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HIGH STREET IS "DEAD EASY" FOR SHOP LIFTERS

13 Charges Against Two Youths

The alertness of Mr. S. W. Rowlands, manager of F. Rowlands and Co. of High street, Northcote, resulted in two young men appearing before the Northcote Court on November 22 on charges of shop-lifting which covered a period of two years, and which were perpetrated in High street, Northcote, and in the city. If Mr. Rowlands had not followed the two youths, Joseph Thomas Patrick Heffernan, married, wicker worker, 19 years of age, of Eville street, South Melbourne and William Spense (also known as William Hector Hollow), 17 years of age, of Little Tribe street, South Melbourne, several Northcote and city stores would not have recovered their property. Thirteen charges were preferred against the two youths as a result of Mr. Rowlands following them out of his own shop and watching them down High street on November 12.

According to the police it was alleged that the four shop-liftings in High street were the outcome of a suggestion by another youth who said that "Shop-lifting in High street is 'dead easy'." Apparently it wasn't!

The charges referred against both defendants were the theft of a silver watch valued at 12/6; of a similar article valued at 12/6 from Tharratt's; one shirt from H. Clack's store valued at 5/4; and two shirts valued at 9/10, the property of Woolworth's.

Hollow, this being the younger defendant's correct name, was also charged with the theft of a silk shirt valued at 5/11 from Woolworth's, in Bourke street, Melbourne; while Heffernan had four other charges preferred against him, viz., stealing a shirt valued at 10/6 from London Stores, Bourke street; two shirts from Mackenzie Kirkwood, Bourke street, valued at 11/1; a pair of cricket gloves valued at 35/ from Edgar Main Sports depot, Block Arcade, city, and a blow-lamp from McPherson's Pty. Ltd., Collins street, city, valued at 14/6. The dates of the last two charges were twelve months and two years ago, respectively, while the four shop-liftings with which they were jointly charged were committed on November 12 within half an hour.

The evidence for the prosecution began with the evidence of Mr. Rowlands, who stated that he saw both accused enter his store at about 11.30 a.m. on November 12. He asked them whether he could do anything for them, and was requested to show them something suitable for a gift. After further conversation the pair walked out of the shop without purchasing anything. Mr. Rowlands followed them as far as Lovell & Pollard's. He followed them into the store, and when they came out of it and crossed the road into Mitchell street, he accosted them and asked them to return a shirt which he alleged they had stolen. At that stage Mr. Rowlands was under the impression that the garment stolen was a shirt.

Heffernan replied that they did not take a shirt. Mr. Rowlands said that if they returned whatever they had stolen, he would let them go. A little further down the street they were intercepted by the police, who, after some conversation, took them to the police station.

Mr. Rowlands identified a pull-over (produced in court) as the property of F. Rowlands & Co. It was found in a suitcase which Heffernan was carrying.

Johnson, of Tharratt's, Mr. Harry Clack (manager Clack's Stores), and an employe of Woolworth's, each identified certain goods which were alleged to have been stolen, as the property of their respective firms. The two former gave evidence as to the two young men paying a visit to their stores making inquiries, and leaving without making a purchase.

According to First Constable Knights, the two youths were intercepted by him in Mitchell street, where they were talking to Mr. Rowlands. The following conversation took place in his presence.

Mr. Rowlands said: "These boys have a shirt belonging to me."

Heffernan: "What sort of a shirt was it?"

Mr. Rowland: "I don't know, but I saw you take something from the shop."

Witness then asked Heffernan what he was carrying in a small suitcase, and Heffernan replied "A few shirts."

When the case was opened, the content was found to be some shirts, socks, and pullovers. One pull-over was identified by Mr. Rowlands.

Constable Knights then asked accused where they got the articles. Heffernan replied "We lifted them from shops in High street."

Constable Knights: "Why did you do this?"

Heffernan: "I am on sustenance and we are short of money."

Constable Knights: "What made you come to High street?"

Hollow: "A lad in North Melbourne told us that High street was 'dead easy.'"

The two accused were then taken to the Northcote detective office, where they made a statement admitting the four shop-liftings in High street.

A couple of hours later, the police visited the homes of the accused. At Hollow's place they found a shirt, which accused admitted having "lifted" from Woolworth's in the city some three months ago. In Heffernan's place the police found three shirts, the cricket gloves and a blow-lamp. Heffernan admitted having stolen these from different city stores.

The pair asked to be summarily dealt with, and they pleaded guilty to all charges.

The solicitor appearing for them said there were practically no redeeming features in the cases as the offences were petty theftings of a very low nature. The fact that some of the thefts were committed some time ago showed that they had criminal instincts over a long period, but they were not guilty of any lapses besides their long-fingered propensity. Heffernan, who is married to Hollow's sister, is an orphan and is the father of a seven weeks' old baby. Both had shown themselves foolish in thinking they could get away with shop-lifting. The fact that the wearing apparel they had stolen some time ago was not worn showed that they had not embarked on a career of crime with any more reason than boyish foolishness. This, however, was no excuse for breaking the law.

A friend of Heffernan's, who had previously employed him,

Northcote Council

CORRESPONDENCE

Among the letters received by the Northcote City Council on Monday, the following were dealt with:

Northcote District High School requesting that Council should offer a High School scholarship or scholarships annually for competition amongst boys of Northcote. — Referred to Finance Committee.

Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital requesting an increase in the annual subscription. In this letter it was stated that 1,280 cases had come from this district. In view of this statement, Cr. Dennis, in moving that the matter be referred to the Finance committee, said the annual subscription of £1 was not in keeping with the service rendered. —The motion was seconded by Cr. Green and carried.

Mr. B. Wegner, of Spencer street, Thornbury, drew attention to the bad state of footpath opposite his home. — Cr. Turner moved that the writer be informed that this footpath was included in list of forthcoming works. —Carried.

Together with the report of the Government Municipal Auditor was a letter in which the council was complimented on the excellent manner in the books of the city were kept. Referring to this letter, the Mayor (Cr. J. W. French) said that certain municipal employees from a neighboring city had paid a visit to Northcote to see how the books were kept, and to study the systems in use. It was indeed a compliment to the municipality and to its officers that Northcote should be regarded as an example as to how books should be kept.

REQUESTS BY COUNCILLORS

Under the heading of ordinary business, the following items were mentioned by various councillors.

Cr. Glanfield sought the rearrangement of lighting in Balgonie place. — Referred to Electric Light committee.

Cr. Shewan drew attention to footpath at corner of Eastment street and Hawthorn road. There existed here a flood-preventing barrier of stones, which however, was higher than the footpath. Present conditions were dangerous to the public using the footpath. — Referred to the Engineer.

Another footpath was mentioned by Cr. Shewan. His second request was in respect of the work being done by the P.M.G.'s Department on the footpath on the west side of High street, where

said the young man had an excellent character, and in spite of his lapses, he had employed him pending the decision of the court. Should the court see fit to release him on some condition or other, he would continue to employ him.

In the case of Heffernan, who pleaded guilty to eight charges, the bench came to the following decision: Heffernan was sentenced to one month's imprisonment on one charge, and released on a personal bond to be of good behaviour for 12 months; on five charges he was fined £5 in default 14 days' imprisonment on each; and in two cases, which happened 12 months and two years ago, he was convicted, but the question of penalty was adjourned to a date to be fixed, not exceeding 12 months. He was ordered to pay the total of the fines (£25) at the rate of £1 per week.

Hollow, who the bench thought was influenced by Heffernan, was sentenced on one charge similarly to the elder defendant; while on the four remaining charges, he was fined £2 in default seven days' imprisonment on each. The bench allowed the fines to be paid at the rate of 10/ per week.

The proceedings, which lasted for the best part of 3½ hours, showed that the supposition that shop-lifting in High street is "dead easy" is far from being a fact; and offenders caught will be able to judge what is coming to them.

some alterations were made. The slabs were left in a terrible condition. Some slabs projected above others; some were broken, and had not been replaced. He asked that the matter of immediate repairs be referred to the City Engineer.

Cr. Peters asked that the matter of altering certain parts of the building by-laws be referred to the Building Committee. As the by-law now stood, it was impossible for a man of small means to make slight improvements to his home. — Agreed to.

Cr. Green asked the engineer to look into the condition of traffic lines in certain parts of Merri parade.

Cr. Green asked that the engineer be asked to supply a report on the following items (1) addition of cantilever wings to the Merri Bridge at the south end of High street for pedestrians; (2) on the reported movement in the retaining wall on Rucker's Hill in High street. Both these items were mentioned by Cr. Green in relation to the proposed transport changes. Heavier and more frequent traffic at the two points mentioned warranted the holding of a thorough investigation, especially in regard to the latter item. The movement in the retaining wall was now greater than when it was first mentioned a couple of years ago.

SHERRY MURDER TRIAL BEGINS

Clifton Hill Payroll Hold-Up

At the time of going to press the trial of two men who are alleged to have participated in the Clifton Hill hold-up which resulted in Frederick William Sherry being shot dead, is in progress.

The shooting during the payroll hold-up occurred on September 1, and Australia-wide interest has been shown in the case.

The police search for the two men who are on trial, charged with murder, has extended into three States—Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales.

In the latter State, the police effected the arrest of one of the men, Herbert Jenner, laborer, 23 years, lately residing in McCracken avenue, Kensington.

Selwyn Wallace, traveller, 22 years, of Lonsdale street, Melbourne, who is the other accused, was arrested in Melbourne.

It was alleged in the opening address of the Crown Prosecutor, that both men had made statements admitting participation in the hold-up, but both denied firing at Mr. Sherry or Mr. Thomas, who was seated in the car with the murdered man, when they were held up in Hoddle street, Clifton Hill, while conveying the payroll from a Northcote bank to the Sherry Shoe Company's works.

In the next issue we will present the condensed evidence of local witnesses who have taken part in the trial.

Death of Constable

NORTHCOTE MAN TO PAY DAMAGES

In the First Civil court on Tuesday, before Mr. Justice Macfarlan Ravee, Alma Bateman, of Sandringham succeeded in an action against Alexander Leo Harris, mechanic, of Bent street, Northcote, and Conrad Dabscheck, of North Fitzroy, to recover damages for the loss of her husband, Constable Victor Ernest Bateman.

Plaintiff claimed £5,000 damages, and alleged that her husband's death was due to the negligent driving of both defendants in their respective motor-cars.

After exhaustive evidence, a compromise was effected, and a verdict for £700 was returned together with £120 costs, to be paid equally by the two defendants. Of this amount, £100 is to be paid immediately to the widow, and £600 is to be equally divided between the widow and her child. Mrs. Bateman and the child will also receive police pensions, the latter until he reached the age of 16 years.

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TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Out of nine traffic prosecutions heard by the Northcote bench on November 25 two were instituted by the police...

AN UNREGISTERED PISTOL

Youth Fined On Two Charges

The Northcote bench on November 22 imposed two fines on Frank Banks, 18, of Asling street, Preston...

LODGE NOTES

NORTHCOLE BRANCH A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday, November 24. One new member was welcomed...

BOXING

The Australian bantam and feather champion, Mickey Miller, is to be provided with sturdy opposition at the West Melbourne stadium on Saturday night...

ON SATURDAY, DEC. 3



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WHOSE BAND?

The band accompanying Deanna Durbin in her latest picture "Mad About Music" is the number "I Love to Whistle"...

HOUSEBREAKING AND STEALING CHARGES

Two men remanded
The Northcote Court on November 22 remanded Leslie Robert Doyle and Frederick Lewis...

57/60TH BATTALION NOTES

Recruits Wanted!

As a result of the new defence programme announced by the Commonwealth Government, additional members are now being recruited into the Regiment...

BIG SHIPS

At present France owns the greatest merchant vessel afloat. The Normandy has a gross tonnage of 27,750 tons...

Regent Questionnaire Jackpots

The Regent Theatre, Thornbury, are providing plenty of entertainment at this theatre. Besides being an educational medium...

PROPOSED FOOTPATHS RECONSTRUCTION

On the motion of Cr. Peter (Chairman of the Public Works Committee) the following list of footpath reconstruction works...

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BEETLE THAT AIDS BEAUTY

The cochineal insect which supplies the coloring in rouges and lipsticks is centred mainly in the Canary Islands...

A MATHEMATICAL CURIOSITY

Here is a curious mathematical fact. The magic figures are 142, 857. If they are multiplied by two...

NORTHCOLE LODGE G.H.O.P.

There was a good attendance at the usual fortnightly meeting on the evening of December 23...

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GARDEN FETE
Under the auspices of the Ladies' Church Aid of the Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church, a successful garden fete was held on November 19 at "Benvenuto" the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Havelly. The function was organized by Mrs. A. E. Pizze, a former member of the church, and resident of the home. Many other old friends of the cause were present, and the afternoon and evening were very pleasantly. Numerous workers joined in heartily and happily, the efforts of the ladies being ably supported by the men of the congregation, and also the young people.

The grounds were well adapted to the purpose, and old-world costumes added to the interest and picturesque of the function. The workers were well rewarded by the results, the net proceeds for the day were over £70.

THORNBURY ATHLETIC CLUB BROKEN INTO

SNOOKER BALLS, BEER AND SHOT GUN STOLEN

Three Men Committed For Trial
In a statement made by Ian George Scott, laborer, of Mary street, St. Kilda (one of three men who appeared at Northcote Court on November 25 charged with the theft of snooker balls, beer and a shot gun), in which he admitted no less than four crimes, one of which was the basis of the prosecution on November 26 at the Northcote Court.

Together with Scott, two other men appeared on the charge of shop breaking at the Thornbury Athletic Club in High street, Northcote, and stealing therefrom property valued at £27 and consisting of 38 snooker balls, 48 bottles of beer and a double-barrelled shotgun. The two other men were Richard Shannon, Mary street, St. Kilda, and Albert Watson, Alexander street, South Yarra.

"SUMMER TIME" Our Short Story

It was on the second day of my visit that I saw him. The April breeze, chilling my malarial bones and filling me with late. I sought shelter on the upper promenade, where there were plenty of seats, for it was only a few minutes past eleven, and I chose a corner protected from the wind by a jutting wall.

A few minutes later he appeared, and halted abruptly on finding me, as he obviously had recognized me. He was of a certain age, his expression changed to one of annoyance, and with a muttering, he turned to a neighboring seat and slumped on to it. His attitude suggested an old dog who knew he was being invaded by the cat, and I, with all the impertinent curiosity of that cat, sat and took a look at him.

He was a man of about sixty, tall and solidly in bearing, his pale oval face adorned with sweeping white moustaches and, in the center of his forehead, a single white hair. He was wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He was looking at me with a certain interest, and I felt that he was waiting for me to speak.

At last he spoke. "You are the man who was with me at the party," he said. "I remember you very well. You were the one who was so kind to me when I was in the hospital. I was so glad to see you. I was so glad to see you."

I felt a little surprised at his remark, but I did not say anything. He went on for some time, and I felt that he was telling me something very important. I felt that he was telling me something that I had never heard before. I felt that he was telling me something that I had never heard before.

Jika Cricket Association

MONAGLE (REGENT) 102 NOT OUT A. SHALLARD 94; K. SHEWAN 74 NOT OUT; THRENOWITT 72 NOT OUT

A. SMITHWICK 7/25; L. MURRAY 7/37
(By "Observer.")
On good wickets and fast out-scoring, difficult against keen opening attacks.

Delightful weather prevailed for the opening of the fifth round on Saturday. Scores were low with exception of three teams who passed the double century. Highest was Northcote P.A.F.S. who compiled 268 against Excelsior (1/23 at stumps). It was a great afternoon's cricket for the spectators. The first innings only lasted 170 minutes. Prestonite were next with 209, followed by Ajax 220.

The outstanding performance, and the only century for the afternoon was by Monagle, batting for Regent, who compiled 102 not out. The best bowling honours went to Smithwick (Scouts) 7/25 against Preston South A.N.A., and Murray (Excelsior) 7/37 against Northcote P.A.F.S.

SIXTH ROUND OF DISTRICT MATCHES

The visiting St. Kilda Eleven made a good beginning when they met Northcote, at Northcote, on Saturday last. The first wicket partnership was broken after Tamblin and Oakley played 122 on the board. Tamblin made 104 and Oakley 66. Of the other nine batsmen only three scored over 20. The total for seven wickets was 238. For Northcote, Chivers took 3/15, Vernon 1/40, Dudley 1/42, Thornton 1/86.

Second Elevens
Northcote 282 (vs. Fleming 65, Holmes 68, Dudley 55, O'Donnell 38) v St. Kilda.

Metropolitan League: Northcote 176 (Wardell 48, Pallings 33, Jordan 30, Epton 25; Dutton 6/54) v St. Kilda 241 (Chivers 50, 29-21; Siddons 8 down 29-28) and Snel finished 15-40. Totals: Monagle 102; 115; Preston 80.

SOCIAL NOTES

Whitby holidaying in Melbourne, Mrs. S. Smith, late of Thornbury, is staying at the home of Mrs. M. Nichols, of Cranmer street, Preston. Mrs. Smith now resides in Sydney, and will return to her home before Christmas.

Albert Charles Searle, late of Rosemead street, Thornbury, graduate, formerly engine driver, who died on September 5, left by will dated March 11, 1937, real estate valued at £160, and personal property valued at £165 to his widow.

Mr. Jack Rose, of Evelyn street, West Preston, has joined the ranks of the benedictine. His bride was Miss Marjorie Hollman of Chelsea. The newly wedded couple are living in McNamara street, West Preston.

Mr. Jack Donath, of Preston municipal office, has spent the three weeks' holiday Bendigo, and will resume duty on Monday.

First Constable Ballard of Preston begins his annual leave extending over a fortnight at the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Page of Bell street, West Preston, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Saturday. Mrs. Page is the daughter of the late Mr. John Page, and Mrs. H. Swain.

Mary Rose Davidson, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, Murray road, Preston, died at Epworth hospital last Saturday morning, and was cremated at Fawkner cemetery on the same day. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Ern Jensen, and Rev. T. H. Wilkinson conducted the service.

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The police evidence disclosed that on the morning of Armistice Day (the day following the burglary of the Thornbury Club) the police visited an apartment house in Mary street St. Kilda. Accused Scott and Watson were lying in bed fully clothed while Shannon was seated in an armchair. In a wardrobe, the keys of which were handed to Scott by Shannon, was found the stolen shot-gun while the snooker balls were found in a suitcase under the bed. Of the 48 bottles of beer which Scott and Shannon admitted having taken from the club, 25 were found in a cupboard in the room. The remaining 23 had been consumed by the trio. There was a quantity of other property in the room, which was the proceeds of a burglary in Glenhutti street, Northcote, which was committed by the three deniers. Knowledge of the articles found in the room, later, however, Scott made a statement to the police in which he admitted the two robberies, and two garage breakings in St. Kilda a few days earlier. The proceeds of the latter were sold for £16 to a man who called at the yard in Union street, Windsor, where Watson's truck was used. This truck was used in all four robberies.

Later, Shannon also made a statement admitting the complete burglary of the Thornbury Club. Watson denied any complicity in the breaking and entering of the Athletic Club. He told the police that he drove the other two defendants to Thornbury, but did not take part in the actual burglary of the club. He helped to carry the stuff to the truck. His rooms at South Yarra were searched, but yielded no stolen property. The truck was left by Watson in Fitzroy street, West St. Kilda about a block away from where the police raided the place.

Scott and Shannon pleaded guilty, but Watson pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. The trio were committed for trial to appear before the Court of General Sessions. Watson sought bail, which was granted and he could be in at a surety of a similar amount.

CLERGYMAN IN COLLISION
AWARDED DAMAGES AGAINST OTHER DRIVER
In the absence of evidence to the contrary, the Northcote court on November 22 accepted the version of the complainant, Rev. F. E. Thornton, of Bayview street, Northcote, who claimed £37/13/3, from Charles Thomas Poole, of Glenora avenue, East Coburg, the amount representing the cost of repairs to plaintiff's car which was struck by defendant's car on September 8.

The collision occurred at the intersection of High and Clarke streets, Northcote. Rev. Thornton, at the time of the accident was proceeding southward down Ruckwold street. Defendant, who was proceeding in the opposite direction, and on approaching Clarke street, turned sharply to the right, missing the traffic button by several feet. At the collision, it is alleged, Poole's explanation was "I thought I could get into Clarke street ahead of you."

A young grocer's assistant, A. Smith, of Woolley street, Essendon, who was in plaintiff's car at the time of the collision, corroborated the complainant's version. The bench made an order for the full amount claimed, and also allowed £9/4/6 costs against defendant.

W. S. STOTT MEMORIAL
The Northcote Cricket Club has appointed a sub-committee to discuss the erection of a suitable memorial to the late W. S. Stott, who for 25 years was associated with the club.

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Knocked Down by Motor-Cycle MRS. Annie Scott, 78 years, a resident of Patterson street, is recovering from the injuries sustained when she was knocked down by a motor-cycle...

Fire Brigade Hears AT an early hour last Sunday morning Preston firemen responded to a couple of false alarms...

Preston Prize Babes AT a baby show conducted by the Methodist Church choir on Saturday, November 26, Patricia Ann Munro, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Munro...

West Preston Church of Christ ON a recent evening 60 young people connected with the Prahan Church of Christ paid a visit to West Preston People's Fellowship...

Constables for Preston CONSTABLE Broderick, from Carlton, has been appointed to succeed Constable B. McNulty, who was recently transferred from Preston to Footscray.

Preston Roman Catholic Convent \$5,500 has been expended up to the present on the new convent erected adjacent to the Sacred Heart Church, Preston. The debt on the parish, exclusive of East and West Preston will be over £11,000.

Lectures under the auspice of the above society have been discontinued for some time past and it has now been decided to resume them. A programme of subjects has been drawn up and a suggestion has been made that each wage-earning parishioner contribute a week's wages spread over a certain period.

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PRETTY NORTHCOTE BRIDES

Silver Cording Trims Blue Gown MACKENZIE — BOUNDY Entering Holy Trinity, Thornbury, on her father's arm, on November 5, Miss Jessie Phyllis Boudy was a dainty figure in her exquisite wedding gown of Pompadour blue satin.

Coronet Of Frangipanni And Lilies LAMING — HOOPER Crimson roses and water lilies decked the Thornbury Presbyterian Church on November 12 when Miss Jean Hooper became the wife of Mr. Ernest Laming, and similar flowers were carried by the bridesmaids.

Bride Chooses Peruvence Blue WILD — BATTEN On November 23 the marriage of Mrs. H. G. Batten and Mr. Bryan Wild was celebrated at the Epiphany Church, Northcote, by the Rev. F. E. Thornton. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Hubert Gray, of Helen street, Northcote, and the late Mr. Gray, and the groom the youngest son of Mrs. Wild, of Clifton, Ararat, and the late Mr. T. A. Wild.

Topknot Of Gardenias Holds Veil GANNON — LUDGATE A bridesmaid and flower girl attended Miss Edith Ruston Ludgate at her wedding on November 5 when she became the wife of Mr. George Edward Gannon, second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gannon, of Tyrone street, South Yarra. The ceremony was solemnised by Rev. W. H. Chamberlain at Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, and Miss Joan Lovings "Love's Coronation".

Planted Tulle Frill Trims Train WRAIGHT — YOUNG On November 12 the marriage of Miss Lorna Ethel Young, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young, of Mansfield street, Thornbury, and Mr. C. Graham Wraight, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wraight, of Kangaroo Ground, was celebrated at the Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, by the Rev. W. H. Chamberlain, and the service was semi-choral.

Ivory Elephants Form Necklace WEAVER — MILLS Bowls of Sharon lilies were set about the Epiphany Church on November 12 when Miss Edna Mills and Mr. Theodore Weaver were united. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mills, of Mitchell street, Northcote, and the groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weaver, of Clifton street, Fairfield. Mr. C. G. Coombe, also vicar, officiated.

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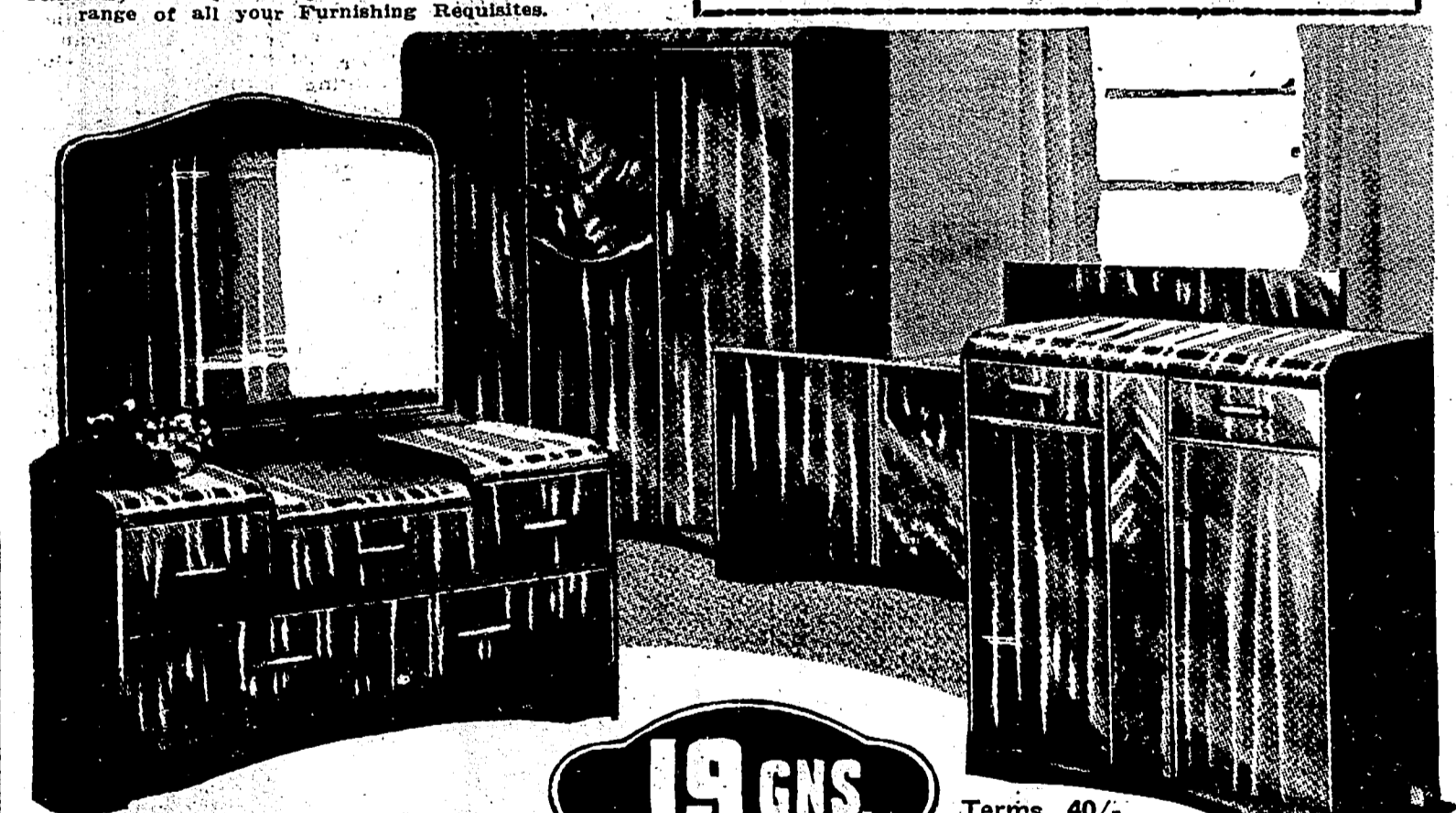
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LENA R. SHUGG Will hold a Grand Concert in the NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB ANNUAL MEETING THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Northcote Town Hall (Small Hall) on WEDNESDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1938, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS: 1—Adoption of Annual Report and Balance Sheet. 2—Election of Officers for Season 1939. 3—Presentation of Trophies. Nominations for president, vice-presidents, 3 committees (hon. treasurer, and hon. assistant treasurer) on the above (nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary at the Northcote Town Hall, not later than 8 p.m. on TUESDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1938.

I. L. WALSH, Secretary, 31 Kellott St., Northcote. JW 1043.

Advertise For Results! N'COOTE Local Assn. of Girl Guides.—Annual Garden Party at L.O.R. Hall, 77 Stuckey, N'cote, on Sat., Dec. 3, at 2.30 p.m. Opening ceremony by the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. J. W. French). Competitions, Displays, Dances, Treasure Hunt, Gifts for Sale. Adm. Adults 6d, Children 3d. Guides and Brownies in Uniforms 1d. Afternoon Tea 6d. Proceeds for Outfit Hall.

CARD Afternoon at the Santa Maria College, Dec. 7; 2.30 sharp. Everybody welcome. Mrs. L. J. Falconer, Hon. Sec.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THORNBURY A Village Fair (In an English Village setting) will be held in the SCHOOL HALL (Rossmore St.) SATURDAY NEXT, DEC. 3 (Afternoon and Evening). To be opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs. R. H. Moss. The usual stalls. ADMISSION FREE.

VICTORIAN HOUSEWIVES' ASSOCIATION (NORTHCOTE BRANCH) The Housewives Association are holding their last Meeting of the year at Wright's Hall, 522 High St., at 8.0 on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Nomination of officers.

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STOLEN WOULD any person finding a small book with "D. Ryan, Edenhope, 1914." inside cover, please return to T. Hannon, 125 Bent St., N.16. Same was stolen on Saturday last.

COMING EVENTS—St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary (Northcote-Thornbury Branch) The final meeting of the year will take the form of a Christmas Break-up and each afternoon, and will be held in the Northcote Town Hall (upstairs) on Friday, December 8, at 2 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited and are requested to bring a gift of peaches as Christmas cheer for the patients. Members are reminded to return tickets in the Christmas competition on or before the meeting of the year.

To augment the funds of the Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary for Royal Melbourne Hospital, a Card Evening will be held in the Northcote Town Hall (Committee Room) on Saturday, December 3, at 8 p.m. Subscription

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is 2/- Mrs. A. McAdam is the president, and Mrs. M. E. Thompson hon. secretary. Card Afternoon Committee Northcote Auxiliary of Freeman's Hospital are holding their last card afternoon for the year on Wednesday, December 7. The president (Mrs. J. Foulton) extends to all members and friends a cordial invitation and also wishes them the Congratulations of the Season. Hostesses for the afternoon Mesdames J. Green, J. Pagan, Glanville, Dutton, Smith, G. Duthie, (Crazy Whist) and Subscription 1/-, Mrs. G. W. Wain, 44 Hutcheon St., Thy (Hon. Sec.). Health Centre Mothers' Club The final meeting for the year will be held in the Small Town Hall, Westbourne Grove, on December 7, at 3 p.m. Instead of the usual lecture, the entertainment will take the form of an "At Home," at which the Mayors of Northcote and other specially invited guests have consented to be present. A fine musical and out-of-door programme has been arranged. Members must present their names at either Thornbury or Northcote, Centre, no later than Friday next. Any application after that date cannot be considered. Members are again requested to clearly mark the ballot papers. Notices in reference to the entertainment are being prominently displayed at both clinics, and for those who attend at Northcote Centre, the Sisters-in-Charge will be in attendance on the afternoon of December 7. "AGE QUOD AGIS," Clarendon street, Thornbury, November 28, 1938.

WANTED MANURI WANTED STABLE manure, any quantity, delivered to Andrews, 25 Harold St., Thornbury, JW 3065.

BUSES FOR WEST WARD NEW ROUTE APPROVED The Northcote Council at its meeting on November 28 approved of the application of Mr. De Grandt for the operation of the following bus route in the West Ward:— The route will commence at the corner of Normanby avenue and Beaconsfield parade; thence by Woolhouse street to Beaver's road, thence along Beaver's road to corner of High street; thence north-easterly to Beaconsfield parade, thence westerly along Beaconsfield parade, thence south along Herbert street to Beaver's road, and returning by the same route

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS Officers Go on Holiday. The officer-in-charge of the Northcote Fire Brigade, Mr. R. Milne, will go on Monday next on a month's leave. He intends to spend it with his family at Kerri-ridgale, on the Goulburn River, and expects to do some fishing and shooting.

Firemen as Gardeners. All members of the brigade are doing their share in the garden. Last year the garden at the back of the brigade station in Mitchell street, won a minor prize in the brigade competition, and this year the members of the staff are hopeful that an improvement on last year will be made.

The False Alarm Boom. During the last fortnight the brigade had an alarming number of calls which proved to be false. Apparently there are still a number of people about who find a perverse pleasure in breaking an alarm and calling the firemen out on a wild goose-chase.

CORRESPONDENCE REMOVAL OF GARBAGE: HELP THE COUNCIL (To the Editor.) Sir—Recently all householders were handed a leaflet stating that our worthy and progressive councillors had inaugurated a bi-weekly clearance of garbages. The leaflet asks that householders wrap all refuse before depositing it in dust bins. I have proved that this practice troubles the life or dust bins. They do not rust, and the bin does not have to be battered on the side of the garbage cart to free the unwrapped refuse which clings to its sides. The bin being ultimately knocked the tin out of shape, lids do not fit, and so rats and flies, stray cats and dogs, are always in evidence. The leaflet requests that bins be not put on footpaths—no one in our street needs the request. The bins, which are of every conceivable shape and all sizes (for box) are put on the street, most of them minus lids. Councilors are to be congratulated upon their efforts to keep our city clean and healthy. Surely we can co-operate with them in this matter, which must be to our own benefit, from a health point of view? Yours etc., "AGE QUOD AGIS," Clarendon street, Thornbury, November 28, 1938.

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PRESTON TRAMWAY WORKSHOPS CHOIR (Conductor MR. REG PENROSE) Presents An Evening of Entertainment CROXTON METHODIST CHURCH, SHAFESBURY PDE. TUESDAY, DEC. 6, at 8 p.m. ADULTS 1/-, CHILDREN 5d. PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS

CITY OF NORTHCOTE TENDERS TENDERS, closing 12 noon on SATURDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 1938, are invited for the HIRE of the TOWN HALL on SATURDAY EVENINGS from 4th MARCH, 1939. Particulars of the contract may be seen at the office of the Town Clerk. A preliminary deposit of £10 must be lodged with each tender. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. By Order, J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk Municipal Offices, Northcote, Nov. 22, 1938.

CHRISTMAS

In A Different Light!

Mr. Omer, aged ten, is vivacious like her father who is an income tax collector, and as repulsive as her mother, who is a social reformer. The other daughter is Phyllis. The only son, Jack, is about my own age and is a steady worker. If he ever became more steady he would stop. This, then, is the poisonous family who usually insist on my spending a perfectly good fortnight with them at Christmas. They say it is because of old family ties — my father and Mr. Omer were in Long Bay together.

My first duties at Omer's, after unpacking, are invariably to attend a family committee meeting to decide how the house shall be decorated for the festive occasion. Mrs. Omer generally starts the ball rolling by saying: "I think—" and then catching a glance from Mrs. Omer, lapses into one of those long periods of silence peculiar to men who are not allowed to do the thinking in their own homes. My pumps for futuristic colored paper decorations which father can make in the office in his spare time.

A string of them laid along the edge of the dining table is most effective if the other lights are switched out. They are small, and are available in a wide variety of colors. Even Phyllis doesn't look too bad in their entrancing glow. A few strings of them festooned around shrubs, trees, etc. in the garden speedily turn it into a veritable fairyland. The great thing about this suggestion is that it takes only about fifteen minutes to get the whole works fixed up. Mrs. Omer, of course, "stares enraptured until I have finished putting over all these arguments and then simper: "Perhaps you and Omer would be good enough to put them around for us"—which is nothing short of a command. So we send Mary down to the local electrical store to buy the best Phillips decorative lamps — to buy a couple of boxes. Omer elects to fix up the garden while I do the inside — with the result that by the time I have finished my little task Mrs. Omer is already snoring up on the local history.

The house was really brilliant last year, and I put colored bulbs in brackets, and in the hall light sockets. I chose red and orange colors, whereas blue and green are cold and make everybody look as if they are made of cheese. Getting on to our little Christmas Tree Lamps, however, the other than hers, and then turns around sweetly and simper: "Perhaps Jimmy has a suggestion"

Were You Disappointed? Turn To Page 7

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R.S.S.L.A. Importance Of Used Car Market

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NORTHCOTE BRANCH
More than 500 guests were present at the reception held by the R.S.S.L.A. (Mr. A. J. Dunn) on Saturday evening at the Memorial Hall. The Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. J. W. French) were the guests of honor. Also in the official party were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thomson. There were present representatives from the following branches: Preston, Collingwood, Fairfield, Whitestone and South Melbourne, also from the Austin Hospital and St. Vincent's Auxiliary, Northcote. City Band, Mr. E. Fellows and daughter, Mr. T. Werrey, Sgt and Mrs. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Coulthard, Mr. and Mrs. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Waldron. The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Dunn and other officials of the Branch. Members and guests spent an enjoyable evening dancing to the lively strains of the orchestra. This event marks the closing of the social activities of the Branch for the present season.

On December 11 an Annual Treat for members' children is held at the home of Mrs. J. W. French. As a result of the sale of used cars were only 31.3 per cent. The number of new car transactions financed by the companies was 41,222 as compared with 22,425 in the corresponding period of 1937. As a result of the depression the used car market is better than the market for new vehicles.

HISTORY OF THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPENED
It is remarkable how many familiar historical anecdotes rest upon evidence often shown by the highly improbable, if not certain.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
The Archdeacon of Carlton was the special preacher at Holy Trinity, Thornbury, on Sunday evening, when in the presence of a good congregation he delivered a thought-provoking sermon on the message of Advent. Next Sunday promises to be a day of real thanksgiving for the opening and consecration of the present beautiful church. It will be an opportunity to thank God that the ugliness of the old parish, and the City of Melbourne. The Vicar will celebrate and preach at the morning services. At night, the Right Reverend J. J. Booth, Bishop of Adelaide, will preach. The vicar, Mr. Alfred, a well known Melbourne contractor, and Mr. Fred Walsh, a well known contractor, will sing, and will take a leading part in the service. The choir, under the direction of Mr. David Louder, will sing special numbers. A parade of church societies will also be a feature. It is expected that a large gathering of present and former parishioners and friends will converge for this service of remembrance on Sunday next.

Judges Pelted With Tomatoes

It is reported that when the Court of Appeal dismissed his application for a new trial, a man pelted the Lord Justice (Sir Bayner Goddard, Guss) and Mr. Justice Clouston with tomatoes. All the vegetables missed the judges and splattered the woodwork above their heads. As the astonished legal luminaries conferred the man shouted: "The sooner you stop your chinning the better. I have not had a fair trial. You're not worth your 'lasted salt'." He was immediately sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for gross contempt of Court. How an accused man presumably in the dock was possessed of tomatoes used to require a little explaining!

Filling Christmas Stockings

TAKE a yard of net with a fairly coarse mesh and cut into stockings the required size, then stretch round about half an inch from the edge. Make a thick boiled starch and color with red or blue dye, run the stockings through this, squeeze a little and allow to dry. If not stiff enough repeat the process. Press with a hot iron and fill with small toys and novelties from the local stores. Do not forget the sweets and nuts. In this way several stockings can be made for the family.

Regent Questionnaire Jackpots

MAJ. PRIZE NOW WORTH 25/
At the last presentation of Questionnaire Jack-Pots at the Regent Theatre, Thornbury, on Wednesday, November 20, the main question of the evening was: "Who is the Lord Mayor of Melbourne?" — Cr. A. W. Coles. What is the main difference between American and Australian traffic? — In America the traffic goes on the right; here on the left. Who wrote the song "Alexander's Rag" — Irving Berlin. On what river is London situated? — Thames. What is the main vein in one's neck? — Jugular. Many other questions were asked, and to those who knew the answers profitable presentation. See the Questionnaire Jack-pot at Regent Theatre, Thornbury, were correctly answered, and then Wednesday.

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CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

SUCCESSFUL THREE DAYS
The Christmas Carnival last week in Holy Trinity Parish Hall was a big success, despite the unfavorable weather of the first two days. A quantity of left-over might next at Holy Trinity Hall, Sharnesbury parade at 7.30. There will be a bargain, especially for those who arrive early. It is hoped to reach the financial objective of £100 to be wiped out of the parish debt.

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EDWARD — SMITH
ST. ANDREW'S Presbyterian Church, Gillies street, Fairfield, was the setting on November 19 when the wedding of Miss Christina Leasley Smith and Mr. William Allan Edward was celebrated by the Rev. W. B. Edwards. The bridegroom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Edwards, of Park crescent, Fairfield, and the bride, who was given away by her father, is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Smith, of Station street, Fairfield.

Clusters Of Blossom Trim Train

HUMPHRIES — FLEET
Entering the Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, on November 12, the bride, Miss Lillian Alice Fleet, was escorted by her father, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Edwards. The bridegroom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Edwards, of Park crescent, Fairfield, and the bride, who was given away by her father, is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Smith, of Station street, Fairfield.

Coronet Of Orange Blossom

WATSON — NORMAN
The Presbyterian Church, James street, Northcote, was the setting on November 19 for the wedding of Miss Edith Norman and Mr. Edwin (Bob) Watson. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. Norman, of Bowra, New South Wales, and the late Mrs. E. Watson, Colmar, New South Wales.

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PARSELL — BLANKS
REV. FATHER LOMBARD officiated at the marriage of Miss Grace Valentine Parsell and Mr. William Parsell at St. Joseph's Church, Northcote, on November 12. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Blanks, of Bent street, Northcote, and the groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Parsell, of Mitchell street, Northcote.

Lily Halo Holds Lace And Tulle

LOONEY — HALL
THE SACRED HEART CHURCH, 151, street, Preston, was the setting on November 5 for the wedding of Miss Irene Louise Hall and Mr. Edward Thomas Looney, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Looney, Livingstone parade, Preston. The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hall, of Westbourne grove, Northcote, and was attended by Mrs. G. Beades (sister of bridegroom) as matron of honor, and Misses Pat Looney and Stella Finigan as bridesmaids.

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NORTHCOTE DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAKES FIRST DRIVE FOR TRADE

HALF-PRICE BARGAINS FOR ALL!
Winter Community Singing Soon
After several weeks of preparation the newly-formed Northcote District Chamber of Commerce has taken its first step in making Northcote THE SHOPPING CENTRE of all suburbs.
Geographically, Northcote is ideally situated for this purpose, as numerous transport facilities—trams, buses and pass—and re-pass throughout this busy suburb.
On pages 4 and 5 readers will find this first concerted bid for trade by local retailers and business firms.

The organization is the keynote of a Chamber of Commerce, and those at the helm of this new ship are masters of organization. Entertainment, too, on a most ambitious scale is being arranged, taking the form of Community Singing, which will begin early in the New Year, and which will carry an unrivalled...
first drive for trade...
upon by the Chamber of...
personal contact in trading...
is made with the intent...
of those who attend to your...
wants from behind the counters...
of local shops are local residents...
whose positions are dependent...
upon your patronage...
By making...
most, if not all, your purchases in...
the district, you save yourself the...
trouble of making unnecessary...
journeys, and also save yourself...
other untold inconveniences...
Let us quote but a couple of...
instances. Many a housewife...
is in a position to go shopping...
and leave her baby behind. If...
she is of such an age as to be...
winded by a gun, the house...
wife cannot take it with her on a...
trip to town, and is therefore...
forced to carry her child in her...
arms for the best part of the day...
This spells her shopping...
time being...
her time, and makes her...
facilities, which are...
available anywhere else out...
of the district. In fact, they...
these drawbacks.

Proposed Community Singing
Northcote District Chamber of Commerce is completing arrangements to present early in the New Year a Winter Community Singing Season, which will be conducted by the popular...
The list of...
of such dimensions as to...
the shade any other...
this nature. Watch for the...
Bargain Offerings.

Regular Bargains To Come
The offer of half-price bargains appearing on pages 4 and 5 is by no means an isolated instance of activities of the Chamber of Commerce.
Beginning early in the New Year thrifty households can look forward to regular announcements drawing their attention to Monday Specials and Weekly Bargain Offerings.

Where Will You Spend Your Holidays?
The Editor would like to print particulars as to where readers intend to spend their holidays. If you or your friends are going away, please fill in attached form and forward to 423 High Street, Northcote, or 423 High Street, Preston.

Name or Name	Present Address	When Going	Where To	Duration of Holiday

Newsagent's Shop Broken Into
On Sunday night thieves broke into the newsagent's shop of Mr. H. G. Anthony, corner Hutton and High streets, Thornbury, and stole a small wireless set and about £8 in money.
Entry was gained by smashing the front and cutting the wire netting over the back entrance. Detective O'Keefe is in charge of the investigations.

YOUNG MAN INJURED
A young man named Stephen Potteford, 24, of Clarke street, Northcote, received a compound fracture of the leg on Thursday evening. He was riding a motor cycle in Moreland road, Coburg, when a collision with a motor truck occurred. The injured man was taken to the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

WIN FOR PRESTON NORTHCOTE
In B. Grade (second) the Preston and Northcote defeated Caulfield 6-0 and 7-0 at Olympic ground on Saturday.

Advertise Results!

THREE CHARGES AGAINST MOTORIST

Pleading not guilty to one charge, and guilty to two charges, Herman Norman Cartwright, having applied about a fortnight prior to September 30, for a licence to drive a motor car, was charged with three breaches of the Motor Car Act. The prosecution arose out of an accident which took place in the railway gates in Arthurton road, Northcote, on September 30 at about 10.30 a.m. On behalf of the defendant, counsel stated that the accident had occurred owing to the fact that an old man suddenly crossed the road. He applied the brakes, and on seeing the man stop, again proceeded. At the same time the man stepped back and was knocked down by the car. Cartwright told witnesses that at the time of the accident, he was travelling at 20 to 25 miles an hour. Witnesses examined the marks which were made by the car, and which extended back 52 feet. He invited defendant to subject his brakes to a test. In reply to Sgt. Martin who said he could not say in what state the brakes were on September 30, the bench was unanimous in convicting Cartwright on all three charges, and imposed the following penalties: Driving without a licence £1; driving an unregistered car £12; and driving a car not equipped with efficient brakes £4. The police made an unsuccessful application to have defendant's licence suspended.

BRITISH TRADE RUINED IN HONG KONG
Owing to the encirclement of Hong Kong by the Japanese, British trade has been disorganised almost completely. November imports declined 64 per cent, and exports fell 88 per cent. Trade with the interior had been wiped out. Shields was a certain winner at the time, and registered extreme resentment at the referee's intervention. A return meeting between these batters would fill the stadium.

On Saturday, Norm Tregarath, of Thornbury, had no trouble in disposing of Jim Barry in under two rounds. Barry had no counter to Tregarath's racy punches, and stopped everything with his face, finally going down and out to a straight left.

The Preston ex-amateur Sid Thompson showed the lack of fast moves, but was deadly slow, and was knocked out while setting up a right hand punch during the fifth round.

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HOW PRESTON COUNCIL FINANCES PRIVATE STREETS? £300 Wasted In Six Months

CR. BARLING QUOTES FIGURES

Some idea of the shortcomings of the methods used by the Preston Council to finance the construction of private streets was given at the last meeting of the council. It was disclosed that the council had over-borrowed and allowed surplus money to lie idle. The council had in this way lost £300 in six months, which money had been absolutely wasted. This loss is equivalent to £12 per week, or spread over the ratepayers of Preston about 7d per head per year. It was also pointed out that the system of financing streets by raising separate loans for each street or group had been abandoned by almost every other metropolitan municipality.

The discussion will be of great interest to the ratepayers, who will be able to judge for themselves how the council is dealing with their money, especially in view of the fact that in the last day or so—since the rate notices were issued—it has become apparent that there has been in the East Ward an all-round increase in valuations. The increasing of valuations is simply a subterfuge for increasing the rates—with disastrous effects to the ratepayers, as the municipal valuation is used by the M. & M. Board of Works for levying its rates. This means the council not only extracts increased revenue for itself, but is also directly responsible for the extra amount automatically collected by the Board of Works!

It is evident that the council would rather inflict this double burden on ratepayers, thereby sidetracking the issue, than face the facts and admit that under the present administration the revenue is inadequate. No mention was made of the fact that this loss of interest will continue on moneys lying idle throughout the currency of each loan. In the case of one loan, £16,000 was borrowed where only £13,000 was required, and the balance of £3,000 still bearing interest at 4 1/2 p.c., cannot be used for any other purpose than the one for which it was borrowed, or to repay debentures on the loan. So that here it will be seen, the council has on its hands £3,000 of "dead" money upon which it must pay interest for a period up to 10 years and which it cannot use.

As the system in use now stands, the council is likely to continue to have tag-ends of loans on its hands every time a new street construction loan is floated; and if the policy be continued for a few years, the cost in loss of interest to ratepayers will not be 7d per head per year, but shillings per head.

Even 7d per head is far too big to pay for a poor and hide-bound financial administration, when by the exercise of a little foresight and caution that loss—by using the overdraft system of finance and the raising of periodical general loans for street construction—can be avoided.

Would any councillor use this unbusinesslike method in his own business—i.e., borrow fresh money and pay interest on it when he had other moneys lying idle?

At the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday, December 5, a recommendation of the Finance Committee was tabled that the present system of financing the construction of private streets be continued throughout the year ending September 30, 1939; and that the question be referred at that time to the subject of a "one discussion, and eventually the matter was referred to the Finance Committee of the Council, which showed that the new councillors might have a chance to become conversant with the matter.

FROZEN CREDITS Cr. Barling, who is the chairman of the Finance Committee, said that he moved the adoption of the recommendation pro forma. He told that it was only right that ratepayers should know how the recommendations came to be brought forward in the present form. The Finance Committee was composed of four members, but on this occasion the committee was augmented by the presence of the Mayor and the recommendation was brought forward in its present form by 2 votes to 2. Had the Finance Committee been constituted as it normally was, of the four members, appointed by the council, the recommendation of the council would have been brought forward in its present form by 3 votes to 1.

Had the overdraft system been in operation the Private street construction account would have been in debit during the months of June, July, August and September—the months when the

THE BREAD TAX INIQUITY

MONEY COUL. BE BETTER USED Continuing Cr. Grey said that Cr. Swain had spoken airily of a matter of £300 per annum, and had said that 2d per head was not a big impost to put on the ratepayers. He however pointed out that this £300 per annum could well be used for urgent works for which ratepayers were crying out. Instead of the money being wasted, the councillors, as the servants of the ratepayers, should stop losses of this kind.

Cr. Nisbett said that even if it cost the ratepayers a little more for the money it borrowed on loan, at least the council was safe, and would not have to suddenly have to raise a loan on perhaps an unfavorable market if the overdraft were suddenly called up. He did not object to the matter going back to the committee.

EXPERIENCES OF OVER-DRAFTS Cr. Davis said that the council had had two experiences of overdrafts, when they were told that the bank would not pay the council cheques, and the second occasion the bank had told the council to put its finances in order. He felt the loan system as at present used, should be continued. Cr. Blake said he would like to have a chance to be acquainted with all the facts before being asked to record his vote.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. Cr. Robinson seconded the motion for the adoption of the recommendation, and said that he was at the same time other considerations. World affairs were called in. The council might then be forced upon the market for a loan at an unfavorable time with consequently high interest. It was proposed to reconsider the matter in six months' time, and if things were more settled then he would support Cr. Barling's scheme. As to the money lying idle, it would seem that works had not been kept up to date, and the money was not being used as it became available.

OTHER COUNCILS HAD ABANDONED LOAN SYSTEM Cr. Coleman said he did not agree with the loan system as at present used. All other councils had abandoned the loan system in favor of the overdraft system for financing private street construction works; yet Preston proposed to continue with the loan system. Cr. Croft moved that the matter be referred to the Committee of the Council so that all councillors would have a chance to discuss the matter.

Cr. Swain said that no ground had been broken by Cr. Barling. He could see no good in referring the matter to the Committee of the Council. The council had had resolutions moved, and later rescinded. He presumed the mayor had a perfect right to sit on the Finance Committee, and without him, the vote had been 2-2. The recommendation did not suggest that the system in use be perpetuated; it was proposed that after the loan system had been in operation for 12 months, its operations be reviewed, and a decision then made. The £300 per year Cr. Barling spoke about would only represent about 2d. per head of the ratepayers per annum—which he did not consider a very great penalty. He urged that the loan system be abandoned, and while he agreed with Cr. Barling's logic, he felt that the council should play safe.

NO OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION Cr. Moore said that three new councillors had not had the opportunity to discuss the matter fully, and were not thus in a position to give an intelligent vote. They were not acquainted with the full facts. He urged that the matter be considered by the Committee of the Council so that the new councillors would be able to discuss the matter thoroughly. Cr. Andrews said he was not prepared to admit that anyone was suffering under the present system. There was a feeling of depression approaching, and the council should take the safe path.

"FEELING OF DEPRESSION" Cr. Grey said the Local Government Act gave the council power to borrow money on overdraft, and under this system the council could only borrow an amount equal to that owed to it by the abutting owners for whom the streets or streets were made. Under the loan system, as at present used by the council, on one occasion £16,000 was borrowed, when actually only £13,000 was needed. This was brought about by many people paying cash than was expected. This surplus of about £3,000 could not be used to construct other streets, but could only be used to repay debentures of £1,000 under which it was raised. The money was being invested at 4 1/2 per cent, and this council was thus losing the interest in the overdraft amount in lost interest during the currency of the loan.

TRAFFIC BY-LAW

TEN PERSONS FINED The penultimate week in November was a busy one for the Northcote traffic inspector who between November 21 and 27 "booked" ten people for breaches of the Northcote traffic by-laws. They were dealt with by the Northcote Court on December 6, fines being imposed in each case.

The offenders were Con Coleman, Barkley street, East Brunswick, fined £1 for driving in the wrong direction along St. George's road; James B. Davies, of Dover street, Richmond, fined £1 for cutting the corner when turning from High street into Westgarth street; Angelo Pabrizi, Barkley street, Carlton, fined £1 for cutting the corner when turning from High street into Darbin street; Reginald Hastings, Tennyson street, Elwood, fined 10s for parking too far from the curb in High street near Westgarth street; Arthur Hewitt, of Henry street, Greensborough, fined 30s for cutting the corner when turning from High street into Westgarth street.

Inspector Howse said that defendant, who was driving a horse-drawn lorry, started to turn when about 40 feet from the intersection. George McIntyre, salesman, of Deacons road, Balairey, was fined 10s for parking too far off the curb in High street near Hastings street. McIntyre stated that where he pulled into the curb, he heard announcing the sale of milk was tied to a post and standing in the gutter.

Leo Port, of Walker street, ten was the sufferer one of the two similar offences a motor-cyclist, Stanley Rogers, of Epsall street, Mulvern was fined £1. A fine of £1 was imposed on James Whelan of Newenstone street, Preston, for having cut the corner when turning from High street into Darbin street. Walter Richards, of Victoria street, Alford, was fined 10s for failing to stop when entering High street from Westgarth street. The inspector said that at the time there was no other traffic about, and defendant was proceeding slowly.

BOY SCOUTS LAST WEEK-END several of the older scouts spent an enjoyable time on the property of Mr. Hitch, at Queenstown. Their efforts at inspecting resulted in the discovery of a few small pieces of gold. A break-up social has been arranged for Thursday, December 22, and all parents are invited to several items of interest have been arranged including singing, pioneering, and tent pitching.

NORTHCOTE SWIMMING CLUB WEEKLY RACES The Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club started their weekly club races on Wednesday, December 7. These races held every Wednesday night throughout the season, and are open to all club members. There is a handsome trophy for every race. The first event was a scratch race for senior men, and was won by J. Simpson, with S. Harding second and P. Miller third; times 18 sec. On Wednesday, December 14 the races will be 50 yds free style handover for boys under 16, and 50 yds free-style handicap for girls under 16. The club is desirous of gaining further members, both senior ladies and men and junior boys and girls, and will be pleased to hear from anyone desiring to join the club. Apply either at the baths, or communicate with the secretary, Mr. G. Fairweather, 7 Latham street, Northcote.

ANSWERS TO NIN-COM-POOP'S QUESTIONS 1.—Ethereal Juice that flowed from the veins of the gods. 2.—Lachma and Septon. 3.—Systematic. 4.—Tabor or taborette. 5.—Both. 6.—Gill. 7.—Discharge of artillery fire to keep a selected zone under continuous fire. 8.—Principles involved in brewing and distilling. 9.—Pive. 10.—Yes. English acre is 4840 square yards; Scotch is 6250 sq. yards.

THE BREAD OF INIQUITY

Views of Mr. J. C. speaking at the meeting... Mr. J. C. said that the flour... on bread for the poor... children as the main food...

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Bench Sates Motorist

REMARKING that defendant had deliberately told an untrue story... Mr. O'Grady convicted...

DOUBLE BURDEN IMPLICATED

The unfair aspect of valuation increases as opposed to increasing the rate is that the one valuation... the Metropolitan Board of Works.

APPEALS LIKELY

Cr. Swain, in commenting on this waste of public money is reported as having said that the cost of the waste was only about 2d per head... Cr. Barling has proved this figure to be 7d per head per ratepayer.

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COULDN'T BUY BEER SO STOLE FOWLS

Three Men Released on Bond

SUNDAY MORNING FREAK AT THOMASTOWN

How three men, when their supply of beer ran out, went to the Belmont Hotel, Thomastown, with the intention of getting nine bottles, and though unsuccessful in this direction, did not leave the hotel with empty hands, was told at the Preston Court on December 14, when the trio were charged with stealing five fowls, valued at 12/6.

SMALL FINE FOR MOTORIST

According to Constable Matthews, a car driven by Alister Gillies of Bankside street, Heidelberg, on the night of October 13 in Beal street, Preston had no full light... The light was in good order when switched on.

FAILED TO STOP

Three persons were fined by the Northcote Court on Tuesday for failure to stop before crossing Miller street... The light was in good order when switched on.

Xmas Holidays

The offices of the Leader-Budget will be closed from Mid-day, Saturday, December 24, 1938, till Monday, January 9, 1939. There will be no issues of the "Leader-Budget," "Preston Post" and "Preston Leader" till January 12, 1939.

A BOMBHELL FOR COUNCIL

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BICYCLES WITHOUT LIGHTS

The Northcote Bench on December 15 imposed fines of 11 in default three days imprisonment on George Caspar Blanks, of Bent street, Northcote, and William Woods, of Gilles street, Fairfield, for riding bicycles without lights on November 17.

MORE PARK LANDS WANTED

The Association has decided to press for the reservation of more land for recreational purposes. It was considered that the utmost should be done to encourage the public to use the park.

Around The Hollywood Studios

JOAN CRAWFORD DANCES

JOAN CRAWFORD dances in a picture for the first time since "Dancing Lady." She learned the tango and several native dances of Trieste, for her role as Anni, a cabaret entertainer in "The Bride Wore Red," her new starring picture. Miss Crawford placed herself on a rigorous schedule of lessons and exercises, working on the dances for two hours each morning and afternoon.

HE DIDN'T CARE

If it were not for the fact that Harold Lloyd at the age of 22 was more interested in a street musician than fire engines, in all probability the screen would not now show the antics of the spectacled comedian. Lloyd, whose newest film is Paramount's "Professor Beware" was watching a fortune teller when fire engines roared past. He didn't change them to his street scene, but he did change the fortune teller to a fortune teller who was watching a fortune teller when fire engines roared past.

SCOUT - PRODUCER

Ralph Reader, although always identified with his Boy Scout Revue for which he is unpaid, is professionally a musical comedy producer and gradually worked his way in on the production side. In the first show he produced on Broadway there was a promising girl named Joan Crawford in the chorus. Eventually Ralph land-

ed a job as juvenile lead in one of Al Jolson's shows. It was during this run that Jolson gave him his first chance to produce. He was an immediate success and presented over 24 shows on Broadway. He went to England as a dance director, but soon found himself once more producing. His productions included a Cochran Revue, and many well-known musical shows, including "Victoria and Her Hussar." Then came an appeal from the Scout movement and Reader wrote an unpretentious revue called "The Gang Show," in which 150 scouts took part. It was presented at the Y.M.C.A. Headquarters and people had to be literally begged to go. The next year the show was more ambitious and ran for three nights. Now it has come to an annual event, and last year, in order to accommodate the thousands of people who wanted to see it, it was presented at the Alhambra.

LAW BOOKS HELPED STAR WITH ROLE

Frieda Inescort, Broadway stage star, who plays the role of a leading woman barrister in "People On Trial," spent many weary hours perusing law books of every nature in the public library. She believes a thorough study of books pertaining to the law is a better understanding of her character, and in this role, regardless of the type she impersonates, Miss Inescort also spent a very interesting and informative afternoon on Saturday when she had as her guests on the set Judge George Bullock, of the Los Angeles Superior Court, and Judge Joseph Marchetti, of the Los Angeles Municipal Court.

ON WINGS OF SONG

Set to lifting Irish melodies comes "Rose of Tralee," a delightful screen play of haunting charm, together with the diminutive Binkie Stuart, England's little wonder star. The story concerns Paddy O'Brien, a young Irish singer, who sets sail for New York in search of fame and fortune, with a radio contract in his pocket. His wife and baby daughter remain behind in London. As New York he changes his name to O'Malley, for publicity purposes, and through unforeseen circumstances, comes to know his wife. In due time he obtains financial assistance, she obtains a position as hostess at a night club. When his contract is through, Paddy rushes back to London to try and find his wife and baby daughter. His agent

TRUCKS WRECKED FOR NEW FILM

Several scores of trucks of various kinds were needed for "Racketeers." Racketeers conducting a campaign of terrorism, were to wreck, burn and blow up the trucks for the film. It would have been a needless waste to buy new trucks, and run them for the picture, so prop men rounded up the required number of decrepit vehicles and painted them up to look like new. The trucks were wrecked in awe-inspiring, thrill-charged scenes. Then the metal was salvaged from the wrecks and the remainder was consigned to the city dump. Thrilling scenes for a motion picture were made and trucks

THE LEADER

Thursday, December 22, 1938.

XMAS SOCIAL AT WESTGARTH THEATRE

The Westgarth Star Social Club held an annual Xmas Social at the theatre on the night of December 18, the function beginning after patrons had vacated the building.

The lounge was cleared, wireless connected to an amplifier and the fun started. About 50 people, the directors of the theatre, the staff, their families and friends made merry to the tune of dance music.

During the night Mr. "Son" Yeoman, who was accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Yeoman, presented trophies to the winners of sporting events held during a recent picnic. The trophies were won by Mr. K. Grigg, Mr. E. Foster, Mrs. Wellington, Mr. Wilson, Mr. G. Cohen, Mr. O'Loughlin, and Miss D. Valentine.

A handsome sandwich tray was presented to Mrs. Lousis in appreciation of her services.

The organizing committee consisted of Mr. "Sam" Yeoman (president), Mr. T. Taylor (chairman), Mr. Smith (secretary), Mr. Foster (treasurer), and Messrs. O'Loughlin and Hill (committees).

During the evening Mr. Keith Desmond rendered recitations which were well received. An excellent supper was provided and all had a most enjoyable time.

Believing the adverse publicity will affect his popularity, withhold from him information as to the whereabouts of his family. Eov happiness comes to all in an entirely unexpected manner, forming a fitting climax to this charming photoplay.

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Westgarth Racing Competition

Saturday last provided one of the biggest thrillings punters have received for a long time. Entrants in the 4th Westgarth Racing Competition were also off the mark, and the best entry only gained 17 pts out of a possible 25.

The winning selection had three winners and the second—Sight Spear (2nd at 2/1), Harina (won at 7/2) Baryta (won at 7/1), Princess Pam (won at 5/1). The remainder of the entry read: Belvoir, Trimon, both starting favorites, both ridden by Elliott, and both unplaced.

The next best entry gained 15 pts. It had the three winners of the first entry, the other horses being Brna (scratched), Roundabout (unplaced), and Trimon (unplaced). The remaining entries to qualify for the free tickets to the Westgarth Theatre, whose holiday programme is advertised elsewhere in this issue, gained 13 pts each. The third entry read, Sight Spear (2nd), Harina (won), Sylvania (unplaced), Baryta (won), Hantboy (3rd at 7/1), and Funcoff (unplaced).

The fourth was: Teetpocul (won at 7/1), Harina (won), Scottish King (unplaced), Sir Robin (unplaced), Hantboy (3rd) and Good Boy (2nd at 7/1).

The last competition for 1938 will be decided on the Williamstown race to be run on December 24. The points and conditions will be the same as in previous competitions. No entry received after 12 noon on Saturday, December 24, will be eligible for the competition.

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NORTHCOTE RESIDENTS DO NOT SUPPORT NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

Regret Expressed At Annual Meeting

Most of the speakers who addressed a numerically disappointing attendance at the annual meeting of the Northcote Football Club at the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday night, December 14, commented upon the fact that the Football Club was not receiving the patronage of local residents. Citizens of Northcote went to League matches week after week in spite of the fact that the Association games with the introduction of the new rules provided a better and faster spectacle.

Mr. Bird described the attitude of the League as distinctly childish, having transferred from Carlton to Northcote in 1928. He has since played in 192 premier-ship games and has kicked 846 goals. This represents an average of 76 goals per season, or 4.4 goals per match—a truly remarkable record.

SCHOOL SPEECH NIGHTS

WESTLEIGH COLLEGE CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The annual school Speech Night and presentation of prizes was held at the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday evening, December 14.

In presenting the annual report, Mr. Eversard commented on the progress made since the school had been conducted by her sister and herself. School transcripts were carried from their homes direct to the school.

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CHURCH NEWS

Holy Trinity, Thornbury The Vicar preaching at well-attended services on Sunday stressed the urgent need of the spirit of Christmas every day of the year.

At night the Vicar paid a glowing tribute to the memory of two deceased well-known ladies, Mrs. E. McHenry, for many years the vicar of Holy Trinity, and Mrs. E. M. Dow, for a number of years a loyal supporter and worker in the church.

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BOXING

DELANEY SURPRISES ELLIS

The almost complete subjugation of Ian Ellis acclaimed as one of the greatest prospects produced in Australia, by Kid Delaney, the unassuming Northcote lightweight last week, was a bigger upset than the McNamee-Jock Wilson contest.

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TRAFFIC FINES

At Northcote Court

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THE DEATH OF MORTON DUNLOP

Open Verdict Found

An inquiry into the death of Morton Dunlop, 49 years, barrister, who died on Friday, December 16, when a large and appreciative audience was present.

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PRESTON TECHNICAL SCHOOL

INTEL-HOUSE SWIMMING GARNIVAL

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District Cricket

Northcote's Poor Start

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Preston Council

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

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Rev. Thornton apologized for the absence of the Mayor (Mr. J. French) who had been expected, but had been called away.

PROGRAMME BY PUPILS Prior to the presentation of prizes, a programme was presented by the pupils, and included an interesting dialogue, a character

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The Constable Gussed Wrong

When the name of Herbert Cahon was called at the Northcote Court on December 13, a young man stepped forward to answer a charge of clinging to another vehicle while riding a bicycle along St. George's road on November 22.

Before the bench proceeded with the case, the defendant stated that although he was the person to whom the summons was directed, his name was Albert Gahan.

Mr. O'Grady P.M. then asked defendant what name he had given to the constable. Defendant replied "Neither. I told him my name was Bert."

Apparently the constable made a wrong guess when giving defendant's name for the summons. The court amended the summons and the 19 year old offender, who lives in Bell street, Freetown, was fined £1.

He said that his reason for clinging to the motor was that the south wind was too strong to ride against.

Northcote & Fairfield School Bands

XMAS TRIP TO SYDNEY
 A composite band is to make a tour to Sydney for the Xmas holidays. 37 boys will make the trip under the direction of Mr. W. P. King. They have several engagements while in Sydney. The trip will last for 15 days. The band has been practising with it, and will stay at Albion and Goulburn en route to Sydney.

Fairfield School Band ran second in the State School Bands competition held in the Prahran Town Hall on December 7. Northcote were unlucky, not being placed, but put up a splendid performance all the same. Better luck next time, Northcote.

MAIN QUESTION ELUDES COMPETITORS

IN URGENT QUESTIONNAIRE JACKPOTS
 The question which 1st Wednesday, December 14, was worth 30/ and remained unanswered, and will be worth 5/ at the next presentation of the Questionnaire Jackpots, was: "What is the name of the man who made the first air-quest of the Atlantic?" — Brown and Hitchcock.

Where did Napoleon die? — On the island of St. Helena.
 Who made the first air-quest of the Atlantic? — Brown and Hitchcock.
 What line follows "It was the schooner Hesperus...?" — "The bridge of the Atlantic."
 What is the Vatican? — The Pope's palace.
 Who wrote "The Count of Monte Cristo"? — Alexandre Dumas.
 Who commanded the British troops at the battle of Waterloo? — The Duke of Wellington.

Where is Temple Court situated? — In Collins street, opposite Market street.
 What interest does the State Savings Bank pay on a £1,000 investment? — 2 per cent.
 On what day does Christmas Day fall in a Leap Year? — An December 25, the same as usual.
 How much does a gallon of water weigh in lb.?
 By mixing what two colors does one get green? — Blue and yellow.
 If you want to go to Clayton, what train should you catch? — The one going to Danmora.

There are some of the questions asked at the amusing and profitable presentation, which is a feature of every Wednesday night at the Regent Theatre, Thornbury. During the evening many a laugh was raised by the clever M.C., "Nicky."
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Three Petal Train On Bridal Gown GREENWOOD — SMITH

At the Methodist Church, Croxton, on December 10 the wedding of Miss Edna Mary Smith and Mr. Keith Lawrence Greenwood took place. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. H. E. Smith and the late Mr. H. E. Smith, and the groom is the youngest son of Mrs. G. S. Greenwood and the late Mr. G. S. Greenwood.

The bride chose a gown of magnolia satin, fashioned on classical lines with a three petal trim falling from the waist. Her veil, which was lent by her sister-in-law (Mrs. H. G. Smith), fell from a plait of magnolia satin and was held by a sheaf of orange blossom. Water lilies and ferns were her flowers. The groom's gift, a string of pearls was also worn. Rev. A. F. Ellmore officiated at the ceremony, and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. H. G. Smith.

DECEMBER BRIDES

Bridesmaids In Mauve SMITH — ADAMS

Rev. F. E. Thornton officiated at the marriage of Miss Florence Adams and Mr. John James Stuart Smith at the Church of the Epiphany, Northcote, on December 3. The bride is the eldest daughter of the late Mr. W. Adams and Mrs. Adams, and the groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George. During the signing of the register Mrs. J. Grigg sang "Because."

The bride, who was escorted by Mr. L. Forbes, was attired in a graceful gown of magnolia satin, and water lilies formed her bouquet.

Two maids attended the bride, the Misses V. Bain and I. Adams (niece of bride). They chose dainty frocks of mauve lace with white shoes. The bride's hair, held in their veils which fall over the face and shoulders. They carried bouquets of golden pansies and asteromera.

Assisting the groom was Mr. R. Juller as best man, and a reception was held at the Masonic Hall, Collingwood. For travelling, the bride wore a black tailor made costume with matching accessories. Her mother chose a navy blue georgette and lace gown, and the bride's gown was white tulle with blue. The couple will make their home at Neerim road, Carnegie.

Edwardian Silk Tulle Gown TOPHAM — OSMOND

ENTERING the Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, on November 26, the bride, Miss Marjorie Victoria Osmond, was escorted by her uncle Mr. Albert Rowbury. She is the youngest daughter of Mrs. W. Osmond, Hutson street, Thornbury, and of the late Mr. W. Osmond, and the bridegroom, Mr. Francis Roy Topham, is the only son of Mrs. Topham, Smith street, Thornbury, and the late Mr. F. R. Topham. The Rev. W. H. Chamberlain performed the ceremony.

For her gown the bride selected white silk tulle fashioned in Edwardian style which had a heart-shaped neckline and puff sleeves. The gown was trimmed with white tulle and had a row of rouching and a row of red gardenias clasped her veil of tulle to the head. Water lilies formed her bouquet.

Attending the bride were Misses Jean Waterfield and Pearl Alsoop, and they were attired in frocks of cornflower blue silk tulle over mauve tulle slips with boleros to match. Floral clusters rested in their hair and each held a sheaf of daisies. The bridegroom's gifts, cultured pearls with matching clasps, were also worn.

Mr. Harry Lanson was best man and Mr. Edward Simmons groomsmen. The church was decorated and the service sung by a choir with Mr. Alec Smith at the organ. Afterwards a reception was held at the George Hotel, St. Kilda. When the couple left for their honeymoon at Marysville was lent tulle with a turquoise blue brook with matching coat and accessories. In a maize, they will reside in Glen Iris.

Skirt Extends In Circular Train MURRAY — STABB

ON NOVEMBER 26 the marriage of Miss Iris May Stabb and Mr. Roy Bertram Murray was celebrated at the Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, by Rev. W. H. Chamberlain. The bride, who was given away by her father, is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stabb, of Claude street, Northcote, and the groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Murray, of Martin street, Thornbury.

The bride chose an exquisite gown of white cloque cut in Edwardian style. The shirred bodice was trimmed with a Peter Pan collar and puff sleeves and her fitting skirt swept back into a long circular train. Simply arranged with a white cloque cap and a pair of white tulle shoes, the bride's gown was held by a bouquet of begonia, lilies, sweet peas and carnations.

Misses Elva Stabb (sister of the bride) and Joyce Murray (sister of the groom) were the bridesmaids. They chose dainty frocks of bitter-sweet chiffon with Grecian bodices and sun-ray pleated skirts, and boleros to match. Pink tulle picture hats adorned their heads and they carried mauve and pink sweet peas.

Supporting the groom was Mr. Verdon Wilkinson as best man, and Mr. Arthur Slabb (brother of bride) as groomsmen. During the ceremony Mr. Alec Smith officiated at the organ and later a reception was held at Normanby Hall, where Mrs. Olorenshaw catered in a bountiful manner. The couple will reside at Sandringham.

Quiet Wedding Ceremony DALE — ANDERSON

At the Calens Memorial Church, Melbourne on December 6 the wedding was quietly celebrated of Miss Mauda Maitland Anderson and Mr. David Alan Dale. The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of Horsham and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dale and the late Mr. Dale of Ponders street, Thornbury.

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Mr. A. Garrigan, of Gover street, Preston is leaving for Avon, S.A., on December 23 for a fortnight.

Miss E. Shaw, of Alma grove, Northcote, will spend a fortnight at Gardamaine, leaving on December 23.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cavanagh and their two sons, of 54 Rossmore street, Thornbury, will leave on Saturday, December 24 for Adelaide where they will spend a fortnight, staying at the Grosvenor Hotel.

Miss Jean Prior, of 54 Stott street, Northcote, leaves by the R.M.S. Orana on December 23 for a six weeks' trip to Colombo. Mr. and Mrs. Hill (formerly Miss Agnes Watt) of 122 Smith street, Thornbury, are spending a three weeks' honeymoon in Sydney, leaving on December 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Robinson, of Northcote, are spending Christmas holidays on a cruise to Suva. Mr. and Mrs. G. Skipper and son, of "Ardul", Malpas street, East Preston, are leaving on December 24 for Heyfield, Gippsland where they will spend a fortnight.

Miss Jean Skipper, of "Ardul", Malpas street, East Preston, will go to Sandringham for a fortnight, on December 24. Cubmaster H. Leblanc, and Assistant Cubmaster L. Fulton, of 4th Northcote Pack, will attend the Scout Jamboree at Sydney. Assistant Cubmaster M. Ryan will spend Christmas at Daylesford.

Miss Mollie O'Brien, of 431 Clarke street, Northcote, will spend a three weeks' holiday with her parents at Colac. She will be accompanied by Miss Myrtle Mitchell of the same address, who will remain for a week.

Edith Mary Russell, formerly of Plant street, Northcote, but late of Glenatda, married, who died on November 27 left by will dated December 27, 1916, real estate valued at £140 and personal property valued at £225 to her husband.

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Personal

Mr. H. P. Zwar, M.L.A. accompanied by his wife and daughter, left last Saturday on a visit to the Chalet, Mt Buffalo.

Audrey Feldtmann, daughter of Senior Constable Feldtmann and Mrs. Feldtmann, of Collins street, Thornbury, has a unique school record. She has been dux of every grade throughout her schooling, and in 1938 was Dux of the Pender's Grove State School. A prize, the gift of Cr. W. Oliver, was presented by the Junior to Audrey on December 16. Audrey intends to continue her studies at P.L.C.

A very pleasant few hours were spent on Monday evening at the Roman Catholic Presbytery, Ross-mayne street, Thornbury, when a dinner was tendered to Father Frank Reynolds, to celebrate his admission to the priesthood. Rev. Father Vaughan occupied the chair, and about 24 guests were in attendance. The health of the newly ordained priest was pronounced by Mr. W. Cook, to which Father Reynolds made a suitable response.

A native of Epping in the person of Mr. Joseph Legge, passed away on December 13, at the age of 81. He was a single man, and a highly respected farmer in the district. His sister, Mrs. O'Henry, a local resident, survives him. Prior to the interment, a service was held at the Epping Catholic church, and an attendance of about 150 mourners was an indication of the esteem in which Mr. Legge was held. Mr. Ern Jensen had charge of the mortuary arrangements. Mr. Legge's parents are buried in the same grave.

Mrs. C. H. Page, wife of Mr. Page, of Bell street, Preston, has been presented with a beautiful piece of crystal in recognition of services rendered as organist at the Church of Christ, Coburg, during the past twelve months. The Mother-General of the Good Samaritan Sisters paid a visit recently to St. Raphael's, West Preston, and was entertained at an informal concert by the school children.

Sister Holland, Preston Baby Health Centre, will spend ten days at Sandringham during Xmas and New Year.

First Constable Morgan, of Preston, will spend his annual leave in Gippsland.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Chipperfield of Sydney road, Coburg, formerly of High street, Preston, will entertain a number of friends on Saturday, the occasion being the celebration of their silver wedding anniversary.

Father L. O'Rourke, a well-known and popular Roman Catholic priest, has been transferred from Preston to North Melbourne. His splendid gifts as an organizer and administrator were greatly appreciated by all with whom he came in contact. During the absence abroad of Fr. J. H. O'Grady, Fr. O'Rourke administered the parish in a most capable manner. In connection with St. Raphael's, West Preston, Fr. O'Rourke also did excellent work, and endeared himself to parishioners, who greatly regret his departure from their midst.

Father Thomas Murray has been appointed assistant priest at Sacred Heart Church, Bell street, Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Storey, of Preston, contemplate a holiday to be spent in Tasmania.

Miss Hughes, principal of Preston Girls' School for four years, will, after the Xmas vacation, assume control of the Girls' School at East Camberwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lang, and Mr. Alf Lang, of St. Justin street, Preston, will spend the holidays at Bohuca.

Mr. W. L. McDonald, building inspector at Preston City Council, will leave early in the New Year for a fortnight's holiday at Beech Forest.

On Sunday morning last, Keith Long, well known in Preston, was raised to the priesthood at St. Patrick's Cathedral. A special sermon was preached by Rev. Fr. Griffen, O.F.M. On Monday morning last, Fr. Long celebrated his first Mass, assisted by Fr. J. H. O'Grady.

Mr. L. Howse of Northcote, is looking forward to a fortnight's vacation at Mt. Gambier, where he will stay with his relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Barker, of 15 Sheffield street, West Preston, will celebrate their Silver Wedding anniversary, which will occur on December 20, by entertaining a number of friends and relatives at their home.

This year is Jack Cain's twenty-first as a member of the Victorian Parliament; he celebrates his majority by succeeding Tom Cunningham, now Speaker of Labor leader. Born in the Melbourne Valley, Cain has been a member since 1907. He was in the Premier's Government at the time that Hogan led. "The Bulletin."

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Miss Nola Lurch, of Trull street Northcote intends to visit Ballarat for a holiday extending over four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Cahir with their daughters, of Preston, will spend a month's holiday at Mentone. They intend to leave early in January.

Minsters Cecil Marcollo of 95 Deaver's road, Northcote, and William and Jack Brown, of Hastings street, Northcote, are leaving on Xmas Eve for a fortnight's holiday at Rosebud.

Miss B. Pollard, of Jenkins street, Northcote, and Miss J. Harris, of Elm street, Northcote, are leaving for Fiji on a three weeks' cruise, on Xmas Eve.

Mrs. McCormack, of 11 Langston street, Northcote, will spend an Xmas vacation of two weeks at Daylesford.

Mr. A. Spriggs and family of Northcote will spend the Xmas holidays camping at Wilson's Promontory.

Social Notes

The following engagements have been announced:—

Doris May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wall, Kinkora road Hawthorn, to James Hugh Wagstaff, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marsland, "Toowong," High street, Preston.

Eileen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Callender, Osborne road, Preston, to Mr. Robert Robinson, only child of Mr. and Mrs. L. Robinson, Murrays road, Preston.

Ella Valmal, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Evans, of Dingley, Lorquon, to Colin Leslie, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Junor, of 31 Thames street, Northcote.

Beryl Joan, younger daughter of the Rev. W. P. Balmbridge and Mrs. Balmbridge, of The Vicarage, Port Melbourne, to Gibson McIlrann, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Phelan, of Tintern avenue, Preston.

Mary, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Hanrahan, Goulburn avenue, East Preston, to Richard John, elder son of Mrs. M. Mason and the late Mr. R. Mason, Concord street, West Preston, formerly of Bannala.

Tubercular Sailors And Soldiers Assn.

The festive season was upheld by the above association at the Centenary Hall, Melbourne, on Wednesday, December 21, when Distressed Diggers' Children were entertained.

The function was opened by Lady Huntingfield, who spoke in appreciative terms of the work done by the association. She thanked the president (Mr. L. Williams) and the committee for the opportunity to be present. This was the last occasion on which she would attend. As a memento, she was handed an engraved blackwood boomerang.

Santa Claus presented each child with a gift, and each parent was given a 10/- order on a grocer and butcher. Messrs. Tassie, Evans, Mulder, Smith, Henkel, Jessup, and Hepburn (of Preston) were responsible for the refreshments which were served during the afternoon, and which were much appreciated.

On Tuesday the Executive Council decided to commute the death sentences on Jenner and Wallace for the murder of Mr. F. W. Sherry at Clifton Hill on September 1 to imprisonment for life, without benefit of gaol regulations. This means that they will be kept in gaol until they die.

Infantile Paralysis Cases

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57/60 BATTALION NOTES

HAWKER CUP. The competition for the Hawker Cup is again over for another year and Westgarth Drill Hall must be congratulated on their fine performance in retaining the Cup for another year. The competition, held on a recent night at Preston Drill Hall, was exciting throughout—right up to the last item any one of the four training centres—North Fitzroy, Diamond Valley, Westgarth, and Preston—were likely winners. When only two points separated the winners and last place it shows how closely the competition was fought. Again, Westgarth are congratulated for their performance as the winners and Preston, Diamond Valley and North Fitzroy for their splendid fight to win the cup. A large number witnessed the competition and cheered competitors. Brigadier A. Jackson, O.B.E., V.D., in presenting the Cup, stressed the urgent need for volunteers to join the ranks. He pointed out that world affairs to-day necessitated preparedness on the part of Australia to defend her heritage against the forces that threatened.

A further ceremony took place after the competition for the Hawker Cup. Brigadier Jackson presented three N.C.O.'s of the Regiment with the Efficiency Medal, a decoration presented for twelve years' efficient service. The recipients were C/Sgt. W. W. Hook, C/Sgt. A. G. Webb, and C/Sgt. F. N. Evans. These three N.S.O.'s have served the Regiment well and are to be congratulated on receiving their decorations.

TACTICAL EXERCISES AT ST. HELENA. Last week-end all the officers of the Regiment went to St. Helena where, on Saturday afternoon, December 10, an exercise of great interest was carried out. It was designed to give training in the protection of troops on the move. The troops moving down the main road towards Greensborough and Melbourne had to be protected from the flanks, and our Regiment was acting as left flank guard. Protection from the air and from enemy tanks and armoured cars had to be provided against. Some interesting problems were set and solved, and on Sunday the troops of the Regiment were taken up in motor transport and the actual movements were carried out over the ground.

LAST PARADES FOR HALF YEAR. The last parades for the half year were held at North Fitzroy and Preston on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th. First parades for the new half year will commence on Monday, January 9 at Preston and North Fitzroy, and Tuesday January 10 at Preston and Westgarth. Thursday, January 12 is the first parade at Diamond Creek.

The first parades next year are on Monday, January 9, at Preston and North Fitzroy; Tuesday January 10 at Preston and Westgarth, and Thursday, January 12 at Diamond Creek.

Jenner And Wallace Not To Hang

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EJECTION ORDER

The Northcote bench on December 18 made an ejection order against Alan Anstis, of High street, Northcote.

IN MEMORIAM

MUTIMER.—In loving memory of our dear Aunt, Annie Elizabeth, who passed away Dec. 22, 1937. Also our dear Uncle William, dearly loved husband of above, who passed away May, 1938. R.I.P.

"Ever Remembered."—Inserted by A. and O. Du Feu.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE

Two young gents require Board and residence near Northcote station, with garage and phone, after New Year. Reply stating terms to "J.P.C." c/o Leader Office.

Man Who Would Not Tell

HE IS FINED £5. At Preston Court on December 21, Joseph Lyell Dunn, of Bell street, Preston, was charged with failing to give information to the police when called upon to do so. The prosecution arose out of a breach of the Traffic Code. A motor-cycle was ridden across the intersection of Brunswick and Johnston streets, Fitzroy, and though the rider was not stopped the number of the machine was taken.

Constable Opperman interviewed defendant on December 10, and Dunn told him that he did not ride the motor-cycle on the day in question, but that a friend did. When asked the name of the friend, he said "That's my business." Defendant further told the constable that his friend was unemployed, and unable to pay any fine, concluding with "If you like you can prosecute me, and the bench can fine me whatever they like."

The bench took defendant at his word, and imposed a fine of £5.

MOTOR CYCLE WITHOUT REAR-LIGHT

A fine of 10/- was imposed by Preston bench on December 21 on Lionel William James, of Gordon grove, East Preston, who was charged with riding a motor-cycle in Spring street on November, the machine not having a rear light burning.

LARCENY CHARGE FAILS

When Desmond Percival Jones of Cooma street, Preston, appeared before the Preston bench on December 21 on a charge of having stolen, on May 5, by means of a trick, a man's suit valued at £5/5/-, the bench dismissed the case as the informant, John Joseph Moon, of Gower street, Preston, would not give any evidence. The only information volunteered by Moon was that a suit had been lent to Jones, witness thinking it was for a couple of days only. The suit was not returned. Subsequently he found out that it was a mistake, and had asked the police for the charge to be withdrawn.

The prosecution did not offer any more evidence, and the case was dismissed.

FORGERY ALLEGED: MAN FOR TRIAL

How the defendant, Francis Weston, 28 years, shearer and jockey, of Campbell street, Collingwood, was alleged to have tried to pass a valueless cheque in two hotels and a store was told at the Preston Court on December 21, when Weston was charged with having, on December 5, forged the name of John H. Sherwin of Beveridge to a cheque for £9/10/-, and with attempting to utter the cheque. He was committed for trial on both charges, and pleading not guilty, reserved his defence.

A TRAP FOR MOTORISTS

HEAVY PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO STOP. Four people were charged before the Preston Court on December 21 with failing to stop before crossing Miller street. In each case the bench imposed a fine of £2. The four defendants were Arthur R. Baddeley, plumber of Epping; Eric M. Wymby, of Valera road, West Melbourne; Charles Camm, of Thackeray road, Preston, and Albert Street, of Roma street, Regent.

In the first case the defendant said he had been driving over the intersection for three years, and had never stopped at the intersection of High and Miller streets, to which the chairman of the bench (Mr. T. J. McMahon J.P.) said: "He is lucky for you that you were not caught before."

Some months ago the same chairman of the Preston bench (who on Wednesday last described the cases as serious, and imposed fines of £2) expressed himself very strongly on the matter of this particular intersection, stating that it was high time the municipalities concerned (Northcote and Preston) did something to relieve conditions at this particular spot, which he described as a "trap for motorists."

On that occasion he imposed a fine of 5/- in each case.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

ABSTRACT FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30/9/1938

Table with financial data including Rates, Municipal Fund, Municipal Fund Trust Account, General Purposes Account, Loan Liability, Electric Light Account, Private Street Account, and Assets and Liabilities.

The Government Auditor, Mr. W. Buck, F.C.A. (Aust.), certified to the correctness of the accounts subject to disallowance of expenditure of £1/15/0. The accounts were finally settled, found just and true and allowed at a meeting of the Council held on the 12th day of December, 1938.

A copy of the statement may be inspected at the Municipal Offices during office hours. J. A. THOMSON, L.I.C.A. Town Clerk and Treasurer