane with a boldness that surprised himself.

The shopwalker was baulked, but do.ged. "I saw her take something. I'm not blind. That it was, and where it is now, I can't say."

Mr. Lane added "Sometimes they work in pairs."

The girl laughed scornfully. "I am. I have never met his gentleman before in my life. I am grateful that there is one gentleman in the store."

"And I," said Mr. Lane, reverting to hideous nervousness, "have never met this lady before. I am waiting for my wife."

"Yes sir. Where is she?"

"I couldn't tel you exactly Somewhere in this establishment."

"Oh, ye-es?"

Mr. Lane had an abominable co.viction that the cloth of his trouser-pocket had turned into glass. He dabbed at his forehead with his handkerchief, fingered his tie, and forced a show of dignity.

"I advise you not to make such dangerous mistakes in the future"

"I've a good mind to report him," said the pretty girl. She smiled sweetly at Mr. Lane, ignored the shop-walker, and departed.

The shopwalker watched her go. There was nothing apologetic about him. Mr. Lane decided that the beastliest things in the world were dark protruding eyes. Only a shade less beastly was the presence of the stolen property in one's trousers pocket.

"There is a waiting room on the second floor, sir," said the shopwalker at last.

"I thank you. But I arranged to meet my wife here."

"In that case sir—" The meaning was uncomfortably vague.

The shopwalker strolled away but not very far away and Mr Lane had the sensation of an erring schoolboy whose master is only half-turned towards the blackboard. He dared not feel the article in his pocket. The touch of it had told him it was a small metal case of some kind It had for him the malevolent quality of a bomb. His agitated thoughts raced. He got up to leave the place, he knew he could not hide a guilty walk. That might encourage the shopwalker to a second encounter. Suppose they insisted on searching him?

At the same time, a faintness sapped him . . . No. He must stay. He must be calm, casual. He must forget the thing in his pocket.

Serenely as he loved his wife, he had never so longed for her presence in all his life . .

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Mr. Lang's nerve failed him. Panic seethed through his veins. His hand dived in his pocket. He turned and saw a woman shopwalker, large, efficient, dressed in black, a woman with an air, of that notable class who can direct customers where to buy anything from an egg-cosy to an elephant, who can deal equally well with a fractious child or amoutbreak of fire in the basement.

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Was there sarcasm in the way she said that? Had the beast of a shopwalker told her something?

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"You're certain looking for grand, Henry."

"I've had a terrible experience. I daren't tell you here. We might be overheard." Down hand, in downwards, came across the treble. "For heaven's sake take this and put it in your bag"

Staring she took the metal case out of his hand. Then she laughed.

"You old silly, you quite frightened me. Where had I left it? On that counter" Thanks," she went on, unaware of his stupor, "I wouldn't have lost this powder compact of mine for anything!"

Chamberlain Unwilling to Accept Knighthoo..

It is stated that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister of England, has been approached to ascertain if he would accept the honour of Knight of the Garter. He has however, indicated his unwillingness to accept the honour, preferring to remain "plain Mr. Chamberlain." This is the highest honor in the gift of the sovreign.

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COUNCILLORS TAKE SIDES IN CITY BATHS DISPUTE

ALL UNANIMOUS THEY ARE ANTIQUATED

CR. McADAM SAYS "NOT SAFE FROM HEALTH POINT OF VIEW"

Some very strong opinions regarding the condition of the Northcote City Baths were expressed at the council meeting on Monday night last, when after a forceful speech, Cr. McAdam moved that the matter of the baths be referred to the estimates.

Several councillors ranged themselves on the side of the mover of the motion, who stated that the baths were not safe from a health point of view.

The remainder of the councillors, although agreeing that the baths were antiquated, supported Cr. Oliver, who seconded the motion, relying on the medical report submitted twelve months ago, which stated that the baths were safe.

RECONDITIONING ESTIMATED TO COST £30,000

Speaking on the subject, Cr. McAdam said that a report on the reconditioning of the baths was received from the City Engineer some time ago. Therein was mentioned the sum of £30,000. Since then ambitious scheme which, due to financial entailments, could not be accepted by the council. He continued that there appeared to be a feeling amongst councillors that a matter of £6,000 to £7,000 could be expended to provide up-to-date facilities in this direction.

WOULD NOT SEND HIS CHILDREN TO BATHS

Of late years the baths had been very freely used by the residents, nevertheless there existed a feeling among a certain section of the community which prevented them from sending their children to the baths. He himself would not permit his children to use them.

Close Present Baths or Build New Ones

The council was faced with the alternative of either building new baths or closing the present ones.

Cr. McAdam added that the Parks and Baths Committee felt that nothing should be done to the baths. Other sports—football and cricket—were well catered for by the council by providing ovals, excellent parks and playing areas, but the provision for the water-sport loving section of the community was neglected. He moved that the matter of better baths accommodation be referred to the estimates.

Cr. Oliver seconded the motion. He stated that the medical report on the baths failed to show anything detrimental to public health.

Council Took All Precautions

The council took all necessary precautions, having the baths completely emptied twice per week and having periodical analyses of water.

Perhaps Not Unsafe, But Out of Date

Cr. Sheean said his children were in the habit of using the baths, and his son on several occasions had complained of a sore throat after spending a day there. He would not go as far as say that the baths were unsafe, but they certainly were out-of-date.

The chairman of the Parks and Baths committee (Cr. Jones) supported Cr. Oliver's statement, saying that allegations that the baths were unsafe were not consistent with the facts. The report and regular analysis showed the chlorinated water of the baths was safe. The council were not neglectful of their duties, and saw that the baths were emptied twice weekly.

Cr. McAdam then asked for the report of the engineer to be produced, or that the engineer quote from it.

The engineer (Mr. V J. Bradley) said he was unable to quote from the report from memory.

Cr. Findlay Has No Complaint

Cr. Findlay said he had six children, four of whom were in the habit of using the baths. He had no complaints regarding the safety of the baths while realising that they were not of the best.

Cr. Hayes, the last to speak on the subject, said in his opinion the baths were not large enough, and they might be over-crowded this season. "The matter needs investigation, and we are not afraid of it," he concluded.

Here the matter will rest until the estimates are considered in a few weeks' time.

SHIP MODELLING SOCIETY

An interesting display of trophies for the Victorian Ship Modelling Society Competition is at present on view in the Lonsdale street windows of the Myer emporium. The V.S.M.S. was formed last year by a group of enthusiastic model ship-builders, with Lieut. Col. E. H. Middleton as chairman and Mr. A. W. Middleditch as secretary. The society has just completed a most successful year, terminating with the annual competition. An exhibition of the models is to be held on the Lonsdale street store from Monday October 10 to Saturday, October 15, and some excellent samples of craftsmanship will be on view. Ships of all types, from the whale boat and dinghy to the modern liner, and from the early days of sail to the extreme clipper with its raking masts and cloud of canvas, are included in the display. Many hours of painstaking effort and research are represented by the models on exhibition, and the Society holds meetings at the Model Dockyard, 216 Swanston street, Melbourne, at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday in each month and extends an invitation to all interested in this fascinating craft to communicate with the secretary, Mr. A. W. Middleditch, 115 Murray road, East Preston N 18.

PRESTON MAYORESS' GUILD

In the lounge at the Preston City Hall on September 28 there was a good attendance of members at the annual meeting of the Preston Mayoress' Guild. Mrs. G. H. Mott was in the chair, and welcomed the new mayoress (Mrs. F. G. Pike), and three new members. After the election of officers Mrs. Pike took the chair.

A most satisfactory balance sheet was submitted by the treasurer (Mrs. Campbell). The receipts were: Balance forward £7/15/4; card afternoons £54/5/3; card evenings £24/4/; subscriptions £15; donations £8/4/; charity ball £60/10/; fancy dress ball £10/10/; cakes 8/; picture night £1/11/2. Expenditure showed donations to Preston Ladies Benevolent Society £30; Queen Victoria Hospital, £30; Children's Hospital £20/13/; Eye and Ear Hospital £15/12/; Mayor of Preston Christmas Fund £10/; Crippled Children's Appeal £6/12/; Red Cross Appeal for Returned Soldiers £5/2/; Foundling Hospital and Babies' Home £5/; Royal Victorian Institute for Blind £5; Aft-r-Care Hospital £4; Melbourne District Nursing Society £3/3/; Northcote Creche and Kindergarten £3 Expenses for charity ball £31/12/4; postages, etc., £1/1/; printing, cards, flags etc., £1/9/3; drapery £3/10/; leaving a balance in the bank of £6/10/2.

The president for the past year was Mrs. G. H. Mott; secretary, Mrs C. T. Barling, and treasurer, Mrs. A. Campbell. The new president is Mrs. F. G. Pike; vice-presidents, Mesdames G. H. Mott, H. P. Zwar and A. K. Allchin; secretary, Mrs. L. W. Williams; assistant secretary, Miss Zeta Matthews, and treasurer, Mrs. A. Campbell.

CRICKET

Jika Association

ANNUAL PRESENTATION EVENING

Show night is becoming most popular amongst cricketers and their friends who attended in large numbers at the Jika Cricket Association's Annual Dance and Presentation evening. The evening was both successful and enjoyable. Among the guests were the secretaries of several sporting bodies, and quite a number of visitors from the sporting world. A programme of old time and modern dancing was enjoyed.

Trophies won during the season were presented by the president (Mr. H. P. Zwar M.L.A.) supported by the Mayor of Preston, and Mr. W. B. Howe (vice-president) who on behalf of the association, bade farewell to a former patron in Mr. A. C. Fletcher, who is leaving the district to the great regret of numerous friends.

Special tribute was paid by the secretary (Mr. W. H. Burland) to the excellent perfor ance of Phil Scott, a member of the Jika team during the Victorian Junior Cricket Union matches at Xmas, who took 7/20 including the hat trick) against Caulfield on Boxing Day at the Preston Cricket ground.

An enjoyable time was brought to a close with "Auld Lang Syne" at 1 a.m.

JIKA 1938-39 SEASON OPENS

TWO HAT TRICKS

CRICKETERS donned their flannels on Saturday in glorious weather for the opening day of the 1938-39 season.

The highest total for the day was compiled by East Preston 181 against Northcote P.A.F.S.; and the lowest was that of Preston I.N.F. who could only manage 22 against Preston South A.N.A.

The highest individual scores were:—

Batting

MASKIELL (East Northcote) 92
IRWIN (Reservoir) 57
GOUGH (Bell) 52

Bowling

STAFFORD (Sherry Socials) 6/16
E. FISHER (B'way Socials) 6/30*
THOMAS (Broadhursts) 5/8*
BUSS (Scots) 5/1
(*Indicates including hat-trick)

THE SCORES

The scores were as follows:—

Bell v Regent.—Bell 163 (Gough 52, Thornycroft 21, Pike 21; McLaren 5/33, Walsh 4/48) v Regent 1/12.

Northcote Amateurs v Dennis.—Northcote Amateurs 43 (R. Steele 10, Yeo 10, Yeo 5, Dennis 9/140 (N. Smith 46, L Smith 27, R. Steele 30; Cleary 3/33, Frawley 5/33).

Croxton United v Preston Baseballers.— Croxton United 110 (Z. Newton 24, Fox 19, Birchill 19, Savile 19 not out; E. Clarkson 5/32, Paice 2/17) v Preston Baseballers 2/9 (Curwood 23, Jennings 29 not out).

Broadhursts v Sherry Socials.— Broadhursts 72 (H. Gifford 26, O'Connor 12; Stafford 6/16) v Sherry Socials 8/25 (Thomas 5/8.)

Prestonic v Northcote Junior Footballers. — Prestonic 119 (Foley 28; Oakman 3/17) v Northcote Junior Footballers 1/18 (Downs 11 not out).

Thornbury v Bell Ramblers.— Thornbury 7. (Taylor 13, Hendy 10, Tanner 26 not out; A. McKenzie 5/26, Findlay 4/15) v Bell Ramblers.

B GRADE

Reservoir v Strathellen. —Reservoir 170 (T. Irwin 57, S. Allen 13, L. Allen 27; Bonighan 4/44, Cunningham 3/54) v Strathellen 2/28 (Arnot 15 not out).

Preston Footballers v Broadway Socials. — Preston Footballers 63 (Talmadge 26; E. Fisher 6/30) v Broadway Socials 6/125 (S. Fisher 18, D. Wright 20).

Excelsior v Preston Stars.— Preston Stars 118 (Cornall 36, Hartney 25, Buchanan 15; Robertson 5/42, Lovelace 4/32) v Excelsior 1/11.

Northcote P.A.F.S. v East Preston, — East Preston 181 (Jacobs 33, Harry 29, McLaren 27, Kelleher 21) v Northcote P.A.F.S. 2/1.

Epping v Clifton. — Epping 100 (Pratt 40, Rose 25; Logie 1/22) v Clifton 6/83 (Purdell 16, Ellis 2/35, Rose 2/19).

Ajax v Braithwaites. Ajax 108 (W. Shewan 24, L. Shewan 19; Catterall 4/17, Light 3/14) v Braithwaites 2/28.

C GRADE.

Preston South A.N.A. v Preston I.N.F. — Preston I.N.F. 23; (Harcreaves 4/5, King 4/6) v South Preston A.N.A. 9/102 (Currie 26 not out).

Preston Imperials v Northcote Junior Footballers. — Northcote Junior Footballers 166 (Boulton 29, Cranston 20, Noel 40, Andrew 15, Le Fevre 24 not out; Lawry 4/48) v Preston Imperials.

East Northcote v Northcote A.O.F.—East Northcote 160 (Maskiell 92, Zeeno 24; Forrest 4/31, Tivey 3/34) v Northcote A.O.F. 7/30 (Maskiell 3/17, Hooke 4/13).

Reservoir P.A.F.S. v Atyeo & Sons. — Reservoir P.A.F.S. 136 (Rowe 25, Watt 20, Middleton 18, De Grandi 4/44) v Atyeo & Sons 4/51 (Huntington 31 not out.)

Gloucester Socials v Scouts C.C. —Scouts 146 (Dineen 32, R. Underhill 36) v Gloucester Socials 5/18 (Buss 3/1 including hat trick.)

Preston Baseballers v Excelsior —Preston Baseballers 149 (Jennings 31, Duggin 30, Fowler 20, Bott 20, Stabb 15 not out; Woods 3/40) v Excelsior 2/18.

Eastview v Leeds. — Leeds 128 (Baxter 37 Funwick 22; A. Smith 4/45) v Eastview 1/66 (J. Mittchelson 24 not out, A. Smith 34 not out.)

Northcote and Preston Churches

A Grade. — Thornbury Presbyterians 5/7 (H. Douglas 44, J. Cheffers 13, J. Morrison 14 not out; J. Neville 2/9) v Preston Methodists (High street North) 121 (S. Patrick 24, A. LePage 22, M. Davis 18; Charles Taylor sen 7/26, Len Cheffers 3/33, J. Latham 2/21).

B. Grade. — Thornbury Presbyterians 49 (J. Taylor 11, J. Goldsworthy 9; L. Hoyle 4/6) v Northcote Church of Christ 92 (N. Buzzard 47, L. Hoyle 10 not out, B. Tyson 13; J. Watson 4/6, J. Allan 7/15).

C. Grade. — Thornbury Presbyterians 126 (W. Barnes 57, C. Barnes 22; K. Torrens 6/40) v Preston Church of Christ (High street) 7/35 (C. Garth 3 out; C. Barnes 4/8; W. Barnes 5/13).

Sunday School Grade — Thornbury Presbyterians 16 and 5/39 (Chas Taylor jun 24; L. Taylor 5/9, R. Taylor 5/4) v Northcote Baptist (High street) 8/112 declared (L. Taylor 43, R. Peacock 26, J. Taylor 13 not out, J. Gardner 3/24; Ian Thompson 2/10, C. Taylor jun 2/20).

DISTRICT CRICKET

The first round of district cricket was played on Saturday in good weather. Northcote opened the season with a match against Collingwood, and spent the afternoon "leather-chasing."

Batting confidently, Collingwood at stumps had lost 8/258, and Northcote faces a formidable task next Saturday, when the match will be concluded. Morgan was top scorer for the day with 81, and the rest of the batsmen with one exception ran into double figures. Thorn was the most successful bowler for Northcote.

Scores: — Collingwood 8/258 (Morgan 81, Ryder 36, Andrew-Street 30, Lambert 38 not out; Chivers 1/64; Dickson 2/68; Thorn 3/54. Vernon 2/45) v Northcote.

SUB DISTRICT

Preston, visiting Coburg for the opening of the season, won the toss and batted. The side was dismissed for 124. Orsino made 42, and was dismissed low when he appeared set, while Rooney was caught when 18. For Coburg S. James took 4/61, and Minahan 4/43.

At stumps Coburg had lost 4/63 (Field 32, Huntingdon 22.)

Northcote Horticultural Society

A general gardening discussion among members occupied the greater part of the evening at the last monthly meeting of the Northcote Horticultural Society. The exchange of ideas and gardening methods is always helpful, particularly to newer members.

The monthly competitions attracted good quality exhibits, the awards being: Vases of flowers, Mrs. Wallace, 4 pts; Mrs. Hambly 3 pts. Bowl of flowers, Mrs. Wallace 6 pts. Cut flowers (open) Mr. Frawley 8 pts. Best bunch of flowers, Mr. Frawley.

The next meeting will be held in the Small Hall on October 12 when an illustrated talk's programme will be presented by the Vacuum Oil Coy. Admission will be by tickets.—Complimentary tickets may be obtained from the secretary, Mr. W. Beattie, 188 Separation street, Thornbury.

Northcote Council

With the exception of Crs. Johnson, Green and Turner, all councillors were present at the meeting on October 3, when the Mayor (Cr. J. W French) was in the chair.

Labor M.L.A. Criticised.

Cr. Bird moved that a letter from the M. and M. Board of Works on the matter of the debate to be resumed on October 12 (from Mr. Haworth M.L.A. would submit a private member's Bill in the Legislative Assembly re the sale of Board's cattle) be received. He stated that council should notify its parliamentary representatives and once again acquaint them of its attitude, which is in favour of lifting the ban. Speaking of Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., he said that some three or four weeks ago, Mr. Cain had submitted a private member's Bill on the matter.

At this juncture he was interrupted by Cr. McAdam's comment "But he spoke with his tongue in his cheek."

Cr. Bird took exception to this interjection, stating that Mr. Cain's views on the ban had always coincided with those of the council.

Cr. McAdam, in seconding the motion, justified his interjection by the statement that according to "Hansard" he could not put any other explanation on Mr. Cain's attitude, for he was alleged to have stated that he would not push the Bill to the detriment of the Country Party government.

The letter was received.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. F. Brennan M.H.R. notified that a letter box would be placed at corner Victoria road and Gooch street, and that postage stamps would be on sale just round the corner at 78 Rossmoyne street.

The City Engineer reported that the letter box would be a welcome acquisition to the locality, and a relief to near-by residents.

Melbourne Tramways Board notified the council that during the next six months, works entailing the opening of the street would be carried out in St. George's road, between Hawthorn road and Woolton avenue.—Received.

On the motion of Cr. Jones the Northcote City Band was granted permission to give a recital in Olds Park on Hospital Sunday in aid of the Lord Mayor's Fund.

The request for financial assistance made by the Northcote and District Juvenile Band was referred to the estimates on the motion of Cr. McAdam.

W. M. Kissane, Traill street Northcote, requested that consideration be given to the repeal of the council's by-law prohibiting the playing of cricket and other games in the parks on Sundays. —Committee of the Council on the motion of Cr. Dennis, Cr. Jones seconding.

Finance

Accounts passed for payment: Public Works committee £2558/18/ 8/11; Street Construction account £126; Electric Light committee £27274/3/; Parks and Baths committee £60/16/11; Finance committee £1.207/17/11; Municipal Trust Fund £2,650.

In the Electric Light committee's amount £27,000 represented appropriation of profits to Municipal Fund.

A number of building applications were dealt with.

Tenders

The following tenders were accepted:—

Firewood—W. J. Curtis at 21/4 per ton.

Supply or horses and drays. — W. Key, for horse, dray and harness for 44 hours per week at 26/ per week; and for horse, dray, harness and one driver for 44 hours per week at 115/.

Cement — Australian Cement Ltd at £4/1/1 per ton.

Ashes—T. Riddell at 4/ per cu yard

Fine sand.—F. Gearing at 5/11 cu. yd. Coarse sand.—Comely Park Sand Co at 7/ cu yd.

Garden loam. — F. Gearing at 5/ cu. yd.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Peters moved that the engineer be authorised to round off the north-east and south-west corners of Elm and Woolhouse streets for the greater convenience of vehicular traffic at an estimated cost of £30.

Cr. Bird reported that the committee had granted all outdoor employes a holiday on full pay on Show Day. — Action endorsed.

Another recommendation submitted by Cr. Bird was that in order to make an inspection of all electrical wiring throughout the city, the electrical engineer (Mr. T. W. Hawthorn) be authorised to appoint an inspector with the necessary qualifications. The inspector, it was proposed, should visit all premises.—This course was adopted, due to the report of the engineer that in many houses the electrical wiring was defective, especially so where installations had been made many years ago.

The Town Clerk was authorised to invite tenders for a new 30 cwt motor-truck for the electric light department.

Cr. McAdam moved that the Town Clerk be directed to take proceedings under the Local Government Act for the sale of four blocks of land, two in Adamsfield street, and two in Comins grove, upon which rates and street construction charges had been owing for a period exceeding ten years. The amount owing exceeds £625.

Renewals of registration of petrol pumps for the year ending September 30 next, were granted to eleven applicants (32 pumps). Five applicants are situated in High street, three in Separation st, St. George's road, Westgarth street, Darebin road and Arthurton road.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Cr. Bird asked that a seat be provided corner of Separation and High streets for the convenience of bus passengers. — Public Works committee.

Cr. Green was granted leave of absence for a month.

Cr. Jones on Parks.

On the opening day of the cricket season (October 1) the chairman of the Parks and Baths committee (Cr. Mr. Jones) visited Merri and McDonell Parks and reported thereon He said he saw twelve pitches fully occupied at McDonell Park, which was not fully completed yet, but accommodated some 600 persons as players and spectators. At Merri Park, five excellent pitches were fully occupied. Northcote had every reason to be proud of these two additions to its playing areas. Other northern suburbs could not boast of anything similar. Mayer Park, where cricket was not played on Saturday, was not ready for use, but in the following season would accommodate several teams.

The matter of mid-week cricket had so far not been solved, but it must be understood that the grasses in the Merri and McDonell Parks were not fully established yet. The position would be reviewed in about eight weeks' time when it was hoped permission would be granted for mid-week use. He concluded by saying that 12 nets were already for use in McDonell Park and 20 for Merri Park. The pylons and foundation tablets were ready, and would soon be placed in position.

Cr. Hayes mentioned that the main park of the city needed improvements. The Northcote Cricket Club, who were using this oval in Westgarth street, won their way into district cricket, and the city was anxious to see them stay there. He hoped that the improved condition would help the eleven to win the premiership this season.

Cr. Hayes seconded Cr. Dennis' motion that the matter of improvements to the Northcote Park be referred to the estimates

Cr. Bird asked that a playing ground for children be provided for residents in Separation, Rennie streets, somewhere in the vicinity of Comins grove. He understood that the council owned a block of land in Rennie street.

Cr. Jones asked that a report on its suitability as a playground be obtained.

Cr. Sheean said that 12 months ago a report on several prospective suitable sites had been obtained, and he would make it available to Cr. Bird.

At the conclusion of ordinary business, the Mayor made a presentation of an illuminated address to Ex-Cr. J. O. Hughes, who during the meeting had been seated on the dais alongside the mayor as the illuminated address was also presented to last year's mayor (Cr. McAdam). Both recipients responded.

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Complaints Of Noise From Sand Pits

THE COMPANY REPLIES

Cr. Andrews Urges Action

At the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday evening, a letter was received from Mr. A. E. Hocking, manager, Plenty Sand Co., stating that complaints re blasting and noise of machinery were unfounded and unfair. He pointed out that if work was restricted, it would mean loss of contracts, and dismissal of hands. The council encouraged the use of electric current by a reduced charge for night load, and for current the council was often paid £250 per month. The works were situated in a 70 acre paddock and the nearest house was a quarter of a mile away.

Cr. Andrews said it would appear that the night work was to continue indefinitely. There were but few employed at the sand pits, and the motive for keeping the sand pits open was to make a profit—not to give employment. No guarantee was given in the letter that work and blasting would cease at night. The continuous noise had affected the health of one group of people at least. The council had asked that the work cease for a reasonable time at night. As the company did not agree to that request, he would move "That unless blasting ceases at night and unless work is stopped for a reasonable time each night, the council take action under the Police Offences Act."

Cr. Andrews added that he was advised the council could take action in another way.

Cr. Nisbett seconded the motion pro forma in order that the matter might be discussed. He said he would like to know more of the powers of the council in regard to taking action under the Police Offences' Act. There had been a number of complaints, and the company had given undertakings to minimise the nuisance, but apparently no relief had been given.

Eventually on the motion of Crs. Barling and Davis the matter was referred to the committee of the council.

Cr. Andrews said that he had no doubt at all that the council had the necessary power to take action, and he objected to procrastination over the matter. He said he would like to know how much longer the electrical engineer was going to take to report.

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT RESERVOIR

Bright Singing by Methodists

On Sunday afternoon a P.S.A. arranged by the Reservoir Methodist Church in their hall proved most successful. The proceedings opened with the Doxology, and items were: Anthem by the choir (soloists Mesdames O. Moody and Hardie, Mr P. Renouf); solo, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere", "Smilin' Through" Mr. Cockran; anthem "The Heavens are Telling"; solo "Consider and Hear," "The Mighty Deep," Mr. Parker; duet, "What of the Night?" and "Arise O Soul," Messrs Parker (baritone) and Cockran (tenor); "Gloria" the choir.

In an address, the minister, Rev Aibon welcomed the gathering, which numbered about 100, and expressed great pleasure at the interest shown, and at the splendid sum of £42/10/, the result of the book-offering made during the afternoon for trust funds, of which Mr. Freeman is the secretary. The Benediction concluded a happy and successful afternoon. The choir conductor is Mr. Keller, and the organist, Mrs. Roberts.

MOTOR CLOCK IN WARDROBE

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION CHARGE

Mr. Edison P.M., assisted by two justices heard a charge of unlawful possession at the Northcote Court on October 7, and after listening to the versions of the prosecution and the defence, found that the defendant (represented by William Arthur Costello, of High street, Northcote was not a satisfactory one. He was fined £5 in default 14 days' imprisonment for having had on September 30 in his actual possession a motor-car clock which was suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

Detective Grundy said that on the morning of September 30 in company with other police he went to a house in High street, where he asked defendant if he had on the premises anything that did not belong to him. Receiving a negative reply, witness asked defendant if he had a motor-car clock, and defendant replied that he had one in his wardrobe. He said that he had found it a couple of months ago on a vacant piece of land at the corner of High and Gooch streets. One Saturday night when he was returning home from Preston, he noticed something shining lying in the grass. It was the clock now produced in court. He had taken it home, and as his wife was asleep, put it in the wardrobe, mentioning the matter next morning at breakfast.

When Detective Grundy interviewed Mr. Costello, she did not know anything about the clock.

Grundy said that Mrs Costello did not say that she had never seen the clock, but knew about it. In his opinion, and in the belief of the corroborating constable, the clock had been stolen, or unlawfully obtained.

Costello gave evidence along the lines of the story he had told to the police. His wife corroborated his version to the extent of saying that she was told about the clock by her husband, and knew where it was. Actually she had not seen it, as she possessed two clocks of her own.

Counsel for the defence, after the non-appearance by the bench of defendant's story as to how the clock came into his possession, urged that the clock had not been found in the exclusive possession of the defendant. Mrs. Costello had as much access to the wardrobe where the clock was found as her husband. In addition, she was paying rent for the dwelling out of her own earnings.

The bench was not failed to impress the bench, who decided to convict. They allowed a fine of 5/- or seven days.

PRESTON COURT

The following cases were dealt with by Mr. W. T. Hammond, P.M., and Mr. J. T. McMahon, J.P., on October 5:—

Unregistered Truck.

Trucks used for conveying merchandise are classed as commercial goods vehicles, and must be registered with the Transport Regulation Board. When the motor-cycle patrol stopped a van loaded with milk-cans on the Whittlesea road on August 2, the driver, Leslie Brown, said the van was used for the purpose of carrying milk which was subsequently sold. He was not the owner of the truck, and supplied necessary information to the patrol, who subsequently visited a woman in High street, Preston, who admitted that she was the registered owner. She said she did not know that the truck had to be registered by the Transport Board as well as by the Motor Registration Branch. The woman, Ivy Horne was fined £1.

Father To Pay.

According to the police regulations, no person under 18 years of age can hold a driver's license. So, when a g youth was seen driving a car in Cramer street, he was questioned. He admitted that he was only 16 years of age. He told Constable Opperman that he was using his father's car, and had been given permission by his father to do so.

When the case against the father, Edward Charles White, of Newton street, Preston, was heard, the bench expressed the opinion that it was a serious offence to permit an unlicensed and youthful person to drive a car, and imposed a fine of £2.

Played "Two-up": Fined 20/.

According to the police evidence given by Constables Bridgland and Ballard, when they stepped from a bus in High street, Preston, on October 1 they saw Frederick Thomas Glasscott spin two pennies in the air, and stoop down to pick them up. A number of other men who were standing with defendant at the corner of Spencer and High streets, ran off. Constable Glasscott walked away in a hurry but retraced his steps. When questioned by Constable Bridgland, defendant denied having played "two-up." The police picked up two pennies and two 2/ pieces.

Defendant denied having played "two-up," but the bench accepted the evidence of the police, and imposed a fine of £1 in default 14 days' imprisonment. A stay of 14 days was allowed.

Truck Driver to Pay Damages and Costs.

When John Turnley, of Racecourse road, North Melbourne, backed into, and smashed a bicycle which Russell James Gill, 11 years, had left at the kerb behind defendant's van, he obtained the boy's name and address, and promised to repair the damage.

The boy's father, Albert James Gill, who, since the bicycle was damaged on April 18, had interviewed defendant on several occasions, said that Turnley had admitted liability, and had promised to pay, but failed to do so.

Turnley, after hearing the evidence of the two Gills and two other witnesses, found that Turnley was responsible for the accident, and ordered him to pay £2/15/, the cost of repairs, and £1/19/6 costs—in all £4/14/6.

BOWLING

PRESTON CLUB

An Improved Performance

The match against Canterbury on Saturday almost provided one of the big surprises of the pennant season. The visitors were well known as formidable competition, and although they have lost Bruce and Greenham as skippers, they were still worthy successors to all these players. Preston, on the other hand, had four players away from its No. 1 team, including Skipper Fred Morgan. However, substitutes were available from the No. 3 team, which had a bye. The game, although ending in a narrow win for Canterbury, was really a great triumphy for Williams' Preston rink. This skipper promises to make a name for himself in representative pennant circles. Drawn against the renowned Lusty, his four smashed the opposition by notches, and handed the second and third ends. Thereafter, it was a game of tactics and brilliant play, with the Preston four running out winners 37-13. This victory gave Williams' four the spoons and first place in the flag race. Nevill's four had a good tussle with Hitchen's. Up till afternoon tea the Preston four were doing well, then a slump set in, but a 7 and a 6 helped things to enable the rink to finish four down 32-28. A successful shot at the last end would have won the game for Preston, but alas! it proved a miss! Merrie and Bleach also had an even game, with the latter gaining the lead after the 10th end. The ends were evenly cut up with Bleach gaining the points 27-18. The fourth rink entered the field without its skipper and leader, throwing a heavy handicap on M. Gregor, who was placed in the centre. Here again the scoring was fairly even until the adjournment, and afterwards nothing seemed to go the right way for Preston. Balfe finished 27-12. This was a very creditable performance which could easily have been turned into a brilliant victory, the final scores being Canterbury 89; Preston 96.

2 TEAM WINS.

No. 2 team, also affected in strength by absentees, journeyed to Fairfield and entered the winning list by defeating the home team by 7 pts. Siddons and Fleming contributed to the victory. The former led Bryan's men from the 5th end, but by a coincidence at the 22nd end scores were 23-23. Siddons' men scores 5, 2, 1 in the final three, and won 30-22. Fleming had two good spells with the former scores 10 all at the 15th. Preston then rattled on 4, 4 and 3, and won 23-15. Bowers rink collected a full hand at the 10th, and kept in front till the 19th, when Fairfield struck two 3's, made all the difference, and the rink went to Fairfield 24-21. Snell's four also went off with a welcome win, but found 12 the obstacle, and losing 9 in two ends, were soon in arrears. At 15 ends Snell had it, but it was not enough, and the game ended 23-28 against Snell. The final scores were: — Preston 36; Fairfield 29

It as another coincidence that on the day each Preston team has scored 36.

THORNBURY WINS

The Thornbury No. 1 team had a comfortable win over Elsternwick the scores being 100-78. All four rinks won, Landy's margin 23-10 being the greatest. Cogle's rink won 27-22; A. White's won 21-19; and Rogerson's was successful 24-17

The Thornbury No. 2 team lost to Sunshine by 82-98 after a hard struggle.

In the three-fours competition

SPORT RESULTS IN BRIEF

Cycling.

Preston Club. — 45 mil handicap.—F. Dickens (5.0) 1; T Gay (18.0) 2; M. Meehan (18.0) 3. Winner's and fastest time 213.35. Fastest unplaced, R Harris (1.0) 2.19.23.

Rowing

Preston had a good day at the Heidelberg Rowing Club's annual event on the Yarra at Fairfield. Preston winning the pairs in series of elimination heats; and in the fours, the three Preston crews were well in the running. In the third quarter final the No. 2 crew eliminated the Preston No. 1 crew after a fine race. The result was:—Preston No. 1 (J. Grect, bow, T. Fawcett, E Meates, A. Chandler stroke, W. Brooks, cox) d Preston No. 3 by a length.

Rifle Shooting

Militia Clubs, 200 yds. 57/60th Battalion: Rhodes 47; Wilkinson 43, Blackburn 42, Welch 40; Howard 40, Brookes 38, Plummer 36, Clemens 33 West 33.

No. 7 Union. —In the monthly members' match, Pizzott (Preston) was first with 44-62.

Club Events. — Preston—Pizzott 44-3; Carter 44-2; Bignell 44-1; Alford 41-2; Court 40-2.

Northcote: Shenrer trophy: C. Hickingbotham 46-5; C. Green 46-10; Franklin 45-9; McQuiem 35-8.

Young Thornbury Girl Shot

LOCAL MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

The body of a 10-year old girl, Irene Muriel Bowden, who had been missing from her home in Hutton street, Thornbury, since Wednesday of last week, was found in den, scrub near Cockatoo on Sunday. An examination of the body by the police revealed that the girl had been shot three times through the body with a small calibre rifle.

It is alleged that a young man made a statement to the police which resulted in the finding of the body.

Later, John Anderson, 18 years, of Possmoyne street, Thornbury, was charged with the murder of Miss Bowden.

GIRL GUIDES

FOURTH PRESTON RANGERS

On October 1 the Patrol Sports were held at the West Preston School. Results: Willows 28 pts; Beech 27 pts; Gums 25 pts. The singles against two pts, made all decide the winners of the Ernest Ross Cup.

On October 6 we visited 3DB studio and saw the minstrel show We were successful at the Heidelberg Town Hall on Saturday last. Preston District winning. The results for the Rangers were: Preston 7 pts; Northcote 6 pts; Heidelberg 4 pts.

The Guide concert on October 5 was a great success. A dance will be held in the Memorial Hall Preston, on October 25, and Mr. Robinson has offered his services as M.C. Mrs. Smith has also offered assistance. Proceeds are in aid of the Guide Hall.

PRESTON FOOTBALL GROUND

In reply to a request from the Preston Football club, the Preston Council has decided that it cannot consider the playing area (as for about 15 ft. on the east side) at the Cramer street Park the year.

The council has deferred for consideration with the estimates a request for the erection of an office and kitchen at the pavilion.

Aborfield 7 d Thornbury 48.

NORTHCOTE CLUB

Northcote No. 1 beat Bell by 7 d. A good win against Richmond Up for 2, the score being 140-85.

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Good value in pure silk service, elastic top, fashioned leg, panel heel. Latest shades of Glitter, Tawny, Korne, Beroid, and Orient. Usually 3/6. **Treadway's Price 2/5.**

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Extra smart satin over blouses, in rever and Peter Pan neckline, in waist coat effect, others well tailored, nicely pin tucked. Colors of Green, Brown, Blue, Pink, etc. S.W., W. and O.S. Usually 8/11, 9/11. **Treadway's Price 4/11.**

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TREADWAYS : SMITH ST. C'WOOD

CHURCHES

Interesting Speech at Northcote Presbyterian Church.

At the Northcote Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning next the Rev. A. T. Cotter, who has just returned from Korea, will speak on the conditions existing in Korea following the operations of the Japanese in the country.

In the evening at 7 the Rev. A. T. Jones will conduct a National Peace Thanksgiving Service, which will be attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote, councillors and ladies, with members of the council staff and ladies. The soloist will be Miss Lily Wallace.

Wiltoria Fair at Croxton Methodist Church.

Strong believers in self-help, with a spice of enjoyment thrown in, Croxton Methodist folk have planned great doings for their annual fair which begins this Thursday at 8 p.m. with a gala opening by the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. W. French). Those who have attended past fairs at Croxton will have appreciated the very spirit in which first-quality goods and hard cash change hands, and will no doubt be there early one who appreciate a bargain bought in a worthy cause. Croxton cooks are also famous, and besides suppers on the spot, there will be cakes to charm even the unfortunates who may be left at home. Make this your social event for the week. Come along and bring a party For details see advertising columns.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury.

The Sunday School Festival drew splendid congregations to Holy Trinity on Sunday last, especially in the afternoon and at evensong. Canon Vincent at St. Columb's, Hawthorn, addressed the children in the afternoon on "The Great Game of Life," drawing an apt illustration from the noble game of cricket.

At night, Bishop Ashton, formerly Bishop of Grafton, N.S.W., preached on the importance of Sunday schools as an essential department of the church. The choir sang t anthem "Hear us O Lord," Mrs. E. Hopkins and Mr. Reg Blatchford rendered the solo parts effectively. Well-known children's hymns were fervently sung by children and adults at all services, even the tiny tots sang or lisped their "Mothers of Salem" with enthusiasm.

On Tuesday an Australian tea was held in the Parish Hall, arranged by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Next Sunday the Vicar will be the celebrant and preacher at all services.

INDUCTION SERVICE OF NEW PASTOR

In the Tabernacle, Wimble street, (at rear of Northcote Theatre) the Apostolic Church held their induction and this Thursday night will be the induction of Pastor James Turnbull, who has recently arrived from Scotland. The new pastor has travelled extensively during his ministerial career, and recently visited Egypt and India. He comes with an international repute, and will be the special speaker on Thursday night, with Pastor A. Gardiner of Scotland, who is president of the Apostolic Church, Australia.

The meetings will continue on Sunday 16th at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Pastor Turnbull being the speaker at each meeting. Pastor and Mrs. Hewitt will also be farewelled on Thursday night. Do not miss these very bright revival services. They will do you good.

reacher's Apt Illustration.

"My friends," said the preacher "you will remember I promised to speak to you to-night on 'The World's Greatest Liars'; also that I asked you to prepare your minds by reading the 17th chapter of St. Mark. Kindly raise your hands if you have done so."

Every hand went up.

"Thank you," said the preacher, solemnly. "As there are only sixteen chapters in St. Mark, my subject will not be entirely inappropriate."

MINISTERS of Religion are invited to forward items of news for this column, which should reach this office on or before Mondays.

Activities At .... PRESTON

Car Stolen

MR. Roy Watson, Hawking avenue Preston, reports the loss of a motor car to the had left outside the Preston Bowling green on October 4.

A Dangerous Practice

SEVERAL complaints have been made lately as to danger caused by youths throwing missiles from the bridge in Miller street, Preston, and breaking windows in passing trains

Injured Led Progressing

NEWS from the Royal Melbourne Hospital indicates that George Gilchrist, the 14-year old son of Mr. Robert Gilchrist of Tyler street, who was severely burned while cleaning a car, is making good progress towards recovery, and has successfully fought an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Gilchrist, who had his hand severely burnt at the same time in trying to beat out the flames, has resumed duty at the Preston Town Hall.

Preston Constables Transferred

FIRST Constable W. M. Gleeson who has been a familiar figure in Preston for six years will shortly be transferred to Brunswick. During his term Constable Gleeson has rendered good service, and as a citizen has also helped in the charitable appeals and cases of distress.

Lawn Mower Disappears

MR Roy Wilkes, Beauchamp street, Preston has lost the run of a lawn-mower which was stolen from a shed at his home on Sunday. In addition carpenter's tools were stolen, the total value being £3.

Snooker

PRESTON Branch R.S.L. played Port Melbourne and lost on points. Preston v Fairfield is the next engagement.

Annual Appeal for Eggs

PRESTON fowls are reported to be making extra efforts in preparation for the annual egg appeal for the metropolitan hospitals, and will continue until the end of the month. So far the response has been fairly good Eggs should be sent to the Town Hall, and it is hoped that the response will be a record.

Lights Stolen from Car

ON October 8, Mr. W. J. Wiseman of Northcote parked his car in Anderson street, and upon returning later, he found that two lights had been stolen.

Rail Railway Station

FOLLOWING are the figures at the above station for September: Passenger traffic £919 (1937 £882) increase £37; parcels £34 (1937 £29) increase £5; inward goods £1,065 (1937 £1,112) decrease £50; outward goods £76 (1937 £50) increase £25.

Mr. Zwar's Engagements

ON Wednesday evening Mr. H. P. Zwar, M.L.A., presented trophies at the annual gathering at Preston Town Hall in connection with the local Amateur Cycling Club. On Friday Mr. Zwar left by air for King Island, and hopes to return on Saturday.

Old Prestonite Farewelled

A PLEASANT social gathering took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ellis, High street, Preston, when Mr. and Mrs. W. Crowe, Garnet street residents, were farewelled prior to taking their departure to Queensland. The guests were presented with a travelling hamper, and in addition gifts were handed to Mr. and Mrs. Crowe as the home of Mrs. Allchin in Collins street, when members of the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society made the presentation of a beautiful sunshade to Mrs. Crowe, which was handed over by the Mayoress (Mrs. Pike). Musical and elocutionary items were rendered, and a most enjoyable afternoon spent.

Hose Destroyed

A GARDEN hose, 60 ft long, the property of Mr. E. T. Newton, Newcastle street, was deliberately cut into small pieces, evidently with a spade.

Fire Brigade Items

PRESTON firemen had a fairly busy time in the last week. On October 5 there was a call to premises occupied by S. Jacobs, Dundas street, Northcote, where a quantity of rubbish and two panels of fencing at the rear of the place were burned. On the same date there was a false alarm call to Martin and David streets, Thornbury. On October 6 a run was made to the Austin Hospital, where a rubbish fire occured and a quarter acre of grass went up in smoke. On October 9 there was a blaze at premises occupied by L. Cohen, High street, Thornbury, where a wash-house at the rear of the premises was destroyed. 200 chickens met their doom, and a shed and contents were burned in a fire which broke out on October 9 at the home of Mr. T. J. Genge, Dundas street, Thornbury.

Theft from Newspaper Office

MR. J. Sparkes, a resident of Spring street, Preston, is an employe at the "Age" office, Melbourne. On Monday morning he was engaged in handling a large number of notes behind the front counter. Mr. Sparkes had his attention diverted momentarily, and an alert thief seized the psychological moment and almost in the twinkling of an eye he grabbed notes to the value of between £5 and £6 and rushed out of the building, to be lost in the crowds in Collins street. The thief reached under the grille to get the money.

Preston Baby Health Centre

THE figures for September were: Visits to centre by mothers 453; babies 442.

Preston Municipal Band

UNDER Musical Director W. S. May, Preston Municipal Band is rehearsing for many engagements. On Sunday next, October 16, a performance will be given in the Carlton Gardens under engagement to the Melbourne City Council. On October 23 a concert will be held in front of the Preston Town Hall buildings (proceeds for the annual hospital appeal). Later on the first of a series of Municipal Free concerts will be held in the City Hall, Preston. Among artists engaged are the Sundowners Male Quartette, Sonny Fields (late 3AW Shell Show), Messrs T. Semple, and H. Sanderson On this occasion the band will give the first Australian performance of the symphonic rhapsody, "Crusaders" especially composed and arranged by Dr. Keighley, bandsmen H. Tierney and L. Toombs will be the soloists on the afternoon of October 30. (Sunday) the annual solo competitions will be held in the Preston Town Hall. Mr. W. J. Holmes, the general secretary is now preparing a concert tour for the band. Tasmania being the State to be visited.

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CHURCH NOTICES

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 follow:—

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 Daily except Saturday, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

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LODGE NOTICES

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE

City of Preston

Notice of Special Order For Borrowing Money

PRIVATE STREET CONSTRUCTION

LOAN NO. 7

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Council of the City of Preston, held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Preston, on Monday, 26th September, 1938, at 8 p.m., the said Council did agree to the following resolutions:—

THAT the Council do, by Special Order, and it does hereby resolve to borrow the sum of £16,000 (Sixteen thousand pounds), by the issue of twenty (20) half-yearly debentures, including principal and interest, bearing interest at the rate of £4/2/6 (Four pounds two shillings and sixpence) per centum per annum, and charged upon the security of the Municipal Fund. Debentures payable at the Bank of New South Wales, Melbourne, or at the Council's Bankers for the time being in the City of Melbourne, half-yearly on the FIRST day of MAY and the FIRST day of NOVEMBER in each year, from 1/5/1939 to 1/11/1948 (inclusive), for the purpose of defraying the cost and expenses of works of making streets, lanes, etc., within the Municipality, under Private Street Construction, namely:—

Dunstan and Donald Streets and part of Lane, Madeline and Malpas Streets Group, and

Howard, Bedford and Bernard Streets and part of Mendip Road Group of Streets;

under and on conditions provided for under Division 10 of the Local Government Act 1928, in accordance with the plans and specifications and estimate of costs prepared thereof by the City Surveyor; and that this resolution do come up for confirmation at a meeting of this Council to be held on Monday, 24th October, 1938.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a Meeting of the Council of the City of Preston will be held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Town Hall, Preston, on MONDAY, 24th OCTOBER, 1938, at 8 O'CLOCK P.M., when the resolution, as set out above, will be submitted for confirmation.

L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Preston, 6th October, 1938.

NOTICES

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NOTICE

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE

City of Preston.

Extraordinary Election of One Councillor

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY Election of ONE COUNCILLOR for the EAST Ward of the City of Preston, will be held on Thursday, the 3rd day of November, 1938, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of COUNCILLOR JAMES WILLIAM ADAMS, J.P.

Every Candidate at such Extraordinary Election must be nominated at the Office of the Council, Town Hall, High Street, Preston, 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, 19th OCTOBER 1938,

by the delivery to me or to my Deputy, GEORGE HENRY PIKE Town Hall, Preston, of a Nomination Paper in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1928.

L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk

Returning Officer for the EAST Ward of the City of Preston.
13th October, 1938.

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Personal

The death occurred on October 6 at her residence, High street, Thornbury, of Mrs Mae Gardiner wife of Mr. Peter Gardiner. The interment was made privately on October 8.

At a private hospital on October 5, Mr. Joseph James, of Henry street, Northcote, died at the age of 42 years. He leaves a widow and three children.

On October 7 the death occurred suddenly at Flinders street, Thornbury, of Mrs. Catherine Osmond, wife of Mr. Ernest Osmond. A family of six survive.

At a private hospital at Richmond, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Galtry, of Charles street, Northcote, passed away on October 10, Her husband predeceased her, and a family of two daughters and three sons survive. The funeral took place at the Fawkner cemetery on October 12, and the arrangements were in the hands of Messrs H. J. R. Lewis, of High street, Northcote.

Miss Marion Telfer has returned in the "Spirit of Progress" after a hurried visit to Sydney. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. A. L. Hopewell of Kirribilli, N.S.W. who will attend Miss Telfer's forthcoming marriage to Mr. Lindsay G. Ritchie.

Mrs H. P Zwar was among the guests at the annual ball at St. Kilda on Wednesday evening of last week.

Mrs. J. T. McIntosh, who has been an active worker for the past 10 years with the Preston Red Cross Auxiliary has received a Life-Governor's Certificate in connection with the Eye and Ear Hospital.

On Saturday evening, Mr. A. C. Fletcher, former manager of the Preston branch of the Bank of New South Wales, was a guest of Mr H. P Zwar M.L.A. and Mrs. Zwar at dinner Mr. Fletcher left Preston this week, and took up residence in Monomeath avenue, Toorak He will continue his membership with Preston Bowling Club.

Mr J. H. W Johns, recently of Camberwell, took up duty as manager of the Preston Branch of the Bank of New South Wales this week.

Mrs. J Sparkes, Spring street, Preston, is enjoying a fortnight's holiday at Healesville.

Probate has been applied for in the will of Keith Felix Hawkins late of Preston, Solicy, Victoria, who died on September 10 from injuries received when his mount, Pearl Prince, fell at the Moonee Valley races. Deceased left personal property valued at £12,009 to his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. F. Voltre, of Palmerston North (New Zealand).

SOCIAL PARS

Marriage.

The marriage was celebrated at Edinburgh (Scotland) on August 15 of Mr. Thomas L. McCrohan, M. Comber. The groom is the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McCrohan of Northcote, and the bride is the elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. J. R. W. Comber, of Crieff, Scotland.

Engagements.

The following engagements were recently announced:—

Joyce Edith, eldest daughter of Mrs. Porter, Bent street, Northcote, and the late Mr. H. J. Porter, to Harold Albert, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, Fenwick street, Clifton Hill.

Jeanette, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Curnick, of Clarke street, Northcote, to Reginald, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Connell, Rowe street, Rushall.

Iris, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hutchings, O'Keefe street, East Preston, to Joseph Woodfield, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Digby, of Port Fairy.

Shaftesbury Hall, Thornbury, was the setting recently for an enjoyable evening, when Mr. and Mrs W. Fleming of Clarendon street, Thornbury, entertained a large number of friends to celebrate the coming of age of their daughter, Miss Mavis Fleming.

Miss Fleming, who was the recipient of many attractive gifts, chose a delightful frock of green georgette with a sprig of red flowers. The supper tables were decked with silver baskets of cyclamen-tinted arum lilies and low bowls of primulas and daffodils.

OBTAIN your dance and concert tickets from "Leader-Budget" Office, 481 High St., Northcote. Prices, 50—4/9; 100—5/6; 150—6/9; 200—6/; 250 6/3 inc. tax.

Preston Council

The fortnightly meeting of the Preston City Council was held on Monday night. Present the Mayor, (Cr. F G. Pike) and Crs Nisbett, Adams, Andrews, Grey, Robinson Croft, Barling, Moore, Coleman and Davis.

CORRESPONDENCE

Drainage Works. — The Board of Works has agreed to grant £200 towards the construction of underground drains for the diversion of drainage from about 80 acres to the east of the Yan Yean pipe-track in the vicinity of Rathgowen road. Reservoir, such payment to absolve the Board from any future liability.—Cr. Barling said the work would entail a cost of about £1,000, of which the Board would only pay £200. Apparently the council would have to accept the "crumbs." —The offer was accepted.

A. R. Simmonds, hon secretary, Central Ward Progress Association asking (1) that nameplate "Northernhay street" be shifted to post in Oakhill avenue, opposite Northernhay street; (2) for attention to loose metal in Home street, between Ethel grove and Wilkinson street; (3) that footpath in Plenty road, between Frier avenue and Rubicon street, be made. — Referred to the Public Works committee on the motion of Cr. Barling.

Central Ward Progress Association asking that request be made to the M. Board of Works for extension of water from North road to serve residents in Toronto avenue, Preston. — Public Works committee.

J. A. Clingin, secretary, East Preston Progress Association, asking that concrete footpath be constructed from Plenty road to Bell railway station; that Bell Park be beautified in accordance with plan drawn up by Mr. Linaker; additional seats be placed in Haxby Park; that sanitary conveniences be erected in Gower Park, also that water be laid on; and that a substantial fence be erected around Bransgrove's Park.—Items referred to various committees.

E. Hardie, secretary Preston North Ward Progress Association asking that attention of council's inspector be drawn to state of repair of properties in Edwardes street, Reservoir.— Building Inspector to report on motion of Cr Moore.

Preston North Ward Progress Association re dangerous position of a number of telephone posts in Edwardes street (corner Kelsby and Best streets), posts being at least four feet from channel kerb, and asking that P.M.G's. Department be requested to have them shifted. — P. W. committee, on the motion of Cr. Coleman.

Preston Professional Cycling Club an application to interview the council in order to request permission to put down a cycling track in park, Oakover road. — P. W. committee on motion of Cr. Adams.

Arthur Mildern, 51 Oakover road, complaining of continued smoke nuisance from the factory of the Melbourne Bottle Co. Oakover road. — Engineer to report on motion of Cr. Robinson.

N. Hutchinson, Merribell avenue, East Coburg, a complaint re drainage from Alpha's works on to his land. — P. W. committee.

West Preston Progress Association (1) asking for attention to Gilbert road, east side, from Regent street to May street; (2) asking when work of construction of Benambra group of streets will be commenced; (3) asking that surplus soil from Benambra street group of streets be carted to Oakover road reserve, which is also that council take into consideration the proposed deviation of roadway on north side of Reservoir railway gates, which will improve the roadway at the junction of Kenilworth and Barton streets to Epping road.

Temporary relief (£10) is to be given to Barton street, and Messrs R. Welch and H. Fitzgerald are informed that the street is listed for private construction.

The East Preston Progress Association is to be informed that construction of channel and kerb in Bell street, on north side, from Paterson street, eastwards, for approximately 200 feet, has been referred to the estimates; and that requests for attention to pot-holes in Dyradale street, and attention to footpath in Plenty road on east side, from Tyler street to Kinkora road, have already been attended to.

Mr. T. Price, of 59 Spring street is to be informed that the council proposes to move back the fence at 61 Spring street when the street is being constructed.

Mr. Edward W Stanford, of Riverine street, Preston, is to be informed that his request for repairs to bridge at entrance to Mornane street from Victoria street, has been referred to the city overseer for attention.

Mr. T Courtney, of Epping road to be advised that attention to footpath in Epping road has been referred to estimates.

Drainage from Berwick street to Sharne street has been referred to city overseer to put in box culverts, the work to be carried out by sustenance labor.

Town Clerk is to be advised re footpath Berwick street (cost £5)

The City Engineer was authorised to proceed with the completion of works already under construction, such works including the metalling of Gilbert road, Andrews street; also any saleable work necessary to be arranged with ward representatives to keep the men employed until such time as the estimates are prepared and adopted.

The City Engineer was authorised to purchase a road drag for £70.

Attention will be given to footpath in nature strip on north side of Leamington street, near Mr. McLeod's residence.

Attention will be given to two bad holes in High street, on west side, near Wood street.

The Board of Works is to be advised that the council cannot see its way to pay half the cost of duplicating water main in Gilbert road, east side, from Collins to Cramer streets.

Finance

Accounts paid: Electric Light account £409/6/; Finance committee £4,078/16/7. Collections for fortnight £12,033/10/4. Sundry debits £13,288.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Cr. Barling said that while he had been away, he had attended a council meeting at Mildura, and conveyed greetings from the Mayor of Mildura (Cr. Sarah) to the Mayor of Preston (Cr. Pike)

Cr. Andrews moved that drain near gasholder in Bell street, be cleaned out; and that r-o-w off No. 2 Larne grove be cleaned up. — P. W. committee.

Cr. Nisbett spoke of Tyler street improvements, saying that earth channels had been scooped out in such a way that water could not enter them—Engineer to inspect.

Cr. Robinson moved that the question of car allowances to council officers be referred to the estimates. — Carried.

RESERVOIR NOTES

On Thursday night, October 6, at the Parish Hall, the successful candidates in the recent election for the North Ward, Crs. Croft, Coleman and Moore, entertained their committee at a social evening. About 80 were present including Mr. Zwar, M.L.A., and Mrs Zwar, Cr. and Mrs Grey, Cr. and Mrs. Barling, Cr and Mrs. Nisbett Mr. Zwar made a presentation of a gold mounted fountain pen on behalf of the three councillors to the president of the committee (Mr. Pearce). Mr. Pearce in an apt and humorous speech thanked the donors The evening was devoted to dancing, and euchre, and a dainty supper was served by Mesdames Croft, Coleman, Moore and Hardie. Messrs Brown, V. Browne and Clinnick supported a toast to the hosts of the evening. Mr. E. Hardie was the organising secretary, and a special vote of thanks was accorded to him for his successful efforts in the campaign. Crs. Croft, Coleman and Moore returned thanks, and a successful evening was brought to a conclusion with the singing of "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

On Sunday night the vicar of St. George's Church dedicated a new alms salver to the memory of the late Mr. James Moore, Hickson. The new church is attracting large congregations to all services.

The girls' basketball team in connection with the local P.A.F.S Lodge held a successful dance on Saturday night.

Mrs. Jupp of Ralph street, has gone to hospital for observation and subsequent operation.

The Regent Central Progress Association has been wound up, and the credit balance of £50 has been handed to Mr. Preyer, head teacher of Tyler street State School for school improvements.

Miss Wilcox, late first lady assistant at Reservoir has returned to Melbourne after six months' tour of the Continent and America. Miss Wilcox was entertained at an afternoon tea by the Reservoir Mothers' Club and presented with a posy of pansies at a welcome home. Miss Wilcox is acting temporarily at East Preston as Infants mistress.

Miss Jackson of Tyler street, who is on the Continent had the opportunity of meeting Mr. De Valera at Geneva. Miss Jackson was in Buda Pest at the Eucharistic Congress.

FOUR CHARGES AGAINST YOUNG MAN

Adjourned for a Week

Harold Frederick Secombe, 29 years, of Nelson street, Sandringham, appeared before the Preston Court on October 12, on four charges which were as follows:—Behaving in an offensive manner, resisting the police in the execution of their duty; having in his possession a pistol which was not registered; and carrying a pistol without holding a permit.

All the charges arose out of the same set of circumstances on October 7. As the latter charges could not be dealt with by the honorary justices, all four cases were adjourned for a week.

Debt Case.—The Preston bench on October 12 made an order for £2/2/7 with £1/16/6 costs against J. W. Smith of Thackeray road, Reservoir. This amount was due for milk supplied to defendant by

OBITUARY

MR HUGH LINAKER

The death occurred on October 10 at his residence, Hawthorn, of Mr. Hugh Linaker, Superintendent of State Parks and Gardens, who is well known in Preston. For some time he was landscape gardener in the Department of the Inspector-General of the Insane, and in this capacity, planned and laid out the plantations at Mont Park. Then he became Superintendent of State Parks and Gardens, from which position he retired about a year ago. The beautiful Domain plantations and the approaches at the Shrine of Remembrance, as well as many suburban gardens are living tributes to his great artistry. After his retirement, his services were retained by the Lands Department in an advisory capacity. His widow (who was formerly Miss Meta Dale, of Thornbury) survives. The funeral left his late residence on October 11 for the Necropolis, Spring Vale, where the interment was made.

In the past, Mr. Linaker has been of assistance to the Preston Council in planning park beautification

CYCLING

PRESTON RIDERS IN THE "WARRNAMBOOL"

The latest and most popular road race of the winter cycling programme is the "Warrnambool" to be run next Saturday. A number of Preston cyclists are competing, and several appear to have good chances. A large number of Preston club supporters will again go to Warrnambool on Friday evening to follow the race.

SALVATION ARMY

Preston Corps

The Corps has just celebrated the 76th birthday of Colonel and Mrs. Hawkes.

The annual appeal closed with £156 being raised, which is £25 more than last year.

Major and Mrs. Beasy have conducted successful meetings; also Ensign and Captain Williamson.

The P. P. Corps is making great progress under Sgt-Major Meatlin.

The Citadel Band is doing good work, and providing stirring music under Bandmaster Stan Cozens.

BENEFIT DANCE

A benefit dance in the Northcote Town Hall on October 6 in aid of a young Northcote resident proved both a very pleasant and successful evening. Cr. A. C. Bird, who was honorary secretary on behalf of Mrs. Telcher and committee thanked those present for their attendance, and also all who gave donations in cash and kind, particularly the proprietors and employes of the Northcote Bus Service. About £25 was raised which will materially assist a worthy case

BREACH OF PROMISE CASE DROPPED

Miss Anne Bonnar, of Greeves street, Fitzroy, weaver, has intimated to her solicitor that she does not intend to proceed with a case for alleged breach of promise of marriage in which she is claiming £2,000 damages from John Regan, Auburn avenue, Northcote, public servant, and a well-known full back football player for Collingwood.

NO LICENCE

The Preston bench on October 12 dealt with two people who were driving a car and a motor-cycle respectively without being licensed.

Ernest Trenta of Beaver's road, pleaded guilty to a charge of riding a motor-cycle on August 17 in Plenty road, Preston, without being licensed. He told the constable who stopped him that he was buying the cycle, and was just testing it out. He had a car license, but did not have a motor-cycle license. The bench imposed a fine of £1.

Also No Headlight.

The second motorist to be fined was Maurice Torbey, of Burnley street, North Richmond. The car which he was driving was stopped in High street, Preston, on the night of July 29, as it was not showing any headlights. Defendant said he forgot to switch them on. When asked to produce his license, he said he did not have it with him, and was told to produce it at the nearest police station to where he lived. Some time later he called at the police station, and said that his license had lapsed. He added that he had given the money and the renewal form to his daughter, but she must have lost it.

A member of the motor-cycle patrol, who gave evidence, produced a certificate from the Motor Registration Branch showing that Torbey's license had expired six months prior to July 29.

On the charge of driving without a license, defendant was fined £3, and on the charge of driving without headlights, £1.

Failed To Give Right-of-Way

On Wednesday, October 12, the Preston bench, consisting of the honorary justices (Messrs T. J. McMahon, A. E. Newton and E. G. Sutton) fined Patrick Lee Kelly, of High street, Preston, £1 for failing to give right-of-way to a vehicle approaching on the right at the intersection of Raglan and Newcastle streets, on the morning of September 17.

The prosecution arose as the result of a collision which took place at the intersection and during which defendant's truck collided with a car driven by Alfred Peake, schoolteacher, of Raglan street, Preston. Peake stated that he was driving in a westerly direction along Raglan street and on approaching the intersection of Newcastle street, sounded his horn and looked in both directions. He was travelling at about 20 miles per hour, and proceeded at that speed across the intersection as the road was clear of traffic approaching from the right. He noticed defendant's truck approaching from the left about 30 to 35 yards distant. He was practically in the middle of the intersection when defendant's truck struck the rear mudguard of his car.

Together with Constable Bridgland, who arrived on the scene of the accident, he measured the brake-marks on the road. They were 30 feet long.

Defendant did not appear, and in his absence he was fined £1.

IVANHOE GOLF CLUB

Mixed Foursomes — 62, H. Spark-Miss Tomlinson (24); 64 A. Stafford-Mrs Weiss (24); 66 C. Smith-Mrs Coxon (20); 66, T. Dunn-Mrs. Vaughan (18).

Indecent Language At Drill Hall Dance

BENCH MAKES EXAMPLE OF USER

According to Frank Leslie Protheroe, Warrant Officer, of Kingsvillam street, Reservoir, he heard defendant, Allan Goodwin, of Carlisle street, Preston, use indecent language on the night of October 10. At about 9 p.m. he saw defendant at the Drill Hall, Preston, where a dance was in progress. Goodwin was refused admission as his behaviour was offensive, and he had apparently been drinking. Defendant made attempts to enter the building, but was removed from the premises. He was also warned that if he persisted in attempting to enter the police would be notified. To this defendant replied with a flow of profanity which was distinctly heard by Protheroe, who was standing 60 feet away. In his opinion defendant was not sober when the incident occurred.

Constable Bridgland, who went to the Drill Hall, questioned defendant, who did not deny using the language. but merely said "Why pick on me when there are 20 others using it?"

Goodwin pleaded not guilty.

A sample of the language used (written on paper) was handed to the bench, who convicted Goodwin. In fining defendant £5 in default one month's imprisonment, the chairman of the bench (Mr. T. J. McMahon) said that nothing could be viler than the language to show to the bench. The bench looked on the case very seriously, and hoped that it would be an example to others. The chairman further stated that the fine must be paid immediately, the alternative being immediate imprisonment.

The case was heard before the Preston Court on October 12.

Christian Science

"Doctrine of Atonement" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon at all churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, October 16. The golden text is from I. Thessalonians 5: 9, 10: "God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him." Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." (1 Peter, 4. 12). 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: "Meekly our Master met the mockery of his unrecognised grandeur . . . We must have trials and denials, as well as joys and victories, until all error is destroyed." (Page 39).

Preston Church School

THE fine edifice erected as a Roman Catholic Church School in East Preston is now completed, and will be open for inspection by the general public during the hours of 11.30 to 12.30, and from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The official opening by Archbishop Mannix will take place on Sunday, November 6.

BOY SCOUTS

FIRST PRESTON TROOP

The reunion held recently was well attended by the "old boys" and they spent a pleasant evening playing games, and finishing up with supper together; also forming a committee which will keep in touch with former scouts. An invitation has been received from the First Heathcote scouts for the troop to pay them a week-end visit and play a cricket match but a date has not been arranged. Preparations for the Xmas tour over the Alps have been started and there are about 30 boys intending to make the trip. The route and camping grounds have not yet been finalised.

Mr and Mrs Sydney S. Horne of Weetgarth are the parents of a daughter born on October 5.

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A Paltry Theft

ON Monday a paltry theft was committed at Mayfield by David street, Fresnatin, when the dozen soft drink bottles were stolen. The bottles, it might be mentioned, were empty.

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PRESTON ASSOCIATION

Saturday's results: —

Special.—Warrain 55 d Rothsay 31; Regent 47 d Reservoir 45; Numurary 57 d Cranross 51; Daniella Park 60 d Eumeralla 47.

A Grade. — College 63 d Warrain 50; Reservoir 61 d Regent 49; Comas 60 d Daniella Park 41; Danella 53 d Hill 49; Cranross 58 d Numuray 54; Yoorala 58 d Oakover 49.

B1 Grade. — Warrain 54 d Preston 51; College 58 d Preston Methodist 46; Grove 59 d Sacred Heart 51; Normanbie 62 d Reservoir Presbyterians 34; Numurray 52 d Bell Park 46.

B2 Grade. — Oakover 62 d Regent 49; Cranross 59 d Comas 31; Comas 57 d West Preston Methodist 50; St. Gabriel's 62 d South Preston 38.

C1 Grade. — Grove 53 d Sacred Heart 46; Preston Methodist 59 d East Preston 35. Normanbie 56 d West Preston Methodist 45; Numurray 62 d Bell Park 42.

C2 Grades. — South Preston 53 d St. Gabriel's 48; Cranross 64 d East Preston 23; Oakover 59 d Regent 53; West Preston Methodist 61 d West Preston Presbyterians 43.

EXCESS WATER CONSUMPTION

Commissioner Presents Report

HOW BOARD "PROTECTS" CONSUMERS !

At a previous meeting the Northcote City Council discussed the excess water consumption in this suburb and the Commissioner. (Cr. Dennis) was asked to obtain a report on the matter. The report, which is reproduced, was read on Monday night, Oct. 13, and was received on the motion of Cr. Hayes, who was the originator of the discussion that led to the report being made.

The report reads thus:

"Excess water accounts, where water is used on gardens, vary from year to year, the variation depending chiefly on the season. The watering of the cultivated plots along the Board's pipe track in St George's road is presumed to be a fair indication of the effect of weather conditions on consumption. For the past five years the consumption was — 1933-34, 3,961,000 gallons, 1934-35, 2,720,000; 1935-36, 4,945,000; 1936-37, 2,922,000; 1937-38, 4,504,000.

A general idea of the weather conditions during these years can be gathered from the following figures (average rainfall in inches being 25.7 per annum):—1933-34, 22.68. 1934-35, 39.35; 1935-36, 22.06; 1936-37, 23.34; 1937-38 22.46 inches. Although the rainfall in 1937-38 was not the lowest for these years, nearly one-half of the total rain fell in two months, viz., October 5.09 ins. and June 4.02 ins

The number of wet days (one point or more) between November and April were.—1933-34—67; 1934-35—89; 1935-36—70; 1936-37—78; 1937-38—53.

From the above figures it will be seen that there is a reason why consumption was high in 1937-38.

During the above years accounts for excess water generally throughout the metropolitan area were found to be highest in 1937-38. Figures available for the City of Camberwell show the amounts of excess accounts in the last three years: 1935-36 £7,301; 1936-37, £4,574; 1937-38 £9,812.

Waste caused by defective fittings (particularly water closet fittings) is sometimes the reason for large consumption. An unknown factor affecting consumption is the economic position—in depression times consumers may use less water, whereas in times of prosperity, gardens may receive more attention, there being less need for economy. In cases where consumption is abnormal, investigation is made, and if the meter is thought to be registering inaccurately, it is removed for test and replaced by another meter. Consumers' interests are protected by the Board's by-law which provides that any consumer has the right to have his meter tested. The condition is that £1 must be lodged prior to the test. If the meter on being tested, is found to be registering incorrectly, it is replaced with a new meter, and the deposit refunded. If the meter is proved to be registering incorrectly, the whole of the deposit is refunded. It was further stated that the meter charge was 6/ per year

Taking this into consideration Cr. Oliver said that in his opinion the testing of a meter which was subsequently proved to be correct, was an imposition on the part of the Board.

Cr. Hayes thanked Cr. Dennis for obtaining the report. He did not comment on the rights or otherwise of the Board charging 8/2 for verifying the operation of a meter, but pointed out that he was asked to bring the matter of incorrectly registering meters before the council, and the result was the above report.

Cr. Burnham said in many instances, the charges had gone up 30 per cent. To generalise this a great deal of consumption of water depended on the vagaries of the weather would be putting the blame at the wrong door, as in many instances the excess water charges brought under his notice concerned investment property, with either no gardens at all, or gardens of such small dimensions that they would not be worth mentioning.

HINTS TO SWIMMERS

Now that the swimming season is approaching, a few hints may not come amiss. The pastime is an excellent tonic, but it should not be indulged in by anyone who suffers from chronic heart or kidney troubles. Do not stop in the water too long to begin with. Come out as soon as you begin to feel chilled. Everyone feels chilly at first, but after a few minutes of swimming or splashing about the ordinary person gets warm again. It is the chilly feeling that follows a dip that should be avoided. Never bathe immediately after a meal. Allow at least two hours to intervene. By doing this you will avoid collapse and cramp. Do not foolishly boast in your bathing things, when you could out of he water. A good rub down with a rough towel or a brisk run will restore good circulation. Do not bathe again if you do not get a warm glow after being in the water—that is, if you cannot get warm as soon as you are dry and re-clothed. Learn to swim as soon as you can. It will give you pleasure and interest, and perhaps enable you to assist others.

TO CRICKET SECRETARIES

In order to secure insertion, reports of cricket matches must reach the office, 481 High street, Northcote, on Mondays

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

NORTHCOTE BRANCH ACTIVITIES

On Sunday, October 2 many members of the branch journeyed to Austin Hospital to give the men there a cheer up. Each time we go we find that some have passed on, and others have taken their places.

The ladies hope that their next card afternoon will be a great success. The date is published elsewhere in this paper. Mrs. Mealing won the competition for the singlets (No 31). These ladies are doing great work for the branch in raising money for relief, and mention must be made, without favour, of the president, Mrs. Dunn, and secretary, Mrs. Crowley. The past president (Mrs. Marshall) is also due for a pat on the back

The cricket club opened the season in the way all clubs like, with a win against Brunswick. The scores were: Northcote First innings 167 and Second 5/135; Brunswick First innings 98. The outstanding players for Northcote were C. Donohue 50, W. Callender 37, and 18 not out, R. Taylor 27 not out, R. Lyons 44, H. Branchflower 43. R. Lyons 4/30 was best of the bowlers May the club continue with the good work.

At the last meeting, Mr. Poulter, branch delegate to War Service Homes committee, reported that the Commission had given favourable answers to the questions submitted to them relative to the widows of ex-soldiers. Mr. Poulter is a staunch worker for the purchases of War Service Homes, and in their own interests, all returned soldiers who are in War Service Homes would do well to join up with the League.

Jones had just arrived at the office when his wife rang up. "I want to go the the pictures this afternoon with Mrs. Sutton, and I haven't a penny." "Stay at home," was the reply and see what you can get on the wireless" Upon reaching home that evening his wife rang him up. "Thank you darling! I did what you said and I was able to go to the pictures, and there's still nine shillings left."

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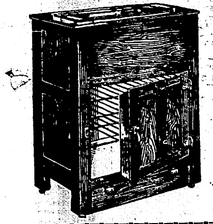

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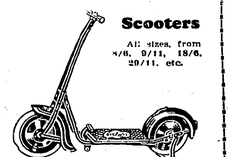

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POLICEMAN'S HOUSE BROKEN INTO

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MAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

The Northcote bench, on Friday, October 7, consisting of two justices (Messrs. W. J. Holden and A. E. Thiesz) committed for trial Harry De Brot Craig, 44 years, of Burt street, Northcote, on a charge of having broken into the house of Const. Gordon Kenneth Martin, in Christmas street, Northcote, and stolen therefrom three men's suits, one wristlet watch, a gold signet ring, an eight-day clock, and silverware, cutlery and other goods, valued at £50.

When the constable and his young wife were leaving their Christmas street home on September 30, little did they think that the man whom he saw passing the front gate would later in the day take advantage of their absence for the purpose of burgling their home. De Brot Craig made a clean job of the burglary, and it is doubtful if he would have been detected at all if a young constable of South Richmond, R. Carey, had not stopped him in Swan street Richmond, on the day following the house-breaking. Accused was carrying a small suitcase, and when questioned by Carey, said it contained a suit which his brother had given him to pawn. Accused was taken to Richmond South police station, where he was detained until Northcote detectives arrived to interview him.

To Detective H. J. Egerton, who questioned him, accused replied that his name was Harry Gore, of 34 Vere street, Collingwood. He adhered to the story about his brother's suit until the police pointed out to him that the address given by accused was fictitious, as Vere street had no No. 34. Then De Brot Craig admitted that the supposition of the police that he was responsible for the Christmas street housebreaking was correct.

Accused made a statement in which he admitted that two suits had been pawned, and the wrist-watch had been exchanged for two bottles of beer with a man at the rear of the Carter's Arms Hotel. These three articles were subsequently recovered, and the rest of the property was found at the room of the accused, under the bed.

Accused pleaded not guilty, and reserving his defence, was committed for trial at the General Sessions. Bail was allowed and fixed at £100 with a surety of a similar amount.

AMERICA'S MIGHTY THIRST

Since the repeal of prohibition in America, taxes on liquor have become one of America's most important sources of revenue. The amount collected in 1937 was £264,455,146—one-twelfth of all taxes collected. Alcoholic beverages now rank as the third most important source of government income.

RING FOUND IN SOCK

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION CHARGE FAILS

We have heard of all kinds of queer places being used for the concealment of valuables. There is nothing strange in hearing that a bank-roll or jewellery are kept in a sock—sometimes tucked away under a mattress.

But the ring, which was found in a sock belonging to Michael Thomas McNamara, of Andrew street, Northcote, was not under any mattress, but on McNamara's leg when the police searched him on September 27 outside the Carter's Arms Hotel.

The following facts were elicited at the Northcote Court on October 7:

According to Detective Donnelly, together other police, he went to the Carter's Arms Hotel where he saw McNamara, and asked him to accompany them to the detective office. In the street Donnelly said to McNamara "We believe you carry stolen diamonds for sale." Defendant denied the allegation, and suggested that the police should search him Saying that he never refused an invitation, Donnelly went through the pockets of the young man. The search failed to disclose any thing Donnelly next ran his hands down the trouser-legs of defendant, and concealed in his sock, found a case which contained a zircon dress ring. To make a complete search, Donnelly took off defendant's hat, and in it found two unmounted stones wrapped in a piece of cotton-wool Defendant refused to tell the detectives where he got the jewellery, and when asked why he carried the stones and the ring in such strange places he said: "They are safer there."

Defendant told Donnelly that he had bought the ring in Sydney about Easter time from a jeweller named Saunders, paying a little over £2 for it. The stones he had bought from a place in Redfern paying 7/ and 9/ for them respectively. Defendant was taken to Andrew street, where at his home, he produced a receipt for a lady's dress ring from Saunders, which was dated April 27, 1938. The receipt was for £2.

McNamara said that at one time he was hawking jewellery of this type, and produced several receipts from different jewellers showing various transactions. He had been in touch with a firm where he had bought the zircons, and they had forwarded him a duplicate receipt showing that he had purchased two stones for 15/ on Anzac Day last. His explanation as to why this jewellery was found in such strange places as his sock and hat, was that he was hawking them on that day, and as he had no hawker's license, and saw the police coming, he slipped into the hotel and planted them about his body.

The bench accepted the explanation as satisfactory and dismissed the information.

A Musical Treat

FOR NORTHCOTE AND DISTRICT

Lovers of good music as well as those who enjoy "delightful nonsense" will be splendidly catered for next Saturday, October 15 when the Auburn Methodist Choir (under the direction of Mr J. Sutton Crow) will give a concert in the Northcote Methodist School Hall, at the rear of the Northcote Methodist Church High street, (near the Northcote Town Hall.)

"Singing in quires" is one of the oldest mass activities. When harmony was first discovered, it was used in worship and since then much of the musical ability of the world has been developed in the churches. Multitudes of voluntary workers in choirs have done magnificent work in the church. But the church has many angles of service, and the Auburn Methodist Choir has assisted in these by preparing secular music and various charitable and other bodies. Some of the choir are quite versatile, and the concert which they are giving will also include sketches and a play.

Mr. Crow has lately been visiting country centres, and has a great admiration for the musical ability of the average Australian school boy and girl, who, he says, has a fine regard for rhythm and tone. While he has been away, Mr. R. G Whittaker, who styles himself as the "comedian of the choir" has taken the choir in hand, and is making the programme into a jolly evening for all. His wife acts as assistant organist in Mr. Crow's absence. The concert will start at 8 p.m.

SURPRISINGLY GOOD PERFORMANCE BY CHILDREN

Hoadley's Juvenile Talent Quest

SEMI-FINALS BEGIN AT THE PLAZA

The packed house at the Plaza Theatre on Thursday night last was treated to a stage presentation which can only be described as superior to anything seen in recent years in this or any other theatre. It was the first semi-final of Hoadley's Juvenile Talent Quest, and the audience showed by increasing applause their appreciation of the talent displayed by the little actors.

So as not to take away any of the limelight from the diminutive actors, Plaza's favourite Master of Ceremonies, Fred ("Tuppy") Tupper, refrained from putting over his inimitable jokes and antics. Although well-trained, the performers at the Plaza on Thursday night were only children, and their reaction to a laughing audience might have been detrimental to their performances.

The four acts which made up the night's presentation were of such high quality that the three judges (Mr. Dick Harwood, Mr. J Wootton and Mr. G Sills) were unable to separate them, and Tuppy announced a tie in all the four acts, which now all qualify for the finals.

They were, in order of appearance "Lynette's Honolulu Babies (two boys and two girls) who gave a delightful performance of Hawaiian music, singing and hula dancing; Esme Ellis, the girl vocalist, showed a remarkable knowledge of the instrument and of finger technique in playing Greig's Second Symphony. Fred The Personality Trio, a comedy act, of song, dance, and patter, brought forth such a volume of applause as to positively shake the walls of the theatre. The three little girls who comprised the act could not have been excelled in this type of performance Neither could the last act, June and Johnny, Australia's tiny Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, whose clever dancing and song number was of an exceptionally high standard. The costumes used by all performers were excellent.

We venture to say that the semi-finals of Hoadley's Juvenile Talent Quest are equal to, if not better than anything seen at the Plaza during the running of the Plaza 1938 P. and A. Parade.

Semi-finals will be decided every Thursday, and our readers are advised not to miss this unique type of entertainment.

Westgarth Racing Competition

FIVE QUALIFY FOR FREE TICKETS

Out of the five entries which win free tickets to the Westgarth Theatre, four trained 18 pts each, while the other entrant gained 21 points.

The winners mentioned in these entries, or more or less the same, all five having Esperanto (won at 5/1), Nuffield (won at 2/1 on), and Ena (won at 6/4), the last named having dead-heated for first with Eli Goles.

The best entry, in addition to the above named horses had The KC... (won ... 10/1), Winterset (unplaced), Night Train (unplaced), and Orielle's Star (won at 11/2).

The remaining selections of the others are—(2) Othello (2nd at 5/2), Winterset, Limerick Lace (2nd at 5/4), and Footmark; (3) has a similar selection with the exception of the 6th race, where Alchengee (unplaced) was preferred to Footmark; (4)—also selected Hoo-Tsai (unplaced), Good Boy (unplaced), Limerick Lace (2nd), and Orielle's Star (2nd). (5)— is slightly different with Othello (2nd), Good Bay, Riviera (unplaced), and Orielle's Star (2nd)

The Caulfield Cup meeting on Saturday next will be the basis of the 8th Westgarth Racing competition.

The points and conditions will be the same as in previous competitions. No entry received after 12 noon on Saturday next, October 15 will be eligible. Cut out the entry form, and after filling it in, bring, or post it, in envelope marked "Westgarth Theatre Racing Competition" to the "Leader-Budget" Office, 431 High street, Northcote, N. 16.

For the convenience of readers and patrons, racing entries may be left at the theatre. They will be collected at noon.

CAULFIELD—OCTOBER 15.

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CORRESPONDENCE

REPEAL THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I have on previous occasions, had the temerity to castigate our member, Mr. Brennan, for making statements with which I did not agree (This in a Melbourne weekly.) And in all probability will do so again if the need arises. But, as I have no animosity to Mr. Brennan personally, and really admire the "system" he represents, I think it behoves me to bring to the notice of Northcote citizens and Eatman electors in general, the very fine gesture of his at Canberra in being the first member of Parliament to make a statement regarding the thousands of letters of protest that came from all over Australia for the repeal of the National Insurance Bill. On page 42 of "Hansard" No. 18 is the following:—"Mr Brennan—I ask the treasurer whether he, like other honorable members resident in Victoria, has received large bulks of correspondence protesting against the Act, and threatening summary political execution if he fails to use his best endeavours to get the Act repealed?"

This is no idle lip-service. I feel sure, from our members, Eatman electors have in the past, shown that when properly roused, the position is no sinecure for any member if the member should thwart the wishes of a majority of the people. And I think it is essential that the readers of your paper should know that Mr Brennan will no doubt represent their views if they only let him know what they are. So get busy and keep sending those forms for the repeal of National Insurance to Canberra, and he will have moral support to do as your servant what you most desire he should do—work for the repeal of National Insurance. Yours etc.,

ANDY WHYTE.

20 Ryan street, Northcote, October 8, 1938.

BUS TO CROXTON STATION WANTED

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Could you spare space in your paper for a suggestion? Northcote, Thornbury and Westgarth have buses to their railway stations. Why not have one running to Croxton station? A very good route would be from Woolhouse street, along Leinster grove, through Emmaline street to Croxton station, through Beaconsfield parade to High street. This is a service, which I am sure would be appreciated, especially as Leinster grove is opened up, and is shortly to be built upon.

We could also do with a subpost office and pillar-box for letters. I am sure this would meet with general approval. Yours etc., "PROGRESS."

Northcote, October 10, 1938.

TALKING TALKIES

LUISE RAINER STAR AT 16

At 16 Luise Rainer became a star. A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talent scout saw her on the stage in Vienna. Her first picture — "Escapade" was a Viennese romance with William Powell. Miss Rainer did not come of theatrical parentage. Her father is a merchant. Her mother has never been behind the scenes of a theatre. During her childhood, Miss Rainer's family was wealthy. She had the advantages of the finest schools in Europe. After scoring in "Escapade" she was assigned the role of Anna Held in "The Great Ziegfeld." This united her with William Powell and Director Leonard, and brought her into association with Myrna Loy She then co-starred in "The Good Earth," with Paul Muni, following in "The Emperor's Candlesticks" with William Powell.

SALVATION ARMY, NORTHCOTE

A notable Salvation Army leader Commissioner James Hay, O.B.E. is visiting Northcote on Sunday next. The Commissioner formerly commanded the operations of the Army in Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada, and also was the Principal of the International Training College in London. He will, with the support of Mrs. Hay, and his daughter, conduct the meetings of the Mitchell Street Corps on Sunday, and in the afternoon at 3 p.m., will give his informative and inspiring recital "In the Master's Footsteps," being personal experiences in the Holy Land.

The Mayor (Cr. J. W French), accompanied by Mrs. French, will preside. Music will be provided by the local Corps Band and members of the general public as well as of local churches are invited.

THE LIQUOR POLL

THE "NOES" HAVE IT

The overwhelming majority of "No" votes polled on Saturday last showed what the electors of Victoria and of this electorate in particular think of the liquor question upon which they were asked to give a decision. The comparison between the voting of Saturday, and of eight years ago show big gains to the "No" cause.

The detailed figures are:—

NORTHCOTE
(Electors on roll 24,464)
Voting in 1930—Yes, 8,296 (41.92 per cent); No, 12,349 (58.05 per cent).

Saturday's Results

	Votes.	Per cent.
Yes	6,779	30
No	15,733	70

The detailed figures were.—

	Yes.	No.
Croxton	1,438	3,371
Northcote	1,350	4,555
Northcote East	430	1,012
Northcote South	725	1,489
Thornbury	1,151	2,596
Thornbury West	1,056	2,284
Postal Votes	129	435

The above figures show that the voting in all polling booths was slightly more than two to one in favour of "No."

CLIFTON HILL
(Electors on roll 24,029)
Voting in 1930.—Yes, 8,472 (35.27 per cent); No. 13,104 (60.73 per cent).

	Votes.	Per cent.
Yes	5,950	27
No	15,870	73

	Yes.	No.
Detailed results:—		
Alphington	595	955
Fairfield	1,309	2,885
Dennis	382	940
Clifton Hill Tonic Hall	1,033	3,335
North Fitzroy—		
St. Luke's Hall	278	918
Alfred crescent School	533	2,078
Miller street	606	1,744
Westgarth	555	1,073
Clifton East	528	1,744
Postal:	75	342

Informal 155.

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According to Detective O'Keefe at Northcote Court on Friday October 7, the second defendant, Roy Arthur Fullarton, of High street, Preston, was some very bad language when both of them were standing on the platform of a cable tram which was travelling along High street, Thornbury, on the evening of October 1. Defendant made use of the language that such a tone of voice that it could be heard by two women sitting on the dummy and two others standing on the platform. O'Keefe, addressing defendant, told him to stop using such language, or otherwise he would be forced to arrest him.

To this Fullarton replied: "I don't care," and again used expressions that were certainly indecent.

In reply to Fullarton, Detective O'Keefe said it was obvious that defendant had been drinking, but he was not drunk.

Fullarton, in his defence, said that earlier in the day he had attended a wedding, and at the time of the alleged use of the language, he was somewhat inebriated. He could not remember whether he used the alleged expression or not. He produced a reference of good character, and his father spoke highly of the young man whom he had never known to use bad language.

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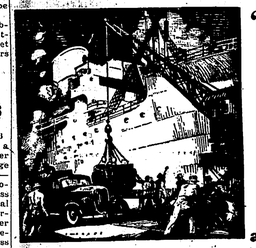

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Low Scoring In Association Games

BOWLERS SUCCESSFUL

R. BUSS, 13/8; R. HARGREAVES, 9/9 (INCLUDING HAT TRICKS)

(By "Observer")

The weather was pleasant for the concluding day of the first round. No centuries were scored. The top scorer was Maskiell (East Northcote), who made 92, Ward (Northcote P.A.F.S.) scoring 75. R. Buss (Scouts) was most successful with the ball with 13/8, and the next was R. Hargreaves (Preston South A.N.A.), 9/9. Both bowlers secured the hat trick.

BATTING

Maskiell (East N'cote)	92
F. Jennings (P'ton Baseballs First)	86*
Ward (N'cote P.A.F.S.)	75
Behm (Excelsior Sats)	58
A. Smith (Eastview)	57
Irwin (Reservoir)	57
Rowe (Res. P.A.F.S.)	56*
Billing (Croxton United)	56*
Gough (Bell)	52

* Denotes not out.

BOWLING

R. Buss (Scouts)	13/8*
E. Rose (Epping)	11/37
McKenzie (Bell Ramblers)	11/46
R. Hargreaves (Pres. Sth A.N.A.)	9/9
Maskiell (East N'cote)	9/34
Stafford (Sherry Socials)	9/54
E. Clarkson (Preston Baseballers 1st)	9/66
F. Fisher (Bway Socials)	9/74*
Morris (East view)	4/9*

* Denotes hat-trick.

A GRADE

Dennis v Northcote Amateurs. — At McDonell Park Amateurs made a poor showing against the bowling of Steele and Smith, only making 43. Dennis batsmen were in good form and scored 149 N. Smith and R. Steele were top scorers. Cleary and Frawley shared the wickets. With plenty of time Amateurs batted again, but with the exception of Cleary and Frawley the batsmen again were a poor attempt, only making with only 101 runs on the board. Steele and Smith were again responsible for the wickets. Scores: Dennis 149 (N. Smith 46, L. Smith 27, R Steele 30; Cleary 3/13, Frawley 3/33) d Northcote Amateurs 43 and 101 (J. Cleary 27, Frawley 21, Steele 4/12, Smith 4/22.) Dennis won outright.

Croxton United v Preston Baseballers.—United were at home at McDonell Park and were dismissed for 110. E. Newton being chiefly responsible for the runs, and Sevilla 19 out. In their second United lost 5/115, of which Elbing knocked up 54 not out. E Clarkson was rewarded with two wickets. The Baseballers declared with 9/195. Scoring all round was heavy. Jennings was top scorer with 86 not out, receiving valuable assistance from McNamara, 42. Reid, our first game took six wickets. Scores Preston Baseballers 9/195 (declared), Jennings 86 not out, McNamara 57; C. Reid 6/44) defeated Croxton United 110 and 5/115 (Newton 36, Elbing 54 not out, Fox 27 not out; E. Clarkson 9/66. Baseballers won by 85 runs on the first innings.

Regent v Bell. — Bell batted first and knocked up 163. Gough along with Pike and Thorneycroft gave the side a good start. Mc-Laren and Walshe were responsible for the wickets. Bell in their second innings played out time and lost 3/51. Hughes and Bradford being the chief scorers.

Clements v Bell Ramblers (Preston Baseballers). — Clements (21) for the Regent batsmen batted disappointingly. Monagle (22) partnered Clements, and only put on 49 for the fourth wicket. Bolt and Pike bowled well, taking seven wickets between them. Scores: Bell 163 and 3/51 (Hughes 19, Bradford 19 not out, Gough 52, McLaren 4/32, Walshe 4/18, Bradford 2/40) d Regent 100 (K. Clements 27, Monagle 22; G Bolt 4/22, Pike 3/18). Bell won by 63 on first innings.

Broadhurst v Sherry Socials.—At Gower Park Broadhurst were discussing changing the innings closing for 72. Stafford was deadly with the ball, and took 5/16. Sherry's faced with a small total found Thomas at his best, causing a debacle, the innings concluding for 53. Thomas took 6/8. Broadhurst in their second knock, failed to get going, and were all out for 78, Stafford accounting for the wickets. In the remaining time, Sherry lost 2/2. Scores: Broadhurst 72 and 78 (O'Connor 1 and 18 not out; J. Reese 3/18, Stafford 5/54) defeated Sherry Socials 53 and 2/2 (Wilkinson 17 not out; Thomas 5/19, Scott 4/24) Broadhurst won by 19 on the first innings.

Northcote Junior Footballers v Fresnotte. — Hayes and Bruce opened Preston's innings at the

15, batted solidly. The innings ended at 118. Excelsior replied with 140. Before falling a victim to Wall, Behm 58 looked set. He batted well, scoring all round the wicket. Quick took 3/6. The Stars, knocking up 4/108 put up a better fight, Tarney again batting nicely for 41 not out. Robertson and Lovelace shared the bowling honours. Scores:—Excelsior 140 (Behm 58, Collins 30; Quick 3/5) defeated Preston Stars 118 and 4/108 (Harney 35 and 41 not out, Cornell 36; Robertson 6/62, Lovelace 5/40). Excelsior won by 22 runs on the first innings.

Epping v Clifton. — Clifton who annexed the C Grade premiership, were promoted and visited Epping. The game provided a great thrill, the match being won outright on the second last ball of the day. The outstanding feature was the excellent all-round performance of E. Rose, a lad in his teens. He was responsible for 25 and 17 runs respectively, and dismissed 11 batsmen for 37, nine being in Clifton's second innings, which gave his side victory. Epping batted first and knocked up 100 (Pratt 40). Rose took four wickets. In reply, Clifton's total was 106, giving them a slight advantage on the first innings. Epping, who had only nine men available were dismissed for 170 in their second innings. Wilton 23 not out was top scorer. With an hour left for play, Clifton had their first wicket at 14, and from then on, E. Rose was in deadly form and took the remaining nine wickets for 50. Scores: — Epping 100 and 7/110 (Pratt 40 E. Rose 25 and 5/37, Wilton 23 not out; Purtle 8/18, Logie 4/37) d Clifton 106 and 50 (Luscombe 12 Purtle 15; E. Rose 11/37.) Epping won outright.

Broadway Socials v Preston Footballers. — At Reservoir The Footballers were the visitors and batted first, but only made 63. Talmadge was caught off E. Fisher for 26, Lane 14, also fell a victim to Fisher, who bowled exceptionally well taking 6/30. The Socials were responsible for 169, R. Fisher and Yeaping making top runs between them. The bowling honours went to Talmadge. The Footballers did not fare much better second strike, the board showing 156 . In the remaining time the Socials scored six without loss. Scores: Broadway Socials 169 and 0/6 (S Fisher 38, Teague 30, Wright 30, Talmadge 4/30, Andrews 3/44) defeated Preston Footballers 63 and 156 (Talmadge 26 and 20, Lane 14 and 56, Hills 31 not out; Fisher 6/30 and 9/74). Broadway Socials won by 106 runs on the first innings.

C GRADE

Preston South A.N.A. v Preston I.N.F.—Brilliant bowling by Hargreaves caused a debacle in both the I.N.F. innings. He showed remarkable averages of 4/5 and 5/4, which accounted for the whole of I.N.F. totals of 23 and 29. King also took 5/11 A.N.A. in their first innings declared with 9/102, Curris 26 not out. Scores:—Preston South A.N.A 9/102 (declared) (Curris 26 not out, Hargreaves 9/9, King 5/11). Preston South A.N.A. won outright

Preston Baseballers v Excelsior II.—Baseballers made 149 in their first innings, and on the first day Excelsior had 2/18. Resuming they carried the score to 84. The Baseballers in their second knock was declared at 0/65. Excelsior proved too stubborn, and their opening batsmen were still at the wickets at stumps, Cooper 20 and McNamara 10 getting the bowlers. Scores: Preston Baseballers 149 and 0/65 (Fowler 29, W. Durgin 30 not out, S. Jennings 48 not out, Woods 3/78) d Excelsior 84 and 1/36 (Mann 21, Walsh 11 not out). Hopgood 4/30, S. Jennings 3/26). Baseballers won by 65 runs on the first innings.

Reservoir P.A.F.S. v Atyeo & Sons.—At Edwardes Park oval, P.A.F.S., also a new team, were opposed to Atyeo & Sons. Batting first, they compiled 136 and declared with 1/90 in their second innings. Ward, in good form, scoring 56 no. at his second visit to the wicket. Middleton was next with 25. Atyeo & Sons dismissed for 84 and occupied the wickets until stumps were drawn. Scores: 6/84, Tressider retired 12/67. Reservoir P.A.F.S., 136 and 1 (declared) for 90 (Rowe 25 and 56 n.o., Watt 20, Middleton 29; De Grandi 4/57, Wiseman 3/25), defeated Atyeo & Sons, 84 and 6/44 (Hunting 41, Hannaford 12 n.o., Wiseman 16; Tressider 12/67). Reservoir P.A.F.S. won by 62 on first innings.

East Northcote v Leeds.—Leeds in their engagement with Eastview, playing for the first time in the Association, passed the century before the last wicket fell for 129. Baxter-made 37 before being dismissed. Cr. Peddle

Hartley, O'Keefe, Thompson. Umpires unable to officiate, please phone JU 1098

OTHER GAMES

DISTRICT MATCHES

Northcote v Collingwood. — This match was won by Collingwood on the first innings. On the first day, Collingwood declared with 8/358. Northcote in reply made 185 (Stanes 25, I. Miller 45, Vernon 15, C. Miller 43, Dudley 15; Lamber 2/7, Parker 3/28) Haysen 2/89). Collingwood, batting again were 0/36 at stumps (Quarterman 23 not out). Collingwood won by 73 on the first innings.

District Seconds.

Collingwood 170 and 3/97 (Grierson 48) defeated Northcote 157 (K. Fleming 58 not out, Holmes 26; Cuttriss 8/52)

District Thirds

Collingwood 174 and 52 (Bennett 7/25) d Northcote 173 and 40 (Payne 51, Richards 49, Barnett 4/17, Vining 5/41 and 6/12).

B Section—Northcote 9/249 (Millen 87, Bird 82; Gayther 5/60) d Carlton 6/237 declared

LODGES

A.N.A. (North Section)—Preston 8/71 and 3/48 (Tully 5/21) d Carton 10 and 123 (Moorhouse 37, Le Cuer 28; Whiteway 7/60, North 5/11, Jones 6/21).

Victoria 116 (Gontley 36, White 32 not out; Floyd 4/28) d Fairfield A 26 and 9/122 (Geer 25; S. Jones 10/18).

I.N.F. — North Melbourne 196 (Bray 80, Walker 46; Ogden 4/55) d Northcote 109 and 87 (Ogden 45; Tye 6/53)

Sons of Temperance.—Thornbury 105 and 6/0 (H Young 38; Dugdale 4/24) d Coburg 53 and 8/93 declared, (Baker 34 not out).

Northcote 201 (Hannah 55) d Preston 60 and 0/73 (Thomas 40 not out, Downer 27 not out; Davies 5/25, Hannah 4/5).

I.O.R.—Northcote 50 and 5/142 declared. (McDonell 106 not out; Ede 4/42, Carleton 5/43) d John Vale Old Boys 26 and 6 (McDonell 5/9).

A.A.P.A. — Fitzroy .160 (L. Johnson 27, Tucker 29) v Preston 106 and 8/80 (L O. Seebeck 32, D. May 31, Seebeck 25, N Burge 27 not out.)

WOMEN'S CRICKET

Northcote v Clifton Hill

Northcote 197 d Clifton Hill 70 (Parsley 3/9, Williams 4/22) and 127 (Williams 20, Dove 3/29 by an innings and 10 runs

BOOT TRADE

Myrl Shoe 8/196 declared (Howey 72, Brenn 23, Burn 23, Cunningham 23) defeated Northcote 85 (Howey 20, Thompson 20; Eastman 4/18 Hill 3/32, Robertson 2/22).

Northcote and Preston Churches

A Grade: Thornbury Presbyterians 5/234 declared (H. Douglas 44, Wilson 43, Lee 38, Cuthbert 55 not out, J. Morrison 100; J. Neville 2/36, M. Westcott 1/47) d Northcote Methodists 231 and 9/141 (S. Patrick 24, A Le Page 22 and 49, R Davies 18; C Taylor sen 27, Taylor jun 24, Hall 21 not out, Len Cheffers 3/33, J. Latham 2/21 Thornbury Presbyterians won by 3 runs, and thus qualified on the first innings. A feature of the game was the partnership for the fourth wicket of 122 runs of 130 for the third wicket partnership. J. Morrison scored a chanceless century in 90 minutes.

B Grade. — Northcote Church of Christ 92 and 0/11 (E. Buscombe 47, Watsford 29 not out) d Thornbury Presbyterians 49 and 47 (L. Hoyle 4/6, L. May 3/15, Buscombe 3/12, Watsford 2/4) Outright win by 10 wickets and 7 runs.

On Sunday School Grade.—Northcote Baptists 8/112 declared (L. Taylor 43, A. Peacock 26, J. Gardner jun 24/24, I. Thompson 2/10) d Preston Methodists 49 and 51 (Chas Taylor jun. 24; L. Taylor 3/9 and 5/12, R. Taylor 2/1, V. Peacock 4/7) Won outright by an innings and 45 runs

SUB-DISTRICT

COBURG DEFEATS PRESTON

Orsino's Brilliant Start

(By Claude Hamilton.)

Playing his first game with the Preston First Eleven, Roy Orsino made a spectacular debut into senior cricket. After 42 runs and 4/16 were obtained when Preston badly needed them, Bertie Hunt, the Coburg captain, and Rooney, vice-captain, Pike won the toss, and batted first.

The first five wickets fell quickly, E. Gilbert 3, Westcott 2, Whitton 15, Pike 0, and Worbert 2 showing very little opposition to the Coburg attack. Rooney 18, Walker 14, and N. Robinson 16 restored the position somewhat, and at that stage the score stood at 8/68. Orsino shunted into the Preston depot drove strongly and attacked the Coburg bowlers who were now on top. With Smith 6 and Woolley 4 not out holding up an end, Orsino advanced to 42 before going out low to Mr. James. The innings closed at 124. Coburg quickly lost their first two wickets to the fast bowlers Tyrell and E. Gilbert. Huntington and Reid, two old campaigners then became associated, and carried the score to 2/50. Orsino, who was given the ball for the last over of the day, caused consternation in the Coburg camp by dismissing both Reid and Huntington. At stumps on the first day the game was still open, with the scoreboard showing Preston 124; Coburg 4/63. S. James 42 and Thomas 21 quickly put paid to Preston's account, and Coburg went on to make 178. Orsino bowled excellently to take 4/15, Westcott 3/29, Smyth 2/37 and E. Gilbert 1/38 shared the other wickets. Woolley 0/46 and N. Robinson 0/6 also bowled.

With the game won and two hours left Preston quickly put on a picnic aspect, and batsmen opened their shoulders freely. At one time Preston had reached 2/131 (S. Gilbert 14, Whiffen 31, W. Gilbert 2, Wescott 14, Pike 30, Rooney 11, N. Robinson 8, Orsino 5, Smyth 0; Walker 10 not out; Woolley, 3 not out.

Coburg won by 54 runs on the first innings.

On Saturday next, Preston will be at home to Port Melbourne, last year's premiers.

Second Eleven Fails

Coburg also proved too strong for the Preston second eleven, and won on the first innings by 57 runs. Scores: Coburg 138 and 2/91 (Lanigan 47 not out, Carter 30 not out; Jarvis 13) and 3/39 (Marotte 43 not out, Ash 26).

HEALTH CENTRE MOTHERS' CLUB

An appreciative audience attended the last meeting at Thornbury Centre. The Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. W. French) presided over the meeting and in her address expressed the interest she had always taken in the activities of the club, promised her full support and encouragement to the good work in this district. Dr. Youngor Ross, O.B.E. will lecture at the next meeting. Members mothers are urged to use the methods of identification of children suggested by the baby weight scale as of considerable help towards the successful functioning of the attendance system.

The committee is hopeful of presenting a more varied and practical type of entertainment in future, and appeals to all to be able to contribute individually to the enjoyment of the afternoon's entertainment. The club will be announced definitely at a later date.

PRESTON JOTTINGS

PRESTON SCHOLAR'S VISIT COUNCIL

Twelve pupils from the Preston Technical School, under the guidance of Mr. Dunn, Messrs. Messrs Watts and Villiers, attended the council meeting at the Preston Town Hall on Monday, October 10. The scholars showed a keen interest in the business of the evening. The visit was undertaken to give the scholars a practical lesson in civics

LETTER FROM BALLARAT

SANCTION

On the occasion when the Northcote and Preston Football clubs staged an exhibition match at Ballarat, Mr. L. P. Zuccollo, M.L.A., handed a letter to the Mayor of Ballarat (Cr Alec J. Byrne) from Cr. Hayes (Mayor of Preston. Before the teams departed, after giving a clever demonstration of Australian rules, the Mayor of Ballarat, thanked everyone for their efforts and expressed appreciation to the citizens." These sentiments were later endorsed in the form of a letter received by the Mayor of Preston conveying kindly wishes from one city to the other.

PERSONAL

Cr. C. T. Barling, Guest street, Reservoir, has entered the papers, a fortnight's holiday at Mildura and Rochester. Cr. Barling, who recently underwent an operation has made a good recovery, and is feeling fit again. The health fund is made by car, and will be accompanied by his wife.

CAR COLLIDES WITH TRAM

A man named John Munro, 26 a resident of Gladstone avenue, Northcote, was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital on Monday night suffering from a fractured skull. Munro was a passenger in a car which collided with an electric tram which was going

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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL'S PROGRESSIVE POLICY TO BE MAINTAINED

Big Programme For Coming Year

WILL NEW BATHS BE BUILT?

RATE REMAINS UNCHANGED

The volume of business dealt with by the Northcote Council at the meeting on Monday was the largest for some time. The estimates for the forthcoming year were adopted;; and included in these were such items as bi-weekly garbage collection, park and footpath improvements, etc. The rate of 2/6 remains unchanged to enable the city's progressive improvement policy to be maintained.

With the Mayor (Cr. J. W. French) in the chair, eleven councillors attended the Northcote Council meeting on October 17. Apologies were received from Crs. Green, Dennis and Johnson.

CORRESPONDENCE

Public Works Department notified that Mr. J. M. Graham had been appointed council's auditor for the ensuing year.

Beer Ban. — Two letters conveying the ban on the sale of beer at the Northcote Town Hall on Armistice were received. In one of them, Mr. Cremean M.L.A. notified that there was no likelihood of further discussion on the matter this year, as he had been informed that the ban would be observed. In the other letter, Mr. Dunstan stated that the time for the ban was drawing near, and he hoped it would be rescinded. It is fully occupied. —Speaking on the matter, Cr. Bird said that unless 60 per cent of the ratepayers were unanimous there was no hope for the lifting of the ban.

Cr. McAdam said that a report of the annual conference had been received from the Health Inspectors' Association of Australia, during which it was decided that when Dr. Penfold had addressed the conference on the subject of beef sausages that were made from horse flesh, the engineer be authorised to make necessary adjustments to the Plant so that it could be exported to England.

In seconding the motion, Cr. Shewan expressed gratification at finding the Government was using Australian product being used in preference to an imported article.

The council accepted the tender of Mr. Shell for petrol at 1s 4d per gallon.

The tender of Mr. Cook Pty Ltd for the supply of a schedule-rates was also accepted.

Building Application

The council granted the application of Mr. J. Moore for permission to erect a brick veneer dwelling in Gladstone avenue with a 5in. brick parapet wall on the eastern boundary.

Immunisation Against Diphtheria

The council approved of the principle of voluntary immunisation against diphtheria, and the inclusion of the estimates for this purpose. The Finance Committee was empowered to make the necessary arrangements for carrying on a campaign throughout schools in the city, with the object of trying to minimise the risk of diphtheria.

Cr. Jones, speaking in support of the motion, said Dr. Penfold, and the reports of other municipalities (especially the Melbourne City Council) where voluntary immunisation had been introduced) showed a marked decrease of this dread disease. Sixty per cent of the people came of their own volition. There was nothing compulsory about the proposed scheme, and it would be a great advantage to the community when this service was provided.

Cr. McAdam then moved that the payment to the Q.M.L.D. Hospital for the year 1938-39 include the introduction of immunisation.

The second motion was referred to the Council of Northern Municipalities.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cr. McAdam said that in spite of the heavy expenditure on parks, streets and footpaths, the council had just come out on the right side of the ledger. Cr. Bird, who moved the reception of the estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year 1938-39 said the figures reflected the soundness of the city finances. The expenditure this year would be higher than ever as the rates had increased, and besides, over £32,000 had been earmarked for expenditure above the estimated rates. Of that amount £27,000 came from the Electric Light Department, while a share over £5,000 came from the General Purposes account.

There should be a slight increase on the expenditure side, due to the increase in salaries and wages. £500 was reserved for new playgrounds, several of which were under consideration. As in recent years, £900 would be spent on new work in parks. A new item of expenditure for the remaining nine months of the financial year would be £650 for National Insurance. It was estimated that for a full year, National Insurance would cost the council £726. With the completion of the two big parks, the council would be forced to increase its garden staff. £2,440 was set aside to increase the engineer's plant. This amount provided for two tipping trucks, and £600 towards the construction of the street sweeper. The last item would be greatly appreciated when a sweeper is put on the streets. There would be an increase of £2,635 in general labour. This item of expenditure was necessary in order to enable the council to maintain a progressive policy. As a result of a recent census, it was estimated that the population of the city had increased by 2,000 since 1936

HOW CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALS

BY

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The special topic "How Christian Science Heals," has been chosen because I am convinced that the answer to this question is important to the thousands already healed by Christian Science, and also to those who are attracted by this scientific teaching, but are not quite ready to accept its promised help.

Mary Baker Eddy, a native of New Hampshire, who was the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, instituted these lectures to introduce to the thoughtful inquiring public the healing truth which Christian Science teaches and demonstrates. It was love for her fellow-men—Those suffering from sin and disease, sorrow and misfortune—that moved her to impart to mankind, through lectures and other channels, the Science of Jesus' healing work. This she first found in the Bible, and then proved in her own experience that it is available to-day for all who are willing to listen and consider its propositions.

That Christian Science does heal can no longer be questioned. Innumerable cases of permanent relief from serious bodily ailments and other discordant conditions present indisputable evidence to support this fact.

Growth of the Christian Science organisation from one church in 1879 to twenty-eight hundred in 1938 is substantial evidence that Christian Science is a real benefit to humanity. Especially so when we consider the fact that the majority of the members of these churches have been brought out of conditions of misery,—most of which were pronounced incurable—into health and happiness.

Why Bible Healing Not Understood

The healing power practised by Jesus and the early Christians under his instruction has not been generally accepted as applicable to-day. Why? Because it is difficult for many to grasp the fact of physical healing by mental means. We find, however, in the many cases of physical healing recorded in the Scriptures, that this Bible healing was accomplished through mental or spiritual means, and these alone. And it is now becoming recognized that Christian Science healing is also done mentally; that is, through some form of mental action and not by employing physical and material means.

The present human disbelief in the spiritually inspired teaching of the Bible, in the miracles recorded there, and in the physical healings accomplished by Jesus and his followers is due primarily to the underlying belief in what is called matter—the basis of this material existence. We are schooled to deal almost exclusively with material so-called realities.

Thus it seems impossible to conceive of existence without matter, and you may ask: "What would there be to existence without matter? If matter, as you claim, is unreal, then what is real existence?" These questions need to be faced and answered: and when they are it will become apparent that all our inharmonious conditions in life are due to these false conclusions that matter is real.

Material Existence Mental

The belief in material life as real existence is almost universal. It is the great point of difficulty with many people, that they cannot conceive of existence apart from the evidence obtained from the physical senses. To clear this up let us take the familiar illustration of the figure 2. Now this figure 2 which we see on the blackboard is not the mathematical value 2. What we see physically is merely a material symbol, representing that which is back of the figure and unseen to the physical eye.

This may enable many of you to grasp the fact that there is an existence, a reality, a truth apart from that which you cognize with the physical senses; that this existence is really mental,not material. And from this fact you can readily deduce the truth, the reality or reality of anything, is not physical, but mental.

Mental Nature of Matter.

What physicists call matter was once said to be composed of tiny particles of matter-stuff known as atoms. But modern physics has corrected that supposition and now shows how this atom is formed of units of electrical energy. Therefore, so-called matter is composed only of energy, and so the atom is force only and not matter-stuff at all. Consequently, what we see, feel, hear, taste, or smell is all energy or force and not matter.

Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, says on page 481 of her textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," "Physical force and mortal mind are one." It follows that since all we see as matter is really objectified force, and that force is mental, not material, our so-called material universe is a wholly mental one. Indeed, the only evidence we have of the supposed existence of a material object or a material universe is a mental impression recognized. Regardless of how much you analyze it you will get nothing but a mental impression all the way down the line.

A very important discovery in mathematics reveals that the size of an object varies with its velocity, its mass becoming greater and its dimension, in the direction in which it moves, smaller. This definitely proves that the substance of an object is not a fixed quantity, and consequently it is not matter-stuff, but is a mental concept.

The deductive reasoning of philosophy and psychology on a physical basis, proves conclusively that there cannot be such a thing as matter-stuff.

One difficulty in dealing with such paradoxical reasoning was that the reasoners themselves were still involved in matter. They still believed in the evidence of their material senses, therefore they did not know what to do with their conclusions that there could be no matter, although some conceived it is an impressionistic concept, and in the Scriptures that it is important for us to remember in this analysis that a mental concept of matter is as unreal as so-called matter itself.

Unreality of Matter

We have now seen that, on the basis of common human knowledge, there is no evidence to sustain the existence of matter, except as a mental concept, which we have just seen to be unreal. Let us now consider this point from the basis of spiritual knowledge.

Thoughtful readers of the Christian Science Textbook and other writings of Mrs. Eddy notice how very much she says about the unreality of matter and about its mental nature. Christian Science makes it plain that all our trials and tribulations, all our aches and pains, all our material difficulties, are due primarily to the belief that there is such a thing as matter, that it is real and substantial. Therefore, a knowledge of the reverse fact that matter is unreal and is a false mental concept which is also unreal, is essential in the healing of human ills.

For years prior to her own healing, Mrs. Eddy had been searching for an explanation of the Bible healing. Her mother had assured her from childhood that God could heal the sick. During all this seeking, she never lost faith in God. Yet, she demanded more than just faith. She wanted understanding. She wanted to know how this healing was accomplished.

She had been in an accident, and lay on what was supposed to be her death-bed. Friends declared that she was on the verge of passing on.

But in this crisis, Mrs. Eddy clung closely to God, and steadfastly looked to Him alone for healing. She turned to the Bible and read in the ninth chapter of St. Matthew how Jesus healed the palsied man. Then came the first faint beam of light into her waiting consciousness, as she pondered it the Christ healing was possible in Jesus' time, it was just as possible now. If God was infinite Spirit then, He was infinite Spirit still, and there was "none beside Him." She saw the allness of Spirit, the absolute nothingness of matter. She rose from the sick-bed healed, and rejoiced in that healing. Then she pressed herself and joined her startled friends who were in the adjoining room awaiting her decease.

Thus in a darkened world was sown the spiritual seed that took root and has since grown into the Christian Science movement.

Mrs. Eddy applied this healing truth which had thus come to her—that God is all and there is no matter — to a number of persons seriously afflicted, and did wonderful healing work, most of it instantaneously; thereby proving further that the Christ-healing follows when the allness of Spirit and the nothingness of matter is realised.

This revelation of the unreality of matter on the basis of the allness of God, the infinity of Spirit, became an essential element in Christian Science teaching and healing, and distinguishes it from all other forms of healing and all other physical, philosophical and religious teachings.

What is Real?

We have been considering the nature of what seems to be real. We have seen the incorrectness of physical sense testimony, the materiality mental nature of matter, and its consequent nothingness. Now you naturally ask: If this material sense of existence, namely, that which we see, feel, hear, taste and smell, is unreal, then what is real?

At the outset it is important to understand that we can never define verity, actuality, reality, without first knowing that we can never destroy reality for what actually exists must always exist. Then we need to distinguish between relative or apparent truth—that which seems to be real, but is only an impression, and absolute Truth—that which is actually real, and therefore indestructible. To reason mind you again, the figures on the blackboard are not in themselves mathematical truth. The mathematical truth is the value back of the figures, and this value is indestructible. Does not two and two always make four? And can this fact ever be destroyed? Could you destroy the numerical value? Can you see that reality is truly indestructible, eternal? Can you not see that it is everywhere, unlimited, and consequently infinite?

Essential Elements of Existence.

Existence or being depends upon the following essential elements. It requires basis, cause and law: this is Principle: it requires intelligence or consciousness: this is Mind: it requires substance, that which constitutes all things: this is Spirit: it requires individuality, identity, a sense of being: this is Soul; it requires vitality, continuity of being, living existence: this is Life: it requires verity, actuality, reality: this is Truth: it requires that which unites, includes all things: this is Love. Without these elements there could be no existence.

Such existence cannot involve finiteness nor limitation. It must be corporeal and infinite. It is quite evident then that Truth includes no sense of limitation. A mathematical truth, for example, is everywhere, is everywhere available, is everywhere operative and powerful; and it is illimitable.

The fact that divine Truth is everywhere means also that it is always available, and therefore always active and powerful. We need always to hear this in mind. Otherwise we cannot have a rich appreciation of its value in the healing work of Christian Science. Not one of you here doubts that two and two make four. You have absolute faith in the power of this mathematical fact. Not only do you never doubt that two and two make four to-day, but you are never afraid that two and two will not make four to-morrow. This shows the operative and unreal nature of Truth in which you really believe.

Nature of Truth

Let us consider the nature of Truth, a little further and see more clearly the nature of that which is real. Since Truth is always true, continues to be true, knows enough to remain true, and so to correct that which is not true, it must be intelligence. If Truth is intelligence then Truth is Mind, for we cannot dissociate Mind and intelligence. It is obvious that Truth is not matter, but is Spirit, the opposite of matter. Mrs. Eddy defines Spirit as divine substance, that of which all things are made: so it is clear that Truth is not only Spirit, but that all of Truth's ideas are spiritual. Therefore reality is "Spiritual and spiritual." (Science and Health 331:24.)

It is now plain that Truth cannot be finite, that reality is inherently infinite. Infinity may be briefly defined as without beginning or ending, without boundary or limitation, as to presence, power, continuity of being. This infinite absolute spiritual being was revealed to Mrs. Eddy as God who is Truth, who is Spirit, who is Life. St. John declares this to be the God who is Love. This is the concept of God taught in Christian Science, the one God, whom we understand to be All-in-all, apart from whom there is nothing else. This is the God who is the basis of all existence and of all Christian Science healing; the God who according to the Scriptures "forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." (Ps. 103:3.)

Recognizing Error —

Here it is important to understand that whatever is not included in this infinite Truth is a mistaken sense, therefore, not true. This is defined in Christian Science as error, the term that should be applied to everything that it is not absolutely true, and thus which does not correspond to God. The meaning of the synonymous term, mistake, is perhaps more readily grasped; for it means that a mistake is a false sense of Truth, a misstatement about Truth. So we begin to make a distinction between the real and the unreal; between what is true and what is erroneous or mistaken.

Thus we arrive at the point where we can apprehend that just as in mathematics we detect a mistake when it becomes a fact, so do we detect human error when we apply the lens of Truth.

Now you are better able to understand why it is so important in Christian Science healing to recognize what is true and real and why we call the error in question a mistake. This sort of man is born of the flesh. He lives in matter. His god-sense comes through human senses. He must die in order to live again.

In a chemical analysis by Dr. F. B. Lawson, London, he deduced that at the then market prices, a man's body was worth just about one dollar. It consisted of enough magnesium for one dose of salts, enough phosphorus to make 2,200 match-heads, enough sulphur to kill one dog or flea, enough lime to whitewash a small chicken coop, enough iron to make a medium sized nail, enough carbon for 9,000 lead pencils, enough fat for seven cakes of soap, and enough water for a spring.

The Scriptures tell us in Job. 14: 1 about the kind of man to which Dr. Lawson referred. Job says: "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble" David echoes Job's view (Psalm 103: 15-16), "As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more."

This is the kind of man previously referred to in the second chapter of Genesis, a man made out of dust, a rib, not the woman, created in the image and likeness of God, not the man described in the first chapter of Genesis, 26-27, where "male and female created he them." The second chapter records the imperfect mortal, Jehovah, or tribal god, Lord God. The first chapter records the perfect creation by Elohim. These two records are contradictory on all points, and so both cannot be true.

The Real Man

It is logical to believe that the record of the spiritual creation as given in the first chapter of Genesis is the true record. It declares that God made all that was made, and pronounced it "very good"; and "Thus the heavens and earth were finished, and all the host of them." (Gen. 2:1). Here is described the real creation the true universe, the perfect man —all ever-harmoniously existent in God. This spiritual idea, man, God's born of matter. He was not like the grass of the field. He was not composed of lime, phosphorus, iron, sulphur, and water.

This man created in the image of God is spiritual. He exists as an idea in infinite, divine consciousness. He has the substance of Spirit, he is identified by Soul, he is governed by the law of divine Principle, reflecting the divine Life, embodying divine Truth, and manifesting divine Love.

This is the man that Christian Science reveals as the real man, and therefore the only man, the man who is already governed by God and is entirely separate from the dust-created man—the false sense of man.

Of this man the Psalmist writes (Psalm 8: 4-6) "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him. For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet". This is the man of whom St. John wrote (1 John 3:2), "Beloved, now are we the sons of God," and to whom St. Paul gave the loving command (Col. 3: 9-10) "Lie not one to another, seeing ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."

Now let us see what Mrs. Eddy says of man. I quote again from Science and Health, page 291: "The compound idea of infinite Spirit; the spiritual image and likeness of God; the full representation of Mind." Under the definition of Mind she writes, "Not that which is in man, but the divine Principle, or God, of whom man is the full and perfect expression." She thus reveals the real man whose material appearance is only a false and distorted concept.

Mrs. Eddy shows further how the recognition of this true man heals when she says (Science and Health 475: 32-4 next page) "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and it corrected error and healed the sick." She also says (Science and Health 422: 22-23) "The great fact to be remembered is that man is not sick, is not God's image, and is not mortal."

Specific Name for Error

One of the most important teachings of Christian Science, and one which Mrs. Eddy considered to be of the ultimate success in healing, is that concerning animal magnetism. The dictionary defining animal as "a sentient living organism other than a plant"; magnetism as "that which is capable of personal quality that attracts or interests."

We are attracted by what we see, hear, feel, taste, or smell. Mrs. Eddy says of this animal sense (Science and Health 103: 18-23) "animal magnetism, or hypnotism is the specific term for error, or mortal mind." It is therefore a name for material existence. Her further statement (Science and Health 484: 23) that animal magnetism "is the human antipode of divine Science," is extremely important; for it shows us that animal magnetism is the opposite of Christian Science. This is considered a specific name for error by denying its verity." (Science and Health 475: 32-4 next page) This is the term which she called "handling animal magnetism."

Handling, as Mrs. Eddy explained, means to take up and mentally deny the false claim or wrong condition, and therefore remove it from consciousness. Handling, therefore, means to take up the claim and then put down its falsities.

Fear

An equally vital element in Christian Science healing, or in the successful application of Christian Science, is the mastery of fear. Mrs. Eddy says that this phase of the work so important that she says "If you succeed in wholly removing the fear, your patient is healed." (Science and Health 475: 32-1). She further declares Science and Health 475: 32) "Always begin your treatment by allaying the fear of patients."

The truth that most successfully destroys fear is the fact that fear is always based on some unreality. To cite an incident: If any of you can recall ever being afraid of God, of Life, of Truth, of Love, did you ever fear anything real? I think you will answer that your fear has always been about something unreal, something that actually does not exist.

Further, when you learn that fear itself is an illusion that it always argues about another illusion, then the fear finally vanishes. Was it not absurd to fear something that did not exist, except as a supposition?

In the handling of fear, as of animal magnetism, Mrs. Eddy admonishes us to analyze fear in such detail and to do completely that there is nothing left of it. This process reduces fear to its true character—nothingness—and it then becomes unreal to our human sense. If, for example, we eliminate from our mistaken sense the claim that fear has substance, that it has intelligence, Life, Truth, Principle, Mind, then there is simply nothing left of it. Thus it becomes unreal to us and therefore powerless.

Such analysing may be called the "fagot" method of handling error. An old fable relates that a father gave his sons a fagot, or bundle of sticks, and told them to break it. They tried and tried, but without success. Then the father suggested, "Why not untie the fagot and break each stick separately?" This they did, and thereby succeeded in breaking the fagot.

This serves excellently to illustrate Mrs. Eddy's method of handling Christian Science error, as

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Northcote Women's Organisations

Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary

"As far as you can, to every man Let your aid be freely given."
—Adam Lindsay Gordon.

Thinking there was enough scope for another Red Cross Auxiliary in Northcote, Mrs. P. H. Mayor, the mayoress of 1937, assisted by Mrs. P. J Slater, invited a number of ladies to her home in Pendres street, Thornbury, on May 18 of that year. Mrs. W. M. Robins, of the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital was present, and addressed the meeting, which decided to form itself into an auxiliary to work for the Queen Victoria and Children's Hospitals. Later, this was found to be impracticable, and the object became solely to assist the former hospital. There were 19 foundation members with the Mayoress as president, Mrs. W Oliver as treasurer, and Mrs. E. B. Scott as secretary. Thus the second Red Cross Auxiliary in Northcote came to being in the northern end of the city.

Receipts for the first year were £95/12/4, the membership increasing steadily until now there are 60 members, and a number of innovations were introduced for raising money. The auxiliary now supports a ward of seven beds, and sends along cheques for maintenance at intervals. For the annual Egg Day Appeal, members collect and donate eggs, and the State Schools assist. This year eggs to the value of £19/10/4 were sent to the hospital. Christmas cheer in the form of pinned fruit, is taken to the hospital, and each year, members prepare gifts and comforts for those unfortunate enough to be occupying the beds in the Thornbury ward at that season. An electrically heated dinner waggon for conveying meals to the patients has proved a boon, and was purchased by the auxiliary in 1933 for £100.

During the past three years, many alterations and additions have been made at Victoria Hospital, which is managed and run entirely by women for women and children. All the doctors are women, and the patients receive the best of care and attention. The addition of the Janet McPherson Intermediate wing is meeting a long-felt need, and proving most successful. Auxiliary members at intervals are invited to inspect the hospital, and have found it is one of the most up-to-date of the metropolitan institutions.

As well as handing £161 to the hospital for maintenance this year the auxiliary assisted the Mayor's appeal for Unemployed, the Anti-Cancer Appeal and Red Cross Appeal for Sick Soldiers, and takes part in any other appeal which may be in progress. Sister auxiliaries are helped by the attendance of members at their functions, and the Thornbury auxiliary works amicably together as a unit. Some considerable success in healing, is that concerning animal magnetism. The dictionary defining animal as "a sentient living organism other than a plant"; magnetism as "that which is capable of personal quality that attracts or interests."

A Birthday League was inaugurated in 1930, and each year an amount is transferred to the main account from this source. Mrs. Birchall is the present secretary. Hostesses' card afternoons are arranged monthly, and for the year 1937-38 brought in £41. Dances and special efforts are also organised to raise funds.

In 1937, at the annual meeting, the tenth anniversary was celebrated, and a decorative birthday cake was cut and distributed among the members.

Mrs P. H Mayer, the foundation president, although residing in Warburton, is still a patron of the auxiliary and makes a special effort to be present at each annual meeting. The late Mrs. H. Hayden was the second president, and was wonderful leader, and worked untiringly. She held the presidency for three years, and with Mrs. P. J. Slater, was a foundation member and president for one year; and Mrs. E. Kirton has just finished two years in that office. Mrs. A. Francis and Mrs H. A. Bean each held office as treasurer, and Mrs L.Hopkins acted as secretary for a year. Mrs. A. Hicks has been a delegate to the Central Executive for many years, and Mrs. S. Dennis is a patron of the auxiliary. Mr J. A Thomson has been the honorary auditor since the inception, and is a tower of strength to each treasurer. For seven consecutive years Mrs. E. B Scott held the position of secretary, capably and efficiently; and Mrs. A. Page who has been secretary for the past three years, has proved a worthy successor. Another phase of Mrs. Page's interest is shown in the number of dainty infants' sets which she has knitted, and which have been given to mothers of babies born in the Thornbury ward of the hospital.

Mrs. H. C. Dyte who held the treasurership for several years, and later was president, has also removed from the district, but still attends some of the executions and meetings. Another staunch member of the auxiliary, Mrs. Chas. Banks, who was assistant secretary, conceived the idea of selling a dozen dates to an afternoon card party on her wedding anniversary each year. These gatherings have been most successful, the last, which is the fifth, bringing in £89. The treasurer, Mrs. R. G. Pearce, has held office since 1933, and is an efficient manager. Another member who has proved her enthusiasm is Mrs. Finch, who has donated several handsome handcrocheted supper-cloths for dinner and birthday, on her birthday, has defrayed the expenses of a dance and card party which greatly augmented the funds of the auxiliary. In 1936 a baby trolley was donated to the hospital, and bears the name of Mrs. Pugh.

Each year before Christmas a goose-club functions, the twenty odd prizes being donated by members, and tradespeople, and £34/ 3/9 was the result for 1937.

Meetings are held in the Dispensary Hall, Gooch street, Thornbury, on the third Wednesday of each month. For their services Life Governorship Certificates have been presented to Mesdames Phil Mayer, P. J. Slater, W. Oliver, E. B Scott, H. Hayden, H C. Dyte E. M. Jackson, C Banks, M. Smith, Thayer, E. W. Francis, A. Page, R. Black, G McNamara, Creighton, P. Flather, J Dexter, W. Warlimont, H. Wood, H. A. Bean, R. G Pearce, B. Thomas, D. H Mott, C. Laurence, V M. Smith, G. Willis, F Brennan, W. Galagher, C Hills, N. Eastwood, C. Dalton, G. Reid, G. Kelley, M. Lamb, W Thomson, R. Simpson, Miss Mott, Mrs. Frey, Mr. J. A. Thomson, Mrs W. Smith, Mr C. Bray, Meadames A C. Thomas, G Glenman, Morris, F. Clarke, Wilkinson, J. Pugh, Gray, J. Kidd, A. Johnston, J. Portbury, Les Kidd, L. G. Hopkins, W. J. Maydon, Hosking, Wigney, F. Machar, J Poulton, E. Kirton, S. Muller, Gamble, T. Love, P. Greenlands, W. Bennett, R. Byers, J. Bowman, A. Birchall, W. Clutterbuck, and J. Kitson.

The members holding office at the present time are: President, Mrs. R. Black; past president, Mrs. E. Kirton; vice-presidents, Mesdames H. Wood, R. Byers and Goodson; treasurer, Mrs. R. G. Pearce; secretary, Mrs. A. Page; assistant secretary, Mrs. T Love; secretary Birthday League, Mrs Birchall; delegate to Central Executive, Mrs. A. Hicks; press correspondent, Mrs T. Love; and a social committee, canteen committee, and shop committee.

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Northcote Engineer's Report

Mr. V. J. Bradley, City Engineer, has reported to the Northcote City Council as follows: —

Reconstruction etc in Bower, Kellett, Muriel, Union and Wales streets.

New construction in Herbert street: lanes off Muriel and Russell streets; also off Howitt street.

Private crossings in Henry and Bent streets.

Kerbs, channels reconstruction. —McDonell Park, Bower and Union streets, Waterloo road, James, Park, and Hutton streets.

Reconstruction etc, in Victoria and Waterloo roads, Beaver's road, Hobson street, Union street, Merri and Mayer Parks.

Repairs and odd jobs. — Park Penders, High and Emmaline streets; fences, sheds and machinery repaired; J. H. Green Reserve.

Building Report. — Permits issued as follows: North Ward 9; West 4; East 3; South 4; Central 2; Total 22.

GARDENER'S REPORT

Mr. W. Brace, head gardener, reported seasonable work at reserves and gardens, watering of street trees, and operations at nursery and Olds Gardens.

HOUSE RENTERS BECOME HOME OWNERS

In our advertising columns this week appears an advertisement of the Allied Building Company Pty Ltd., of 80 Swanston street, Melbourne, wherein they offer unique facilities for persons to secure their own houses on a very nominal deposit and small monthly payments. On completion of the agreement the company undertakes to buy or build a dwelling house to a maximum value of £850. Readers should take the opportunity of inquiring into the remarkably easy plan. The company invites the fullest inquiries and the office is open until 9 p.m. Friday nights for your convenience.

JOCKEY'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL

At an inquest into the death of Keith Felix Hawkins Voltre, on Thursday, October 13, Mr. Zingate P.M., returned a verdict of accidental death. Deceased died in St. Vincent's Hospital on September 10 from injuries sustained from a fall off the race-horse Petit Prince at the Moonee Valley races on the same day. He was a former resident of Preston.

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INVITE YOU TO MAKE YOUR XMAS LAY-BYS AT ONCE !
● Choice Crystal ● English China Tea Sets
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Cyclop's For the Best Toys—M. J. Collins for Best Terms
Tricycles . . .
A complete range from 18/3, 20/6 26/11, 32/9, 45/-, etc.
Pedal Pony ... 31/6
Kiddies love this toy!
Dinkies
The tiny tots delight! From 10/6, to 13/11, etc.
Scooters
All sizes, from 8/6, 9/11, 11/3 18/6, 29/11, etc.
See The Brilliant TOY WINDOW DISPLAY At Our N'cote & Preston Stores
Motor Cars
All colors and designs, from 33/-, 41/6, 49/6, 68/6, 89/6, etc.
Motor Trucks
52/6, 90/6
Collins' TOYS
Cash Lay-By or Easy Terms
Trailer Trike 25/11
Strongly built and all metal

"TARZAN" IN REAL LIFE

Mexican Actress says He Was Cruel

"Tarzan" of the screen (Johnny Weissmuller) has been divorced in Los Angeles from his dark-haired Mexican film-actress wife, Lupe Velez. They had been married for five years. Twice before Lupe began divorce proceedings, only to drop them at the last moment. This time she described her husband in court as a "cruel, dish-throwing furniture-breaking caveman." No defence was entered.

KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR

A young woman named Connie Fox, 26, of Christmas street, Northcote, was knocked down by a car at the corner of Bourke and Swanston streets, on Saturday night. She was admitted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital suffering from cerebral irritation and abrasions.

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!

- MILK is a Definitely Important Factor for Good Health.
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Fred MacMURRAY IN "COCOANUT GROVE"

A Paramount Picture with HARRIET HILLIARD, THE YACHT CLUB BOYS, BEN BLUE, LUPE DAVIS, BILLY LEE, EVE ARDEN, HARRY OWENS and his Royal Hawaiian Orchestra.

Swell new songs—"You Leave Me Breathless", "Sunny Side of the Moon" and "Cocoanut Grove"

For General Exhibition

ADDED FEATURE:

THE PICTURE THAT RIPS THE GLAMOR FROM UNDERWORLD 'BIG-SHOTS'!

"HUNTED MEN"

Not Suitable for General Exhibition.

★ The Westgarth Theatre is Scientifically Air-Conditioned & Offers Controlled Temperature Ensuring Perfect Comfort.

35TH RACING COMPETITION WINNERS

1.—MRS. ANNAI, 22 Auburn Ave., 20 pts.. 2—G. WINDER, 20 pts. 3—MRS. DUNN, 17 pts. 4—J. BOYLE, 12 Fenwick Street, 17 pts.

For Reservations — Ring JW2033

Readers' Views

IMPROVE—NOT CLOSE, THE NORTHCOTE BATHS

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I read with interest your account of the Northcote Council's discussion on the Northcote baths. I think there is much prejudice against fresh-water baths as one hears of all manner of ailments being caused through swimming in the baths. These cases would have to be definitely proved as having originated from the water before I would condemn the baths. During the 1936-37 swimming season my sister and I were constant early-morning visitors to the Northcote baths, and have no complaints. I would like, however, to see the rule enforced that all persons should have a shower before entering the water. I do not wish to cast any reflection on the baths-keeper for this rule not being enforced out. If the present system of cubicles and showers could be brought more up-to-date, perhaps it would be better. For then, perhaps, every person would be forced to use the shower before entering the water. Anyhow, let —improve, but do not close the baths. Yours etc.,

"SIS" DUCK."

Thcote, October 13, 1938.

CROXTON R.S. BUS SERVICE

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—In last week's "Budget" I noticed someone suggesting a bus for Croxton railway station as a very good suggestion. Why is our station left out of consideration? We are paying thanks to Croxton shopping centre. I am writing on behalf of several ratepayers and tenants around here. We would all appreciate the service when commenced; also a sub-post office and pillar-box. Yours etc., "PROGRESS."

Croxton, October 15, 1938.

RECENT WISTERIA FAIR — THANKS

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—May I through your columns and on behalf of the Croxton Methodist Trustees, express thanks to the many who helped to make our Wisteria Fair of last week a pronounced success. To thank everyone by name would amount to publishing a list of all connected with our Church and Sunday School, with even then the risk of missing someone who helped, even from outside, and said little about it; but we do feel that special thanks are due to the Mayor and Mayoress who opened the

TO CORRESPONDENTS

THE Editor invites readers to express their opinions through these columns on matters of public importance, and questions concerning the well-being and progress of our city.

All letters intended for publication should bear the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of the bona fides of the sender.

The opinions of correspondents may be taken as representing the views of this paper.

Fair; Mrs. Todd who acted as president of the Fair committee; Mr. Rodney Webster, our library and genial Trust secretary, and the various manufacturing and trading firms who donated goods. When returns are complete nearly £100 will have been added to Trust funds, and this our work for the betterment of young and old in this corner of Northcote will be relieved of some of its financial anxiety. Yours etc.,

ALEX. SMITH,
Trustee.

70 Shaftesbury parade, Croxton.
October 17/38.

Westgarth Racing Competition

TWO ENTRANTS SELECT FOUR WINNERS IN SEVEN RACES

Although the Caulfield Cup meeting consisted of eight races, the 35th Westgarth Racing Competition was decided on the first seven races. The two entries to each gain 20 points with four straight-out winners, both selected the same four horses to win. They were: Tempest (5/2), Romford (3/1) Busalong (11/2), and Alan-a-Dale (6/1). The matter of fact the remaining selections of these two entries consisted of the same eleven horses: Amigo, Firewood, Cape Sable.

The third entry selected three winners, and one second. The three winners were Tempest, Buzalong and Alan-a-Dale, while the second was Atticus (6/1). The unplaced horses were Lavenero, Rhymster and Cape Sable. The fourth entry reads: Atticus (2nd), Gladstone (unplaced) Romford (won), Sarkos (won at 7/2), Buzalong (won), Sir Romeo (unplaced), and Cape Sable (unplaced).

The 36th Westgarth Racing Competition will be decided on the races to be held at Moonee Valley on October 22. Points and conditions will be the same as in previous competitions.

No entry received after 12 noon on Saturday, October 22 will be eligible. Cut out the entry form, and after filling it in, bring or post it in an envelope marked "Westgarth Theatre Racing Competition", "Leader-Budget" Office, 481 High street, Northcote, N.16.

Entries can be left at Theatre.

For the convenience of readers and patrons, racing entries may be left at the theatre. They will collected at noon.

MOONEE VALLEY: OCT. 22

ENTRY FORM No. 36

1st race ..... 2nd race ..... 3rd race ..... 4th race ..... 5th race ..... 6th race ..... 7th race .....

NAME .....

Address .....

Had No Secondhand Dealer's Licence

MAN FINED £2

Three advertisements appeared in the daily papers proclaiming the fact that certain second-hand cars were for sale at an address in South crescent, Westgarth. It came to the notice of the police to interview Alexander John Johnson on September 17.

The result occurred at the Northcote Court on Tuesday, October 11, when Constables Knights and Mudie, police prosecutor, said that the girl had been shot three times through the head with a pea-rifle. Anderson surrendered at the Lilydale police station on the day after the crime. No date had yet be enfixed for the inquest.

Thornbury Youth On Murder Charge

GIRL KILLED AT COCKATOO

At the City Court on Monday, John Anderson, 18, radio worker of Rosemoyne street, Thornbury, was presented on a charge of murdering Irene Muriel Bowden, 19, of Hutton street, Thornbury, at Cockatoo, on October 8. Accused was remanded to October 24.

Anderson's counsel requested that the inquest be held as early as possible, as his client required medical attention.

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Save Now! —SPECIAL— 'Low Rates'

MEAT SALE!

- NORTHCOTE HOUSEWIVES ARE OFFERED AN UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE QUALITY MEAT AT BARGAIN RATES
- 500 SIDES MUTTON 2/11 — 3/6 each
- 500 Sides Spring Lamb 4/6 - 4/11 - 5/6 - 5/11

BEEF — VEAL — PORK AT SPECIAL LOW RATES

- Large Fores MUTTON ..... 1/3 Ea.
- Large Loins MUTTON ..... 1/3 Ea.
- Large Legs MUTTON ..... 2/3 Ea.
- Fores LAMB ..... from 2/3 Ea.

Watch Our Windows This Week-End. All Meat Marked Down For A Special Low Rates Meat Sale!

BEN HOSKING

"Northcote's Quality Butcher"

429 HIGH ST. N'cote.

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UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

At the examinations recently held by the Australian Music Examination Board, the following students of Miss E. P. Rae, 16 Goach street, Thornbury, were successful. Theoretical Subjects: Grade III. Harmony and counterpoint, credit: Ruby Marion Barton. Grade III. Harmony and counterpoint honours, Eula Alice Payne, Grade III. Harmony and counterpoint honours. Musical perception, History and Form — Ruby Marion Barton, Grade IV. honours; Flora Elizabeth Cullford, Grade IV. honours, also Grade III. honours; Elsa Marie Purcell, Grade III. (May); Grade II. honours (September). Alfred Charles Titterton, Grade VI. piano honours; Mr. Leroy Pearl Tonkin, Grade V. piano credit; Noreen Evelyn Taylor, Grade V. piano honours; Flora Elizabeth Cullford, Grade IV. piano honours, Ruby Marion Barton, Grade III. piano honours; Vernon-Roy Watson, Grade III. piano honours; Elsa Marie Purcell, Grade I: piano honours.

Tolly Barton has now qualified in music (honours) as a subject for School Intermediate Certificate. Elsa Purcell has qualified in music (honours) as two subjects for School Leaving Certificate. All students presented by Miss Rae for the various musical examinations have again been successful.

Activities At .... PRESTON

NATIONAL INSURANCE

Effect on Workers Compensation

Employers throughout the Shire may cause have assumed that the introduction of the National Insurance Act will relieve them of their obligations to pay premiums under the Workers' Compensation Acts. Such is not the case, and National Insurance will in no way affect their responsibility to maintain insurance policies under the Workers' Compensation Acts.

NO DOUBLE BENEFITS

Where an insured person is entitled to receive compensation under any law because of any injury or disease, he will be entitled to receive treatment or cash benefits under national insurance only to the extent that his other compensation falls short of the value of his insurance benefits.

He will not be entitled to double benefits, and neither he nor his employer is being charged twice for the provision of such benefits. Nor are not for the compensation available under other laws, the contributions for national insurance would be higher than they are.

Clogged Sinks.—A mixture of washing soda and vinegar poured down a choked-up sink or basin will dissolve the soap or grease which is causing it to clog

NOTICES

A BIG Reduction in Houses. Mylow prices will enable you to build or repair now. Houses shops, built anywhere. Property repaired or disposed. Your enquiry welcomed. For free designs and low estimates ring JW 1976 F. H. Weeks, 155 Miller St. Thornbury, N.17.

NOTICES

19 Geo. V., No. 3632, Sec. 106.
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NOTICE

A RULE to administer the Estate (with a Will annexed) of ELIZABETH MEYER, formerly of Number 79 Hutton Street, Thornbury, but late of Number 2 Beaconsfield Parade, Northcote, widow, deceased, who died on the 25th June, 1938, has been granted to me, and Creditors, and all others having claims against the Estate are required to send in particulars of their claims to the Curator of the Estate of Deceased Persons, No. 233 Queen Street, Melbourne, on or before the 18th January, 1939, or they will be excluded from the distribution of the Estate when the assets are being distributed. M. M. PHILLIPS, Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, Melbourne, 5th October, 1938.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

FOURTH CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, MELBOURNE

A 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 Daily except Saturday, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

LODGE NOTICES

A.N.A. PRESTON South Branch No. 294. Join a Young Progressive Branch. T. W. Andrews, 1 Cooma St. Preston. N.18.

SITUATIONS VACANT

FIRST-CLASS Vest hand, cut door. Apply 101 High St. Westgarth.

ROOMS TO LET

UNDER new management.—D.B.S.R., or unfurn. rms, sep. gas stove, handy to cable and elec. tram; rent, nice hall. 113 High St., Preston.

SALE BY AUCTION

SAT., Oct. 22, at 3 p.m. on the Property—SPRING ST., VERDUN GVE. & PRICE ST., REGENT & PRESTON. Under instructions from the Preston City Council. RAWLEIGH'S RESIDENTIAL SITES, adjoining the Regent Station, For Absolute Sale to Builders. Here is an opportunity to secure a home site adjoining the Railway Station, in made street and a thickly populated area. Every convenience for building. TERMS:—Cash 1 Cash Balance in 3 payments over 12 months. Interest at 5%. Title Certificate. Messrs. Home, Wilkinson & Lowry, Solicitors, 413 Collins St., Melbourne. Plans and full particulars from: A. F. BEACON, Estate Agent, 318 High St., Central, and 649 Plenty Rd., East Preston, JW 4236, and ANGUS McDONALD PTY. LTD., G. Henderson, Auctioneer, 682 High Street, Northcote, JW 1235.

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They Say—

THAT passers-by complain of the unseemly conduct of a band of youths who congregate every Sunday evening on the corner of High and Cramer streets.

That respectable people are jeered at, and sometimes jostled off the footpaths by hoodlums.

That girls are accosted and insulted.

That a few prosecutions would do a vast amount of good by putting an end to this type of behaviour.

That Mr. H. P. Zwar M.L.A. who visited King Island during the week-end returned to Preston from King Island by air in one hour.

That the distance is 180 miles.

That during the last six months the Preston Old Age and Invalid Pensioners' League lost six members by death and 26 by clearances.

That at a teacher's tea held in connection with the West Preston Church of Christ, Sister Jessie Ferguson was the recipient of a presentation in appreciation of services rendered in connection with the Bible School.

That Sister Scarfe, connected with the same church, has received numerous messages of sympathy in connection with the death of her father.

Cup Eve Ball

MR. and Mrs. Ben Johnson are making arrangements for holding a novelty ball on Cup Eve in St. Mary's Parish Hall, in aid of the church grounds improvement fund.

Appeal for Eggs

THE appeal being made for eggs for metropolitan hospitals and other institutions is meeting with a very favourable response in Preston. Up to Tuesday the number received was 8,862. The appeal will be continued until the end of the present month.

False Alarms

AT 6 a.m. on Saturday, Preston firemen responded to a call which proved to be false, from the Bundoora Repatriation Hospital. On the same day from Bell street, St. George's road a second false call was received; and on Sunday the firemen had a useless turn to Regent and Birdwood streets.

Fishing Excursion

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Successful Parish Bazaar

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Nursing for Hospital Patients

ON Sunday, Preston branch R.S.L. is arranging an outing to Croydon for patients at Bundoora. The Mayor, and members of Preston Council will give the use of their cars to convey the patients to Croydon. The outing will take the form of a P.S.A. and musical items will be rendered by artists. Afternoon tea will be served, and cigarettes distributed

Mayor's Relief Committee

CR. Robinson has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Mayor of Preston's Relief Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. A. C. Fletcher.

Preston Baby Health Centre

SISTER Holland reports the following figures for the quarter ended September 30—New cases 226; individual mothers and babies 563. In all the total visits paid to the centre were 2,929; telephone consultations 38.

R.S.L. Social

A SOCIAL took place in Preston City Hall on Monday evening, tendered by the Preston branch R.S.L. to the Mayoress (Mrs. Pike) Mr H. P. Zwar, M.L.A., debutantes and partners, Mr. and Mrs H. Leach, Mr. A. G. Hayes, Mothers' Wives' and Sisters' League, and others who had assisted in making the recent Distress or Diggers' Ball such a success. The Mayor gave thanks to all who had helped. Miss W. Boss presented the Mayoress with a piece of crystal on behalf of the debutantes, Mrs. Leach with a water set. Mr. Pickborn presented Mr. Leach with a wallet from the partners of the debutantes. The Mayor handed to Mr. and Mrs. Leach, and Mr. Hayes a cheque from the R.S.L. in recognition of the training of the debutantes and partners for the ball, and to Mr. J. Quin a wrist watch. Special reference was made to the services of Miss Blake and O'Shannessy who acted as flower-girls at the ball. Special reference was made to the wonderful services of Mr. H. P. Zwar to the returned soldier movement, and his generosity for a period extending over 20 years.

St. Vincent's Auxiliary

PRESTON St. Vincent's Hospital Red Cross Auxiliary held its monthly meeting in the Lounge at the City Hall, on Tuesday, October 11. The president (Mrs. F. Jones) occupied the chair. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing 12 months resulted: President, Mrs. W. H. Carter; hon. secretary, Mrs. F. Thomas; hon. treasurer, Mrs. H. Webster. During the afternoon, Mrs. J. J. Daly, of the Executive, paid a visit to the auxiliary, and was invited to conduct the meeting. Members and intending members are invited to attend the meeting will be held in the Board Room at St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, on Tuesday, November 8 at 2.30 p.m. The Mother Rectoress will receive the visitors, who will be taken over the hospital and entertained at afternoon tea.

Preston Municipal Band

THE Preston Municipal Band, under Musical Director W. S. May played on Sunday last at the

PRESTON COUNCIL VACANCY

Two nominations have been received for the vacancy in the East Ward of the City of Preston through the resignation of Cr. Adams—Thomas William Blake, monumental mason, and James Hugh Wagstaff Marsland, barrister. The election will take place on Thursday, November 3.

Carlton Gardens under engagement to the Melbourne City Council. The programme was well received. Bandsman H. Tierney played a cornet solo "Titania" and received many congratulations on his fine performance.

Next Sunday afternoon, October 23 the band will give a recital in front of the Preston Town Hall, in High street. The effort is in aid of the Lord Mayor's Hospital Sunday Appeal.

On Thursday evening, October 27 the band will give a public performance in the Preston City Hall Assisting artists will be the Sundowners' Quartette, Sammy Fields (late 3 A.W Shell Show), Messrs T. Semple, A. Sanderson, H. Tierney and L. Toombs. As there will be no charge for admission, the band hopes to see a packed house. Mr. W. J. Holmes general secretary of the band, has received a presentation from the Victorian Bands League, having been president for 1937-38. Mr. W. H. Webber, chairman of the Preston Band committee has been appointed a vice-president of the League.

The band gives a special invitation to the public to attend their annual solo competition in the Town Hall on Sunday, October 30.

Canaries Stolen

ON October 8 "bird fanciers" entered premises of Mr. Geo P. Daye, of High street, Preston, depriving him of 30 canaries and 14 love-birds. On making his morning inspection on Sunday, Mr. Daye discovered that the birds were missing.

BOWLS

PRESTON CLUB

THE PENNANT GAMES

Preston's No 1 team is having an unsuccessful run in the top grade of the V.B.A. competition, and on Saturday last sustained its third defeat, this time at the hands of Prince's Park. The only bright aspect about these games has been the continued success of W. Williams' rink, and the knowledge that the remainder of the team can do much better than they have so far this season. A pleasing feature of Saturday's game was the return to form of F. Morris's rink, but so far the fours skipped by F. Morgan and G. Nevill have failed to hold their own. Morris's men started off with a wonderful lead, and were 20-2 at the 13th end. Later on the Parkites came to light, and at the 25th the scores were 26-16 in favour of Preston. Williams was always in front of Woods, and led 15-8 at the 12th, and maintained a similar lead to win his third game by 26-16. The Nevill-Ahearn team provided a contrast in scoring. At the 13th end the scores were only 9—10, but after luncheon it was all Prince's Park, and the latter ran out winners by 35-14. Evidently adjournments are fatal to this four, as a similar thing happened in the previous games. Morgan's four also failed to get going. They were 8-13 at the 8th, but afterwards Geo. Jacobs called the tune and won 32-13. Even allowing for Hard luck" the Preston team should not slip so badly in the latter stages of its games. At the 15th end the total scores were 66-56, yet at the 25th, Preston found themselves 24 down.

No 2 Team Win

The No. 2 team visited Armadale, and thanks to good wins by the Siddons and Snell fours romped home with a substantial margin. Siddons had the services of Fred Pike as third, and won by 36-11. No wonder "Joe" came home smiling. Snell also led all the way, and but for losing a 7 at the 24th, would almost have equalled his colleagues' total. However 22-18 is not to be sneezed at! Howe-Nicholas were 15-15 at the 15th (one of the many bowling coincidences) but thereafter Nicholas had the best run, and won 25-21. Nothing big came Lange's way, and his four scored 11 ends for only 15 pts; whereas the opposition won 14 ends for 24 pts. Bowls is full of ups and downs.

No 3 Team's Close Fight

Two rinks up, and two down was the position in a match against City of Hawthorn, with the latter having the advantage by 5 pts. Rose started off with a 4 and a 3, and led 19-3 at the 10th. A bad drift from the 17th led to a closer finish, and at the 22nd, he was only one point ahead Gaining the last three ends, he won the spoons 28-23. Crowther was the other skipper to maintain a lead throughout. His four was 14-6 at the 12th, and came home 21-13. After the 8th end there was little difference between Ellis and Shawcross, but a lean period from the 18th left Ellis' men two down at the final count. Melrish led until the 15th, and here again the Preston complex came into prominence, and the visitors gathered in the spoils 26-15.

As a result of the day's play, spoons were won by Siddons, Morrie (after a tie) and Ross fours. Siddons won the flag race, Snell second, and Williams and Morrie equal third. Carthew and Howe also won rink pointes.

Next Wednesday afternoon the first of the social games will be played when four rinks are expected from Thornbury.

Women's A Team Wins

The A team opened its winning account on Tuesday by defeating Coburg by 7 points. Mesdames Cousins, Williams, Fleming, Roberts (s.) won 27-20, while Mesdames Hill, Sinclair, Carthew, Howe (s.) tied with their opponents 15-15.

An all day mixed rinks tournament will be held on the Preston green on Cup Day.

THORNBURY CLUB

(By H.F.T.)

The first series of pennant play opened on October 1. Although greens were fairly heavy, quite a number of enjoyable games were played. A second and a third game have been completed. The greens in some instance and heavy fast and showing signs of the dry weather. Those that are well managed so still on the heavy side. Our teams are beginning to settle down under their skippers, who are hoping for great things in the near future.

The first electric light gathering held on Tuesday last was well patronised, and all were keen on the weekly game. The Works committee have completed their task of painting the pavilion in the club colours, also the seats etc around the green. They are to be congratulated upon their work which, by the way, was voluntarily contributed. I understand there is a movement on foot to endeavour to provide a bowling green at Mont Park for those people who are unfortunately confined to that institution. The club has decided to do what it can to assist the cause.

Lists for club competitions have already been posted.

It was surprised to find the club has been keeping a close eye on the kitties, but as one of our members has turned his attention to golf, we hope that his loss of balls will not be so severe as to warrant the close guard being continued.

A rumour has been circulated that a club member and his colleagues have issued a challenge to any team in the club to a game of "five hundred." Frank stipulates that the stake has not yet been fixed.

Mr. Alf Allen, although indisposed, is a keen onlooker, and hopes to be playing again soon.

Mr. Geo Allen's son is making slow progress, and we hope he continues towards recovery.

Thornbury No 1 team had a good win against Flemington, the final scores being 105-71. For Thornbury, three rinks had winning margins. Lundy's four won 27-13; Cerchi's 22-16; Rogerson's 25-17; while Allen's rink was down by four points 21-25.

Thornbury No 2 team had an overwhelming victory over Moreland No 2, by 120-68.

In the three fours competition Carlton 70 defeated Thornbury 55.

NORTHCOTE CLUB

Mentone did not have it all their own way against Northcote in Division 2 section 3 Two of the Northcote rinks were up by small margins, while Mentone rinks improved the points in the other two games, Catarinich won 23-19 and Brown won 23-22 for Northcote, but Shaw lost 23-20 and the fourth rink, Davis' did not seem to be able to get going, and was down 33-22.

Northcote No. 2 team 93 had a close win over Kew No 2, 90.

CYCLE TOURING CLUB

The newly formed Preston and Northcote Social and Cycle Touring Club held a meeting on October 17 at club rooms rear of 778 High street, Thornbury. The election of officers resulted: Mr. L. Addison, president; Messrs W. Marsh and T. Johnston, vice-presidents; Mr. W. Battisson, secretary; Mr. A. Hocking, assistant secretary and correspondence; Mr. W. Marsh, treasurer; Committee Messrs W. Marsh, E. Greenhill, T. Johnston, J. Meehan, A Hocking, S. Dunlop and executive; Marshals, Messrs W. Marsh and T. Johnston; pilots, Messrs A. Hocking and W. Battisson. It was agreed to tour fortnightly, commencing on October 23 from the clubrooms.

SOCIAL NOTES..

21st Birthday Party.

In the Gipps street Masonic Hall Collingwood, on Saturday evening, October 8, Mr. and Mrs. Jas Nicholson of 28 Oxford street, Dennis, arranged a dance to celebrate the 21st birthday of their eldest daughter, Betty. The guest of honour was frocked in turquoise blue crinkle georgette, with Peter Pan collar and ruched bodice, the skirt was in crinoline style. Her hair was adorned with a halo of heilbores.

The hall had been prettily decorated, and as the guests entered, they were presented with a key suspended from a piece of tartan ribbon. Numerous novelties were introduced into a very pleasant evening, and a hearty Scottish atmosphere prevailed throughout.

At the supper the toast of Miss Nicholson was proposed, and she was handed the traditional key by Mr. W. Hayes. Mr Len Oakman responded on behalf of the guest of honour. Mr. J. Ambrosio proposed the toast of the parents, which was enthusiastically honoured, Mr. Nicholson acknowledging the compliment. The cake was of two tiers, decorated in blue and silver

21st Birthday.

A pleasant evening was spent on October 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Pritchard, Edith street, Preston, to celebrate the coming of age of their son, Douglas. Mr. A. Pritchard, who resides in Sydney, was the only absent member of the family.

During the evening, Mr. Pritchard sen. presented Douglas with a handsomely carved wooden key, and expressed the good wishes of all present. After a suitable response by Mr. Douglas Pritchard, a dainty supper was partaken of, and all voted the evening a great success.

Coming of Age Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mills, of 16 Belmont street, Preston, entertained about 150 guests at the Progress Hall, West Preston on October 11. The evening was in honour of their elder daughter, Carlotta, who had attained her majority on that day, and who was daintily frocked in mauve chiffon over pale gold taffeta. Handmade hand provided delightful music, and Mr. Jenner as M.C. kept the dancers merry and gay. Mr. Ron Pearson was greatly applauded for his efforts as "Pop-Eye, the Sailor Man." The birthday cake was a lovely confection of mauve and gold, and was a present from Mrs. Callaghan, of Bell street, Preston. Miss Mills was also the recipient of a number of beautiful presents from her friends Mr. Mrs. Crowe proposed, and Mr. Newbound seconded a toast to the young guest of honour, who charmingly responded. Mr. T Dawson, of Brunswick proposed the toast to the parents, and Mr. Jenner announced the engagement of Mr. Ted Mills jun to Miss Lorna McQuinn of Thornbury. The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Mills was greatly appreciated by their guests, and the midnight hour, with "Auld Lang Syne" and the National anthem terminated a delightful evening.

Engagements.

The following engagements were recently announced:—

Dorothy, only daughter of Mr. O. Lindner, of Mildura, and the late Mrs C. Lindner, to Desmond, second son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Hanlin, of Dundas street, Thornbury.

Ireno, only daughter of Cr and Mrs. S. Daniels, Walker street, Northcote, to Edward, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, Osborne street, Williamstown.

Anne, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs G. Sillery, Gillingham street, Preston, to Fred, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Simpson, Beaver's road, Northcote.

Dorothy Marsh, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E Briggs, Bridge street, Northcote, to Mervyn Arthur, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kimber, Macgregor street East Malvern.

Community Singing.

Another successful community singing session was held in the small Town Hall, Northcote, on October 11, the proceeds of which benefitted the Northcote Creche and Free Kindergarten. Conductor Will Nichol had charge of the session, and the artists assisting were Miss Weaver, Miss Gloria Smith and Miss Nye.

JIKA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

UNFURLING OF 1937-38 PENNANTS

(By "OBSERVER")

N. SMITH'S FINE 151 NOT OUT

For making the first century, N. Smith (Dennis) won a Donald Mackintosh bat. He scored brilliantly all around the wicket and carried his bat when the innings was declared at 4/217.

C. EDWARDS, 9/11 (INCL. HAT TRICK)

Edwards was the backbone of the Leeds' bowling. He showed accurate form and proved deadly. Preston South A.N.A. were dismissed for the small score of 30.

In beautiful sunshine the second round was begun on Saturday. Prior to their engagement with Dennis, Bell C.C. (who secured the Dr. Hartley Walker 1937-38 pennant by winning the A Grade Premiership) entrusted the unfurling of the pennant to the wife of their president (Mrs. C. Booth). A similar ceremony took place in connection with the winning of the "W. B. Hoyer" Pennant by Clifton's C.C., Mrs. Machar, wife of the president of that club also being entrusted with the unfurling, which was carried out in the presence of a large number of spectators.

The highest total for the afternoon was made by Prestonite, 8/226, and the lowest was that of Leeds 26, against Preston A.N.A. 30.

The outstanding performance with the bat was that of N. Smith 151 not out; and with the ball C. Edwards 9/11, including the hat trick.

Outstanding individual performances were:

BATTING

N. Smith (Dennis)	n.o. 151
L. Pike (Broadhursts)	n.o. 80
Pears (Prestonite)	n.o. 75
K. Clements (Regent)	59
Wigston (N'cote Jun F'blrs)	54
Ward-(N'cote P.A.F.S.)	52
Worthington (Epp'ng)	52

BOWLING

C. Edwards (Leeds) inc. hat trick	9/11
Power (Braithwaites)	7/31
C. Billing (Crox. United)	6/11
Maskiell (East N'cte)	6/14
Frawley (N'cote Amateurs)	6/33
Oliver (N'cote Exce.slor)	5/20

Permits and Clearances Granted.

T. Forde, Croxton United to Ajax; T. Morland, Preston Stars to Preston Imperials; C. Sankey, Preston Baseballers 1sts to Preston Baseballers 2nds; R. Jacobs, Preston Baseballers 1sts to Preston Baseballers 2nds; C. Adam, East Preston to Strathallan; W. Greenwood, Regent to Preston Baseballers 2nds; E. Baguley, Reserves to Northcote Amateurs; O. L. Baguley, Preston Stars to Northcote Amateurs; W. Underhill, Preston C.C. to Scouts; L. Fuller, Preston C. C. to Prestonite

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S PLAY

Preston Bye Scouts.

A GRADE

Prestonite 8/226 (Topping 22, Bruce 23, Foley 21, Hayes 20, Pears 75 not out; Steel 4/62) v Bell Ramblers.

Dennis v Bell. — Dennis 4/217 declared (N. Smith 151 not out, L. Smith 21) v Bell 6/6.

Preston Baseballers v Regent. —Regent 9/160 (K. Clements 59, Monagle 41; A. Spoor 5/35) v Preston Baseballers.

Broadhursts v Thornbury — Broadhursts 6/180 (Wellington 27, O'Connor 22, Pike 80 not out) v Thornbury.

Sherry Socials v Croxton United —Sherry Socials 93 (J. Reece 35, W. Reece 13. C. Billings 6/11, Reid 2/20) v Croxton United 2/41

Northcote Amateurs v Northcote Junior Footballers. — Northcote Junior Footballers 69 (Downs 35, S. Jones 15; W. Smith 4/33, Frawley 6/33) v Northcote Amateurs 6/129 (Frawley 46, Talbot 13, Pink 17.)

B GRADE

Eastview v Reservoir. — Eastview 103 (Perkins 47, A. Smith 21; J. Fordes 4/5) v Reservoir 7/67 (D. Ward 29, Irwin 17 not out.)

Preston Footballers v Excelsior. —Excelsior 138. (Ivy 43, Robertson 35 not out) v Preston Footballers 1/20.

Braithwaites v Strathallan — Strathallan 65 (Burns 16, Smith 13; Power 7/31) v Braithwaites 7/67 (Dowling 32).

East Preston v Epping. — Epping 144 (Worthington 52, Varcoe 28, Wilton 17 not out; Robertson 5/41) v East Preston 7/24 (Wilton 5/9).

C GRADE

Northcote A.O.F. v Northcote Excelsior — Northcote A.O.F 87 (Forrest 23, Coghlan 22; Oliver 5/20, Johnson 4/30) v Northcote Excelsior 9/35 (A. Forrest 3/3, L. Murray 3/10).

Leeds v South Preston A.N.A. — South Preston A.N.A. 30 and 6/77 (J. Hargreaves 29. R. Hargreaves 18 not out; C. Edwards 9/11 inc. hat trick) v Leeds 26 (R. Hargreaves 4/4).

Preston I.N.F. v Scouts. — Scouts 7/190 declared (F. Underhill 47, R. Underhill 42 v Preston I.N.F. 6/59 (Murphy 27; Buse 4/18.)

Northcote Junior Footballers v Reservoir P.A.F.S. — Northcote Junior Footballers 120 (Wigston 54, Bolton 24; Kent 5/35) v Reservoir P.A.F.S. 6/62.

East Northcote v Gloucester Socials. — Gloucester Socials 34 (Maskiell 6/14) v East Northcote 9/114 declared (Hooke 20).

Atyeo & Sons v Preston Baseballers. — Atyeo & Sons 181 (Huntingdon 45, Davies 39; D. Jacobs 4/26, W Duggan 4/31) v Preston Baseballers 4/12 (Wiseman 3/5.)

Broadway Socials v Excelsior. —Excelsior 132 (McMenamin 42, Woods 26; Fisher 4/33, Gowry 3/17) v Broadway Socials 6/51 (S. Fisher 20, D. Wright 23 not out; Woods 3/13).

Preston Imperials v Preston Druids. — Preston Imperials 46 (Stark 4/15, Smith 4/9) v Preston Druids 10 and 1/5 (Stark 3/20, Shaw 15, Smith 15; Noonan 3/7)

DISTRICT MATCHES

Northcote v Fitzroy

Northcote went to Fitzroy and winning the toss, Northcote skipper sent Fitzroy in. The opening batsmen Sievers 16, and Harvey 2, went cheaply, but Williams 21, Shehan 26 not out, Plant 17, Moore 16, were the main factors in bringing the total to 7/141. Northcote declared. Thorn bowled best for Northcote with 4/44. Chivers took 1/34, and Dudley 1/45.

On a bowler's wicket, Northcote had lost 3/24 at stumps, I Miller 9 not out being the only batsman to make any showing. Northcote is in a difficult position. For Fitzroy Sievers took 2/10 and Williams 1/4.

The match will be concluded next Saturday.

District Seconds

Played at Northcote. Fitzroy won the toss and sent Northcote in. The first innings yielded 111 (K Fleming 28, Baggott 17, K. Fleming 13, sundries 23) being the chief items in the total. For Fitzroy Faull took 2/21, Liddicutt 3/18, McCracken 4/12 and Woodford 1/21.

At stumps Fitzroy had lost 8/25 (Harvey 29, Ruddell 21 not out Black 10). Dickinson and Holmes shared the wickets.

The match will be concluded on Saturday.

District Thirds

Northcote 150 (Richards 63, Payne 35; Haygarth 4/7, Dennis 3/39) v Fitzroy 2/27.

SUB DISTRICT

Preston v Port Melbourne

At Preston, Lahiff the visiting captain won the toss and elected to bat. The side batted almost all the afternoon, and the innings concluded for 174. Lahiff made 76, Gay 31 and Bedford 30. None of the other batsmen reached double figures. Smyth 4/15 was the most successful Preston bowler.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Probation After Death" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon at all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, October 23. The golden text is from Ecclesiastes 12: 14 "God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Among the citations which comprise the lesson sermon is the following from the Bible: "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day. (II. Timothy 4:8.) 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: "If you launch your bark upon the ever-agitated but healthful waters of truth, you will encounter storms. Your goods will be evil spoken of. This is the cross. Take it up and bear it through it you will and wear the crown." Page 254.

Council Employes to Visit Richmond Social Club

At the invitation of the Richmond Council Employes' Social Club a party of Preston Council employes will attend a social evening at their rooms on Friday next. Cars will leave Preston Town Hall at 7.30 and the Mayo will attend. Those desirous of participating should communicate with Mr. A. Madden, Fleet street, Preston.

ler, and others to take wickets: Preston 8.Robinson 1/16, Westcott 1/48, Whitlin 2/21.

In the time left for play Preston lost 3/66. Whitlin, one of the opening batsmen, was well on and was batting confidently when he was struck by a rising ball and retired hurt at 29. N. Robinson the other opening bat mad 13. E. Gilbert is not out 4, and Smyth the other not out man has yet to score.

Second Elevens

Preston were sent to bat by Portsmouth, who won the toss, and the innings was declared at 9/77. Short made 29, and the only other batsman to offer any resistance to the bowling of Dare and Price was Johnson 14. Dare finished with 4/40 and Price 4/30. Portsmouth batted confidently after a couple

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Personal

Personal estate sworn for probate at £4,877 gross was left by Frederick William Sherry, victim of the Clifton Hill pay-roll holdup on September 1. Mr. Sherry, who lived at the corner of Marshall street and Sherwood road, Ivanhoe, was a boot manufacturer. Under his will, dated April 30, 1931, he left the whole of his estate to his widow, Alice Ruby Sherry.

Mr. Lusby, Post-Master at the Northcote Post Office entered upon his annual leave on October 20, and his place will be taken by Mr. Hicks for its duration of three weeks. Mr. Lusby, accompanied by Mrs. Lusby, will spend a holiday at Lorne.

Miss Elizabeth Stenning, 75, of Tournefield Park, Wollert, widow of the late Mr. R. Stenning, farmer, died on Tuesday, October 11, as the result of a stroke. She left a family of four. The interment, which took place in Preston Cemetery on Thursday, was private. Rev. A. J Stewart officiated at the graveside, and Mr. Mc. Donald had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Cr. and Mrs. H. Swain of Preston have returned from a fortnight's holiday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. M. Johnson, of Mudgeegonga, between Myrtleford and Wodonga. Next Tuesday Cr. and Mrs. Swain leave to spend a few days at Torquay

Mr. H P. Zwar M.L.A opened a bazaar in aid of St. Mark's Church, Beattie street, West Preston, on Thursday evening this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W Crowe and family, who for about 18 years lived in Garnet street, Preston, left on Tuesday for their new home in Queensland.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. Pike) have received an invitation to be present at the Melbourne Town Hall on November 4 to meet the Lord Mayor elect and Mrs. A. G. Coles. The Mayoress will attend the Hawthorn Mayoress' reception on November 10.

Miss Edna Marlowe, of Edwardes street, Reservoir, has won the grand final of Mack's Furnishing Co's Deanna Durbin Quest. Miss Marlowe, who is only 20 years of age, will receive a glory box valued at ten guineas. This will be presented at the State Theatre, where she will also receive a week's engagements.

Cr. W. H. Turner of Northcote, formerly secretary of the Road Transport Union, has resumed his duties at the Trades Hall much improved in health as the result of his sea voyage to Western Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hosking, of Garden street, Northcote, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son on October 17.

Dr. and Mrs. A. W Harley of Lorne street, Northcote, are the proud parents of a daughter.

Miss Nellie Key, from Pontypridd, Glanmorgan, South Wales (England) who is on a world's tour, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. Pollock at Wardrop House, Northcote, during her week's stay. Miss Key was one of those whose company was enjoyed at some functions connected with the different auxiliaries that the Pollock and Key families were associated with. An evening will be held in her honour at Wardrop House on Saturday, October 22, to which a large gathering has been invited to give her an Australian welcome.

BOY SCOUTS

1st PRESTON TROOP

The "Whoopee Fair" held last week was a success, and it is expected to clear about £35. Competitions were won as follows— Tug of war, Rovers; obstacle race, Bears; pick-a-back, Rovers; pillow fight, Bears; catch-as-catch-can, Rovers; tug of war, Bears; pillow fight, Rovers; pick-a-back

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PLAYING THEIR WAY TO FAME

For the first time in their motion picture career, the Yacht Club Boys who burst in and out of the plot in "Artists and Models" and "Thrill of a Lifetime" are given real character roles in Paramount's new film, "Coconut Grove," and their dilatory antics are a running gag all through the picture. The story of "Coconut Grove" which stars Fred MacMurray is that of a happy-go-lucky swing band leader and his hungry crew playing their way to fame and fortune at Hollywood's famous night spot, the Coconanut Grove. In their hilarious trek across country from Chicago to Los Angeles, the band annexes a kid, little Billie Lee, a sweet-singing girl (Harriet Hilliard) who in turn annexes MacMurray's heart, and a lovably comic Ruffe Davis. Adventures, mishaps, and screwy situations are strung along the way.

NOLAN AS GANGSTER

Lloyd Nolan, last seen as the racket-busting G-man in "Tip-Off Girls" jumps to the other side of law and order in "Hunted Men," film effort, Paramount's "Hunted Men." Nolan portrays a big shot racketeer, who, by his own admission is "no smaller than the gun he holds in his hand." This thrilling story of his regeneration is ably acted out by a cast that includes Mary Carlisle, Lynne Overman, J. Carrol Naish and Anthony Quinn.

Northcote Court

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Before M. F. E. Addison P.M. and Messrs W. J. Holden, H. F. Pulloch and P. J. Kean, J's.

Too Drunk to Wheel Bicycle.

After admitting two prior convictions of a similar nature, Henry William Beckfield, of Dennis street, Northcote, was fined £1 in default 48 hours' imprisonment for having been found drunk and disorderly in High street on October 8.

According to Const. Knights, defendant had a bicycle, and was so drunk that he could neither ride nor wheel it.

Traffic Offences.

First Constable Lovelace of the motor-cycle patrol was the informant in several cases where motorists failed to obey the traffic regulations.

In one of them, James Mellody, of Canterbury road, St. Kilda, was fined £1. The constable said he saw defendant's car proceeding for about 100 yards without a light showing. He stopped defendant, and on going to the rear of the car found the light had gone out, but it was too poor as to be hardly visible.

Several people were asked, to pay for their forgetfulness, and on different dates in September the motor-cycle patrol stopped motorists and motor-cyclists who were driving without lights after sunset. The excuse invariably was that they had forgotten to light up when the sun was down. A fine of 15/ was imposed. The police stated that the lights were in good order when switched on.

Those fined were: Sidney J. Marshall, Victoria parade, East Melbourne; Harold Grant, Dundas street, Northcote; and Maxwell McCalman, Bowen crescent, Melbourne.

Another type of offence was committed by a cyclist, Lewis Johnston, of Henry street, Northcote, who was stopped by the motor-cycle patrol in High street whilst riding without a light. The explanation given to him by a man in company with another cyclist who had lights on his machine, was not accepted, and a prosecution followed, resulting in a fine of £1.

White is Not Red.

The regulations prescribe that the rear light of a vehicle after sunset shall show red. The absence of a red glass on the tail-light of a vehicle driven by Ernest Mulready, of Watson street, East Preston, resulted in him being fined 15/. The light was burning, but showed a white light on the night of September 6.

No License.

Reginald Streader, of Rosneath street, Clifton Hill, was fined £2 for driving a motor-car without holding a motor-driver's license. Defendant was stopped in Rich street, and admitted to the police that he was not a licensed driver.

Council Prosecutions.

For cutting the corner at the intersection of St. George's road and Arthurton road on September 21, Ernest Arthurton, of Rose street, Fitzroy, was fined £1 with 2/6 costs. He admitted the offence.

A similar fine was imposed on Anthony Fornarich, of Barkly street, East Brunswick for failing to stop before entering High street from Westgarth street on September 21.

Drove in Wrong Direction.

Two people were each fined £1 with 2/6 costs for having driven in the wrong direction along the one-way traffic lane in St. George's road. These offences were committed by Edward Sharp of Rosebery avenue, Preston, and Victor Peel, of Paxton street, Malvern.

Two Offences Within an Hour.

According to Northcote traffic inspector, Leslie Howse, on September 22 he saw a motor-truck and a carrier in the town section of Hutton street and St. George's road. He waved the driver to stop, but he drove on. Witness took the number of the truck with the object of following the matter up through the police records of the Motor Registration Branch. This task, however, was spared him, as half an hour later he saw the truck concerned parked within 15 feet of a tram-stop at the corner of High and Separation streets. The inspector taxed the driver with parking too near the tram-stop, and also with the offence committed half an hour previously. When asked for his name and address, defendant pointed to the side of the truck, saying it appeared there. Subsequently it was found that the information given was incorrect, and that the driver's name was Eric H. Stevens, of Yarrabat avenue, Balwyn.

Stevens pleaded guilty to both charges, and was fined 30/ for parking within a prohibited area and £1 for cutting a traffic button.

News of the... LODGES

Thursday, October 20, 1938

NORTHCOTE G.U.O.O.F.

There was a good attendance at the fortnightly meeting on October 11 at the Dispensary Hall. Bro N. Little, N.G. presided. Bro. Little welcomed Bro Jones, a visitor from the Felix Lodge. Bro. Little spoke at length on the increase in attendance in recent weeks. He said that in his opinion the reports in the "Leader-Budget" and social functions were the principal factors. Bro. E. Kenney gave an interesting report of business dealt with on the first day of the 90th Annual Conference. It was decided to visit Park View (Fitzroy) Lodge on October 27. Every member of the lodge is asked to meet at St. Luke's Hall, St. George's road, North Fitzroy, at 8.15. As this will be the first or many visits to various lodges, a large attendance is expected. Bro. H. Farmer was selected to receive a banner on behalf of the lodge, which is being presented to the lodge for having the largest number of new members admitted during the last six months. The banner is to be presented at the Grand Lodge Conference social by the Grand Master, Bro. Alderson.

After the meeting members joined in a table tennis competition, the singles championship being won by Sis. J. Rose, and the doubles' championship by Sis. J. Bass and Bro. R. Russell. Sis. Thornbury then served light refreshments. The syllabus item for the next lodge meeting is quoits.

NORTHCOTE BRANCH A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting was held at the Melba Hall, on Thursday, October 13. Two new members were elected and welcomed by the president (Mr. R. H. Campbell) and one was nominated. Mr. R. J. Fitch reported on sick members. Questioned reported attending the cricket Association meeting and activities of the cricket club. In the match against Fairfield, Northcote made 116 runs in the first innings, and Fairfield 26 (S. Jackson 10/16), and 9/115 in the second innings. Northcote declared on two wickets for 94 runs. In the present match at McDonell Park against Preston, scores are Northcote 9/56 (H. Jackson 19 not out, G. Bott 11, B. Goatley 11) Preston 42.

All members and friends are cordially invited to support the club. Afternoon tea is provided by the Ladies Committee, so come along on Saturday and spend an enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting is on October 27, and the syllabus item is a debate. Subject: "Should organised sport be permissible in public parks?"

The syllabus item for the evening was the anniversary night, which was well attended by members, all enjoying themselves immensely. The programme consisted of songs, toasts, community singing, and items by Scottish comedian. Mr. J. Cain M.L.A. responded to the toast of Parliament, and Cr. McAdam to that of the Northcote City Council. "Auld Lang Syne" concluded a pleasant evening

PROTESTANT ALLIANCE F.S.

A good attendance of members was present at the last meeting of the Protestant Alliance Friendly Society, Northcote lodge on October 13. Members, after the meeting, participated in the various sports competitions regularly held. At a meeting of the Social Committee, it was decided to present a silver trophy cup to the winner of a single-handed bowls competition open to all P.A.F.S. members in Northcote and neighbouring districts

ANOTHER PACKED HOUSE AT PLAZA

FOR JUVENILE TALENT QUEST NIGHT

The popularity of Hoadley's Juvenile Talent Quest, the semi-finals of which are presented at the Plaza Theatre every Thursday night, is an established fact, and the house was full to its capacity on October 13 when Kevin Dorea won the heat with two vocal numbers "Changing of the Guard," and "Red Rose." The audience applauded this little singer in no uncertain manner Kevin qualified for the finals.

The other items in the night's programme were Ken Stanway, song and dance number, the first part being "Burlington Bertie" and Ella Shields. June Daunt acquitted herself well in a comedy song and dance number, while Alice Stubbsley sang a song.

As usual Tuppy acted admirably as the M.C..

GAMBLING IN PARK

At Northcote Court on Tuesday October 11, Constable Knights charged a man with the offence of gambling in a public park. The defendant, who was accompanied by Traffic Inspector Howse to Batman Park, in Arthurton road, where he saw defendant and a number of other youths playing a game of cards. Arthur Basil Mitchell stated that Bruns-wick dealt the cards, and placed a 3d. piece on the one in front of him. Defendant then placed coins on their respective cards. The game was interrupted when the constable rushed them and arrested defendant. The others scattered, and it was impossible to catch them.

The prosecution produced a heap of cards and £1 in money, which was made up of 3d. pieces, pennies and halfpennies. When questioned, defendant said: "Must 'ave been Mouse." The first said that he lived in Thornbury, but later gave his correct address in Preston. Questioned by the police, defendant said they were playing "banker."

The constable's evidence was corroborated by Howse.

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High Street Transport

NORTHCOTE TO HAVE BUSES

Reports On Overseas Trip

WHAT IS THE POSITION OF NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL

In his report to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, the chairman (Mr. H. H. Bell), who has recently returned from overseas, where he extensively studied the problems of transportation, recommended that buses running on crude oil should be used in an experimental service on the Bourke St. - Clifton Hill - Northcote run. The recommendation was accepted.

The system will supersede the obsolete and antiquated cable service and eventually (if it be found suitable) 72 vehicles will be used in the service.

This change of mind on the part of Mr. Bell is far from being an indication that crude oil buses will permanently take the place of the cable-trams in this suburb. The switching over will only be a try-out. According to Mr. Bell, he is still convinced that electric trams are unsurpassed for mass transportation in huge cities, yet the conditions prevailing on the Northcote and Bourke street routes, according to Mr Bell, are very similar to those in Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester (quite stand.) In these cities, where such splendid transport schemes have been developed, the cruse oil buses have proved to be a solution of their transportation, and they are also far cheaper to run.

Preston and Northcote will be linked up with the city by means of a service which will cost some £240,000. When estimates were prepared for electrification a year ago, the figures were over £600,000.

When the trolley-buses, or any other buses were passed over by Mr. Bell prior to his trip overseas, there was no reason given by him for taking up this attitude, in spite of repeated protests by various traders 'associations vitally interested in the matter. Why was it necessary to give these reasons, and autocratically decided on electric trams for Northcote. The only possible reason which may have been responsible for this attitude can be seen in a statement made by him upon his return:—

"Our technical officers advised us that . . . estimated annual surplus on trams would be £27,267, as against £13,524 for crude-oil buses, and that trams seemed to be the best form of traction for the operation of a route where traffic is heavy, as in this case. Also that in view of the possibility of re-routing the East Preston electric tram down High street, Northcote, and thence to Clifton Hill route into Bourke street, and thence to Albert Park, conversion to electric traction would be the only logical solution."

He took an ex tensive trip overseas and twelve months of valuable time to bring Mr. Bell to see eye to eye with the great number of people who had objected (and put forth excellent reasons for doing so) to the electrification of the Northcote-Bourke street line. When he was quoted definite figures, Mr. Bell was not satisfied until he took an expensive trip abroad, only to come to the conclusion that a lot of people who had protested against electrification of this particular line were right—and he was wrong.

Prior to leaving Australia, Mr. Bell made a definite statement, which was recompressed to a single sentence and used in one of our issues at the time the controversy was raging. That statement was: —"The electric trams are as good as they can be."

It may be remembered that the Mayor of Northcote (at that time Cr. A. V. Peters) supported the chairman of the Tramways Board. He was not the only one in favour of electrification, as the Northcote City Council sent a resolution to the Board stating that the council was in favour of the cable rail electric service.

What is the opinion of the council now that Mr. Bell has changed his mind?

But the matter has not even been put before the Northcote Council, or in fact any other local governing body concerned. On a matter of such grave importance, which inevitably will change the history of Northcote and Preston, the Board remained silent, beyond making a statement that it had prepared plans, costs etc., and that crude-oil buses were to take the place of the cable-trams. The Northcote Council, which controls this suburb, was not even informed of that decision; but learned it second-hand from the newspapers.

On Friday night last was held a meeting of the Council of Northern Municipalities, a body which was communicated with on several occasions by the Tramways Board on the controversy was at its height. (This was the time when the Board was seeking support for their proposals). But did the Board communicate with the Council of Northern Municipalities, before reaching its present decision? Definitely, no. The only item on the agenda paper for the meeting that has anything to do with trams was headed "Sunday Tramway Matters." This item has nothing whatever to do with the proposed change-over.

Mr. Bell's statement which was made public on Saturday, said:—

"The position as I saw it was that something had to be done about the Bourke street, particularly the Northcote end, where the track was worn out, if he like."

Despite this fact the chairman takes a trip overseas which stops any progress or relief in this direction for 12 months at least.

With the advent of buses the Northcote Council will have to maintain the whole width of the roads, which they are not under the trams. At present the Tramways Board only maintains a strip in the centre of the road, so that additional expense will be thrown on the council, when the buses come.

This is a matter which definitely concerns the ratepayers of Northcote, and it would have only been fair and courteous, if Mr. Bell and his Board had consulted the councils first, instead of making his decision public first, and perhaps at some later date, consulting with the councils.

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Buses For High Street

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Heavy Fines For Traffic Offenders

Mr. Addison P.M. on Friday, October 14, assisted by three justices, heard seven cases against traffic offenders, but although the cases were few, the amount of fines imposed was quite considerable.

There was only one case which resulted in defendant being fined £1. It was a prosecution against Oliver Holt, of Rupert street, West Footscray, who on September 8, when entering High street, Northcote from Flinders street, failed to bring his vehicle to a complete stop.

Too Fast

The second on the list was Bruno Campese, of Drummond street, Carlton, who was fined £1 for driving a commercial goods vehicle which weighed between 3½ and 3 tons at a speed higher than the prescribed 25 miles per hour. The motor-cycle patrol which followed this truck in Heidelberg road, Fairfield, for some distance, gave evidence that the speed varied from 33 to 45 miles per hour on August 24.

The next case also resulted in defendant being fined £1. In this case it was alleged that John Ryan, of Medway street, Box Hill had ridden a motor-cycle on August 26 in Heidelberg road at such a speed that he would not have been able to stop in case of sudden danger.

According to the motor-cycle patrol, defendant's machine was ridden at 40 miles per hour, it was a peak period, and traffic was heavy.

Motorist's Erratic 2-mile Drive.

The last traffic prosecution was against a motorist who pleaded guilty to a charge of having driven a car on September 17 in such a manner as to endanger the public. The driver, Frederick Delves, of Livingstone street, Traralgon, according to Constable Lennigan was followed by the motor-cycles patrol for upwards of two miles. Starting from Carlton, he proceeded in a most erratic manner, disregarding practically every traffic regulation. He drove on the wrong side of the street, failed to stop on entering intersections, and at all times maintained a speed in excess of the speed limit. In Nicholson street he passed on the wrong side of a horse-drawn vehicle. Near the Clifton Hill railway gates he narrowly missed a girl on a bicycle. Passing the gates, he increased his speed to between 55 and 60 miles an hour, at which speed he tried to pass another car in Heidelberg road and almost collided with the rockeries in the centre of the road and nearly overturned his own car. When at last the patrol drew level with him, he was driving with one hand on the steering wheel, and waving to other arm about and talking to himself.

Delves did not dispute the different phases of his driving and erratic progress, simply saying he did not think his car would travel at such a speed as stated by the police.

The bench was unanimous in a conviction, and imposed a fine of £7.

Case Adjourned.

A case against Mervyn Brookshire of Beaconsfield parade, Croxton who was charged with driving a car past a stationary tramcar, was adjourned for seven days, as defendant was not at the scene of the alleged incident.

On payment of 11/ costs, the bench adjourned the case until October 21.

Customer: "It's tough when you have to pay one shilling a pound for meat." Butcher "It's tougher still if you only pay a penny."

Northcote Horticultural Society

On October 12 at the Northcote Town Hall (small hall) over 400 people attended a talkie entertainment under the auspices of the Northcote Horticultural Society, the programme being provided by the Vacuum Oil Company depicting life in Sumatra. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed.

The monthly cut flower competitions resulted. Cut flowers (open) S. Glassford 9 pts; do (novice) Mrs. Carnell 9 pts. Bunches of roses (open) W. Beattie, 9 pts; do (under 100 plants) Mrs. Allen 7½ pts; Mrs. Stott 1½ pts; do (Australian) Mrs Hamby 5 pts; Mrs. Allen 4 pts; do (mixed) W. H. Dunallan; Bowl of Roses. Miss Twyford 6 pts. Mrs. Wallace 5 pts. Vase of flowers, Mrs. Hamby 5 pts; Mrs. Allen 4 pts. Best bunch of flowers, S. Glassford; Best bunch of roses, W. Beattie.

The next monthly meeting will be held on November 9, when Mr. G. Ryan will be the lecturer. His subject will be "The ornamental value of shrubs."

The annual spring show will be held on October 29 in the Northcote Town Hall (Small Hall).

Entries close on October 27 with the hon secretary (Mr. W. Beattie) 138 Smith street, Thornbury N 17, JW 4321.

"LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE"

Fine Performance By Lourdes Dramatic Society

One of the best amateur productions ever presented in the metropolis was given by the Lourdes Operatic Society (St. Mary's, Thornbury) in the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, October 12 and 13 The musical comedy "Les Cloches de Corneville" (Planquette) was staged, and large audiences, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote, thoroughly enjoyed the tuneful and catchy airs of this fine old opera. After the performance, the Mayor in congratulating the society, said he had never heard finer choral singing, even on the professional stage, and also paid a tribute to the exceptional talent displayed by the cast. He had no conception that amateur society could produce such an excellent show. Miss Eileen Cook, as "Serpolette" gave a splendid performance, her singing, movement, and impersonation of the character both as a saucy little princess being very fine. Her numbers with the comedians were also popular. Miss Erma Nicholson, who played "Germaine" did so most artistically. The best performances of the cast however, were given by the comedians, Lance Nicholls "Gobo", and Jack Woods, "Baille", who carried the comedy throughout the show in a manner that would do credit to any stage. The producer, Mr. J. D Doyle, gave a fine impersonation of "Gaspard" the old miser. Dave Reid, "Marquis" and George Forgtal, "Grenicheux" also played excellently, while a word of praise must be given to Miss Beatrice Burns for her part as "Christopher." The chorus was magnificent, and was the outstanding feature of it. Particularly the numbers "Just Look at This" and "Silent Heroes" were beautifully rendered. Signor Candelin conducted with his full orchestra, and was a big factor in the success achieved.

TENNIS

PRESTON ASSOCIATION

Saturday's results:—

Special Grade. — Danells Park 68 d Regent 32; Warrandyte 60 d Preston 44; Oakover 52 d Bulleen 43; Emmerella 50 d Nunawing 48; Reservoir 58 d Craigrose 51.

First Grade. — College 56 d Oakover 47; Hill 62 d Yarra 25; Comeas 64 d Nunawing 45; Danells 55 d Warrain 47; Cranross 53 d Reservoir 52.

Second Grade. — Sacred Heart 55 d College 53; Preston 57 d Reservoir Presbyterians 38; Nunawing 42 d Warrain 33; Grove 50 d Normanhie 42; Preston Methodists 55 d Bell Park 48.

Third Grade. — Regent 59 d Comeas 46. West Preston Methodists 53 d Danella 49; Oakover 61 d College 38; Cranross 64 d South Preston 38; Gabriel's 64 d Cooma.

Fourth Grade. — Nunawing 59 d Warrain 42; Sacred Heart 58 d East Preston 39; Grove 58 d Normanhie 42; Preston Methodists 66 d Bell Park 35.

Fifth Grade. — Regent 53 d West Preston Presbyterians 41; Oakover 63 d East Preston 27; Cooma 54 d St. Gabriel's 51; Cranross 66 d South Preston 39

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALS

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ling or demolishing all error—animal magnetism, fear, and other false claims. A general denial of error is not sufficiently effective upon the human mind to master these claims. But when their various elements are handled separately, then they can be destroyed. Success in healing involves reducing the discord whatever its nature, to nothingness.

It is important, indeed essential to know spiritual reality, to know God, to know the real man, and the real universe. If we would detect their opposites — the things not real. When we grasp what Truth really is then we can see the powerlessness and unreality of these opposites, these unlikenesses—error.

Mrs. Eddy writes (Miscellany 210) "Beloved Christian Scientists, keep your minds so filled with Truth and Love that sin, disease, and death cannot enter them." This instruction is vital. Darkness cannot enter a room filled with light. Neither can the darkness of error enter a consciousness flooded with the light of Truth. The belief that two and two make five cannot enter a consciousness that knows that two and two make four.

Healing Is Mental

All healing recorded in the Bible, as well as that accomplished through Christian Science was done mentally—through the action of thought. Therefore the nature of Mind and Mind action must be clearly understood, for there are many wrong concepts on this point.

Human beings claim the right, and have the ability, to think anything they may please. They may think either truth or error. Here we need to see that thinking is mental activity, cognition. Therefore, real thinking is the action of real Mind.—Is the knowing of Truth; whereas the activity of the mortal carnal mind is the thinking of error and is not real thinking at all, but simply believing.

Should you attempt to solve a mathematical problem assuming that two and two make five, you would not be successful in mathematical thinking. For two and two do not make five, and such falsity can only be believed. Likewise if you worked the problem by thinking that two and two make four, the answer would be correct and harmonious: for thinking mathematically that two and two make four is really knowing that they do. Thus you see that in mathematics real thinking is right knowing.

Likewise in metaphysics. When we think the testimony of the physical senses, which we have found to be false, we are not really thinking. We are only believing. However, when we think the testimony of spiritual sense, the activity of divine Truth, then we are knowing Truth, and really thinking.

So to heal successfully through Christian Science, we must first learn to think rightly, to think truth, to know what is real. Only thus can we detect wrong thoughts—thoughts of error—and deal with them intelligently.

Next we must remember that the definition of God declares Him to be the infinite Mind, the infinite, real consciousness. From this it follows that there really is but one Mind, because there can be but one infinity, one all-knowing. It is helpful in speaking from the mutual fact to see that there is no need for another mind if that Mind is infinite. Is not infinity enough—that Mind being all inclusive—just as one multiplication table is enough, and just as a mathematician sees harmonious results by knowing that there is but one mathematical truth, one mathematical knowledge, so we accept harmonious results, or conditions, metaphysically, by knowing there is but one infinite Truth, one divine Mind.

Much healing results from this knowing that there is but one Mind, and that that Mind is good and includes all; for this spiritual Truth destroys the possibility of the existence of any discordant consciousness.

Many of you, perhaps, do not clearly distinguish between the divine Mind—which is the infinite divine consciousness of infinite Truth—and the human mind, which involves just ordinary thinking, with all its attendant errors. Some—I hope none of you here—confuse Christian Science healing as well as the healing work of Jesus and his disciples with a sort of transfer of thought through the activity of what is called will-power, hypnotism, mesmerism, occultism—all of which are based upon mental suggestion, the attempt of one human mind to influence another.

It is necessary to see here that in true spiritual healing none of these errors of mortal mind possess any power to heal. It is Truth that corrects the human error, and thus heals by destroying error.

Christian Science healing is therefore a corrective process. In the demonstration of this healing it is a great help to recognize this fact. Jesus said "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," free from Truth's opposite, that is, error. This statement is perfectly logical, for mistakes are always corrected by Truth, and Christian Science enables us to see that all discordant conditions are mistakes; then it teaches us the nature of divine Truth, so that we can ourselves apply the truth to the mistaken condition.

An essential fact to understand here is that Jesus preceded his statement about this liberating power of Truth with the declaration "If ye continue in my word," making steadfastness a condition under which the freedom could be achieved. Continuing in Jesus' "word" naturally means knowing the truth, being obedient to it, applying it to our everyday human problems. Jesus' word always teaches spiritual Truth. Therefore, by obeying Jesus, we develop spiritual Truth in our consciousness, and thus do we gain the necessary spiritual understanding which enables us to know divine Truth spiritually enough to apply it successfully to all our affairs.

Since in Christian Science we recognize that everything operates according to law, and since law is mental, it is important to know: declare that God's law, the law of divine Principle, is the only law and that we are really governed by this law.

Since the power of Truth is the power of Principle, it follows that Principle is the only power. It is the power of Principle, of spiritual Truth, which really makes the needed correction, and therefore does the healing, when applied through spiritual understanding, which the deep study of Christian Science bestows.

A Point in Successful Healing

A vital factor in successful Christian Science healing is knowing the already perfection of God's creation, the scientific being, holding the standard, the idea, the real, in thought, which corresponds to the correct concept. It further involves knowing what is real and recognizing the nothingness of the unreal.

If we argue that a man is sick and needs to be healed, we are by this assertion ascribing reality to sickness. We are making a reality of the mistake and thus cannot hope to correct it. If we reverse this argument and declare that man is already spiritual and perfect and well, this declaration includes the understanding that sickness is unreal, for on the basis of the reality of Spirit, sickness must be unreal. And this reflection of Truth accomplishes the healing, for knowing is reflecting.

The mathematician knows that two and two already make four, that the four and the two are there to find the answer to his problems. Likewise, our knowing that the real man is already God's reflection, that "Man is the expression of God's being," as Mrs. Eddy says (Science and Health 470: 23), that man is indeed the present reflection of God, not the product of the past, and is therefore already harmonious—this knowing heals all kinds of diseased conditions and various forms of lack. Since man reflects God, he also reflects infinity. How then can we really lack anything? The spiritual truth, realized, corrects the mistaken sense of lack.

Holding strongly to absolute divine Truth to meet an opposite evil influence is not will-power nor hypnotism; for these are the activities of the carnal mind. Divine Truth, divine Mind, is not the carnal mind, but is its opposite—pure Mind, which is divine Love.

Since existence is consciousness, the awareness of our being, our existence will be harmonious if our consciousness is harmonious. And Christian Science makes it possible for us to achieve this state of harmony. We have only to know persistently and faithfully what is real, recognize the unreal through spiritual Truth, correct a wrong sense through divine intelligence and thus establish harmony as our settled conviction.

Who Does the Healing?

The question is sometimes asked: Who does the healing in Christian Science? Jesus said (John 5:30), "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." Jesus also said: (John 14: 10) "The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." And again Jesus said: (John 14: 12) "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." These sayings prove that Jesus knew God did the healing; but he also declared that he himself did the works of God. St. Paul also says (Phil. 2: 13): "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

Perhaps in the study of this question of who or what does the healing work, it will be of help to consider who solves the mathematical problem. Evidently mathematical truth does this, but not until this truth is correctly applied. In a sense, then, we ourselves do not solve these problems. Mathematical truth, rightly used, does the work.

Likewise with divine Truth which is the real healing power. It also must be applied: and we do this by right thinking and right knowing—through spiritual understanding.

Healing Through Love

I think now we begin to see that Christian Science healing is achieved by knowing that God is All-in-all, that there is "none beside Him;" that God is infinite, that matter is nothing, that man's nature is purely spiritual, and that divine Principle is forever active.

Since Christian Science reveals the true nature of reality as opposed to the false nature of material existence, we are able to determine what in our existence is real and what is unreal. Further, we have learned that the "odious, operandi" of Christian Science healing is to know Truth, to recognize error as error, and then to apply the truth to the error and so correct it. Thus we establish harmonious conditions.

Then too, we have learned that since Truth is Spirit, we must realize what Jesus called the spirit of Truth, the deep, pure, innermost, essential nature of Truth. Only then do we fully qualify in the healing work for ourselves and others.

Mrs. Eddy has said much about the need of knowing what Love is; about the necessity of reflecting Love in order to accomplish the healing. The study of Christian Science enables us to do this. For through earnest study and righteous desire do we learn that divine Love is the supreme Principle, the divine cause; we learn that it is the only power, Mind or divine consciousness; the infinite Spirit or divine substance; the incorporeal Soul or divine identity; we discern that divine Love is the immortal Life or divine existence; that the absolute Truth or divine actuality. And so we learn that Love includes and expresses the fatherhood of God, and is the highest and mightiest healing power.

Mrs. Eddy writes (First Church and Christ, Scientist 11): "Love is the Spirit or the power of divine Love bear witness to the truth. This is the ultimation of Christian science, and the healing is instantaneous."

This power of divine Love to bear witness to the truth means to establish the harmony of truth in consciousness.

To Mrs. Eddy we owe our knowledge of divine Love's healing power. She has often referred to the importance of knowing and really feeling this Love as a spiritual influence as a divine consciousness that lifts thought into the realm of God.

Tribute to Mrs. Eddy.

For a number of years I had the very great pleasure and privilege of Mrs. Eddy's close personal acquaintance. This afforded me the opportunity of knowing her quite well.

I was enabled to see clearly how close she lived to God, how desirous she was to discern just what God wanted her to do; how conscientious she was in forming the by-laws of the Mother Church, and in establishing its various activities; and what a genuine follower of Christ Jesus she was.

She not only strove to understand the teachings of Christ Jesus but to live according to them. On one occasion when I was visiting with her she discussed a very serious problem in the movement—a problem regarding which she had so much at stake in the decision. She wondered what Jesus would do if he were confronted with this situation, and added she always received great help when faced with a difficult question if only she could know what Jesus would do in the situation. I have often thought since how great a help it would be to anyone dealing with serious problems if he could just consider for a moment what Jesus would do, and apt to do under similar circumstances.

There are those who think that Mrs. Eddy stumbled by chance upon some phenomena that she named Christian Science. However, all available records indicate that her momentous discovery was the result of generations of preparation and spiritual influence. They indicate that this preparation made it possible for God to use her as His mouthpiece in sending to the world this great revelation of Truth.

She writes in her textbook (Science and Health 107: 3-6) "God had been graciously preparing me during many years for the revelation to be held for mankind." Further on (Science and Health 109: 1) she writes: "For the age in which to receive the spiritual idea, the time was ripe, and the discoverer was ready." This statement makes it possible to begin to discern the promised "new heaven and new earth."

This transformation results, as St. Paul says, from the renewing of the mind; and as taught by Mrs. Eddy, it is the study, application, and realization of the teachings of Christian Science, that enable us to have in us the mind of Christ, through the coming of the spirit of Truth, the Comforter. This is what Dr. John relates (John 15:26): "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." And again the following verse: "And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning."

Christian Scientists love to testify of Mrs. Eddy and thus bear witness to her unselfish devotion to Truth. Many of them understand her and know what she has done.

Mrs. Eddy's purpose would abide with us forever, and this Comforter would be sent in this same way from

Readers' Views

IN FAVOR OF BUSES

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I write to protest at the unreasonable and old-fashioned attitude of the Northcote Council. Now that Mr. Bell, the Tramways Board chairman, has been big enough to admit that he was wrong in condemning buses for High street, the council will not admit their short-sightedness in favouring the no-bus policy, in spite of Collingwood and city support. One of the Northcote City Council's arguments seems very unsound. They say that it will cost £60,000 to adjust High street to carry the proposed buses. Have they lost sight of the fact that High street at the present time carries much heavier traffic than the buses would ever carry. I allude to the heavily-laden brick lorries, also the large timber trucks from Whittlesea, both of which are daily sights in our main street. At the present time the tram-tracks are a death-trap for cyclists, especially the corner of High and Elm streets, where only last week I witnessed two cyclists "come a cropper" when their bicycles became caught in the raised lines. We should feel proud and grateful that High street will be the first street to have the bus service.

In conclusion, there are three main fundamental facts to be considered—Firstly, that in handling passengers, instead of holding up the flow of traffic, can safely enter a bus which will pull up right at the kerb—a boon to the aged and infirm. Secondly, there will be no more of that nasty top-dressing habit of the Tramways, which invariably chooses a day when a northerly is blowing, to make conditions more unfavourable. Thirdly— that better conditions will result from buses in High street instead of trams, as cyclists and motorists will be able to keep going in one unceasing stream, without causing the dead-locks which one sees in Chapel street and Sydney road—two main streets which are cursed with electric trams.

I wrote to the "Budget" some months ago that I had seen the successful way in which buses in New Zealand cities, also in Sydney, carried passengers, with their ever increasing traffic problems.

Trusting that the Northcote Council will eventually see that the bus conversion will eventually be for our city's benefit and a blessing to its progressive citizens.

Yours etc.,

DAN ROBINSON.

Northcote, October 13, 1938.

BUSES FOR HIGH STREET

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I notice in the "Budget" that Northcote is to have crude-oil buses in place of the cable-trams. This is surely a mistake. Why not have the latest producer-gas engined buses which are run on charcoal gas? Charcoal can be produced in unlimited quantities in Victoria, whereas crude has to be imported. Producer-gas engines can also be made in Australia under license. If we are making a change, why not make a sensible up-to-date one?

Yours etc.,

"AUSTRALIA EVERY TIME."

Northcote, October 24, 1938.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I would like to know why Mr. Bell, chairman of the Tramways Board, is seeking to thrust on to Northcote and other councils the task not only of maintaining the strip of road at present used by cable-trams, but also compelling them (as will shortly be found necessary) to construct heavy concrete roads to withstand the pounding of heavily laden six-ton buses (when empty) for 18 hours a day. Only very heavily built, costly and substantial roads could withstand this. The present roads, which are well-constructed for the purpose they were designed to serve, could not be expected to stand up to usage such as is to be expected when these heavy buses are put on, and will no doubt go to pieces in a few months.

Another matter—What about the terrific vibration to shops and dwellings caused by the continual running up and down of these colossal vehicles? The shock at present caused by petrol waggons several times a day is bad enough, but what about 18 hours daily of these 72 vehicles? It can be computed that their loaded weight will average from 7 to 10 tons.

Yours etc.,

"SHOP-KEEPER."

Northcote, October 25, 1938.

(Many other letters on this subject have been received.—Ed.)

TO CORRESPONDENTS

THE Editor invites readers to express their opinions through these columns on matters of public importance and questions concerning the well-being and progress of our city.

All letters intended for publication must bear the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

The opinions of correspondents must not be taken as representing the views of this paper.

In order to secure insertion in the current issue, letters should reach the office, 481 High street, Northcote, by Monday evening.

NORTHCOTE SWIMMING BATHS

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Re the letter from a correspondent "Mother" under the heading "Dilemma for Parents" in last issue of the "Budget." Is it not about time that the council gave parents a lead and let them know whether the water in the baths is safe or unsafe? I consider it is the duty of the Mayor to make an authentic statement, one way or the other. The baths are a public institution, paid for with public money, and the public have a right to know all about them. Are we to wait until the summer is over, or the estimates are dealt with, as mentioned in the report? Or are we to be like a sister municipality, which, because its council could not agree over the opening of the baths on account of infantile paralysis last year, all the swimmers went to Richmond and elsewhere, and could not use the baths they were taxed to pay for?

Yours etc.,

"SWIMMER."

Thornbury, October 22, 1938.

(Editor's Note: No baths improvement scheme was included in the estimates adopted, but it was mentioned that the council would shortly consider floating a loan for baths improvements or new baths.)

ANOTHER INJUSTICE TO RATEPAYERS

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—According to the "Leader-Budget" Cr. Bird moved, and Cr. Jones seconded at the meeting of the Northcote Council on October 17 that an extra shilling a week be paid in wages to out-of-door staff in order to preserve the present margin of 5/ per week paid to them over and above the municipal award! These men already get higher wages than many of the unfortunates who have to find the rates to pay them. I consider this a disgrace. Paying men over and above an award found just and right by the courts is merely an incentive to them to ask for more, and to regard as a right what is foolishly given as an act of grace by irresponsible councillors out of other people's money. It is about time these foolish actions were stopped. The municipal rates cannot be lowered—oh no,—but an already overpampered class can still be spoon fed.

Yours etc.,

"DISGUSTED."

Northcote, October 22, 1938.

Hoadley's Juvenile Talent Quest

DEAD HEAT IN 5th SEMI-FINAL

The 5th semi-final of the Hoadley Juvenile Talent Quest, decided at the Plaza Theatre on Thursday night last, consisted of five excellent acts. The judges were unable to select a straight-out winner, and placed first Lorna Weate, playing the saxophone and piano, and acrobatics on two chairs, and June and Johnny who introduced "The Big Apple" in a dance and song. The dead-heaters put on an excellent performance. The three other acts were Joan Brown, song and dance act, a tap dance with a skipping rope being the best part of the performance.

Nancy Baines pleased in a character recital from "Peter Pan" which, however, was a trifle too long.

The stage presentation was concluded with a contortionist, Gwenda McLoughlin.

THE DEFENCE VOTE

Victoria to Get £5,651,000

Victoria will receive the largest share of the defence allocation of £16,800,000 during this financial year according to the present programme. The State allocations will be: Victoria £5,651,000; New South Wales £5,113,000; West Australia £850,000; Northern Territory £522,000; Queensland £435,000; South Australia £291,000; Australian Capital Territory £262,000; Tasmania £176,000; An amount of £3,500,000 will be spent overseas.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES

SIX COUNCIL PROSECUTIONS

Mr. F. E. Addison P.M. and Mr. W. J Holden J.P. dealt with six prosecutions at the Northcote Court on October 18, launched by the Northcote City Council under the Traffic By-law.

The following cases were heard: Arthur Cameron, of Bennett street, North Fitzroy, was fined 1/ with 2/6 costs for riding a bicycle on September 30 in the wrong direction along the one-way traffic lane in St. George's road. According to the traffic inspector, he rode his bicycle on the wrong side of the road between Fyffe and Hutton streets.

Charles Dennithorne, Wales street, Northcote, pleaded guilty to having formed a third line of traffic when riding his bicycle along St. George's road, on October 2. He was fined £1.

For having parked his car at an angle and in such a position that the rear wheels were four feet from the kerb on the east side of High street, practically opposite Mitchell street on September 30, William G. Exton, of Kinglake Central was fined 30/.

A similar fine was imposed on Robert Power, of Main street, Northcote, whose offence against the traffic by-law was the cutting of a corner when turning from High street into Westgarth street, on September 30.

The remaining two cases were similar to the first case and in each instance a fine of 10/ was imposed. The defendants were William Fisher, of Princess street North Melbourne, and Arthur Sangston, of Alexander street, Northcote.

YOUNG MAN FINED

The Northcote bench on October 18 imposed a fine of 30/ on Charles Thomas Poole, of Glenora avenue, East Coburg, who pleaded guilty to having cut a corner on September 8 when turning from High street into Clarke street.

Constable J. Caduach of the motor-cycle patrol said that at about 11.30 p.m. the patrol arrived on the scene of an accident where two cars had collided. Defendant, who was the driver of one of the cars, admitted that he had cut the corner, but explained that he had taken a shorter turn with a view to avoiding an accident. His action failed to avert the collision, and the marks of his car, measured on the roadway by the constable, showed that he had cut the button by nine feet.

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CHURCHES

ENJOYABLE METHODIST CONCERT

The Methodist School Hall was filled to capacity with an enthusiastic audience on Saturday night, October 15, when the Auburn Methodist Choir gave a concert in aid of the Overseas Methodist Mission.

The choir gave a brilliant exhibition of singing under the baton of Mr. J Sutton Crow, who was largely responsible for the excellent rendering of the various items. Among the most notable were "The Rosary" (usually a solo number), and "Goin' Home." The whole performance showed finesse and long practice. The choir was highly appreciative of the reception given to it by those present, who generously applauded each item. Besides the contributions of the choir, the programme included various items, a play entitled "Rest Cure," being particularly well received. Misses Sadie Corrie and Loretta McCullock reached professional standard. The properties for the play were supplied by courtesy of Messrs M J. Collins & Co. Plenty of laughter was provided by a humorous presentation by the three Keck Brothers. Among the soloists who contributed to an excellent evening's entertainment were Miss Faith Murray (soprano), Miss Winsome Clucas (soprano), and Mr. Grainger (baritone). Mrs. R C. Whittaker was the accompanist. Mr. Whittaker delighted the audience with a humorous song "I Am Ninety-Four To-day."

The evening favourably reflects on the organising ability of Mr. Haynes, who had charge of the arrangements

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY.

Holy Trinity attracted large congregations on Sunday last when in common with all churches Hospital Sunday was observed. The afternoon service took the form of a Gift Service, a feature at this church for some years past on Hospital Sunday. During the service, children in procession presented their gifts of eggs, fruits and groceries, at the Chancel steps. An appealing address was delivered by the Rev. Geo. Hall, of St. James' and St. John, Melbourne, who also preached at Evensong. Large supplies of gifts in kind were received during the day, which will find their way to the hospitals belonging to the Church of England.

A children's plain and fancy dress night in the Parish Hall on Tuesday last was a big success.

Next Sunday the Vicar will officiate at all services. At night a well-known soprano, Miss Marion Bell, will sing special numbers.

The Sunday School picnic will take place at Waverley on Cup Day (November 1.)

The Liquor Poll

THE FINAL COUNT

Final figures in the recent liquor poll were announced by the Chief Electoral Officer on Saturday as follows.

NO	721,095
YES	368,008
Majority for "No"	352,087

The poll was nearly 56 per cent of the electors enrolled, and is the highest rate on record. The number of informal votes was 7,000, which is proportionately the lowest on record.

NEW COMPANY REGISTERED

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TO MINISTERS AND CHURCH SECRETARIES

MINISTERS and Church Secretaries are invited to supply complete particulars of their churches for inclusion in the "Leader-Budget" Year Book for 1939. Particulars should be forwarded to the office, 481 High street, Northcote, as soon as possible.

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Brocade Brassieres . . . . . 8½d 32 to 36. Usually 1/-.

Wrap-On Corsets . . . . . 2/6 Side and front fastenings.

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23/11 Dull Locknit GOWNS

Dull locknit gowns, in double fabric, heavy quality. In different styles, some have full length sleeves, others short sleeves. All trimmed with needlerun embroidery. Range of sizes in contrasting colors. Usually 23/11. **Treadway's Price 9/11.**

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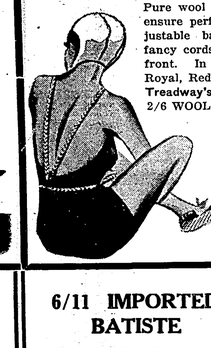
8/11 Pure Wool SWIM SUITS



Pure wool Swim Suits, elastic knit to ensure perfect fit, the new 3-way adjustable back, finished with 2-tone fancy cords and matching designs on front. In Navy, Almond, Sapphire, Royal, Red, and Black. Usually 8/11. **Treadway's Price 5/11.**

2/6 WOOL CAPS 1/11

5/11

1/11 BLOOMERS or VESTS ... 1/-

Satin striped bloomers, or vests, bloomers are double gusseted waist & knees on good quality washing elastic. Vests are in round neck finish. Sizes S.W., W. In ivory and pastel shades. Usually 1/11. **Treadway's Price 1/-.**

2/11 LACE TRIMMED PANTETTES 1/11

Lace trimmed pantettes, in good quality dull locknit, finished with lace round top, with leg which is form fitting. S.W., W. and O.S. Usually 2/11. **Treadway's Price 1/11.**

2/11 SCANTEES or VESTS ... 2/6

Lace trimmed scantees or vests, finished with large lace motifs, on flared leg on scantees and on front of vests. Sizes S.W., W. and O.S. In shades Coral, White, Sky, and Nile. Usually 2/11. **Treadway's Price 2/6.**

3/11 LACE TRIMMED UN'SKIRTS 2/11

Lace trimmed underskirts, daintily trimmed with lace motifs, tailored sides, ribbon shoulder straps. Sizes 34/40, 36/44, in Saxe, White, Sky, and Marina. Usually 3/11. **Treadway's Price 2/11.**

5/11 DULL LOCKNIT NIGHTS 3/11

Dull locknit night, in good quality fabric, large lace medallion across front, newest sleeve design, belt at waist. Full length fitting S.W., and W., all pastel tonings. Usually 5/11. **Treadway's Price 3/11.**

7/11 SPUN CHENE PYJAMAS 5/11

Spun chene pyjamas with new shaped front tunic, sleeves and neck edged with lace, tie at waist. Trousers have all elastic waist. S.W., W. and O.S. **Treadway's Price 5/11.**

12/6 SCANTEES or VESTS ... 8/11

Satin trimmed scantees or vests, in genuine dull lisdon, guaranteed ladderproof; scantees have all elastic waist, flared legs, daintily trimmed with large self colored satin motifs, and fine net edging. **Treadway's Price 8/11.**

14/6 SATIN TRIMMED SLIPS 10/11

Satin trimmed slips, to match scantees and vests, finished with the newest shaped brassiere top, and wide net edging right round hem. **Treadway's Price 10/11.**

27/6 SATIN GOWNS ... 19/11

Regent satin gowns, tailored fitting with the newest fancy revere collar, daintily embroidered. Inset sleeves, double cuffs, large wrap, inside tie, full length sash at waist. S.W. W. Pastel tonings. **Treadways's Price 19/11.**

6/11 IMPORTED BATISTE FROCKS 3/11

Imported batiste frocks, sweet little frocks, in white lawn showing the finest hand embroidering. Sizes 16in., 18in., 20in. Usually 6/11. **Treadway's 3/11.**

2/6 GIRLS' PANTETTES ... 1/-

Girls' pantettes, in heavy dull locknit fabric. Good elastic at waist. Assorted shades and sizes. Usually 2/6. **Treadway's Price 1/-.**

1/11 GIRLS' BLOOMERS or VESTS 1/6

Bloomers are double gussetted, and shirred waist and knees on good quality washing elastics. Vests are in round neck finish. All shades Sizes 3-5. Usually 1/11. **Treadway's Price 1/6** Sizes 7-9, Usually 2/6. **Treadway's Price 1/11.**

2/11 GIRLS' UNDERSKIRTS ... 2/6

Girls' dull locknit underskirts, in good quality fabric. Tailored sides, finished with dainty picot edging. Shades of Salmon, White, Sky, Marina. Sizes 34 to 32. Usually 2/11. **Treadway's Price 2/6.** Sizes 36-39, usually 3/11, **Treadway's Price 2/11.**

5/11 GIRLS' PYJAMAS ... 3/11

Girls' dull locknit pyjamas, tunic is daintily trimmed with contrast shades. Tie at waist, trousers have all elastic waist, and wide legs. In Salmon, Sky, Marina. Sizes 3 to 7. Usually 5/11. **Treadway's 3/11;** Sizes 9-13, usually 6/11 (in games points). Coburg 2—1 (16) pts. is next; and Northcote follows closely with 2—1 (16.)

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Newest design swim suits, in pure wool fancy knit, ¾ skirt, uplift bust, backless with tie at back. S.S.W., S.W., W. In Navy, Black, Nile, Blue, Red, and Maize. **Treadway's Price 8/11.**

TREADWAYS SMITH ST. C'WOOD

BEER AND BOOTS

CONVICTIONS AND DISMISSALS

A tale of football boots and bottles of beer was told at the Northcote Court on October 18 when Emily Lucy Dalton, of the Albion hotel, Northcote, and two men, Raymond Auchetti, tiler, Charles street, Northcote, and Claude McNamara, builder's laborer, of Union street, South Northcote, appeared before Mr. F. E. Addison, P.M., on several charges of breaches of the Licensing Act.

Mrs Dalton was charged with having persons on licensed premises during prohibited hours, and with trafficking in liquor on Sunday, August 21. The two men were charged with being found on licensed premises during prohibited hours, and with carrying away liquor from licensed premises on the above date.

The police evidence was given by First Constable Hewitt, who said that on the morning of the Sunday in question, the licensing police had the Albion hotel under observation. Witness saw two men walk towards the hotel. They were admitted through a gate in the paling fence, and within the same out a short time later, witness alleged that their clothes were bulging. Following the police, they ran back into the yard of the hotel. McNamara had one bottle of beer in his coat, and two bottles were lying on the ground. When the men first approached the hotel, Auchetti seemed to pass something small to Frank Dalton, husband of the licensee. When questioned in the yard, McNamara denied knowing anything about the beer, saying he had gone to the hotel to get a pair of football boots which he had left there on the previous day. McNamara had a pair of football boots in his possession when questioned by the police.

The licensee was not present at that time. According to the police, she was in another part of the building when the conversation took place between the three men and the police. All three refused to make any comment concerning the beer at that time.

The version of the defence given by the three men was to the effect that Auchetti and McNamara had called at the hotel for the latter's football boots as they were going to a football picnic at Donnybrook. McNamara had got the beer on the previous night when he was attending a party, and was taking it with him to the picnic. Auchetti, who had been away for about two months, shook hands with Frank Dalton, when the latter opened the door to them. No money was passed by either man to Dalton. The beer was not consumed on the hotel As a matter of fact, Dalton did not know anything about the beer until it was transferred to different pockets to accommodate the football boots. They were just walking out of the hotel when Dalton, seeing the police, called them back and told them to drop the beer in the yard.

The P.M. accepted the version that there was no traffic in liquor, and dismissed this case. He also dismissed two other cases, and fined Auchetti and McNamara £1 each for having carried liquor away from licensed premises.

CHESS

GREAT WIN BY NORTHCOTE CLUB

MAY WIN IN B GRADE

Without losing a game in the eight-board match against Social Circle, the Northcote Chess Club registered one of the best wins in its history. The match was played last week and Northcote's victory over the Northcote defeating Social Circle 7½-½.

With this win Northcote Chess Club has consolidated its position in the Inter-club Teams' Competition in which Malvern B leads with 2—0 on match points (15½ in games points). Coburg 2—1 (16½ pts. is next; and Northcote follows closely with 2—1 (16.)

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MR. T. W. BLAKE, who is contesting the East Ward seat at the extraordinary election for the Preston Council, to be held on November 3.

Activities At .... PRESTON

Egg Appeal

THE egg appeal in Preston on behalf of metropolitan hospitals and institutions shows a return of 9,305 eggs.

Complimentary Ball

THE committee interested in recognising the services of Mr. Cr. Adams and his wife has decided to entertain them at a complimentary ball.

False Alarms

ON Thursday of last week two false fire alarms were received at the Preston station, one from Spring and Cameron streets, and another from Birdwood and Regent streets. Again, at an early hour on Saturday morning, a call was received from the same corner.

New Billiard Table

PRESTON firemen are rejoicing at the advent of a new billiard table at the station in Rosberry avenue. An obvious practise is being indulged in, in anticipation of forthcoming competitions

Proposed New Municipal Works

RESERVOIR shopkeepers in High street are reported to be jubilant at the news that Preston Council contemplates proceeding with several new works, including an underground drain and new kerb channelling also concreting of footpaths in front of business places in the shopping centre of Reservoir.

Tennis Talk

SACRED Heart Tennis Club, Bell street, Preston, was well represented in the American tournament held recently in connection with the V.C.L.T.A. with a view of securing funds for the annual carnival. Mrs. Lumsden and Mr. Tom Gilbert, winners in this section, took part in the semi-finals at Sandringham. These two players were defeated by Joyce Wood, triple junior champion of Australia, and partner, after an interesting match. Preston was represented at the V.C.L.T.A. by Gwen Gilbert and Marie Herlihy and party. On Sunday, October 16 a round of the singles handicap events took place, and some of the games resulted in close finishes, including the defeat by the Rev. Fr. O'Rourke of Jim Gilbert by 10 games to 9; and Doris Dwyer's win at the expense of Gwen Gilbert by 10 games to 8. Enthusiasts at St. Raphael's are making a move with a view to forming a club.

Preston Anglers' Club

LAST week-end ten members of the above club paid a visit to Westborn and took part in a fishing competition. The ten good fishermen returned to Preston with a basket containing—three fish.

Old Heidelbergers

A number of people are laying claim to being the oldest former pupil of Heidelberg State School, and the committee is having a fairly difficult time in sorting out an extensive list. The oldest former pupil is being sought in connection with a "Back to School" afternoon on Saturday, November 19, in honour of Mr. J. Calder, the head teacher, who is on the eve of retirement. Mr. Moulder, a resident of Murray road, Preston, is a competitor in the event, and his age is given at 86.

Policemen and Revolvers

EIGHT Preston policemen are now in possession of revolver practice at Heidelberg range. This is an annual fixture, and each member conducts his own revolver "shoot." The contests obtaining the highest marks in each district, will shoot-off in Melbourne, when the champion marksman member of the force is the best shot. The winner receives a silver cup. Eight Preston constables are included in the Bourke district.

St. Raphael's Mothers' Club

CARD parties held at the homes of members associated with the above continue to gain in popularity, and the attendance on Tuesday evening last at Mrs. King acted as hostess at one, and Mrs. Campbell at another.

Fruit and Vegetable Shops in High Street

A decided improvement has been effected in High street, Preston, by the advent of Sct. C. Evans, particularly in the direction of shops where the sale of fruit and vegetables is carried on. For a long time the footpaths in front of such establishments have been used for the display of goods in cases, and much litter was distributed over the paths. Now, a change, and one decided for the better, has come over the scene, for Sct. Evans has issued instructions that all such obstructions must be removed from the footpaths.

Bell Street Improvements

AN underground drain is being laid down in Bell street, extending from Plenty road to High street as the first stage of modernising that section of Bell street. The work is being carried out under the supervision of Mr. Ben Johnson, City Engineer. It might be pointed out that while the work is being carried out, the council would please ratepayers in the neighbourhood if much-needed attention was paid to adjacent footpaths.

P.A.F.S.

LAST Saturday evening an enjoyable social was held in St. Luke's parish hall, North Fitzroy, under the auspices of the above organisation, which is represented by a strong body of members hailing from Preston, Reservoir, and district. The event took the form of a presentation night, and local girls were well to the fore in the list of prizes. Preston representatives were successful in annexing basket-ball and tennis contests, and trophies were presented to Miss Flo. Chirgwin, who received a tennis case, and Miss Thelma Rumbelow (handsomely polished book ends). Basketball trophies were awarded to Misses Melva, Joyce and Phyllis Dean, Mabel Green and Lorna Oliver. The trophies were handed over by Miss Jean Ericson, who made appropriate references as each prize was presented. A most enjoyable dance brought a successful social function to a close.

St. Raphael's Fete

COMPETITIONS at a fete held in aid of St. Raphael's Church were won by: Mrs. C. Diamond, trousseau; Miss E. Edgecumbe, linen box; Miss Russell, bed jacket; Mrs. Jeffrys, baby set; Mrs. McMullen, doll.

Preston Medical Report

DR. W. B. Heslop, acting medical officer to the City of Preston reports for September: — German measles very prevalent; Seasonal increase of infections causing respiratory diseases, e.g. common colds and consolation to the lungs, probably more than usual for September. Inspections of grocers', butchers' dairy produce shops and dairy premises; drainage, houses, stables and cowsheds. Taking of samples for analysis of the following foods — Sausages, rice, sultanas, dried fruit, meat, butter and jams.

Preston Municipal Band

ON Sunday last the band accompanied by two members of the general committee (Messrs W. H. Webber and R. J. Henry) visited Castlemaine. A recital was given in the afternoon in the Sports ground in conjunction with Thompson's Foundry Band (Castlemaine). At night an Afternoon Concert was given in the Town Hall. Soloists throughout the day were Miss Jean Love (vocal), Messrs H. Tierney and L. Toomey (cornet and trombone respectively). The proceeds of this outing were in aid of the Castlemaine Hospital Appeal.

Preston Branch A.N.A.

AT the next meeting of this branch in the Town Hall on Monday, November 7, Mr. J. Atkinson, one of Australia's leading speakers, will give an address on "Current Affairs." The public are invited to hear something worth-while. The branch now has a membership approaching the 900 mark, and the committee have their eyes on the 1,000.

Personal

On October 19, Miss Alma Elsie Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grant, of Tobin avenue, Northcote passed away at the age of 27.

The death occurred on October 19 of Mrs. Lucy Falconer, at Cain avenue, Preston. She was aged 74 years, and much of her life was spent at Walhalla. Two sons survive. The interment was made privately at the Kew cemetery.

Owing to indifferent health, Cr. Swain of Preston, has abandoned his projected visit to Torquay.

At the age of 78, Mrs. Annie Hodgson, George street, Reservoir passed away last week. She was the widow of Mr. O. Hodgson who died ten weeks ago, and there is a family of four left. The interment, in charge of Mr Ern Jensen, took place in Preston cemetery. Rev. R. Jackson, of South Preston Methodist Church conducting the service at the graveside.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Green, and Mr. and Mrs. May, of High street, Preston, spent the week-end and week-end in a car tour through Gippsland district.

OTHER SPORTING

RIFLE SHOOTING

Fourth stage. — First stage of Dickson Trophy. — Court 45-5-50; Nolan 46-2-48; Bradley 45-3-48; Sines 45-2-47; Colah 43-4-47; Bignell 45-2-47; Chynoweth 44-3-46; The V.R.A. medal was won by Mr. Wines.

PIGEON RACING.

Northcote (50). — J. Watt's b.b.h. 7.52.59, 1,093 1; E. W. Webber Bros' b.b.c. 8.8.53, 1,060, 2. R. Mancarrow's b.c.h. 8.12.48 1,048, 3.

"Mother, may I go and play with Tommy?" "No" was the answer. "I have just seen Tommy go by. Why don't you go and play with little Peter?" "I played with Peter yesterday, and I don't think he'll be well enough yet."

ROOMS WANTED

UNFURN. room, business lady. N'cote-Preston line. 22 Spring St., Preston.

NOTICES

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CHURCH NOTICES

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 follow:

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 Daily except Saturday, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

LODGE NOTICES

A.N.A. PRESTON South Branch No. 294. Join a Young Progressive Branch. T. W. Andrews, 1 Cooma St. Preston N.18.

Social Notes..

Engagements.

The following engagements were recently announced: —

Dorothy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerrard, Beaconsfield ave., Northcote, to Fergus Allen, second son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Browne, Gilbert road, West Preston.

Successful card party.

On October 20, Mrs. T. O'Keeffe, vice-president of the Northcote and Thornbury St. Vincent's Auxiliary, arranged a most successful card afternoon in the Northcote Town Hall. There was a splendid attendance of about 100, and over £30 was raised by this effort. Sweets were sold by Mrs. W. O'Reilly; and members of the auxiliary's social committee took charge of the tea arrangements. Forty tables were reserved, and a musical programme was contributed to by Mary Stewart, May Dickson, and Mrs. Hennessey, and Mrs. Thompson acted as accompanist.

The president of the auxiliary, Mrs. W. Jowett, thanked Mrs. O'Keeffe for her kindness and the great assistance she gave to the auxiliary.

Mayoral Activities.

During the week prior to the Northcote Mayoral Reception, the Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. J. W. French) attended the following functions: October 19, Mayoral reception at Caulfield and on October 20, Mayoral reception at Malvern.

On the afternoon of October 22 the Mayoress opened the fair at the Methodist Church hall, St. George's road, while in the evening, with the Mayor, she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. Pollock, at Wardrop House.

Social Evening At St. Mary's

(From a Correspondent.)

Wednesday evening, October 19 saw a scene of gaiety at St. Mary's Hall, North Preston, the occasion being a social evening tendered by Cr. T. Andrews to his committee and supporters for their efforts in securing his return at the recent city elections. About 400 guests were present and were welcomed by Cr. and Mrs. Andrews assisted by Mr. J. Clingin, (secretary East Preston Progress Association).

In opening the evening's proceedings, Mr. O'Meara briefly outlined the occasion, and on behalf of Cr. Andrews extended a welcome. Mr. L. Ouiton supported these remarks. Dancing was then commenced, and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent. Mr. Williams proved an efficient M.C. Between dances Mr. J. Bryce contributed two solos, and Miss Jean Hogan delighted with two elocutionary items.

Cr. Andrews welcomed the Mayor of Preston (Cr. Pike) who responded and said the East Ward had every reason to be proud of their representative (Cr. Andrews.) The Ivanhoe Blue Bird Harmonica Band (Mr. H. Deane, conductor) favoured with an item, and the applause which greeted this item, and also the other numbers given by the band during the evening was sufficient evidence that the assembly highly appreciated their contributions.

Cr. Andrews introduced Mr. Marsland, the Association's elected candidate for the coming extraordinary election in the East Ward, and that gentleman was applauded. In returning thanks, Mr. Marsland said, if elected, he would do all possible to support the other councillors in promoting the interests of the East Ward.

At this stage, Mr. H. P. Zwar, M.L.A. arrived, and was introduced by Cr. Andrews. The latter accorded him shaved the right esteem in which our State representative is held. Mr. Zwar expressed his pleasure at being present.

Cr. Andrews expressed the pleasure of himself and Mrs. Andrews at meeting so many of their friends, and trusted that they would all meet again under such happy circumstances. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought a most happy evening to a close.

PRESTON BRANCH R.S.S.I.L.A.

THE ANNUAL DINNER

The Town Hall, Preston, was crowded on Tuesday night, October 25 when the Preston Branch R.S.S.I.L.A. held its annual dinner. After the Loyal toast came that of "Life Guests and Visitors" proposed by the Mayor (Cr. Pike) who welcomed the "Dads" of whom he said the Preston branch was deservedly proud. The response was in the hands of Messrs J. Matthews and Howse. The latter said the Preston City Council was proposed by Mr. W. L. Mcdonald, who said that both the council and the branch had at all times worked harmoniously. On behalf of the council, Crs. Barling and Robinson thanked the speaker and fully supported his remarks. The toast to the League was given by Mr. A. B. Thompson, who said it was the duty of every Digger to belong to it. Mr. G. W. Holland responded.

Preston Council

The fortnightly meeting of the Preston Council was held on Monday. Present the Mayor (Cr. Pike) and Crs. Swain, Grey, Davis, Nisbett, Andrews, Barling, Moore, Coleman, Robinson and Croft.

Finance.

Accounts paid: Electric Light committee £6,268; Finance committee, £6,687.

Collections for past fortnight, £1,037, surplus of credits over total debits £13,263.

Public Works Committee

The North Ward Progress Association is to be informed that the necessary work in connection with channel and stagnant water in Spring street, between Edwardes and Ralph streets; and attention to entrance to the Reservoir railway station, and drainage of storm waters, will be carried out as soon as possible.

In regard to residents of Showers street complaining of wastage of heavy loads in that street, they are to be advised that council has the matter of constructing this street under consideration.

The Central Ward Progress Association will be informed that the city overseer has been instructed to have the footpath in Plenty road, between Price avenue and Rubicon street, trimmed up and given a coat of dust.

Mr. G. Brimblecombe and 10 others are to be informed that r-o-w at rear of their premises in Plenty road, between Wood and Thomas streets, is on the list to be constructed under private street construction, and will be made as soon as practicable.

The West Preston Progress Association is to be informed: —Attention to Gilbert road on the east side, from Regent street to May street will be given attention as soon as possible; construction of the Benambra street group of streets is held up pending legal decision; request for surplus soil from Benambra street group for filling on park lands at corner of Regent street and Gilbert road has been granted, that when a decision has been arrived at in regard to the construction of Oakover road, and also Spring street, they will be advised; that it is not the intention of the council to purchase land in Gilbert road, opposite Bruce street, for a park and playground.

The cleaning of a drain in Gower street, near the gasometer, was referred to the engineer for attention.

Committee of the Council

No appointment was made in regard to applications received for the position of assistant engineer.

It was decided that steps be taken to compulsorily acquire a piece of land known as Schaffer's, near the Technical School, between Jessie street and St. George's road.

In future all complaints re unmade rights-of-way will be referred to the city engineer to be referred to the estimates.

The council decided that it could not accede to the request of 17 employes of the Electric Light Department for restoration of 5/ margin over the basic wage.

In regard to the street sweeping contract, it was decided to defer acceptance for seven days in order to obtain a report from the engineer.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Cr. Davis moved that a r-o-w between Thomas and Wood streets be constructed under private street construction, and that the engineer prepare plans, apportionments etc.. Cr. Barling seconded the motion.—Carried.

Cr. Davis moved that the erection of danger sign at corner of High and Regent streets be referred to the P. W. committee. He said this week there had been three accidents there.—Carried.

Cr. Barling sought the erection of lights in Broadway, near Dr. Martin's surgery. E. L. committee.

Cr. Andrews asked for a traffic cop at the corner of Newcastle and Raglan streets; and a danger sign at corner of Higham and Dundas streets.—P. W. committee.

Cr. Andrews asked for additional lights at various points in the East Ward. — E. L. committee.

Cr. Swain moved that the lighting in the newly constructed section of St. George's road (between Jessie street and Murray road), be referred to the Pelletric Light committee to consider improvements. — Motion carried.

Cr. Swain said he had received complaints of there being parked for long periods in St. George's road in front of the Technical school.—P. W. committee.

Cr. Coleman nominated Cr. Robinson for appointment to the Finance committee, on which there was a vacancy. —Several councillors including the Mayor, suggested that the matter should be postponed until after the new councillor was elected; and an amendment was moved by Cr. Swain that the matter be deferred until after the election. Upon a vote being taken, the amendment was lost and the motion, appointing Cr. Robinson to the Finance committee, was carried.

Cr. Nisbett spoke of an easement along 209 Raglan street, and said the drain discharged into a pit. This blocked all hope of a car entrance to the property, and he asked that the drain be covered. — P. W. Committee. . .

Cr. Nisbett moved that repairs to the footpath, Dundas street, to cost £250, be carried out—Agreed to.

Cr. Grey moved that plans and specifications etc., be prepared for the construction of Sheffield street under private street construction. —Agreed to.

Cr. Moore moved that plans etc for the private construction of the Barton street group be prepared. —Agreed to.

Cr. Grey moved that tenders be called for the supply of a new motor lawn-mower, provision for which had been made on the estimates. — Agreed to.

Cr. Swain moved that for the construction of the Burgess street group under private street construction, the city overseer has been instructed to have the footpath in Plenty road, between Price avenue and Rubicon street, trimmed up and given a coat of dust.

Mr. G. Brimblecombe and 10 others are to be informed that r-o-w at rear of their premises in Plenty road, between Wood and Thomas streets, is on the list to be constructed under private street construction, and will be made as soon as practicable.

The West Preston Progress Association is to be informed: —Attention to Gilbert road on the east side, from Regent street to May street will be given attention as soon as possible; construction of the Benambra street group of streets is held up pending legal decision; request for surplus soil from Benambra street group for filling on park lands at corner of Regent street and Gilbert road has been granted, that when a decision has been arrived at in regard to the construction of Oakover road, and also Spring street, they will be advised; that it is not the intention of the council to purchase land in Gilbert road, opposite Bruce street, for a park and playground.

The cleaning of a drain in Gower street, near the gasometer, was referred to the engineer for attention.

Committee of the Council

No appointment was made in regard to applications received for the position of assistant engineer.

It was decided that steps be taken to compulsorily acquire a piece of land known as Schaffer's, near the Technical School, between Jessie street and St. George's road.

In future all complaints re unmade rights-of-way will be referred to the city engineer to be referred to the estimates.

The council decided that it could not accede to the request of 17 employes of the Electric Light Department for restoration of 5/ margin over the basic wage.

In regard to the street sweeping contract, it was decided to defer acceptance for seven days in order to obtain a report from the engineer.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Cr. Davis moved that a r-o-w between Thomas and Wood streets be constructed under private street construction, and that the engineer prepare plans, apportionments etc.. Cr. Barling seconded the motion.—Carried.

Cr. Davis moved that the erection of danger sign at corner of High and Regent streets be referred to the P. W. committee. He said this week there had been three accidents there.—Carried.

Cr. Barling sought the erection of lights in Broadway, near Dr. Martin's surgery. E. L. committee.

Cr. Andrews asked for a traffic cop at the corner of Newcastle and Raglan streets; and a danger sign at corner of Higham and Dundas streets.—P. W. committee.

Cr. Andrews asked for additional lights at various points in the East Ward. — E. L. committee.

Cr. Swain moved that the lighting in the newly constructed section of St. George's road (between Jessie street and Murray road), be referred to the Pelletric Light committee to consider improvements. — Motion carried.

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Free Dental Clinic For Preston

Arising from the series of meetings at Northcote under the auspices of the Northcote Housewives' Association, a meeting was held at Preston Town Hall on Tuesday, October 19 convened by the Preston Housewives, to forward their efforts towards achieving a free dental clinic for the Northern suburbs. Thoroughly representative, the meeting had delegates from Ivanhoe, Preston, and Northcote Housewives and Mothers' Clubs, A.L.P. Branches, C.U.C., and various other bodies. The president of Preston Housewives (Mrs. C. Humphries) invited the organising secretary (Miss Rose Josephson) to act as chairwoman; and the secretary tendered apologies from Mr. H. P. Zwar M.L.A. and several others.

In opening the main business, Miss Josephson outlined the various phases of the effort to secure a free dental clinic. A resolution was read which followed the tenor of the resolutions carried at Northcote.

Mrs. Saunders, of Northcote, gave a resume of the work done.

Mrs. Cuilen, also of Northcote, supported and supplemented the report.

Mrs. McColl from the Victorian Federation of Mothers' Clubs spoke of the interesting outline of the work of the Mothers' Clubs, and stated that the petition which they had drawn up and copies of which were available for all present—was going to have tremendous weight in the final claim for free dental treatment for all children in Victoria.

Mrs. McColl issued invitations to all to the Education Reform Association meeting at the Melbourne Town Hall that night; also to the Mothers' Club sessions at Preston on October 25.

Mr Tierney (Preston A.L.P.) suggested that the meeting should invite the Northcote Housewives Association to convene a meeting at an early date. This was agreed to, and the president, in conclusion, thanked all those who had, by their attendance, shown their interest in the welfare of the children.

In passing, it may be noted that this phase of public hygiene and health was dealt with at the recent meeting on National Insurance, convened by the Preston branch A.L.P. under the chairmanship of the then Mayor (Cr. G. H. Mott.) It was shown that free dental treatment should be a main part of any National Insurance scheme. All those interested are invited to put themselves in touch with the various Housewives' Branches. Unity being strength, much can be achieved towards securing a free dental clinic.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Sunday, October 30, there will be services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. A. T. Jones will be the preacher. In the evening memorial services will be conducted for the late Mr. William Harvey.

CRICKET

DISTRICT MATCHES

Northcote v Fitzroy

On the first day Fitzroy closed with 7/141. Northcote began poorly, but on resuming on Saturday settled down, and compiled a total of 245. Colin Miller carried his bat for 88, and the other main contributors were Fothergill 46, Thorn 46, and I. Miller 25. For Fitzroy Sievers 4/92, Campbell 3/39, Williams 2/22 and Frederick 1/41 took wickets.

In the time left for play Fitzroy, batting again, lost 3/42. Chivers 1/6, and Vernon 1/25 took wickets. Northcote won by 104 runs on the first innings, after having been in a seemingly hopeless position, for at one stage six wickets had fallen for 38 runs.

District Seconds

Fitzroy 140 (Faull 30 not out, Ruddell 24, Harvey 29, Liddicutt 22; Dickson 6/53, Holmer 3/28) and 7/113 (Black 41, McCracken 26, Harvey 22; Holmes 4/33) defeated Northcote 111 and 6/149 declared (Dickson 50 not out, Evans 37, Adamson 29; Ruddell 4/42).

District Thirds

Fitzroy 190 (De Vergier 95; Bennett 5, Anderson 3/47) defeated Northcote 150 and 1/45 (Barnett 20, Payne 24 not out) by 40 runs on first innings.

SUB DISTRICT

Preston v Port Melbourne

In reply to Port Melb.'s first innings score of 174, Preston with 3/56 resumed and carried the total to 149 (Whiffin 44, E. Gilbert 26, Rooney 25, N. Robinson 18; Brichthorpe 4/27, Payne 3/26, Woodruff 2/26). Batting again Port Melbourne at stumps had lost 3/150 (Brichthorpe 57, Dunn not out 52, Timms 33). Port Melbourne won on the first innings.

Sub-District Seconds

Port Melbourne 8/211 closed and 9/34 defeated Preston 9/72 closed and 170 (Downer 42, Short 31; Price 3034) outright.

LODGES

A.N.A. — Northcote 63 and 2/91 (R. Watkins 42 not out; J. North 7/54) defeated Preston 42 and 8/109 closed (H. Mitchell 33 J. North 33; S. Smith 6/31).

I.O.R., Second Grade—Brunswick 180 (Hand 82) v Northcote 159 (Kavanagh 54, Groves 32, Merrett 6/33.)

I.O.R. Junior Grade — Croxton R 186 and 51 (Evans 138; O'Neill 4/25, B. Lawry 4/41, Gregory 4/54) v Croxton A. 109 and 118 (Coleman 26, Charleston 25, Audley 9/86, Evans 8/98)

U.A.O.D.—Gwala 9/233 closed (Ward 120, Paulin 50; Davis 5/81) d Wangate 25 and 37 (Gardiner 8/24).

P.A.F.S.—Newmarket 232 (H. Chatterton 65, Hicks 74 not out; C. Seebeck 4/40) d Preston 54 and 162 (Lew Seebeck 36, L. O. Seebeck 22; R. Parker 7/37.)

Sons of Temperance —Preston 164 (R. Cameron 74, Walsh 40; Holmdahl 4/68) d Coburg 114 and 3/73 (Sheppard 37, Barber 30 not out; R. Cameron 6/22)

Sons of Temperance.—Northcote 93 and 3/98 (Robinson 61, Hannah 35; J. Raphael 6/23) d Thornbury 52 and 3/66 (J. Raphael 38 not out).

I.N.F. — Richmond 152 (Cook 39, O'Meara 27 not out; Davis 8/46, d Northcote 97 and 5/49 (Farrelly 10/50).

Northcote and Preston Churches

A Grade—West Preston Methodists 127 and 3/64 (Croisdale 15, Paddle 11 and 18, Thorpe 33 and 17 not out. Herbert 15 not out; J. Cheffers 4/24, E. Douglas 6/42, C. Taylor sen 1/31) d Thornbury Presbyterians 126 and 2/107 (J. Cheffers 37, H. Douglas 28 and 65, not out, N. Jordan 15, E. Baker 14; E. Croisdale 5/15, M. Nelder 3/30, W. Thorpe 2/21) by 11 runs on first innings.

B. Grade. — West Preston Church of Christ 140 and 5/64 declared (A. Scaife 48 and 13, Hilton 23, Ruttle 14, Straw 13 and 19 not out; Watson 3/51 and 4/27, Allan 3/29, R. Elsworth 2/27) d Thornbury Presbyterian 87 and 101 (Watson 31 not out and 10, J. Taylor 10 and 25, R. Davidson 24, J. Allan 16 not out, Hilton 6/56, R. Green 3/16, Straw 2/16) by 17 runs outright.

Northcote Church of Christ 9/124 declared and 166 (E. Bussard 25 and 33, L. May 43 not out and 44, V. Bussard 15, A. Arnott 16, H. Pigmin 12, R. Edwards 11; O. Wade 7/82, J. Black 4/49) defeated St. George's Road Methodists Footballers 93 and 3/34 (H. Wade 11, J. Duncan 10, J. Black 28, A. Duncan 20 not out; V. Buszard 3/35, A. Arnott 2/11, R. Edwards 2/29).

Sunday School Grade. — Thornbury Presbyterians 77 and 4/56 (Hotton 17 and 12 not out; D. Payne 16, J. Gardner 16 not out, Chas. Taylor jun. 12; A. Anderson 2/22 and 2/16, Burton 5/28, R. Barton 2/17) defeated Regent Presbyterians 70 and 56 (M. Hutchinson 4/23, R. Barton 24 not out; J. Gardner 3/17, Hotton 2/6, Chas Taylor jun 2/7. Hodgits 4/9 outright by six wickets and 7 runs.

JIKA CRICKET

DRAW AND UMPIRES FOR THIRD ROUND

The draw and umpires for the third round of matches commencing on Saturday October 31 are:

A Grade: Regent v Croxton United, Ludlow and Lack; Broadway Prestonite, Hellings and Collins; Bell Ramblers v Northcote Amateurs, Clayton and Mesdames Inglis, Watson, Selwood, Stewart (c.); Downie, James, McIntosh and Dahl (c.)

THORNBURY CLUB

Thornbury met M.C.C. and after a good game, M.C.C. won 103-91. Allen's rink had a good win 17-14, but the other three rinks were down. Cogle's rink lost 20-24, Rogerson's 26-14 and Landy's 34-19.

In Division 3, Section 4 Thornbury kept its end up, defeating Malvern 2 87-81.

In the three-fours competition, Thornbury 68 was successful against Moreland 62.

NORTHCOTE CLUB

Against Dandenong on Saturday Northcote could not get going, and although Davis' rink won 25-19, the other three rinks could not make the grade. Shaw's rink lost by only one point after a hard fight, the scores being 23-22; Brown's rink lost 20-33; and Catarinich's men had no luck at all, and were defeated 35-15.

The Northcote No. 2 team also had an off day, succumbing to Surrey Hills 3 91-88 after a close game.

BOWLS

PRESTON CLUB

THE PENNANT GAMES

Last Saturday pennant games resulted in mixed fortunes for the Preston teams. No. 1 team, having the bye, utilised the afternoon in excellent rink practice. No. 2 was unlucky to be defeated by Melbourne (Windsor) by four points; but No. 3 visited Box Hill and again "landed the bacon."

In these notes last week, on the No. 2 game, it was mentioned that at 15 ends in the Howe-Nicholls rinks the score was 15 all, and afterwards "the points went to Nicholls." This was incorrect the points going to the consistent Howe rink, and to them the honour of a win was due.

Howe was drawn against Kucks in the game against Melbourne, and held a slight lead until the 15th, when the loss of 4 gave Melbourne a point lead. Preston then took charge, and at the last end were 24-17, and lying shot when Kucks, with his last bowl, converted the score to 3 in his favour. Howe thus again entered the winning list 24-20 and Nicholls, with the remaining Maddons and Hunter fours had a great tussle. At the ninth Melbourne were 14-3, but in the next five ends Siddons collected two 5's, and gained a two-points lead. The last ten ends were evenly divided, the wile tussle finished 21-22. Snell had a narrow margin of 2 pts. over Franklin's four. An even game throughout, with the ends cut up 12-11 the righest bag "3" showed the calibre of the play. Unfortunately the record was not quite so good in the Lang-Bonney mill. Lang's four held the lead until the 10th, when Bonney collected 13 in the next three ends. The remainder of the play was more even, but Melbourne held its lead to win 22-23. The total points were: Melbourne 92; Preston 88.

No 3 team journeyed to Box Hill full of confidence and came home rejoicing. A nice win was ably contributed to by Ellie four. Going off with a rush, they had 16 up before Clark got a leg in, and he pulled up 3, 4, 0, 4, in the next four ends. Singles each side was the vogue until Ellig collected a 4 at the 24th, and won 31-19. Ross also came home a winner. His four gained 15 ends against their opponents' 10, but there were no big figures in the bunch. Totals were equal at the 18th, but Ross again went ahead to win 23-19. McIntosh also had a good game against Penn, and maintained a lead throughout. Twelve's were helpful, and 20-17 assisted in placing the team on top. Carthew was able to maintain an early lead right up to the last end when a 5 reversed the position, and his rink finished 25-25. Rather unfortunate after pegging along in front, and feeling very cheerful, Preston won 56-50, and it is to be hoped that they will continue with the good work.

The result of the day's play gave Ellis 4 pts in the Flag race, and Howe and Ross 12 pts each. Rink winners were: Howe (spoons), Snell, Ellis (spoons), Ross and McIntosh.

Another Win for the Ladies

The B team (ladies) scored a very substantial win against Box Hill by 52-22. By a coincidence the result was identical in each rink, viz 26-11. The winners were:

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O'Connor; Thornbury v Sherry Socials, Kirton and Longchee; Dennis v Preston Bachellers, Gray and Gilbert; Northcote Juniors, Footballers, McMahon and D. R. Porter.

B. Grade: Braithwaite v Rosebery, Shanahan and Canavan; Northcote P.A.F.S. v Preston Footballers, Howard and Sinclair; Bigby v Preston Stars, Digby and Rhodes; Strathalan v Clifton, Melling and Burns; Ajax v East Preston, Juteau and Fisher; Excelsior Insts v Excelsior 2nds, Patrick and Cannaway.

C. Grade: Preston Bachellers v Northcote Junior Footballers, Turnham and Hastings. Reserve: P.A.F.S. v Preston Druids, Simmonds and Myers; Preston Imperials v Northcote A.O.F., Loughlin and Baker; Northcote Excelsior v Gloucester Socials, O'Brien and Knee'l; East Northcote v Preston I.N.F., Hartley and O'Keefe; Scouts v Leeds, Thompson and Hancock; Preston Southern A. v East View, Jewett and Clarke; Broadway Socials v Attevo & Sons, Fricke and Cooper.

Emergencies: Cranston, A. A. Porter, Morgan. Umpires are requested to telephone JU 1008 at once if unable to officiate.

RESERVOIR NOTES

A memorial service in memory of Mrs. Moulden was held in St. George's Church of England on Sunday. The vicar, Rev. R. McCoy, Th. L. preached a special sermon.

A resident of Rest street on Thursday night, while motoring down High street, in endeavouring to miss a stray dog, swerved on to the footpath and crashed through the window of Mr. Hewitt's grocery shop. The driver was uninjured.

Owing to pressure of work, Mr. E. Hardie has resigned the secretaryship of the Methodist Men's Club. Mr. H. Moodie has been elected to the vacancy.

Mrs. Jupp, of Ralph street, the wife of Ex-Cr. H. Jupp, has been operated on successfully, and is now convalescent.

The panel of the North Ward Progress Association is meeting the panel of the West Preston Progress Association to discuss ways and means of securing an extension of the tram from Regent street to Edwardes street.

Successful working bees have removed the fence around the Church of England and erected a new fence to harmonise with the new church.

Mr. Heathcote M.A., senior inspector of schools, is inspecting Tyler street State school. Mr. Fryer, the head teacher, has returned to duty after acting as the teachers' representative on the Board of Appeals, in place of Mr. R. Smith, who is ill.

The St. George Sunday School has initiated a new idea in the holding of a kindergarten school every Sunday morning. Fifteen scholars met the teachers, Misses Tollins and Clinnick.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Everlasting Punishment" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon at all churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, October 30. The golden text is from Micah 7. 8 "He holdeth not retained mine anger forever: because he delighteth in mercy." (Jeremiah 31:34). The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science Text-book "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Through repentance, spiritual baptism, and regeneration, mortals put off their material beliefs and false individuality . . . There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ in divine Science shows us this way." (Page 242.)

Mr. H. L. Williams, who has been teller at the E. S. & A Bank Northcote, for the past six years has been appointed officer-in-charge of the Moonee Ponds branch of the bank, and will commence his new duties on October 31. Mr. Williams will be succeeded at Northcote by Mr. D. H. Taylor from Echuca.

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SPRING CARNIVAL EVENTS DISCUSSED

The Leader-Budget are pleased to announce that they have arranged with one of Australia's best known owners, Mr. W. McDonald, noted in Victoria and New South Wales as the owner of one of Australia's greatest milers, Winooka, to provide a series of racing articles.

A keen student of form in both states, and a frequent visitor to all important carnivals and many ordinary fixtures, Mr. McDonald has a sound knowledge of the form of all the horses which will be engaged in the principal events to be run within the next fortnight—V.R.C. Derby, Cantala Stakes, V.R.C. Melbourne Cup, V.R.C. Oaks, and the Weight-for-Age events.

His discussion on the main events and his selections for them are reproduced below.

Mr. McDonald says: "Commencing with the Derby, to be run on October 29, my survey of the field forces me to nominate Mr. C. B. Kellow's great colt—Nuffield—as the probable winner.

It must be borne in mind, however, that he is meeting a far better field than in the A.J.C. Derby With the exception of Acolus, the remainder of the field in the A.J.C. classic were not even a good handicap class; but in the Victoria Derby, horses like Kingdom, Brethren, Tempest and Fort Regal (particularly the latter, who I understand has been specially nicked up for the this event) offer stern opposition. Still, the green and gold colours carried by Nuffield's jockey, and incidentally, the colours of Northcote, will, in my opinion, be the first to salute the judge. Fort Regal is a good place investment.

The L.K.S. McKinnon Stakes, run on the same day as the Derby, will again in all probability be a match between Ajax and Royal Chief. One mile and a quarter on Flemington's long stretches will admirably suit the New Zealander, and you can take my word for it, that he will be at Ajax's girth at the distance. That, however, is as close as he will get to Ajax, running at all kindly, will win it.

The Cantala Stakes, to my mind, presents a match between Ena, very favourably handicapped at 8.1 and if he is started and fit again, Nightguard.

For the big event, the Melbourne Cup, I look to Royal Chief, definitely a good stayer, to beat Nuffield. Good outside chances must be given to Gay Knight, whose third in the Moonee Valley Cup is an indication of a return to form. As a distinct each way possibility, I give you Son of Aurus, whose feather-weight of 8.12 gives him a definite chance.

The Oaks certainly looks like going to the Victorian-owned Lady Montague, winner of the Caulfield Stakes and other events. "Act" Murray, her trainer, discussed the form of several Sydney fillies with me, particularly that of Talkalot. Good opinion that I hold of Talkalot, it is not unreasonably high to justify her selection to finish in front of Lady Montague.

Though I did not intend dealing with the Maribyrnong Plate on Derby Day, it may interest readers to know that J. T. Jamieson considers Mrs. J. C. Lanck's colt, Esperanto, is definitely going to be the best horse he has ever trained. Just how good many of the other runners in this event are, it is impossible to say. Coming from Jamieson's wide experience, an opinion like this is sufficient for me to have my little bit on Esperanto. However, the Plate has often proved a trap to punters, and I say—tread warily.

Regarding the various w.f.a. races outside the L.K.S. McKinnon Stakes After seeing Ajax at Moonee Valley in the W. S. Cox Plate, I don't think he will be beaten in any event for which his trainer, F. Musgrave, saddles him up. I say this even should Musgrave start him in the C. B. Fisher Plate run over two miles. Anybody who had seen Royal Chief so easily run down Buzalong (winner of the Caulfield Cup) in the Metropolitan, and then seen Ajax so strikingly lower the New Zealander's colours, could not fail to nominate Ajax as the outstanding racehorse in Australia.

You may be certain that Musgrave will take no risks with this horse, and even if started in a six-day race, would be fit to run it out to the finish.

To sum it all up my selections are—

VICTORIA DERBY—Nuffield to win; Fort Regal for a place.

L.K.S. MCKINNON STAKES. — Ajax; Royal Chief.

CANTALA STAKES. — Ena; Nightguard

MELBOURNE CUP — Royal Chief; Nuffield and Gay Knight or Son of Aurus.

THE OAKS. — Lady Montague, Talkalot.

MARIBYRNONG PLATE. — Esperanto.

BATTALION NOTES

Regimental activities are always many and varied at this time of the year. The training is carried out along lines to prepare for the annual military camp of six days, which this year will be from January 23 to January 30. It has been said that the N.C.O. is the backbone of the army, and it is certainly true that good N.C.O's. are most necessary for the efficiency of the troops. We are fortunate in having in the Regiment N.C.O's. who by their natural ability and devotion to training, have earned the stripes they carry on their arms. Their training must however, be constantly maintained. Last week 20 of the N.C.O's. spent the week-end at Greensborough, where, under the direction of the Adjutant, Lieut. H. K. Oxley, Staff Corps, they were instructed in new and interesting tactical work. The week-end's instructions concluded with a practical exercise of an attack with troops.

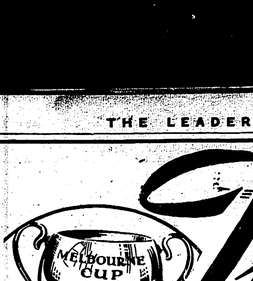
Regimental Dance. — In the Preston Drill Hall a Regimental Dance was held on Saturday, October 22. Officers, N.C.O's. and men attended this function, and all had an enjoyable night.

We regret that we have lost one of our officers, Capt. E. H. Brown who has left the state to take up a position in Adelaide. Capt. Brown has for some time commanded the Regimental Signal Section, and being the Signal officer of the Brigade, was responsible for directing the training of the Signal Sections from the 58th and 59th Battalions as well as our own on those occasions when the three signal sections were brigaded for a week-end exercise. In addition to this, Capt. Brown has carried out the duties of Publicity Officer of the Regiment since the creation of this position.

A new officer has joined the Regiment, Lieut. W. S. Howard. Capt. Brown's departure has resulted in a new appointment as Signal Officer, and Lieut. Howard will fill this position. Young and enthusiastic, Lieut. Howard will be a worthy successor to Capt. Brown as commander of the Signal Section.

WORKSHOP DESTROYED: MONEY SAVED.

A fire broke out on Saturday afternoon at a workshop and woodshed at the house occupied by Mr. A. Tanner, Northcote street, Northcote The shed and a quantity of tools were destroyed. Mr. Tanner recovered from the debris four tobacco tins which contained £22 in notes, and which were undamaged. He had been saving the money for an Xmas trip. The loss is estimated at £40. An adjoining fence was also damaged.



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THREE ENTRIES EACH SELECT FIVE WINNERS

Apparently the Moonee Valley Cup meeting held few difficulties for the entrants in the 36th Westgarth Racing Competition, for no fewer than 49 named four winners or over. As the competition was conducted on the first seven races only, this was remarkably good. Three entries each selected five straight-out winners and two unplaced horses each.

First and second entries each had the following winners: Merry Smile (9/4 on), Jehu (9/2) Ajax (2/1 on), Ortelle's Star (4/1), and Esperanto (7/1 on). Both had named Rival Chief as the 7th race selection, but in the second they had Suzaire and Anne respectively.

The third winning entry selected the following: Merry Smile (won), Manda (won at 6/1), Rhymester (unplaced). Ajax (won), Ortelle's Star (won), Esperanto (won), Rival Chief (unplaced). The fourth entry selected four winners and a second and third. The winners were in the first four races. Altchenger ran second in the Moonee Valley Cup at 7/1, and Ei Ree ran also at 7/1 in the second division of St. Alban's Handicap for colts and geldings. The only unplaced horse in the fourth entry is Rival Chief.

The 37th Westgarth Racing Competition will be decided on Derby Day at Flemington on Saturday, October 29. It there should be a dividend, it will be declared on the last dotted line. The points and conditions will be the same as in previous competitions.

No entry received after 12 noon on Saturday, October 29 will be eligible. Cut out the entry form, and after filling it in, bring or post it in an envelope marked "Westgarth Theatre Racing Competition", "Leader-Budget" Office, 481 High street, Northcote, N 16. Entries can be left at Theatre.

For the convenience of readers and patrons, racing entries may be left at the theatre. They will be collected at noon.

FLEMINGTON: DERBY DAY

ENTRY FORM No. 37

1st race .. ..
2nd race .. ..
3rd race .. ..
4th race .. ..
4th race .. ..
6th race .. ..
7th race .. ..
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NAME .. ..

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THE "FOOTBALLERS' TREE"

Sports Colours of Northcote and Essendon

The secretary of the Royal Horticultural Society (Mr. R. V. Mattingley) when inspecting the exhibits at the spring flower show at the Melbourne Town Hall, was confronted with an unusual greenhouse plant. It was called "Maranta Portiana Variegata," but he very aptly christened this jawbreaker "The Footballers' Tree."

Northcote's green and gold are the colours on the upper side of the leaves, whilst Essendon's rich red and black are found on the underside of them. The exhibit came from the garden of Mrs. T. G. Jones of Ripponlea.

TALKING TALKIES

GANGSTER STORY

Edward G. Robinson brings all his artistry to the role of Joe Krozac, gangster, killer, and criminologist, of "The Last Gangster" and the result is a portrayal which for sheer power and dramatic effectiveness has not been equalled even by the actor's own "Little Caesar," of some years back. In "The Last Gangster" we have the picture of a domineering, ruthless, unscrupulous car—a man who has beaten rival crooks and got away with it, a man who has laughed at judges, and got away with it, a man who recognises no power greater than his own. When his doom finally falls and he is sent to serve ten years in prison for income tax evasion, he is like a child in an unknown world. It is this man whom Robinson brings to life with that unerring instinct for making a human being out of a screen shadow.

The story is given even greater emotional impact in its narrative of the wife and child who have been left behind when Joe Krozac is sent to prison. Hounded by sob sisters and newspapermen, the harrassed gangster's wife is befriended by a reporter whom she eventually falls for. Her divorce from Krozac. When the gangster finally is released from prison, it is the reporter who is the wife and the man whom he thinks of as having stolen his child. It is the ultimate understanding of the child's clean new environment and his own unfitness to be the child's father that leads the picture to its stirring climax.

NO DOG'S LIFE FOR HIM

Lighting jun, a dog, a German shepherd—but he doesn't lead a dog's life because he is a movie star. His latest film is "Mystery House," a Warner Bros. thriller. Lightning jun was born a year and a half ago, right into the lap of luxury. His father was the famed movie star Lightning, and his owner was Earl Johnson, who liked Lightning jun and planned to star him in pictures. So he lived in a beautiful built kennel, ate the best meats and bones, and was allowed to laze his first year of life away. Then his training began. Johnston taught him all the things a movie dog must do. Then Johnson took his new star along as "stand-in" and double to Lightning sen. In this way the

THE FUNNIEST EVER

"Built for laughing purposes only," is the comment of Irving Cummings anent his latest picture "Merry-Go-Round of 1938."

"Never so much fun in my life" he continued. "I knew when I agreed to direct the picture, that it would be funny, but I never anticipated one-tenth of the crazy antics that all-comic cast would do." In addition to the crazy antics of the "Four Horseman of Hilarity," (Auer, Sevo, House and Lahr), "Merry-Go-Round of 1938" presents musical numbers by Harold Adamson and Jimie McHugh; specialty dances arranged and staged by Carl Randall; the sensational appearance of 4½ years old Beverly Ann Welch, Dave Apollon and his orchestra, and numerous other surprising innovations.

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ACTIVITIES OF NORTHCOTE BRANCH

The general meeting on Monday October 10 was well attended, and it is gratifying that interest is being maintained. Several matters of a domestic nature were discussed.

The debating representative announced that the debating team would be competing in the semi-final on November 7 in the Memorial Hall, and invited all interested, ...d as many members as possible, to attend and give their moral support to the team.

The cricket team has had another win, beating Sunshine. Scores: Northcote 199 and 3/34 d Sunshine 141 (R. Lyons 46 and 5/31, C. Donohue 41; Callender 30). Next match is against South Melbourne, and bus leaves Memorial Hall at 1.55 p.m. sharp.

The Ladies' Committee wish members' wives to note the change in date for the next meeting, due to Cup Day falling on the day usually set apart for it. Announcements of this and other social events appear regularly in the amusement columns of this paper.

Members' Night on November 5 will be the last for the year, on December 3 is President's Night, for which invitations are now being issued.

Ex-soldiers, do your duty. Join the League, and help it to help you.

VAGRANCY CONVICTION QUASHED

In the Court of General Sessions on Friday last, Judge Richardson allowed an appeal by Bertram William Brunton, Peel street, Northcote, laborer, who was convicted at the Northcote Court of Petty Sessions on September 16 on a charge of vagrancy, and sentenced to 21 days' imprisonment. The conviction was quashed.

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NORTHCOTE WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS

Northcote And Thornbury Baby Health Centres

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To bring Australia into line with other parts of the world, over 17 years ago, Sister Peck gained sympathetic support in Richmond for the establishment of a baby health centre. She had the idea that much suffering could be alleviated, and many lives of both mothers and babies could be saved if proper care and ante-natal attention were available. Afterwards, both mothers and babies could attend a centre where advice could be obtained on the management of babies, treatment of their ailments, feeding, clothing and hygiene. After a long and hard struggle, the centres became established, and were carried on with enthusiasm and even popularity by a growing list of mothers who attended regularly when they discovered what a relief it was to have correct advice from a sympathetic sister. Mrs. C. O. White was another enthusiast, and the work of welfare was taken up by Mrs. S. Dennis, who worked assiduously for the establishment of a centre in Northcote.

Now Dr. Vera Scantlebury is the Director of Infant Welfare in Victoria, and Sister Peck is assistant-director. There are more than 175 centres in Victoria, and the attendances for 1937 were 491,000. The development of the normal child is studied, and Infant Welfare is a registered course for nurses—a certificate being obtained for passing examinations at the conclusion of a four months' course. At present 586 nurses have passed this examination, and are holding positions at centres and institutions.

Seventeen years ago, Mrs. C. O. White, of the Welfare Department, through the efforts of Cr. Angus McDonell, was introduced to the Northcote Town Council. Mrs. White's mission was to gain the support of councillors for the establishment of a Baby Health Centre in Northcote. Later on, the councillors, after they had assimilated the idea, decided to establish a centre, more or less as a trial. They were dubious as to its necessity, as it entailed a large expenditure,—but the government was to assist, and the day was won, and they decided to carry on. A property alongside the Town Hall, in High street, Northcote, was made available, and in 1923 was opened by Dr. Constance Ellis, and here work was begun in a small way. Sister Bowe was in charge and the centre began work in earnest. Mothers with sick babies came for free advice, and later to have their babies weighed regularly so they were sure progress was continuous. Proper feeding, hygiene and clothing were explained and regularity of habit was impressed upon the mothers. The sister visited cases who could not attend the centre, and also expectant mothers—and so kept in touch with them before and after birth, till the babies were two years old. Sister Bowe was followed by Sister Simcock in 1925, and she continued till 1930 when Sister Stafford was appointed.

The work at the Northcote centre developed quickly, and individual attendances for the first year were 2,764. In 1926 Sister Becker was added to the staff to help with the work; and in 1923 to make the Thornbury visits more central another centre was temporarily opened in Normanby Hall, Thornbury, by Lady Foster and in 1927 the Northcote City Council erected the Thornbury Baby Health Centre in Clarendon street, and it was opened by Lady Somers, wife of the then State Governor, and the activities transferred from Normanby Hall. Sister Jones replaced Sister Becker three months after her appointment.

Again needing expansion, in 1928 the Northcote Council purchased the two-storey home of the late Mr. Joshua Pitt, on the corner of Hastings street and Oldis avenue, and the Northcote Baby Health Centre was housed on the ground floor. The grounds were beautified, and the building was altered, improved and renovated to accommodate the Centre sisters. In the same year another scheme matured—that of the Northcote Creche, for which Mrs. Dennis and an enthusiastic committee of ladies were responsible. This organisation took possession of the upper storey of the building, and there were now two Welfare Centres under the one roof.

Under the guidance of Sister Stafford, the work of the Northcote and Thornbury Centres progressed. She has been ably assisted since 1935 by Sister Becker and a car is provided so that the home visiting can be done more expeditiously.

In June, 1933 at the suggestion of Sister Stafford, a Mothers' Club was brought into being, and Dr. Younger Ross and Miss Christine Heinig of the Columbia University, New York City, addressed the 150 mothers present. Each month on the second Thursday the mothers meet and are given an address for half an hour, and then questions are answered. This is helping considerably, and the mothers attend with interest as the subjects are chosen to appeal to the majority. The office-bearers of the club are, president, Mrs. J. H. Green, vice-president, Mrs. White; secretary, Mrs. Dean; treasurer, Mrs. Greenlands, committee, Mesdames Lucas, Edmunds, Walker and deSarcourt.

Finance is no worry to the executives of the centres, as the Northcote City Council and the Government grant share with the burden. Attendances increase annually; for the year ending June 30, 1938 individual attendances were—Northcote 5,294; Thornbury 5,216. Birth notifications, Northcote 258; Thornbury 309; individual babies at centres: Northcote 519; Thornbury 616. These figures are lower than the previous year because of the infantile paralysis epidemic, and more visiting was done to the homes by the Sisters, but the general health was better. 415 new babies were registered, and 1,352 visits made to homes. Voluntary helpers are doing excellent work at both centres in the weighing department.

The Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. J. W. French) is ex officio president; other offices being: vice-president, Mrs. A. McAdam; secretary, Mrs. S. Dennis; treasurer, Mrs. A. Thomson; committee, Mesdames Bartle-Ryan, M. C. Jones, W. Olver, J. J. Ryan, J. A Thomson, J. Sutch, A. V. Peters and J. H. Green; delegates to Central Council: Mesdames S. Dennis and Bartle-Ryan; Misses in charge, Misses Stafford and Beer; voluntary helpers Mesdames Fraser, Greenlands, Dean, Edmunds, White, Smith, Walker and Love.

Thus are the future generations in Northcote being tended to make healthy, happy and prosperous citizens.

MUST PAY FOR ENLARGEMENT

OF WIFE'S WEDDING PHOTO

After hearing both versions, the bench at Northcote Court on October 18 decided that D. Austin of Wellington street, Clifton Hill, did order an enlargement of his wife's wedding photo from Cyril Stevens Studios Pty Ltd., of High street, Thornbury, in December, 1936, and made an order for the amount claimed.

The complainant alleged that photos of a wedding group had been taken by him for the defendant, and had been paid for. An order for an enlargement was given on delivery of the photos, and Austin paid 10/ deposit.

It was agreed, so the complainant said, that the finished enlargement was to remain in the Stevens' show window for six weeks, after which time defendant would call for it and pay a balance of £2/13/. He had failed to do so.

The bench made an order for £2/13/, payable at 10/ per month. Costs against defendant

Is A Tram Shunt A Major Street?

The motor-cycle patrol, which was stationed on September 24 at the intersection of St. George's road and Barkley street, North Fitzroy, observed four vehicles crossing this intersection without stopping. Both streets carry electric trams, and are therefore major streets. Motorists approaching the intersection are supposed to bring their vehicles to a complete stop. Those who failed to obey the regulations were Douglas Taylor McKenzie, of Mitchell street, Northcote, who was fined 10/; Alfred Thomas Webb, of Rathdown street, North Carlton, and Thomas Ireland, of Wakanui street, Northcote, who were each fined 10/; and Alfred Goodsir, of Bundle street, North Melbourne, was fined £1.

The amounts of the fines were apparently fixed in proportion to the speed at which the defendants passed over the intersection. All four pleaded ignorance of the alleged fact that Barkley street is a major street, as the tram used only as a shunt.

The cases were heard at the Northcote Court on October 18.

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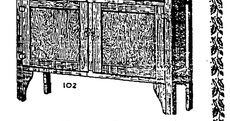

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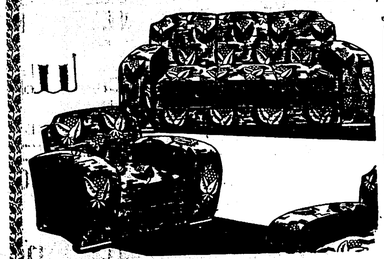

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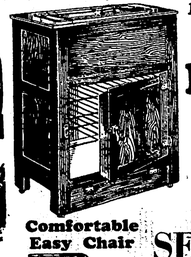

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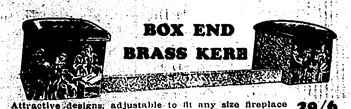

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Every class of garden will be catered for and valuable prizes will be offered.
Full particulars may be held on application to the Hon. Sec. Mr. W. BEATTIE, 138 Smith Street, Thornbury.
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DANGEROUS SPEED

According to Constable Morgan of the motor-cycle patrol, defendant, William E. Wilkes, of St. George's road, Northcote, was driving a sedan car on September 9 at the rate of 40 to 45 miles an hour when he crossed the intersection of St. George's road and Barkley street. Without slackening speed, he passed a school in St. George's road, where a number of children were standing at the kerb. He accelerated to 50 miles per hour before the patrol caught up with him, and at this speed he passed a couple of side streets.

Wilkes pleaded guilty to a charge of speeding at the Northcote court on October 18. He said he had been driving for 15 years, and had not a black mark against him. The bench imposed a fine of £3.

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VAN CRASHES INTO PETROL PUMP

A new electric pump was smashed at its base in front of Rose's garage, in High street, Northcote on Monday afternoon when a butcher's van, owned by R. N. Scott mounted the footpath. Nobody was injured. In addition to the broken petrol pump, the van was seriously damaged, and a quantity of petrol was lost.

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE

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APPLICATIONS addressed to the Electrical Engineer, Town Hall, Northcote, closing 12 noon, Friday, 4th November, are invited for the position of METER TESTER in the Electric Light Department.
Award Rates at present £5/7/6 per week.
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NORTHCOTE COURT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

Before Mr. F. E. Addison P.M and Messrs W. J. Holden and A. E. Theisz J's P

Forgot Their Lights.

Two motorists were each fined 10/ for driving cars after dark without headlights burning. Both had effective lights—when they were switched on. The defendants were Gervase Brady, of Barnett street, Kensington, and Colin Clifford Plum; of Arthurton road, Northcote.

Failed to Stop.

Failure to bring their vehicles to a complete stop before entering the intersection of St. George's road and Barkley street, North Fitzroy, two major streets, on September 9, resulted in two motorists being fined 15/ each. In each instance the informant was Constable Morgan of the motor-cycle patrol.

EXCEEDED SPEED LIMIT

Motorists who travel along major streets should approach minor street crossings at such a rate of speed as will enable them to stop in case of sudden danger, such speed being fixed by the traffic regulations at 25 miles per hour.

According to the motor-cycle patrol at the Northcote Court on October 25, Walter James Marriner, of Gertrude street, Fitzroy, travelled along St. George's road on September 6 at double that speed. He was followed by the patrol for a quarter of a mile at 50 miles an hour.

Marriner pleaded guilty to exceeding the speed limit, and was fined £2.

BOY SCOUTS

1st PRESTON TROOP

A group of 30 scouts and cubs spent a pleasant Saturday afternoon at South Morang, playing games and passing tests. A.C.M. Booth, who has a farm there, gave the boys a helping hand, and supplied them with the necessary material for their tests. A set of boxing gloves has been donated to the troop by a senior scout, H. Rackham, who has instructed many scouts in boxing. The district competitions are to be held shortly, and scouts are preparing for the various tests, which are: First Aid, Signalling, Pioneering, Tent-pitching, Billy-boiling and a 10-mile Hike.

IVANHOE GOLF CLUB

Saturday's results:—
Bogey: plus 1 A. B. Ballard (14); square E. S. Impey (14); square L. Harlem (18); minus 1 W Money (18), minus 2 F. Benson (13).
Sunday, October 23, Stableford —38, E. S. Impey (16); 35 G. Moore (16); 34 A. Heath (16); 34 F. Elkner (20).
On Saturday next the competition will be a Stableford for the S. Moore trophy.
On Saturday, November 26 a match will be played, Diggers v The Rest.

Dr. W. H. Steel and Mrs. Steel of Preston, have returned after spending a most enjoyable trip abroad.

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' HARRIERS

The Northcote High School Old Boys Harriers club is again in training at the Northcote Cricket Ground. The new season for track and field athletics will open with a grand parade and also the presentation of last season's premiership pennants on Saturday, November 5. In view or the increased interest shown in the recent Schools' Championships, and with the vision of the Olympic Games in 1940 ahead, there is every indication that the 1938-39 V.A.A.A. track meetings will attract a large and enthusiastic following.

The Northcote H.S.O.B. Harriers Club enters its third season with the V.A.A.A. and due to their success in competitions last season, will be promoted to E grade, a rise of three grades in three seasons. In order to cope with the club's increased membership, a reserve team has been entered in G grade. The club is training on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, between 5.45 and 6.30 p.m., and members are in the capable hands of the club's new coach, Mr. R. McNab, a former professional sprinter.

Officials in charge of the club for the year are as follows: — President, Mr. F. W. Johnson, B. Sc.,; vice-presidents, Cr. W. Olver J.P., Messrs A. J. Hopton, A. G. Martin, F. E Collings, W. M. Houston, R. W Pritchard; treasurer and assistant secretary, Mr. W. G. Joyce; secretary, Mr. R. H. Jones; social secretary, Mr. M G. Heller; delegates to V.A.A.A., Messrs G. R. Cutts and R. H. Jones; committee Messrs C. A. Woolcock, E. A. Greig, E. J. Twomey; Patrons, Mr. S. Joyce and Mrs. Greig; coach, Mr. R. McNab.

Anyone desirous of joining the Harriers Club is asked to communicate with the secretary at 5 Maude street, Ivanhoe, immediately. Events covered by the club are sprint running, middle distance running, field games, walking and relay racing.

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