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Preston Council

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31.

The first meeting of the Preston Council after the holidays was held on Tuesday. Present the Mayor (Cr. Pike) and Crs. Davis, Moore, Croft, Coleman, Nisbett, Swain, Robinson, Grey, Andrews Blake and Barling.

CORRESPONDENCE

The P.M.G's Department has decided not to accede to a request for the erection of a letter receiver in Spring street, and at the suggestion of Cr. Moore, the matter will be reviewed in six months' time.

Mrs. S. Dowsey, 508 Gilbert road, West Preston, sought attention to roadway crossing — Public Works committee on the motion of Crs. Grey and Swain.

G. Dobson, Swanston street, near Bell street bridge, Preston, sought attention to roadway. — P. W. committee.

Hartex Felt Maunfacturers, application for a noxious trade license at Austral avenue, Preston where it is proposed to manufacture carpet underfelt. (No objection was raised by the health inspector). — Application granted.

A. J. Stanton and 17 others forwarded a joint letter objecting to the establishment of a second-hand timber yard in High street, Preston south; and requested that the use of machinery for cutting wood on the premises be not permitted. — It was reported that no application had been made for permission to use circular saws. Matter referred to the committee of the council on the motion of Cr. Grey.

Wm. L. Wonder, Raglan street, sought attention to reconstructed footpaths in Raglan street, between Hotham street and Plenty road; also asking that metal be placed between crest of roadway and channel and sealed.—P. W. committee on motion of Crs. Andrews and Blake.

Preston North Ward Progress Association suggesting that to make Gilbert road reasonably safe for traffic, filling be taken from the bottle-neck in Gilbert road to level the road and make it safe for vehicular traffic; also that Spring street be rolled, levelled and top-dressed.— P. W. committee on motion of Crs. Moore and Coleman.

East Preston Progress Association sought provision of conveniences at the corner of Bell street and Plenty road. — P. W. committee.

Royal Automobile Club of Victoria, re dangerous state of Bell street and Gilbert road, and suggesting the erection of a sign to minimise the danger. — Cr. Grey said that Gilbert road was a "major" street, and if the traffic using Bell street stopped before entering Gilbert road—as it should do—the danger would be greatly minimised. — Matter referred to the P. W. committee.

Finance

Accounts passed for payment: Electric Light Committee £5945; Finance Committee £16,222. Collected since last meeting (December 17) £6981; overdraft £14,920. Excess of debits over total credits £4,433.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Cr. Barling presented a letter signed by Major Wishart and 60 others requesting attention to road and footpath in Gower street opposite the Salvation Army citadel.— The matter was referred to the P.W committee. engineer to report.

Cr. Barling said the Board of Works was to get new money for main drains. He moved that applications be made for allotments for Howard street near Broadway, and for O'Keefe street near Bell street. Cr. Barling said that the council would be wanting to do something for Broadway, but this work could not be done unless the drainage were first attended to, and if the present chance were missed, no one know when the next money was likely to be available.

Cr. Swain said that before the Board could get any more money for main drainage, it would have to impose another 1d. rate, which would return £80,000 a year. He hoped that if the council made the request. it would also support the imposition of the extra 1d. rate. If the extra rate were imposed, the Board would raise a loan of £1,000,000 for main drainage purposes.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Moore moved that consideration be given to the modernising of channels and metalling of Station street. — Public Works committee,

Cr. Moore moved that steps be taken for the construction of the Haig, Monash, Crispe streets group under private street construction. — Public Works committee.

Cr. Barling asked the position re the crossing over the pipe track at Cheddar road.

The engineer (Mr. Johnson) said the matter had been held up over the vacation, but he had been in touch with the Board engineers, who had inquired just what was required. The matter was in hand.

FOOTBALL

Preston Club

THE SECRETARY RESIGNS

Mr. H. Bredin, secretary to the Preston Football Club, has forwarded his resignation to the committee, giving as the reason that the business demands on him precluded him from devoting the necessary time to the position. The resignation will be considered at the next meeting of the committee.

Several applications have been received for the position of coach.

INCORRECT SCALES

Also Unstamped Weights

A FRUITERER FINED

THE Preston bench on February 1 imposed a £5 fine and also a £2 fine on George McGenzie, of David street, Preston, who was charged with having had in his possession a set of unstamped weights and incorrect scales on January 6. H. H. Jones, inspector for the Weights and Measures Union, said that he inspected the faulty articles on defendant's truack in Plenty road. The scales, were incorrect in the weight at the rate of 1oz per pound. McKenzie was ordered to pay £2/7/ costs as well as the fine. The scales and the weights were ordered to be forfeited.

Howe & Co's Employes Hold Picnic

SUCCESSFUL OUTING AT LILYDALE

Favored with ideal weather, 250 people journeyed to Lilydale on A.N.A. Day for Howe & Co's employes' 11th annual picnic. The children had an enjoyable outing and received sweets and ice-cream and profitably shared in several penny scrambles.

The winners of the main sporting events were: Excelsior handicap, L. Else, L. Noble, C. Burt Single Ladies' race, Misses Else Ralph, Page. Married Ladies race, Mesdames Deacon, Pangbourne and Burt. Men's Sack race, Messrs Goodfellow, Kirkpatrick and Wraith. Siamese race, Mr. Noble and Miss Beel Mr. L. Else and Miss Else.

At the close of the day attractive prizes were presented to the sucessful competitors. The arrangements for the day were in the hands of Mr. C. Oliver (secretary) and a committee consisting of Messrs W. Woods, N Wraith, L. Else, T. Hollowood, E Hull, D. Wheeler, R. Underhill S. Underhill, W. Beacom, F. Porter J. Thompson, C. Deacon, G. Martin, G. Fairman, E. Binns and F Albinson.

Fatality At Edwardes Lake

YOUTH DROWNED WHEN CANOE IS UPSET

A sad fatality occurred at Edwardes Lake, Reservoir, on Monday, when so many persons took part in celebrating in the open air. Among those who had prepared for the outing was a youth named Keith Herbert Woodward, 18 years of age, a son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Woodward, Thackeray road, Reservoir.

Keith had spent much of his spare time in the construction of a canoe, and it was ready for launching on Monday. At first it was intended that the "try-out" should take place on the Yarra, but that idea was abandoned in favor of Edwardes Lake. In company with a friend named Shacklock, young Woodward entered the canoe. The water was rough and "choppy" and the little craft soon came to grief, and the two occupants were precipitated into the water. Shacklock, with assistance, managed to reach land, but unfortunately Woodward was unable to stay afloat. and was drowned. It was several hours [illegible] at the body was recovered.

The youth Shacklock was in a precarious condition for a considerable time and was subsequently taken to a private hospital for treatment.

Young Woodward built the canoe himself, and had arranged to take a girl friend out in it on Monday afternoon. He was a prominent bicycle rider and was the winner of several races.

The services of the Preston police were requisitioned in the dragging operations, which eventually were successful.

The funeral of the deceased in charge of Mr. Ern Jensen, took place in Preston cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, was largely attended, and many expressions of regret were heard. Rev. T. W. Butcher, Methodist minister at Regent conducted the service at the graveside.

THE CASTERTON GIFT

K. J. BROWN, OF PRESTON WINS

The Gift at the fourth annual meeting of the Casterton Athletic Club on Monday was won by K. J. Brown (Preston) from E. M. Prior (West Brunswick), the favorite, in the final, at evens. Brown started at 2's. Gate receipts amounted to £248.

SCARCITY OF EGGS

OFFER MADE OF 2/ A DOZEN

A leading Melbourne egg distributor and board agent says that the shortage of eggs has become so acute that a shipping agency, trying to victual a ship had offered 2/ a dozen for eggs. Unable to fill the order, the firm had managed to supply a few cases only at the board price of 1/4. Other agents stated that orders were coming in from Sydney, but they were unable to fill them with so many local orders unfilled. The shortage of hen eggs was most acute, and only pullet eggs were available in any quantities.

Preston Residents At Northcote Court

THE Northcote bench on January 31 convicted and discharged Thomas Robert Brown, laborer, of Willoughby street, Reservoir, who pleaded guilty to being found drunk and disorderly in a public place on January 27.

Constable Shaw, who arrested defendant, said that he found him sprawling on the steps of the Plaza Theatre at 6.45 p.m. Defendant was very drunk.

CLUNG TO TRUCK

After hearing the evidence in the only traffic case to be heard on Tuesday last, January 31, the Northcote bench imposed a fine of £1 on Alfred William Innes, of May street, West Preston.

Innes was charged with clinging to another vehicle while riding a bicycle in Heidelberg road, Fairfield.

According to the police evidence defendant's explanation was that he was late to work, and was getting a tow with a fast travelling truck.

Preston Court

Ejectment.

An ejectment order was made by the Preston bench on January 25 against T. Wolfe, of Crookston road, Reservoir.

Bicycle Without Light.

A fine of 10/ in default 24 hours' imprisonment was imposed on George Simons, 17 years, of Penders street, Thornbury, who pleaded guilty to having ridden a bicycle which was not equipped with a light, along David street, Preston on the night of January 8.

Failed to Stop.

Two motorists who failed to stop when entering the intersection of High street and Miller street on November last were each fined 10/ They were Ivan Frye, of Grimshaw street, Greensborough, and Ronald G. Hemmins, of Rossmoyne street, Thornbury.

According to the motor-cycle patrolmen, who gave evidence in both cases the defendants' speed was 30 and 25 miles per hour respectively.

GAZETTED STREETS

NO SPECIAL LEGISLATION

SOME time ago the Preston Council placed a number of facts before the Minister for Public Works in regard to the problem of dealing with "gazetted" streets in Preston. It was regretted that the Minister could not see his way to recommend the introduction of special legislation to deal with the subject.

The council had made a request that legislation be introduced so that in cases where gazetted streets had been constructed at the expense of the municipality, the council be empowered to charge such owners for the works, with the idea of putting the streets in proper order.

BUSH FIRE APPEAL CONCERT

On Sunday Night At Plaza Theatre

GALAXY OF STARS

On Sunday February 5, the Plaza Theatre will present a monster stage show, the proceeds of which will go to the Bush Fire Appeal.

Plaza Theatre, which has in the past earned an excellent name for the presentation of stage shows, has surpassed all previous efforts by gathering for the same night's performance such a galaxy of stars as has never been witnessed before, commencing with Syd Palmer's orchestra of 14 instruments, and including two of Melbourne's swing vocalists, the great show will include over twenty acts. The handling of the show will probably be in the hands of the popular Plaza M.C., Fred Tupper.

The programme will include the following personalities: — Smoky Dawson and his Hillbillies in an entirely new presentation. the Cavalier Chorus (12 voices); the Two Aces (musical novelty from Sydney); the Two Artistos, who delighted the Plaza audiences a fortnight ago. Keith Rosenthal and Frank Melbourne, direct from the Tivoli, and many other well-known acts.

ROOFING CONTRACTOR LOSES CASE

Unfinished Building Dispute

At the Northcote Court on January 31, Ernest Musgrove, roofing contractor, of Ryan street, Northcote, proceeded against one Ambrose and Slater garnishee, for £20/15/. The litigation was due to the fact that after nearly completing a house for Slater, the builder, Ambrose, disappeared, leaving a balance of £20/15/ owing to the complainant for the work done on the new building.

When Ambrose disappeared prior to January 4, Musgrove went looking for him. He did not find him on the job, but on January 9 he had a conversation with Slater, and went to see the new home which was built for him in Keon street. During the inspection, Slater and Musgrove discussed the minor uncompleted jobs on the building, such as a couple of locks, some wall boards, etc.

During the conversation, they agreed that the balance of the work to be done on the building would not exceed £7/10/ At the same time Slater admitted that he was still holding £27/10/ of the contract price for the building.

They went to see an electrician for the purpose of finding out if any money was owing to him. Not finding him in, they walked over to the office of Mr. A. E. O'Connor, solicitor, in High street, where they inquired what would be the best procedure to pay out the amount outstanding to Musgrove, and at the same time protect Slater from any possible demands by Ambrose. It was suggested that an order be obtained against Ambrose, and that the amount be then garnisheed from Slater. This was done, but in the meantime Slater consulted a solicitor, who advised him to defend the case.

The facts were not contested, the defence resting on the assumption that there was no case to be answered as Ambrose had failed to fulfil his agreement, and therefore was not entitled to anything, thus making Slater not responsible to Musgrove.

Mr. O'Connor unsuccessfully argued that the conversation between Slater and Musgrove was equivalent to Slater having accepted the building in the same state as left by the builder on January 4. The bench, however, decided against him. In view of the proceedings being undertaken practically at the suggestion of Slater, no costs were allowed.

DANGEROUS DRIVING

A MOTORIST FINED £5

License Also Suspended For 3 Months

An accident during which Wallis Bransgrove, of Hotham street, Preston, suffered a fractured skull, formed the basis of a prosecution at Northcote Court, on January 27, when Joseph Charles Lovell, milk carter, of High street, Preston, was charged with driving in a manner dangerous to the public. Lovell was convicted and fined £5. His driving license was also cancelled for a period of three months.

The first witness for the prosecution was Mandel Lipson, manufacturer, of McIlwraith street, North Carlton, who said he did not actually see defendant collide with the bicycle ridden by Bransgrove. Witness was seated at the rear of a shop in High street, Croxton when he heard a crash. He rushed outside, and saw Bransgrove lying in a pool of blood. A damaged bicycle was near-by. With the help of other people, who quickly collected at the scene of the accident, witness carried Bransgrove into a shop, from which he was later taken to a hospital. Some time later, he discovered that the side of his (witness') car which was parked in High street, was damaged. He pointed the damage out to Constable Maher, who arrived in the scene some time later.

An eye witness of the accident, Miss Irene Clark told the bench that she saw a car, on which Bransgrove's cycle was caught. She saw a man being thrown in the air. She did not go and see who the injured man was.

Constable Maher said that some dirt which had been apparently knocked off the mudguards of Lipson's car, indicated where defendant's car struck it. The dents and scratches on the car and front mudguards appeared to have been made by the hub of another car. He examined Lovell's car and found that one of the wheels was without a hub-cap. Defendant told witness he did not know when or where it had been lost. He visited the scene of the accident, and came to the conclusion that defendant's car, after striking Lipson's car, travelled some 60 feet before stopping. After colliding with the car Lovell must have collided with Bransgrove's cycle. Lovell had admitted running into the cycle, but he did not think he had collided with Lipson's car. He made a statement at the Thornbury police station to that effect, and the statement was produced in court. In it Lovell stated that he felt a bump, and saw a man fly up in the air. Prior to that he had not seen the cyclist, and could not say whether he had a tail-light or not.

Bransgrove (who following the accident, which occurred on October 6, spent five weeks in hospital, where he was treated for a fractured skull) said that he could not remember anything that had happened. He had not quite recovered from his injuries.

Lovell made an unsworn statement after pleading not guilty to the charge.

The bench found the case proved, and fined Lovell £5. The bench further ordered that defendant's driving license be suspended for three months.

"Goodness me!" exclaimed the mistress. "Whatever has happened to my poor little canary? Do you know where he is, Mary?" "Indeed I don't, ma'am," replied the housemaid. "He was in his cage all right before I did it out with the vacuum cleaner."

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: : NORTHCOTE GIRL GUIDES : :

A WORLD-WIDE movement drawing the girls of the world into line with the Boy Scout movement inaugurated by Lord Baden-Powell, commenced in 1909. Lady Baden-Powell became the Chief Guide in 1918, and in 1930 was appointed Chief Guide of the World, and the movement spread rapidly to all countries. Australia gained her share of adherents, and the youth of the country took it up eagerly. To build up a solidarity of young girls banded together under a common vow of friendship, and to train and to teach them to be useful and loyal citizens, and thus fit them for womanhood and wifehood, was the aim.

Guiding came into Victoria in 1919. Two companies were started by Guiders who had belonged to the movement in England. Lady Stradbroke wife of the then State Governor had been appointed by Imperial Headquarters as State Commissioner and under her leadership, a Victorian Executive Committee was formed, with Miss Robina Hamilton as honorary State Secretary. The gratitude of all Guides to-day is due to these people who formed such a firm foundation.

Victoria was divided into Divisions and Districts. Each district has an Association of interested ladies who are responsible for the smooth-running of affairs in their District. They raise money to purchase all badges needed for the Guides.

Three Branches

There are three branches in the movement, the girls being divided according to age: Brownies 7 to 11 years; Guides 11 to 16 years; and Rangers from 16 years onward. Thus the girls are grouped so that they can learn together and enjoy similar pleasures.

A distinctive, yet inexpensive uniform is worn. Brownies, as their name implies, wearing a brown cotton dress, simply made, with patch pockets and brown leather belt, and brown gitched hat in summer and brown woollen cap in winter; and the Guides and Rangers wear a similar blue dress and felt hat.

Company Competition

Each company consists of a Captain, Lieutenant and 32 Guides, who are divided into four Patrols of eight, and meetings are held weekly. A Patrol Leader is selected by the Captain, and the Patrol Leader then selects her Second, and they are responsible for the order and neat dressing of the Patrol and the Patrol Corners, and instant obedience to all orders given by Captain or Lieutenant.

Keenness and competition are introduced by awarding points, and strict inspection plays a great part in this. In the Patrol Corners are gathered all their treasures which pertain to Guiding, and they are greatly prized. These are arranged each Meeting night, and points are won for handicrafts and ingenuity shown in these corners. Each Patrol has a flag on which has been embroidered by a Patrol member the emblem (either a bird or flower) by which the Patrol is known. Patrol colors, worn on the shoulders, are surmounted by the name of the Company to which the Guide belongs, and the State Badge, which is the "Southern Cross" surmounted by the Crown. A tie, which when unfolded is the shape of a triangular bandage, is worn by each member of the Company, so that should an occasion arise when a bandage is needed, a Guide can produce one immediately, and so live up to her motto "Be Prepared."

A Court of Honor, composed of the Captain, Lieutenant Patrol Leaders and Seconds, meets at regular intervals, to discuss the affairs of the Company. The Guide movement is a voluntary movement, self-supporting and self-governing. A Patrol in Council is held previous to the Court of Honor, when each member of the Patrol can suggest ideas and ask for instruction on outings, etc. These requests and suggestions are brought up by the Patrol Leaders to the Court of Honor, and so each member takes her part in the smooth running of the Company. All information, instructions and orders are given by the Captain to the Patrol Leaders, who in turn, pass them on to their Patrols.

Initiation Ceremony

When a girl wishes to become a Guide, she is placed in a Patrol and is known as a recruit, and must attend a least four meetings before she is given her Tenderfoot Test. A new recruit should be able to see clearly by the charts, knot-board and drawings in her Patrol Corner all that she is required to know before she can become a member. The test is quite easy. What the Captain looks for is the right Guide spirit. All the tests are learnt in game form, where selfishness, poor sportsmanship and cheating are detected and gently corrected, and when she can play games in the right spirit, and is always smiling cheerfully, she is then ready to play the big game of life.

The Ceremony of Enrolment is simple but full of significance. The Company is formed into a horseshoe, the symbol of pouring Good Luck into the world. A commissioner or the Captain enrols the recruit, who is brought forward by her Patrol Leader, when, with the Guide Salute the recruit repeats her Guide Promise:

"I promise on my honor, that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and the King,
To help other people every day, and
To obey the Guide Law."

A Guide trefoil Badge is pinned in her tie, and she is welcomed into the great Sisterhood of Guides.

Company Actitvities

The next step is to pass the tests to become a Second Class Guide. These are interesting and instructive: To lay and light a fire; Morse Code signalling with a flag (made by the Guide herself); simple First Aid and bandaging; to tie 7 knots and know their uses; Nature Study of 12 specimens; Bedmaking, etc. As soon as the Second Class Test is passed the Guide can study for Proficiency Badges, which can be gained in almost every branch. Ambulance, Sick Nurse, Child Nurse, Needlewoman, Embroideress, Cook, Housewifery, Laundress, Music, Entertainer, Dancing, etc. With subjects for selection, examiners are appointed by the Local Association, and tests, though not extremely hard, are very thorough. Eventually a First Class Guide Badge, and All Round Cords tell of the application and diligence, as well as knowledge of the Guide. For every year of Guiding, (for which 75 per cent of the possible attendance is required), a Service Star is given.

The out-of-doors activities include outings in the country, camping, country dancing, singing around camp fires, and sports. These are enjoyed by the Guides because of their appealing and comradely nature, but the girls are learning all the time, and their characters are being moulded, strengthened and broadened albeit unconsciously.

Growth In Northcote

In the Northcote District, there are two Guide Companies, two Brownie Packs, one Ranger Company and one Guide Company, in all, about 150 members. Their meeting places are in church halls, the Scout Gunyah, and the "Sam Dennis" Scout and Guide Hall.

To help further the movement in Northcote, the Executive of the Northcote Local Association is striving to raise enough funds to erect a Guide Hall. It has already £150 in hand, and hopes, in 1939 to be able to commence the building. The Guides are working very hard to raise funds towards the erection of their new hall. Their final effort for 1938 was a Garden party on December 3 in the Y.M.C.A. Hostel grounds, Lawry street, Northcote.

The 1st Northcote Guide Company (with 40 Guides, Captain and Lieutenant) meeting in the Epiphany Parish Hall, came into being in 1924, and it was the first Company in the District, with Miss E. Batten as Captain; 2nd Northcote Company, which met at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, was inaugurated in 1925 with Miss M. Russell as Captain; 3rd Northcote Company began in 1926 at the Baptist Church, High street, Northcote, under Miss Quinton; 4th Northcote Company commenced in 1931, and met in All Saints Parish Hall, Northcote, with Sister Grace as their Captain; and the 5th Northcote Company began in 1932, holding meetings in the Methodist Church Hall, High street, Northcote, with Miss Durstan as Captain. The 1st Northcote District Brownie Pack started at the Presbyterian Church Hall, James street, Northcote, in 1927, with Miss A. Cerutty as Brown Owl; 3rd Northcote Brownie Pack commenced in 1930, at the Baptist Church Hall, High street, Northcote, with Miss R. Hawkeford as Brown Owl, and the 4th Northcote Brownie Pack, with Miss A. Cerutty as Brown Owl, began in 1931, at All Saints Parish Hall, Northcote. The Ranger Company began in 1927, with Miss M. Russell as Captain, first meeting at the Hutton Street State School. The Guidons, the last branch of the movement, was started in Northcote in September 1937. This branch is for all former members of the movement, who are not able to carry out active Guiding, but still wish to remain members.

Each Company has its own Union Jack or Australian Flag, presented by the Local Association of Northcote, and these are proudly carried by Color Parties at rallies and church parades.

The first District Commissioner was Mrs. P. J. Slater, who relinquished her position in 1932. When she left the district, she was succeeded by Miss Myrtle Russell, who has the cause of Guiding deep at heart, and has been District Captain ever since.

Local Association

The secretaries who so willingly gave of their time are, Mrs. Olver, who was the first Local Association Secretary, with Miss Pitt as treasurer. On Mrs. Olver's resignation, Mrs. McDonald carried on for many years, until leaving the District. Mrs. Gardiner then ably filled the breach, until owing to ill health and lack of time, she resigned the position. Mrs. Hayecraft then became secretary, and was succeeded by Mrs. Main, who, on leaving the district, Mrs. McAdam became secretary. Thanks are due to her for her enthusiastic interest and work, especially during her term of office as Mayoress. Mrs. Main has returned from the country and once more taken up the duties of secretary.

Field Days and Sports Days are indulged in, and there is an inter-competition in Basketball between the different Companies and Districts. Rallies take place periodically. It is the ambition of every Guide to live up to her Law, gain badges, and one day, be able to attend a Rally on the other side of the world.

Officers of the Executive of the Northcote Local Association are—President: Miss M. Russell; District Commissioner; vice-presidents: Mesdames Brownell and Pollock; secretary: Mrs. Main; treasurer: Mrs. Nancarrow; committee: Mesdames Mc-Adam, Harley, Scott, Haycraft, Pearson, Brady, Woodyatt and Wood.

WHEN DEATH WAS PENALTY FOR FORGERS

MANY a crook has tried to beat the Bank of England by forging and issuing bank notes, but the supercrook in this line was a man named Charles Price.

This gentleman "practised" in the middle of the eighteenth century.

In a den behind Tottenham Court road, London, he had plates, ink, and printing machine. His notes, distributed through different agents, had a wide circulation. Although a big reward was offered for his capture, no one could find him.

Once George Morland, the celebrated artist, was in hiding at Hackney, trying to dodge the bailiffs. Someone thought he was the forger, and advised the bank. Down came officials, and off went Morland, thinking they were bailiffs. When his wife explained the facts, the bank paid £50 compensation.

Meanwhile, Price was dodging about in all kinds of disguises. More than once he changed his notes over the bank counter while notices inviting his arrest hung on the walls. Once, on the way to Paris, Price reported the suspicious behavior of a fellow traveller, handed him over to bank representatives at Calais, and got a reward.

In 1776, however, he was caught and sent to Bridewell Prison, where, after writing an essay on the Book of Job, he hanged himself with a rope supplied by his son.

In those days, Bank of England notes were not very difficult to imitate, and large numbers were forged. As the punishment for forgery or passing notes was death, and many forgers were caught, the result was a terrific loss of life. A vivid picture of those conditions has been left by George Cruickshank, the famous artist, in a letter written to a friend, as follows:

Hanging From The Gibbet

"At this period, having to go early one morning to the Royal Exchange, I passed Newgate Gaol and saw half a dozen poor people dangling from the gibbet. Two of these were women who had been executed for passing one pound forged notes."

So horrified was the artist that he drew a caricature Bank of England note, showing eleven people hanging from a gibbet, and signed "For the Govt. of the Bank of England. J. Vetch"—This being the name of the public executioner.

The note was printed and sold in the London streets; it proved to be good propaganda. An inquiry took place, and the death penalty for forgery was abolished in 1832.

WALKING ROUND THE WORLD

80,000 MILES IN ELEVEN YEARS

John Vujtech, a 53 year old Czechoslovakian, who is walking around the world, arrived at Sydney recently. He left Prague on July 1, 1927, and since then has hiked 80,000 miles.

Vujtech, who speaks English slightly, claims that he can also speak French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish, and the knowledge of these languages has helped him in his wanderings. He walks between 25 and 30 miles a day, but he likes a place he stays there for a time.

Vujtech said that he thinks Australia is a fine country, where the poor and aged receive pensions from the Government. He arrived at Perth in August, and it took him three weeks to traverse the continent.

At Kalgoorlie he spent a day working in the mines, and since then has carried wrapped in a newspaper parcel, sample pieces of quartz quarried there.

Vujtech came to Australia from Java, via Singapore and Africa. Other places he has visited include Cuba, Peru, Argentina, Mexico, Malta, Egypt and Colombo. In Cayenne a fellow Czech, who was travelling with him, contracted malarial fever, and was forced to return home.

Vujtech said that another three years would elapse before he arrived back at Prague. He plans to stay in Australia till the New Year; and then catch a boat for New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. In the meantime, to keep in touch with home affairs, he writes regularly each fortnight to his relatives.

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THE TRAFFIC LAWS

TAXI DRIVERS OUGHT TO KNOW.

"A man in your occupation ought to know the traffic regulations," remarked Mr. E. E. O'Grady P.M., at Northcote Court on January 17, in imposing a fine of £1 upon James Carruthers, taxi-driver of Berry street, Clifton Hill, who pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to stop when entering an intersection of a major street.

Carruthers was stopped by the motor-cycle patrol in Heidelberg road as he entered Queen's parade at about 25 miles per hour on December 16.

The constable who gave evidence, stated that there was a large "stop" sign painted on the roadway.

MOTORIST FAILS TO STOP

MILLER STREET INTERSECTION CAUSES MORE TROUBLE

The misleading intersection of High and Miller streets, Thornbury has been responsible for another motorist, Martin Brennan, of Smith street, St. Kilda, making an appearance at the Northcote Court on Friday last. When travelling in a northerly direction along Northcote's main thoroughfare, he failed to stop before crossing Miller street (a major street) which is the boundary between Northcote and Preston municipalities.

This intersection has caused trouble to many unsuspecting motorists during the past few months, and fines up to £2 have been imposed in many instances for breaches of the Traffic Code. In this instance Brennan was fined £1.

The trouble is that there are no signs at this intersection to indicate that Miller street is a major street. High street ceases to be a major street north of the tram terminus, and a good deal of trouble could be saved as far as road-users are concerned, if adequate signs were erected in this locality.

Minor Traffic Cases

Driver Fined £1.

A fine of £1 was imposed by the Northcote bench on January 27 on James Cartwright, of Park street, Parkville, who was charged with driving a car in High street, Northcote, without a rear light burning on the night of November 20. Defendant told the constable who stopped him, that on turning from Hutton street, he must have knocked the switch into the "off" position

Easier—But Not Cheaper.

It may be easier to push a bicycle when the electric generator is off the wheel, but it is not advisable to do so after dark. Percy Pearce, of Victoria road, Dennis, thought that it would be easier to do so, and was stopped by the motor-cycle patrol on the night of November 23. Paying a visit to Northcote Court on January 27 he gave this explanation when he was charged with riding without a light, and was fined £1.

Another cyclist to be fined for a similar offence was Ronald Ressen, of Sussex street, Preston, who was fined 10/.

No Rear Light on Motor Cycle.

Frank Henry Read, Derby street, Northcote, was fined 10/ for having ridden a motor-cycle which did not carry a lighted rear-lamp. When stopped, defendant explained that the wire leading to the light had probably pulled out. A little earlier the light was burning. The informing constable said that when the wire was connected, the light came on.

Special Scholarship

The Rebottaro's Italian school of singing has awarded Miss Jean Bretherton, of Fenwick street, Thornbury (who competed in the above school yearly scholarship) a special extra half scholarship. Jean is 14 years of age, and this indicates a great future for one so young.

Three brothers who lived together were in the habit of wearing one another's clothes, especially if there was anything new about. One day the eldest brother discovered his new cricket trousers had been worn, and accused his brothers accordingly. This was stoutly denied. "Right ho," said the eldest. "That makes the half crown I found in the pocket absolutely mine, so that's that."

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PRESTON & NORTHCOTE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

JIKA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

E. ROSE 105; BASSIERE 89 NOT OUT

First century for the round was scored by Eddie Rose (Epping) 17-year-old all-rounder, against Reservoir. He gave an excellent display of batting and scored to all parts of the compass.

Hat Trick to L. Murray (N'cote A.O.F.) And later 4/21

Irwin 5/57; Atherton 5/10; Melbourne 4/1

The opening day of the eighth round was excellent for cricket when Association play commenced on Saturday. Eddie Rose was the only batsman to score a century, but he was closely followed by Bassiere (Gloucester Socials) who had 89 not out to his credit at stumps.

(By OBSERVER)

The highest team total was knocked up by Epping, who declared at the close of the day with 5/296, and the lowest was that of Northcote Junior Footballers, who could only manage 33 against the excellent bowling of Stafford and Guthrie (Sherry Socials). Preston South A.N.A. were the far behind only making 34 against Preston Imperials, Melbourne taking 4/1.

In reply Imperials knocked up 143

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

The individual batting honors of 50 runs or more, and bowlers to secure 4 wickets or more are:

BATTING

E. Rose (Epping) 105
Bassiere (Gloucester Socials) 89
F. Ward (Northcote P.A.F.S.) 71
K. Mongale (C.S.) 65
Whitbourne (N'cote Junior Footballers 2nds.) 52
Collan (Preston Baseballers 2nds.) 57
N. Humphreys (Scouts) n.o. 52
Steele (Derr's) 52
Dowling (Braithwaites) 51

BOWLING

Irwin (Reservoir) 5/57
Atherton (Preston Stars) 5/10
Stafford (Sherry Socials) 5/15
Lee (Nth. P.A.F.S.) 5/26
Kelcher (Preston Utd.) 5/48
Rowe (Bell Ramblers) 5/48
Melbourne (Preston n.p.) 4/1
Atkins (N'cote Jun. Footballers 2nds.) 4/6
Fowler (Preston Football-ers 2nds.) 4/9
Guthrie (Sherry Socials) 4/7

General Meeting

The next general meeting will be held in the Murray road tennis pavilion at 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8. It was decided at the last meeting to forward a donation of £1/1/ to the Mayor of Preston's Bush Fire Fund, and 10/6 to the late Sid. Smith appeal being conducted by the Eastern Suburbs Cricket Association.

Annual Picnic

The annual picnic will be held during the week-end on the 4th. inst., at Eltham Park. All clubs are requested to attend. Sports for young and old will be held, and children's races. Hot water and milk will be provided free, and clubs are requested to make this day the best yet.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

A GRADE

Northcote Amateurs v Bell Ramblers — Northcote Amateurs 56 (Crowley 26, E. Bagulay 25; Pike 7/32) v Bell 3/57.

Preston Baseballers v Prestonaite. — Preston Baseballers 7/125 (F. Jennings 22, S. Jennings 22, R. Clarkson 22; Curwood 15, E. Clarkson 21 not out; Fuller 2/27, McSperrin 2/31) v Prestonite.

Dennis v Bell Ramblers — Dennis 163 (Steele 52, N. Smith 29, L. Smith — Robinson 13; Rowe 5/48, Findlay 3/48) v Bell Ramblers 4/91 (Clark 44 not out, McKenzie 25 not out.)

Northcote Junior Footballers v Sherry Socials. — Northcote Junior Footballers 33 (Stafford 5/15, Guthrie 4/17) v Sherry Socials 8/127 declared (J. Reece 31, W. Reece 26 not out; Riley 3/27)

Regent v Broadmarsh—Regent 150 (S. Mongale 65, Bernard-Baige 18, Thurwood 15, R'table 18, F. Mongale 10; Gifford 4/38, Cook 3/26) v Broadmarsh 6/19 (Scott 70 not out, Quirk 8 not out).

Croxton United v Thornbury—Thornbury 180 (Gall 48, Dow 31 Heady 20, Dunn 20, Edwards 27, A. Cohen 5/18) v Croxton United 3/67. Fox 31 not out. Cohen 29 not out).

B GRADE

Preston Stars v East Preston—Preston Stars 113 (Cornell 18, Walker 17, R. Davies 14, D. Davies 13, Atherton 13; Kelcher 5/48, Hunday 2/13) v East Preston 52 (Jacobs 14, McLaren 13; Atherton 5/10, Gates 2/11)

Preston Footballers v Clifton—Preston Footballers 6/116 declared defeated Clifton 49 and 56 (Cormey 23, Logie 26; Maslen 2/47, Lee 2/9, Whichard 2/22) outright by an innings and 10 runs.

Northcote P.A.F.S. v Ajax — Ajax 61 (Shewan 15, O'Keefe 5/26, Kiely 3/17) v Northcote P.A.F.S. 5/114 (Ward 71; Taylor 1/24).

Epping v Reservoir. — Epping 5/296 declared (E. Rose 105, Wraddington 42, A. Shallard 22, Boo 25, Wilton 31, R. Ellis 43 not out Irwin 6/57) v Reservoir.

Braithwaites v East Northcote—Braithwaites 188 (Dowling 51 Light 22, Toomey 30, Palmer 20 Dunstan 4/49, D. Haskiel 3/36 v East Northcote.

C GRADE

Scouts v Northcote Excelsior—Scouts 102 (N. Humphreys 52 not out, Hill 26) v Northcote Excelsior 56 (Buss 4/15)

Preston South A.N.A. v Prestonians Imperials. — Preston South A.N.A. 34 (Melbourne 4/1) v Preston Imperials 143 (Banks 35 Fairweather 25, Wright 21,)

Gloucester Socials v Excelsior—Gloucester Socials 170 (Bassiere 89 not out, Garnett 22) v Excelsior 6/52 (Wraith 22; Ayton 3/0).

Leeds v Preston Baseballers—Leeds 85 (Duncan 22; Fowler 4/9 Duggin 3/12) v Preston Baseballers 5/152 (Gollan 57, Brooker 28, Stehh 46 not out).

Northcote A.O.F. v Atyeo & Sons—Atyeo & Sons 102 (Hannaford 44, L. Murray 4/21 inc. hat trick, K. Murray 3/40) v Northcote A.O.F. 7/104 (Shields 31 Tivey 22, Wright 23 not out, Wilson 2/22, Durrand 2/29).

Preston Druids v Northcote Junior Footballers. — Druids 48 (Phenoweth 22; Andrews 4/6 Main 4/13) v Northcote Junior Footballers 139 (Whitbourne 62 Wigston 22; Smith 3/21, Chalkwick 2/18)

District Cricket

DISTRICT MATCHES

First Elevens

Northcote began a match against Carlton. Batting all the afternoon, Carlton made 216, of which total Price made 125 not out. Parkinson made 33 and Trembath 28. For Northcote the outstanding bowler was Thorn, who has been going very well this season. His figures were 9/126.

C. Miller took 1/49.

Northcote have yet to bat.

Second Elevens

Northcote 7/293 (Holmes 54, O'Donnell 53 I. Fleming 47, Dondey 36, Payne 35, Dudley 23; A. Hinks 5/72) v Carlton.

Third Elevens

Metropolitan League—Northcote 134 (Bennett 42, Richards 27, Baird 4/37) v Carlton 7/70 (McIntosh 23 not out; Palling 4/19; Bennett 3/24 inc hat trick)

B Section. — Northcote 187 (Wass 42 not out, Thompson 28, Bird 25, Plymin 33) v Richmond 1/19.

SUB DISTRICT

First Elevens

Batting first on their own ground, Preston knocked up 260 against Caulfield in their first innings. Ash made a splendid 101, and next were Pike 39, Anderson 30 not out, and Westcott 29. For Caulfield Downie took 4/75 and Williams 4/48.

At stumps Caulfield had lost 1/14.

Second Elevens

Preston 145 (Doherty 43, Gilbert 36, Campbell 4/46) v Caulfield 3/55.

THE LODGES

A.N.A. (North Section)—Preston 44 v Northcote 6/154 (Coatsworth 17, H. Jackson 41 and 5/13, Jones 1/48).

C.Y.M.S. — Preston 1/20 v Fairfield 160 (Smark 88 not out) 4/49 v Crescent 1/21.

I.O.R. (Second Grade)—Northcote 98 (McDonell 45, Carrig 4/23, F. Murphy 5/26) v Cobrez 4/122 (F. Murphy 38, Carrig 29,)

Sons of Temperance — Northern Star 4/75 v Northcote Junior Footballers 130 (Whitbourne 62 Wigston 22; Smith 3/21, Chalkwick 2/18)

BOWLING

PRESTON CLUB

PRESIDENTS DAY

There was nothing dull about the celebrations at the Preston Bowling Club over the week-end both the Saturday and Monday functions being a wonderful success.

Monday was President's Day, and under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fleming no effort was spared to make the day a huge success. There was a splendid attendance of members, augmented by a three-rink party from Echuca. The visitors were given a cordial reception, were made to feel quite at home, and in subsequent speech-making confessed that they had spent a right royal time. As proceedings were timed to start at 10.30 a.m., preliminary arrangements were finalized a day earlier, and the ladies' committee assisting Mrs. Fleming were early on the job preparing the tables for the midday adjournment. And what a repast they certainly had. It was warm, but the tasteful delicacies had been artistically selected, and every bowler set himself out to show true appreciation in a practical way. There is no doubt about the manner in which the Preston ladies do things, and we always expect the very best when they have a "hand in the pie." To appease the appetites of about 70 bowlers on a scorching hot day was no small effort, but this once again triumphed.

The Echuca visitors were given a hearty welcome by the president and he was eloquently supported by Messrs Dick Crellin, Ern Parr, Angus McDonell, Bill Burland, and Ex-president Bill Howe and everybody was in sparkling humor, each speaker responding in his appreciation of the Echucaites, this little interlude went off with great vim, and the good feeling of friendship was further cemented when the toast was duly honoured in the usual way. Preston bowlers recollected the wonderful hospitality extended to them when in Echuca, and honed visitors would go away with the feeling that they also had had a good time. Mr. Cunningham (president of Echuca Club) was happy in responding. He was sure they were going to thoroughly enjoy themselves while Debney (21-12; Cam.s. 21-12; King, 21-6; Curtis 22-18; Pulleng 22-10; Hocking 21-8. He was beaten in the quarter-final by Geggie 22-17. This was a splendid performance, and as far as we know, has only been accomplished by one other Preston player, Fred Pike, who is expected to be in the game again next season.

W. Williams and J. Bell will play off for the club championship next Saturday afternoon.

The club had another good win in the Darebin trophy last Thursday when it defeated Thornbury on three rinks out of four. Morgan won 27-12, Henshaw 23-11, Howe 20-15; while Hill was down 21-30.

THORNBURY CLUB

(By H.F.T.)

V.B.A. eagles usurped the local green on Saturday last with the exception of one or two rinks. These were made available for those competing in local club matches. The main game was the club champion semi-final between W. Smith (champion 1936-37) and H. Rogerson (champion 1937-38). After a keen contest lasting about two hours, Smith won by a narrow margin of 5 pts. Smith will meet the driving skipper, G. Allen, to contest the final.

Monday last was, as usual, the Presidents and Vice-presidents' invitation day. Approximately 100 guests were entertained. Before lunch a game of ten ends was played, and three games of eight ends in the afternoon. The winners were Messrs Jackson, Hotton, Sushby and F. Cornish (c.)

The greens were at their best the day, although hot was accompanied by fresh northerlies. Once the games were commenced, all went well, and any player becoming overheated had the satisfaction of knowing that there was plenty of something cool available to counteract the heat, free of charge. Luncheon was served in the Normanby Hall, and was catered for by Mr. Olorenshaw. About 100 guests sat down at the invitation of the president, Mr. A. E. Carlyle J.P., and vice-presidents Messrs J. S. Whalley, P. and W. Candy, and Cr. W. Oliver.

During the repast the president toned all would enjoy themselves and also have a keen contest for the trophy. He proposed the Royal Toast.

Cr. Oliver read a list of visitors and also a number of apologies. On behalf of president and vice-presidents, he welcomed those present, especially the visitors who in many instances had really come back home for the day. He said that apart from eating, bowling was the most important, therefore his welcome would be to those present as a whole. In wishing them all a happy time, he asked Mr Whalley to speak in support. Mr. Whalley said that he would like to mention a very dear friend who had come from the golden city of Bendigo to fulfil another engagement similar to the past 25 years. Mr. Simpson had made the trip annually, and the opinion was expressed that without his smiling face, the day would not be complete. He also joined in wishing all a happy afternoon.

Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the visitors, said he was delighted to be "home" again; the months would not come around quickly enough for him to come and see his bowling colleagues, including his friend, Mr. John Whalley. He and his fellow visitors wished to thank their hosts, and trusted the day would be enjoyed by all present. Mr. Harmsworth, from Brighton, also said he was pleased to be "home" again. He had many bright recollections of the Thornbury Bowling Club, and supported the remarks of Mr. Simpson.

Several photographs were taken on the opening day of the season, and the President asked Cr. Oliver to accept one for the Mayor (Cr. French) one of the above, which in a manner was wrong. Including officials of the club, Cr. Oliver, in accepting, said he would hand it to the Mayor with the compliments of the president. An arrangement including several rounds of pictures taken on the opening day, was presented to the club by the president. Mr. Whalley, in accepting the gift for the club, promised it would be hung in the pavilion amongst other such records.

During afternoon tea the President expressed the thanks of himself colleagues and himself to the ladies, Mesdames Richardson, Logie and Smith, president, secretary and treasurer of the Ladies' Bowling Club for their efforts in the preparation and serving of the afternoon tea. Thanks from the players were also due to the selectors, Messrs V. Smith and H. F. Tulloch, who had shown next.

CYCLING

WANGARATTA CARNIVAL

Alf Bainbridge, Ron O'Brien, Laurie Jones, and several other Preston cycling enthusiasts went to Wangaratta on Saturday, but did not get in the money. They were delighted, however, when on Saturday afternoon, it was announced over the amplifiers, that Kevin Brown, a Preston lad and friend, had won the Casterton Grind. Brown is well known in Preston, and is employed by Messrs J. E. Thomson & Son, of High street.

There were over 200 cyclists competing at the sports, and the cycling was of an especially high class. The track, which is kept in good condition, was notably at its best for Years. Cyclists were delighted with its speed and holding qualities. Geoff Debus won the Wangaratta Austral of one mile, worth £100, but was placed second by the judges, and Jim Dickie, who finished second, was awarded the race. Bill Morris won the 5-mile Australian Truck Championship for the third successive year. This must be a record for a championship.

The pedestrian events also caused great interest, and runners stated the tracks were in wonderful condition despite the dry spell. Indeed, one of the winners of recent years stated that the track was the fastest he had ever run on. The Wangaratta Carnival continues to be conducted on the excellent prize money allocated, and also on the punctuality of the various events, and the general conduct of the meeting.

The profits are all donated to the Wangaratta Hospital, and all boards of the meeting being local business men give their services voluntarily.

Advice has just come to hand that the championship final has been set down to be played on February 2 at p.m.

Pennant play will be resumed on Saturday, next, February 4. Nine rinks have entered for the B.V.A. Charities tournament, to commence on Monday evening

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Recent Weddings

Frangipanni And Water Lilies

YOUNG — COLLARD

A fragrant bouquet of frangipanni and water lilies was held by Miss Edna Doreen Collard, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Collard, of Henry street, Northcote, when she was married to Mr. Raymond Alan Young. The ceremony was solemnised at Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, on December 24 by Rev. W. H. Chamberlain.

Magnolia satin fashioned with a cowl neckline, long full sleeves and shirring on the shoulders, formed the bridal gown. The full skirt had a long circular train, and her embossed tulle veil, which was attached to a halo of orange blossom, drifted to the end of the train. She was given away by her father.

Miss Mary Miller acted as bridesmaid, and her frock of blue tulle was mounted on satin. A short tulle veil fell from her silver halo hat, and carnations and gladioli in pink shadings were her flowers. The bride's two small nieces, Misses Margaret Collard, and Betty Hodgson, were also bridesmaids. They wore frocks of pink tulle over pink satin with silver halos in their hair, and carried pink carnations.

Mr. Charles James attended the groom, who is the youngest son of Mrs. Young of Northcote and the late Mr. D. A. Young. A reception and breakfast were held at the home of the bride's parents, which was decorated with silver wedding bells and Christmas lilies. For travelling the bride chose a sky blue ensemble with matching accessories. The couple will make their home in Henry street, Northcote.

Ivory And Green Bridal Retinue

ELLIOTT — DOUGHERTY

RICH ivory satin was favored by Miss Elizabeth Alma Dougherty for her bridal gown, which had a long ruffled train, when she was married to Mr. Kenneth Henry Elliott at Holy Trinity Church of England, on Saturday last. A head-dress of orange blossom held her long embossed tulle veil in the head, and on her arm rested an exquisite sheaf of Christmas lilies and frangipanni.

Rev. W. H. Chamberlain performed the ceremony, and the bride, who is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dougherty, of St. David street, Thornbury, was given away by her father. The church was decked with holly, Christmas lilies, and lovers' knots.

Sister of the bride and groom respectively attended the bride. They were the Misses Susan Dougherty and Dorothy Elliott, and wore frocks of apple green georgette with draped bodices and full skirts over taffeta slips. Matching tulle veils were clasped to the head with topknots of pink gladioli, and they carried bouquets of similar flowers.

Mr. Peter Elliott acted as best man, and Mr. W. Dougherty as groomsman, to the groom, who is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Elliott, of Speight street, Thornbury. Afterwards a wedding breakfast and reception were held at the Northcote Town Hall. During the signing of the register, Miss Rita Bennett sang. An ensemble in London tan was chosen by the bride for travelling, after the couple will make their home in Northcot

Gown In Edwardian Style

WHELAN — MARSHALL

HOLY TRINITY Church, Thornbury, was the setting on December 24 for the wedding of Miss Gladys Lillian Marshall to Mr. Thomas Iasell Whelan. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Chamberlain, and the bride, who was given away by her father, is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. D. Marshall, of Barry street, Reservoir.

An Edwardian gown of ivory embossed metalasse was chosen by the bride. The skirt was cut on flowing lines, and extended into a train, and long sleeves were allied to a close fitting bodice. A coronet of orange blossom conned a long billowy tulle veil to the head, and water lilies and Christmas lilies were grouped in her trailing bouquet.

Attending were the Misses Vera Marshall and Lena Mitchell as bridesmaids. Their frocks, cut on slender lines, of cicada green cloque, showed a self pattern, and their halos of lavender tinted flowers matched the bouquets they carried.

Mr. Albert Mott, of Hamilton as best man, and Mr. James Whelan, of Newcastle, who is the groomsman, supported the groom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Whelan of Newcastle street, Preston. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride travelled in a green woollen costume, green hat, and brown accessories. The couple will reside in Preston.

Circular Train Edged With Tulle

HOWES — GUY

DELPHINIUMS and pink carnations arranged in bowls were set about the Methodist Church, Alphington, on December 24, for the wedding of Miss Ethel Edith Guy and Mr. John Angus Howes.

The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. J. Sim, is the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Guy, formerly of Belfast. Pale blue Duchess satin fashioned the bridal gown, which had a heart-shaped neckline, fitting sleeves, and the draped skirt extended into a semi-circular train, which was edged with tulle. Misty blue tulle formed her veil, which fell from a sunray pleated satin halo, and she carried a sheaf of delphiniums.

Attending the bride were Miss Dorothy Adamson, as bridesmaid, and little Noreen Sim as flower-girl. They wore Dolly Vardon hats to match their ice blue floral organdie frocks, and pink carnations and delphiniums formed their floral emblems.

Supporting the groom, who is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Howes, of Ferry street, Alphington, was the bride's brother, Mr. George Guy, as best man.

Gown Of White Bridal Satin

EVERETT — HELLIWELL

REV. F. E. Thornton officiated at the wedding of Miss Sylvia Florence Thelma Helliwell, and Mr. F. G. Everett, at the Church of the Epiphany, Northcote, on December 24.

The bride, who is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Helliwell, of Queen's parade, Clifton Hill, was given away by her father. Her gown of waite bridal satin was styled with a graceful skirt, fitting bodice and long sleeves pointed over the back of the hands. Sprays of orange blossom held her tulle veil to the head, and she carried Christmas lilies and gladioli.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Violet Rosina, Helliwell and Dorothy Thomas. Attending the groom, who is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Everett, of Charlotte street, Victoria Park, was Mr. Alec Everett, as best man. A reception in the Clifton Hill Hall, Clifton Hill, followed the church ceremony.

THE SOUTH SEA BUBBLE

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The infamous South Sea Bubble of the 18th century still remains the greatest financial fraud of all time.

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The Stock Exchange became the scene of a wild scramble to sell. Shares once worth £1000 were sold for the price of a cab-fare.

Then came the scandal. Somebody demanded a Royal inquiry into the company's affairs. The accounts were found to be false. The entire nation had been duped. Immediately the cry for vengeance arose. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was forced to resign. Many noblemen were convicted of falsification. One eminent Secretary of State committed suicide rather than face a charge of having forged thousands of pounds worth of stock.

The money and belongings of the guilty promoters were seized by the State, and sold for cash. The money realised went to a fund for the helping of the most badly hit of the victims. But even so, the poverty caused by the collapse was so appalling that Parliament rushed through a bill to control limited companies, and prevent a similar fraud recurring.

TWELVE NEW WARSHIPS FOR BRITISH NAVY

By the end of this year twelve new warships are expected to be launched from private shipyards for the British Navy. They include the cruiser Naiad, first of the Dido class, six destroyers of the Javelin type, the submarine Tribune, and four minesweepers and gunboats.

During the year 27 vessels, aggregating 50,000 tons will have been launched. So intensive is the re-armament programme that next year almost five times this tonnage is expected to be launched.

About 50 ships, totalling nearly 250,000 tons are due to be launched, including the new battleship King George V. and Prince of Wales, each of 35,000 tons, three new aircraft carriers of 23,000 tons, who is the groomsman, supported the groom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Whelan of Newcastle street, Preston. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride travelled in a green woollen costume, green hat, and brown accessories. The couple will reside in Preston.

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It was Danny's wedding day. That thought flashed through her at or first waking moment. Dallas wondered how most women felt on the occasion of a divorced husband's re-marriage. Her lips curled a little. She told herself, not for the first time, that Danny was well rid of her. I will go out to lunch with Len,"

Len was the solution. Len, whom she had known ever since she wore her hair in pigtails. He would ask her to marry him. She knew that he had been waiting for this very moment.

"I shall say yes," she told herself, "not because I love him, but because I cannot go on alone."

To-day Danny would be gone, inexorably and completely. He would belong to another woman. What a lot of foolish, frankly irresponsible husband he had been! Good to look upon, with clear grey eyes and a whimsical mouth, but he had been impetuous, wild, and amusing. He had her thrilled with rapture for him :Danny, always a flirt, and always confessing.

He would come into her room, kneel by the bed, his bright face hidden in the bedclothes. Then his audacious, only half-penitent eyes. "Couldn't help it Dallas. I think I must have the Botticelli complex. It gets me every time."

Childish, enchanting confessions. He always told. It might hurt her, at times, it hurt her dreadfully, but she had assured herself that in the telling lay safety.

Then there had been the last confession, robbed of that childish charm. This time it had been Vera. Sorry Dallas, but this time it is the real thing. I suppose it had to come. I want to marry her. I've been a bad husband. I'm rotten all through, and I know you are the only woman who has ever understood me."

"Then, why marry Vera?"

Whimsical, childlike, he had stood at the end of the bed staring at her helplessly. "Don't know, but I want to. Love her, I suppose. Sorry, and all that."

She was thinking of Vera as she lay in bed. Vera, half child, half woman, and all coquette. Surely she could not love Vera. There was so little in her to love. But if she had gone on.

Dallas had not believed that Vera cared. Vera was ambitious, and Danny had good looks, and was rich. Vera loved him probably for the strips of diamonds with which he hooped her wrists. Vera set a price on things.

"But she does love me." Danny persisted.

You cannot chain a man against his will. Len had explained that, watching the pitiful tragedy of a triangular love. There had been the divorce, and a dreadful darkness in Dallas' heart and the knowledge that unfortunately she still cared for him, still wanted him.

Then six months! "Penal servitude," she told herself; only if it were to make Danny happy, had that been something. If—

Vera had insisted that it was to be a very smart wedding. Dallas going here in bed, could pre-suppose all the arguments. "Only married once in your life, so let's put up a good show!" Vera was cheap.

"I wonder," thought Dallas languidly, "if I had gone peroxide blonde, and had eaten cream buns until I looked blowzy, if he would have thought me Botticelli?"

The clock struck the hour.

In another sixty minutes Vera would walk out of the London church in all her bridal whiteness and it would be over. In another 120 minutes Dallas would be meeting Len in the famous restaurant and saying "Yes" to him. What a morning!

As she drove to the restaurant a slim sent her past the church. Dall.; saw the crowd waiting there. For a second she was angry, then she turned philosophical. "I'll have a look too," she told herself.

Madness! Wives who had divorced their husbands did not crowd round the church to watch the new marriage.

Bridesmaids were going inside the church; rose-pink bridesmaids with their arms full of dark red roses. Guests were arriving. People in their best clothes. They passed up the red carpet between the avenues of miscellaneous crowds.

The bride!

With the rest of the crowd Dallas craned forward, yet knowing that it would hurt. The sun filtered through the clouds and in a halo of gold on the radiant whiteness of the lovely bride. She looked beautiful, but behind it, Dallas saw something that she did not understand. Something panicky. Something that Dallas read the truth. She was still in a panic, and the panic was not the fear of death.

"That's the awful part," she whisper t.

"The awful part. Everybody seems to look at it from his point of view, and nobody from mine. I shall never be able to key myself up to that pitch again. You wouldn't understand."

"I might," said Dallas gently. "try me."

"I've never really cared for him."

It was out now. The strain had snapped, the tension given.

"And I do care for someone else." Danny is good to look at, and he gives me things. But he has always loved you at heart, Dallas. I have known that. The other man, he is awfully poor."

"Did you care for him?" asked Dallas softly.

"Care for him? Yes I did, and I still do."

She twisted her tiny handkerchief to and fro in small protest. Her hands. "I thought I could marry Danny, and this morning it was awful. I kept telling myself of the things he could give me, and how splendid he looked, and how happy we would be. Now he is hurt.

"I can't bear sick people. His face may be injured too, and I don't love him enough to stand up to that. I sound awful, I know all this, but I could care for the other man that way—but not and into the ward beyond.

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THREE MOTOR CYCLISTS FINED £5 EACH

SPEED UP TO 61 MILES PER HOUR

According to Constables Loveless and Porter, who gave evidence against three motor cyclists at the Northcote Court on January 27, the trio travelled at a high speed along Heidelberg road on November 23.

The wireless patrol followed the three machines for two miles, during which time defendants speed was up to 55 and 61 miles per hour. They crossed Station street at 50 miles per hour, and the Outer Circle Bridge, Fairfield, where there is a very bad bump, at 40 miles per hour. Two of them were stopped by the patrol while the third, who turned off was interviewed on the following day. All three admitted that they were driving at a high speed but stated that at the time they had their machines under control.

Danny. You must think me a beast, because you care for Danny too, and in the right sort of way."

"Yes," Dallas admitted.

The door opened. There was the rustle of a starched print, and the faint smell of disinfectants, and Sister stood there.

She said, "He is conscious," and glanced from one to the other apprehensively. She was not sure which had the prior right.

It was Vera who caught Dallas' hand. Her hard eyes were soft. "It's all right," she said. "I don't suppose we shall meet again, but—I can't go."

Her eyes brimmed over.

It was Dallas who passed out into the ward beyond.

MUST PAY FOR MILK

CARRIED MORE THAN DOUBLE LOAD

The Northcote bench on January 27 imposed a fine of £3 on Leo J. Porter, who was charged with driving a truck which was overloaded.

Constable Morgan stated that on November 23 he stopped defendant in High street, Northcote. Power was driving a truck loaded with bricks. Defendant told witness his load consisted of 1,000 bricks, and the constable replied that the load seemed to be considerably more than 1,000 bricks. The vehicle was then taken to a public weighbridge, where it was discovered that the gross weight was 4 tons 15 cwt. Taking the weight of the vehicle into consideration, and the weight it was registered to carry, it was found that defendant was carrying more than double the load permitted under his registration.

DOCTORS MARRY THEIR NURSES

Nurses who want to go out every night, doctors who reduce the number of good nurses by marrying them, medical students who do not visit the operating theatre enough—these are some of the problems which corrugate the brows of the hospital authorities nowadays, stated a prominent medical man when giving evidence before the Federal Public Works Committee, which is investigating the proposal to erect a new hospital at Canberra. Nurses, he added, accounted for many girls becoming tired of nursing, and about 40 per cent. of doctors married nurses.

S. G. Tomkins Pty Ltd., dairymen of Shaftesbury parade, Croxton, succeeded in their claims against three people at the Preston Court on January 27. The amounts were for the delivery of milk.

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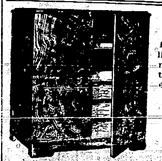

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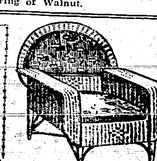

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PERSONAL

Miss Gwen Thorsen arrived home on the "Kanimbla" on January 30 after six weeks' holiday in Queensland. She is accompanied by Miss Pearl Vachet.

Mr. W. Chamberlain of Coburg, left on Sunday for a trip around New South Wales and the Blue Mountains, via Canberra.

Mr. Alan McCasker, rate collector at Preston, spent a most enjoyable fortnight's holiday with his wife in touring the Western District, with headquarters at Warrnambool.

Mr. E. G. Green, of High street Preston, has returned after a fortnight's holiday spent at Tarrawingee.

Dr. A. C. Fletcher, former manager of the Preston Bank of New South Wales, spent Australia Day in the company of old friends on Preston Bowling green.

Mrs. Capper, wife of Rev A. M. Capper, vicar of St. Mary's, East Preston, is paying a visit to her daughter at Queensland.

Mr. A. J. Hasenkamp, manager of the Preston branch of the Bank of New South Wales, left on Wednesday in connection with his transfer to Ringwood. Mr. Hasenkamp is a foreign officer in Tasmania, Brisbane, and Sydney.

Mr. F. Tomkin acted as relieving officer in Preston.

The friends of Miss Edna Longstaff, of 89 May street, West Preston, will be pleased to hear that she has passed all her exams—Medical and educational, for nursing. Miss Longstaff commenced duty at the Austin Hospital on Tuesday.

A party of young men, members of the South Preston K.S.P. visited "Peacehaven," Healesville, over the week-end—where a most enjoyable stay was spent. All returned home on Monday evening, suffering from acute shortage of sleep.

On Monday, January 30, Mrs. H. B. Carew, of Gladstone avenue Northcote, celebrated her 90th birthday by a family gathering. She came to Victoria with her father, the late Mr. John Merry, who built the first pier in Williamstown, where the family or-terpoint and musical perception.

Miss E. P. Rae, of 16 Gooch street, Thornbury, has resumed tuition in piano, harmony, coun-

Mayor of Preston's Bush Fire Fund

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(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I would greatly appreciate publicity being given through your valued columns, for the information of your readers, that no person or persons will be permitted to canvass or solicit donations to organise or hold further functions within the City of Preston without my written consent, in connection with the Mayor of Preston's Bush Fires Relief Fund.

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iginally resided. She has nine children, 19 grand-children, and 20 great-grand-children. One of her grandsons is Dr. J. E. Eccles, Victorian Rhodes Scholar for 1925 and Director of the Medical Research Institute, Sydney Hospital. Mrs. Carew has lived in North-gote for 50 years.

Mr. and Mrs G. Dalgleish, of High street, Northcote, have just returned from Barwon Heads, where they spent—three weeks' caravanning. They were accompanied by their daughter, Valda.

Visitor: "I can't tell you how proud I feel. My Freddie has just won a scholarship." Farmer's Wife: "I know just how you feel. Our pig won a medal at the agricultural show."

Social Notes

Engagements.

The following engagements were recently announced—

Gertrude, eldest daughter of Mrs. Goodwin, 278 Wood street, Preston, to Frank, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Leadbeater, 275 Wood street, Preston.

Isabel Gordon, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. T. Juniper, High street, Regent, to Gordon James, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George McGrath, High street, Regent.

Mavis (Bonnie) fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Alberry, Brunswick street, North Fitzroy to Jack William, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Waters, of High street, Northcote.

SEASIDE HOME FOR SALE

Messrs Geo. Higgens, of 108 Queen street, Melbourne, and H. J. Nichols, of Rosebud, will submit by auction on Saturday, February 18 at 3 p.m. a beautiful 8-roomed cream house at Rosebud, 2½ minutes from beach, situated on land 50 by 200 ft. The house is completely furnished, and will be offered on a walk-in walk-out basis. There are two inexhaustible wells with pumps, and five tanks. The property is sewered; and has electric light, bathroom, wash-house, large garage, and all conveniences. Buyer will have the option of purchasing a block adjoining 50 by 200 feet, beautifully situated home or guest house. The property is a unique opportunity of securing a letting proposition, on a first-class C.R.B. road, in a rapidly improving locality. See advt elsewhere.

Fire Brigade Items

ON Saturday afternoon 15 acres of scrub and grass, also a number of posts suffered by fire at Mont Park and again on Sunday there was an outbreak at the same place when more than 100 acres of grass went up in smoke and flame.

On Sunday a false alarm was received from the corner of Epping road and Barton street, Reservoir.

There was another run on Monday to Mont Park where 50 acres of grass were burned.

Holiday Fishing Parties

MONDAY was notable for a couple of fishing parties from Preston. One headed by Mr. P. Daft went to Stony Point, where the haul consisted of leather-jackets—said to be tasty to those who like them. Mr. R. Smith, wick and party tried their luck at Rye and returned with 476 flathead, with trimmings of gurnet and gummy shark.

Youthful Thieves at Preston Baths

THE excessive heat of Monday attracted swimmers to the baths in hundreds. And others not on swimming bent were also attracted. They succeeded to a certain extent. But others also had been attracted (by complaints) in the form of lynx-eyed local policemen, who had got wind of the suspicious actions of several youths, who were said to be engaged on pilfering excursions from lockers and from the clothes of those in the water. Four boys were kept under view, and were later escorted to the local police-station, where charges of theft were preferred against them. One of the boys, it is alleged, was found with his hand in the pocket of a pair of trousers belonging to a patron of the baths. Shorts, belts, and other articles were reported as missing by some of the swimmers. A sum of 17/- was reported to have been stolen from the clothes of one bather, the money being subsequently recovered at the home of one of the boys concerned. The lads involved, all under the age of 15, will make their appearance at the Children's Court.

St. Mary's Sunday School Picnic

ABOUT 100 boys and girls accompanied by parents and friends enjoyed the annual picnic from St. Mary's Sunday school, East Preston, on Monday. Swimming took first place on the amusement list, and games were indulged in, although the extreme heat gave those a somewhat lackadaisical turn of mind. The vicar (Rev. A. M. Capper) was affected by the heat, and had to return home on account of illness.

Victorian Politician Goes West

MR. H. P. ZWAR, M.L.A. left at rather short notice, on Monday on a business trip to Western Australia. He will be absent for about a fortnight.

State Schools Resumed

ON Tuesday the State Schools were re-opened after an extended vacation. Many boys and girls who were scholars last year have passed on to other schools, or out into the world, and the gaps have been filled by newcomers.

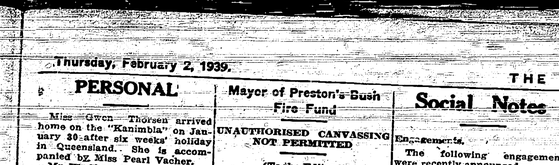
Cat Eats Snake

MISS Mabel Green, High street, Preston, is to the fore with an up-to-date snake story. Mabel paid a week-end visit to the home of her parents at Childers, and there a snake made its way into the kitchen of the house. After slaking its thirst at a tap in the kitchen, which was attached to an outside tank, the reptile was about to slide out as quietly as it entered, when a member of the family put an end to the life of the unwelcome visitor. The family cat took part in the last act of the Childers drama, by eating the snake, which measured 3ins. And the cat never turned a hair.

Property Valued at £124 Stolen.

MR. Hector Green, engineer, of Oakover road, Preston, received an unpleasant sheck upon returning to his home on Monday, after having spent a pleasant holiday in a caravan. Mr. Green found that during his absence burglars had effected an entrance and made a fairly clean sweep of his moveable valuables, and succeeded in getting away with four suits of clothes, clothing, crystals, and other property to the value of £124. The house had been thoroughly ransacked, the thieves evidently having devoted a considerable time to making a selection of the most easily got-rid-or property. Entrance was effected by forcing a window. Police are inquiring.

In 4 Varieties



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Activities At .... PRESTON

Amateur Athletics

N.H.S.O.B. Harriers Head Premiership List

In ideal weather conditions the first round of matches in the inter-club track competitons was run off last Saturday, leaving the Northcote High School Old Boys' Club on top in the E Grade premiership list. The semi-finals will be contested next Saturday at Olympic Park. The semi-finalists are: Northcote H.S.O.B. v Hawthorn; Williamstown v St Mark's (Sunshine).

An interesting feature of the final four is that it is composed of the same teams that contested the finals in G grade last year. Owing to re-grading for the 1938-39 season, Hawthorn Harriers and St. Marks, who were both beaten in the semi-finals last season, were promoted with the premiers (Northcote H.S.O.B.) and runners-up (Williamstown). In recent form it looks like Williamstown and Northcote H.S.O.B. again fighting for the championship. Northcote will be fielding a very strong team in all sections, and hopes they will be without Jack Joyce, who was injured in a motor-car accident before Xmas, they have a good list of reserves to fall back on—which was not the case in previous seasons, when the club only had one team. "Ted" Willcock, Ed. Twomey and Frank Proctor should be able to account for the long distance events, and Bill Joyce, and Stan Shugg will be fully extended to win the major points in the walk. In the field events a great deal depends upon Ed. Twomey in the hop, step and jump, and high jump, and Bill Joyce in the shot putt. On recent form, first place points should go to Northcote club for these events, but Hawthorn may even the contest in the mile run, but with the improved form of Proctor and Williamson of Northcote, and Griffin to the distance team, a good race is expected. As the photo-to-relay team have been putting up such good times in their wins throughout the season, it is expected that a win will be recorded in this 4 x 440 yds relay event. The programme of events commencing at 2.30 p.m. is, Mile walk, which includes 440 yds; hop, step and jump, mile run, shot putt, 88d yds relay.

Saturday's Results

Northcote H.S.O.B. 464 pts defeated St Mark's 152 pts, 100 yds, F. Proctor (N.) 1; S. Marks 2; C. L. Willcock & H. Tobin (N) equal 3; time 10 8/10 sec. 440 yds, H. Tobin (N.) 1; C. L. Willcock (N.) 2; F. Proctor (N.) 3; time 54 sec. One mile, F. Proctor (N.) 1. St. Mark's 2 and 3. Broad jump, W. Joyce (N.) 1. Shot putt, W. Joyce (N.) 1. 880 yds relay, Northcote 1; St. Mark's 2.

Tennis

ABOUT 50 ladies and gentlemen took part in an American tournament on the Preston tennis courts on Monday, and despite the heat, passed a pleasant time. The winners of the tournament were Mrs. Hales and Mr. Roy Phillips.

Municipal Works

RECONSTRUCTION of foot-paths is proceeding in East Preston, extending from High street to the railway station. Residents of Spring street are looking forward to much-needed repairs in this thoroughfare, which it is understood will shortly be listed for improvement.

Unfortunate Police Fossicker

AS a change to "fossicking" in Preston for derelicts, thieves, and wrong-doers generally, First Constable Bridgeland, retired hero, finds at holiday time looking for gold, the result being that he returned to Preston wealthier by several pennyweights of the precious metal, which he found in a certain locality in Victoria—but just where is his secret.

East Preston Touring Club

MEMBERS of the above arranged to visit Sassafras last Sunday, but on account of the bush-fire menace, the venue was changed to Ferny Creek, where an enjoyable day was spent. Cricket was one of the attractions.

Preston Swimming Club

THIS club's carnival arrangements have been completed, and it is expected that Nakana, the champion from Hawaii, who is concluding a record-breaking tour of Australia, will be present. A programme as follows has been arranged for the carnival: 55 yds junior boys' handicap; 55 yds women's open handicap; 110 yds back stroke handicap; 110 yds breast stroke handicap; 110 yds "free style; 440 yds breast stroke invitation 220 yds free style, which the Hawaiian representative will compete against five of the best Victorian swimmers. Demonstrations will be given by V.A.D.A. diving crews.

Medical Officer's Report

FOLLOWING is the report of the medical officer of health for Preston for December. At the end of the month there were several cases of scarlet fever, though only two were doubtful. There have apparently been numerous cases of ambulatory scarlet fever without any striking rash, sore throat, or mouth. German measles have subsided; several cases appear to have been precipitated by shock. Fewer cases of sunburn reported, and not much apparent heat stroke in spite of rising temperatures. Ordinary number of influenza cases; little pneumonia. Inspections of shops and premises carried out, also of premises and drains. Baby Health Centre. — Total attendances 249; children 2-5 years, 53. new babies 23; expectant mothers 15. A decrease was due to the holidays. Invitations to mothers with new babies 152; babies referred to doctors 5. no epidemic diseases reported.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Spirit" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon at all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, February 5. The golden text is from II. Corinthians 3:17. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh understanding." (Proverbs 2:6.) The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "If God, the All-in-all, be the creator of the spiritual universe, including man, then everything entitled to a classification as real or science, must be comprised in a knowledge or understanding of God . . . (Page 127).

CURES IN THE LARDER

Often people are taken ill in the middle of the night, or in places remote from dispensaries and doctors. In such cases it is useful to know that the average larder contains remedies which may be used in an emergency.

Two teaspoons of salt in a glass of water forms an excellent emetic for children who have swallowed poisoned berries.

Half a teaspoon of salt in water makes a good gargle for a sore throat.

Small children sometimes get foreign bodies, such as tiny beads, up their noses. A touch of pepper inside the nose will usually induce a sneeze which will clear them.

Mustard is one of the finest things for blisters, and a teaspoon in warm water is a good emetic for a small child.

Vinegar, diluted with an equal quantity of water is a good mouth wash if the mouth has been burned with alkali, such as lime or strong soda, while bicarbonate of soda, mixed with water to a teaspoon to a pint forms a soothing eye wash.

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WATER SUPPLY

Speaking at the meeting of the Preston Council on Tuesday, Cr. Swain said that the public generally was co-operating in conserving water, but at a meeting of the Board of Works, some alterations had been passed on certain municipalities and other bodies for excessive use of water. He was glad that Preston was not included in the list of those thus criticised.

Cr. Swain went on to state that the Board's reservoirs held approximately 22,000,000,000 gallons, and the water now in the reservoirs approximated 17,000,000,000 gallons. Water was being used at the rate of about 83,000,000 gallons per day, so it could be appreciated that the reservoirs were going down.

Westgarth Racing Competition

THE WINNING ENTRIES

FOUR WINNERS AND BETTER GET PRIZES

Although only two favorites were successful at the Moonee Valley meeting last Saturday, quite a number of entries in the 48th Westgarth Racing Competition submitted excellent entries.

The four best selections had four winners each, and two of them increased their points total by also naming a horse which was placed second.

Two selected Erua (won at 5/4), Jakin (2nd at 5/2) Armshire (won at 5/1) and Court Gossip (won at 12/2). The first entry also selected Cairnamore (won at 3/1) and Aurie's Star (unplaced). The second entry to gain 22 pts selected Snow White (unplaced) and Amiable (won at 7/2) in addition to the four above named horses.

The four winners of the third best entry were Erua (5/4), Amiable (7/2), Prince Sion (7/2) and Court Gossip (13/2) This entry also named an unplaced horse and a scratching in Benedict and Glynt.

The last entry to gain a prize had the following selections: — Erua (won), Cairnamore (won), Aurie's Star (unplaced), Prince Sion (won), Montaza (unplaced) and Court Gossip (won).

Seven entries selected three winners and two seconds; while 43 competitors named three winners or over.

The 49th Westgarth Racing Competition will be conducted on the Epsom races to be held at Mentone, on Saturday, February 4.

Points and conditions will be the same as in previous competitions. No entry received after 12 noon on Saturday, February 4, will be eligible. Cut out entry form, and after filling it in, bring or post it to the "Leader-Budget" Office, 483 High street, Northcote, N.16., in envelope marked "Westgarth Race — Competition" There is no entry fee.

EPSOM RACES AT MENTONE —FEBRUARY 4

ENTRY FORM No 49.

1st Race . . . . . .

2nd. Race . . . . . .

3rd Race . . . . . .

4th Race . . . . . .

5th Race . . . . . .

6th Race . . . . . .

7th Race . . . . . .

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Lunatic (to new asylum superintendent): "Who are you?" Super: "I'm the new superintendent." Luny: "Well, it won't take long to knock that out of you. I thought I was Napoleon when I first got here."

He: "I know a jockey who eats so much that he can't ride a horse any more." She: "I see—he's putting a la carte before the horse."

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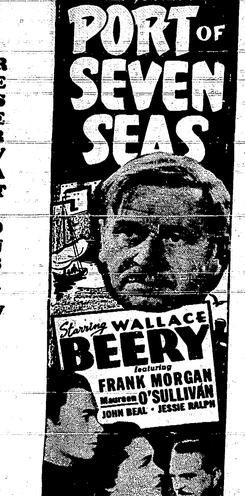

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WINNERS OF 48th RACING COMPETITION

1—MRS. ANDREWS, 43 McLachlan street, 22 Points. 2—L. DOHERTY, 107 Gladstone avenue, 2 2points; 3—J. BOYLE, 12 Fenwick street, 20 points; 4—MRS. McCUSKEY, 8 Herbert street, 20 points.

THE NEW BUSES

Modern design of the new bus which was landed for the Tramways Board from the steamer Fort Montreal at North Wharf recently.

—Block Courtesy "The Age."

AN ERRING PRESTON HUSBAND WEEPS IN WITNESS BOX

Wife Fails To Establish Claim

Although but a short distance has separated Ralph Byron Tierney from his wife, Emma Charlotte Tierney (both of whom reside in Bell street, Preston, with their respective parents), the former during the past ten months has made no attempt to see his wife or his small daughter. During this period, he has never sent her any money or inquired as to whether his daughter was sufficiently provided for.

After being married for seven years, the parties separated in March of 1938 after a violent quarrel, when it was alleged the wife was knocked down.

When telling his story from the witness box, in relation to the quarrel which ended in his assault of his wife, the husband was overcome with his emotions and broke into tears.

The wife's story was told first when she asked the Preston bench on January 25 to make a maintenance order against her husband. It was a sorry tale of how unemployment and bad health had wrecked the Tierney household. Immediately after being married, they went to live with Mrs. Tierney's mother, and then took up housekeeping on their own account. Tierney at that time was employed as a milk-carter, but due to a nervous breakdown which threw him out of employment, they were forced to give up their home just prior to Christmas 1937. They then went to live with Tierney's parents, and the actual separation took place there.

The witness told the bench that during the few months she stayed with her parents-in-law (and her feelings was based on the treatment which she had received) although her husband was quite welcome, her presence was not so welcome. After the latter incident she took a position at which she earned £1 a week. Most of this money was spent on paying off debts and instalments on certain things During the whole of their married life, her husband had shown a general disinclination to work, which became especially apparent only after his nervous breakdown. When he regained comparative health, he was offered partial employment, but refused to take it, spending most of his time playing billiards in billiard saloons. To her knowledge, he was employed in a billiard saloon now.

What actually caused the separation between the couple was a controversy as to whether the daughter should, or should not, spend one night with them in the one room. Mrs. Tierney alleged that it was necessary, as her sister-in-law, in whose room the little girl usually slept, had locked up the room. A few words were exchanged, which were followed by a couple of blows from her husband.

Using Mrs. Tierney's own words—"The quarrel ended with him beating me unmercifully, knocking me down on the floor and on the bed. This treatment resulted in me being confined to bed for a full week."

Mrs. Tierney's mother related how on a certain day in March last her daughter came home and collapsed near the doorway. Ever since then plaintiff had resided with her mother with the exception of one period when she had secured a position which necessitated her living elsewhere.

In cross-examination, Mrs. Tierney said that she had no worse temper than an average human being. On the night of the quarrel which ended in the separation, she did call her husband a disgusting name—but only after being knocked down. She admitted that she had struck him on the head with a vase, but only after he had struck her.

Mr. Tierney, who was in a rather unfortunate position, but he could not make an order on the evidence tendered.

Around The... MOVIE STUDIOS

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THE REASON OF HIS SUCCESS

Wallace Beery's long success on the screen has been dominated by a steadfast refusal to become stereotyped. The result has been a series of triumphs in so variegated a series as "Min and Bill," "The Champ," "The Big House," and "The Bad Man of Brimstone." Now he creates another new character for motion pictures, the rough, dynamic, big-hearted Caesar of "Port of Seven Seas," in which he stars with Frank Morgan, Maureen O'Sullivan, John Beal and Jessie Ralph. The gay waterfront of Marseilles is the background of the picture.

The story is woven around Caesar, owner of a Marseilles cafe, his son, Marius, and Madelon the girl Marius loves. When Marius sails away in search of adventure, leaving Madelon behind, Caesar transforms this affection he has for his son to her. Caesar helps Madelon work out her problem in a unique way, with a surprise climax.

SILENCE REQUIRED FOR SHOOTING LOVE SCENES

Rain on the roof may be romantic to all the rest of the world, but it is a pain in the neck to lovers on a motion picture sound stage. The condemnation comes from Frank Borzage, ace director of tender love scenes, whose pictures "Humoresque" and "Seventh Heaven" still stand in vivid love scenes, as he recently directed with Robert Taylor and Margaret Sullavan in "Three Comrades." The sound stage almost assumes the atmosphere of a silent tomb. Borzage demands silence in love scenes. "Little irritating sounds can take the players' minds off the business of making love more than anything else," he said. "I try to eliminate these disturbances completely, but if they cannot be eliminated, I have the working schedule changed to await a more opportune time." Borzage has listed the most annoying noises that can spoil an otherwise tender love scene. Flies are the worst offenders, so when the time comes for the scene, the property men increase their supplies of spray guns and disinfectants. Other enemies of perfect love scenes are rustling garments, squeaking shoes, rusty hinges, whispering among the extras, fidgeting, wrist watches, whistling fire lights, clacking gum-chewers, and outside aeroplane motors.

GUM CHEWERS RUIN MOVIE SCENES

Ever since the first mob scene, motion picture extras have spoiled millions of feet of film by their insistence upon chewing gum. For some perverse reason, an extra will park a wad of this delicacy in his jaws during rehearsal of a crowd sequence, and then pound it to death when the camera turns over. "I've tried to stop it for 18 years," observes Archie Mayo, director of Samuel Goldwyn's "The Adventures of Marco Polo," "but I don't think it can be done," he sighs. Mayo computes that thousands of perfectly good "takes" have been ruined by throughtless gum-chewers, with a loss that runs into big money.

The second big headache to film companies on location is the extra who breaks into hysterical laughter during the excitement of a mob scene. "I caught a cowboy with wide experience of films, and three Chinese extras laughing their heads off in a scene where they should have been frightened to death," Mayo says, "and of course that ruined the take." It takes fully an hour to realign a scene with 500 or more extras, and those four cost the company several hundred dollars in wasted time."

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Excellent Night At Plaza Theatre

The Hoadley's Juvenile Talent Contest, having reached its final stages, the pick of over 100 acts will be presented to the Plaza audience in the remaining two weeks of the first elimination final period. The judges with an extremely difficult task, six well-matched acts appearing on Thursday last, three of them qualified for the final of the quest, which carries with prize-money.

The judges' placings were:—Irene and Lawrence, dancers supreme, who were seen to advantage in three dances; Edna Benson singing "There's a Bridle Hanging on the Wall," and "Danny Boy." The M.C., "Tuppy" was forced to intervene, as the audience clamored for more songs during his filming of "Our Fighting Navy" had a complaint of a different nature to make—the weather was too good! Many of the scenes for this magnificent sea drama were filmed at Weymouth, where the battleship H.M.S. "Royal Oak" and the cruiser H.M.S. "Curacoa" played important roles as a rebel battleship the "El Mirante" and H.M.S. "Audacious," the British cruiser captained by Robert Douglas. Midshipmen and sailors revelled in the business of dressing up as insurgents. They laid smoke screens, fired guns and torpedoes faked shell hits, and even went so far as to panic up and down the decks, and fling themselves into the sea when the rebel ship was "sunk." But the sun still shone and the sea remained calm—not a wave ruffled the glassy surface. Despite the absence of the choppy seas desired by Norman Walker for film effects, the scenes of battle between a cruiser and a battleship are some of the finest ever screened.

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LARGE MUSTER ATTEND HOLIDAY COMMUNITY SINGING

750 AT THE PLAZA

The second session of Northcote District Chamber of Commence Community Singing which was held on Monday at the Plaza Theatre, attracted a large crowd 750 being present, despite the fact that Monday was a holiday. Leo Leslie capably conducted the session which included some talented artists.

Once again a long list of free gifts was distributed through the generosity of leading Northcote traders who are members of the Chamber of Commerce.

The attendance figures were decidedly satisfactory in spite of the fact that many residents were away for the long week-end and the holiday evening. 750 people attended the session, which is becoming a firm favorite with local residents.

A certain percentage of the attendances came from neighbouring districts, thereby demonstrating the need for this popular form of entertainment which Northcote alone has come forward in providing. Circulars advertising special bargains and containing a lengthy list of gifts available were distributed among the audience.

This monster community singing session will be a regular Monday feature in Northcote, providing an enjoyable mid-day and evening the afternoon free for the thrifty to avail themselves of the special Monday bargains offered by members of the Northcote District Chamber of Commerce.

GRASS, MOST INDISPENSABLE OF PLANTS

If tea, cocoa, coffee and tobacco plants all ceased to exist to-morrow, life would go on much as usual. But if grass disappeared, so would man, and with him, all the warm-blooded creatures.

In round figures, there are 4,500 different kinds of grass growing in the soil of this planet. These include wheat, maize, oats, barley, rice, and all the grains that man uses for bread or similar foods. More than that, they include all the grasses on which all grazing animals live. Without these grasses we would have no beef, mutton, pork or poultry; we should be without milk, butter, and cheese; we should have no wool form which to make clothes; no leather to make shoes. Many of our fats and oils would be missing. First hand, and second hand man lives on grass.

Wonderful Bananas.

The banana gives more food to the acre than any other plant, and is grown in the whole belt of the tropics for 28 degrees on either side of the equator. All that it asks for is heat and moisture. It does not need re-planting, but continues to throw up shoots from the same root, and each shoot blooms and bears fruit in 18 months.

The yam does require cultivation, but not much. Slips of the vine stuck into moist ground strike without difficulty, and produce tubers up to 10 or 12 lbs. weight. They are more nourishing than the ordinary potato of the temperate zone, and form a large part of the food of about one-third of the world's population.

Peanuts, rape, poppy, the oil palm, the sunflower and the cotton plant produce valuable oils. On these oils we depend for margarine, soap, paints and varnishes, stock feed, and many other necessities.

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Officials of the Australian Wool Board, commenting on the report that Courtaulds, a world-known manufacturing organisation, had planned a £1,000,000 factory in Australia for the manufacture of wollstra, a German substitute for wool, expressed the opinion that as long as the wool growers of the Commonwealth realised the danger to the wool-industry offered by the introduction of artificial fibres and took the necessary steps to meet the challenge, the competition would not be feared.

It was pointed out that the Wool Board had realised the danger, and had imposed a levy on Australian wool to assist in the establishment of the International secretariat in London, which would spend £50,000 over a period of three years on research and publicity.

TO LENGTHEN DRESSES

To hide the tell-tale mark when lengthening your own or a child's dress, sew a length of braid or bias binding round the mark. This gives a pretty finish to the edge.

Thursday, February 9th, at 9 a.m.

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TALKING TALKIES

DIRECTOR WANTED BAD WEATHER

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Keeping FURNITURE In Order

SCRATCHES in furniture should be rubbed with camphorated oil which has been warmed in a bottle. Polish finally with a teaspoonful of furniture cream into which a little powdered stain has been stirred to match the color of the furniture.

Ink stains on the dining room table can be removed in most cases if sweet spirit of nitre (to be bought at all chemists) is painted over the stain with a feather in the direction of the grain of the wood; leave on for a few minutes, then apply cold water and polish with a soft duster.

Dents on furniture can often be removed by the following method: Fold several layers of wet brown paper over the dent; then press the point of an iron on the paper. This will cause the moisture to evaporate and the wood beneath to swell a little. Finish off by polishing well with furniture cream.

Traces of worm in furniture can be checked by dipping a stiff feather in a mixture of paraffin and carbolic acid and then scouring out the holes with its point.

When cooking potatoes in their skins, scrub them well, and cut a narrow strip of peel entirely round the centre of the potato. When cooked, the skins will slip off without any trouble.

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WHOLESALE CONVERSION IN JAPAN

Some 12 months ago it was reported that with a view to conserving petrol, the Japanese Ministry of Commerce and Industry had decided to grant special subsidies to bus and truck owners equipping their vehicles with producer gas power plants.

To help to meet the cost of the conversion of some 700 motor buses from petrol to producer gas at a cost of approximately £43 each the Japanese Government decided to pay half the cost of the outlay. Word is now to hand that the authorities at Tokyo are making provision for the conversion of some 20,000 private cars to producer gas, thus further conserving petrol supplies in that country. Among those who have already converted their cars to function on producer gas in Japan is Prince Chichibu, brother of the Emperor of Japan, and he is using charcoal instead of petrol in his private motor car.

Woolworths (Eng.) Profit Seven Millions; Tax Two Millions

Trading profits of F. W. Woolworth & Co., chain store proprietors in England, passed the £7 million mark for the first time in company's history in the year ended December 31, the actual figures being £7,325,621. In the previous year the profit of the company was £6,781,202. Provision for taxation is £2,931,746. In 1937 it was £1,697,066. Capital of the company is £12,500,000 ordinary—distribution for 1938 is 65 per cent, compared with 60 per cent in the previous year.

FRANK THORN IN FORM

TAKES 9/126

In last issue we gave details of Frank Thorn's excellent bowling performances in the Victorian Second Elevens match against a N.S.W. team, when he took 12 wickets in two innings. On Saturday last he maintained his form by capturing nine Carlton wickets for 126 runs in the ninth round of District Matches.

Thorn, who is an off spin bowler, with an occasional fast ball with body swing, adopted this style of bowling only a couple of years ago on the advice of the former Test bowler, Blackie. He is only a young player, and undoubtedly will make a name for himself in first-class cricket if given the opportunity.

SOME HOWLERS

A skeleton is a man with his inside out and his outside off.

A pessimist is a man who is never happy unless his is miserable, and even then he is not pleased.

Milton wrote "Paradise Lost." Then his wife died, and he wrote "Paradise Regained."

New Commonwealth Loan

A new Commonwealth loan for £8,500,000 will be opened for subscription early in February. The Federal Treasurer (Mr. Casey) said the loan had been authorised by the Loan Council, and would be the first for works purposes this financial year.

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31 Collins St., Melbourne. (MU 2192) and at Reservoir Estate Agency on Friday Evening, from 8 to 9 p.m. May also be consulted at his home, 158 Clarke St., Northcote. (JW2209), every evening, from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

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STAR OF NORTHCOTE I.O.R.

Bro. L. Fulton C.R., presided over a good attendance on January 26, when one new member was initiated. In response to an appeal from the Town Clerk, a donation of £5/6/ was made to the Bush Fire Fund.

An invitation for the Tent to pay an official visit to Corrs (Newmarket) Tent on April 12 was received, and members are requested to keep this date in mind. Members are also asked to support the picture night conducted by the Croxton Junior Tent at the Plaza Theatre, on March 3.

It was decided to again enter two teams in this year's I.O.R. bowls competition, and delegates were appointed to attend the annual meeting. The Tent bowls team reported further successes in the Northern District Competition, in which they are undefeated to date.

Bro. W. E. Findlay, (secretary) reported on the half-yearly meeting of the District Council, at which many matters concern. the Order were discussed. A rousing cheer greeted the announcement that Bro. Findlay's wife was the only nomination for the office of District Chief Ruler to contest, and will enable some legal difficulties to be removed.

LOST

GENTS. waistcoat, navy, between Harold St., Sutton St and Tasker St., on Jan. 21. Apply E.F., c/o. Budget.

LOST 11 note, by pensioner, Thursday, between Union Rd. and Arthur St. Finder please return to Croxton P.O. Reward.

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BIRTHDAY THANKS

MISS L. SWEBBS, of 21 Kellett street, Northcote, desires to THANK all kind friends and relatives for the many beautiful cards, gifts and flowers on the occasion of her Birthday, which was celebrated on January 26. Would all please accept this as a personal grateful acknowledgment.

COMING EVENTS—

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary, Northcote—Thornbury Branch. The first meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, February 2nd at Northcote Town Hall (upstairs) commencing at 2.30 p.m. A full attendance of members expected.

Preston Council Highlights

PRESTON BATHS

So far the receipts at the Preston Baths this year have been £440 — or only £60 to go to reach the estimates. The season had been most favorable and the estimates should be exceeded.

Cr Andrews said 781 persons had learned to swim in the drive this year, and the progressive total of all the drives held at the baths was 3,500.

SCARLET FEVER

There have been a number of cases of scarlet fever in Preston of late, according to the report of the medical officer of health. An unusual aspect of some of these was that several were not accompanied by the usual rash.

MILLER STREET

The Public Works Department has now agreed to accede to a request for an amendment of the boundaries between Northcote and Preston. This relates to Miller street, which it is desired to continue, and will enable some legal difficulties to be removed.

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

A letter was received from the Australian Defence League at the meeting of the Preston Council on Tuesday, asking the council to co-operate to assist the present Commonwealth - wide recruiting campaign.

Cr. Andrews moved that the letter be received.

Cr. Nisbett said the council had been asked as a council to assist, and there were certain things it could do. Other councils were assisting. He felt the matter should be discussed by the committee of the council, and moved an amendment to that effect.

Cr. Andrews said that in moving as he had, he considered that there might be divergent views on the question of recruiting.

The amendment was carried by ten votes to two.

MOTOR BUS ALLOTMENT

£1,000 was allotted to the Preston Council for expenditure on roads upon which motor buses operate, is to be spent on Bell street, between Plenty road and High street.

TRAM TRACK TO BE RE-GRADED

The Tramways Board has notified Preston Council that it intends to reconstruct the tram track in Gilbert road between Bell street and Separation street.

NO TRAM CHECK CLOCK

Some time ago the East Preston Progress Association urged Preston Council to seek the installation of a time-clock at the East Preston tram terminus. It was pointed out that there had been a number of complaints concerning the irregular running of trams and this would be checked by the installation of such a clock.

The Tramways Board has now replied that the expense of installing such a clock would not be warranted; but that checks would be made from time to time to ensure the punctuality of the trams.

MUNICIPAL NOTICES

City of Preston

A POLL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a DEMAND has been received from persons whose names are inscribed on the Municipal Roll that a proposal to adopt Part XI of the Local Government Act 1928 and thereby subject to the provisions of the said Act to make and levy rates in respect of Rateable Property within the City of Preston on the basis of the UNIMPROVED CAPITAL VALUE thereof be submitted to a POLL of Ratepayers.

NOTICE is further given that a POLL of Ratepayers in compliance with the DEMAND will be taken on THURSDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1939, from 9 a.m. till 8 p.m. being the date of the next following Annual Election of Councillors. A provisional valuation of Rateable Properties is being made by the Council and will be open for inspection. A Notice setting out matters included in the Valuation and Statement relating to Rateable Property shall be given to the Occupier or Owner thereof prior to date of Poll.

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SEQUEL TO SMASH AND GRAB RAID ON E. L. GATES' SHOP

FIVE MEN AND TWO WOMEN FACE SHOP-BREAKING CHARGE

GOODS VALUED AT OVER £100 STOLEN

Unfinished Hearing Has Lasted Two Days

CRASH!! The glass door of E. L. Gates' shop in High street, Northcote, is shattered. Four men hurriedly enter the store and return to a waiting motor car carrying stockings, costumes, and other articles of women's attire. They make several trips from the car to the shop and having loaded a dark sedan with goods valued at over £100, drive away. The street is deserted at this hour of the morning—for it is 3 a.m. on January 23.

Nevertheless practically every detail of the nefarious work is being observed by a watcher from a balcony across the street. Less than 48 hours elapse after the smash and grab raid and recover two-thirds of the goods stolen, after two constables have kept watch on a house in Victoria parade, East Melbourne, for nearly six hours.

Thus unwinds one of the most sensational court dramas when the male quintet and the two women face the Northcote bench on charges of shop-breaking. The following are the accused parties in the case:—

Arthur John Francis, 44 years, wharf laborer, of Nicholson street, Fitzroy; David James Gordon, 20 years, painter, of Victoria parade East Melbourne; Lionel Roy Nelson, 22 years, laborer, same address; Lionel Rosier, 22 years, laborer, Dudley street, Carlton; Albert Turnbull, 39 years, laborer, Canfield street, Fitzroy; Edna Turnbull, 19 years, machinist, of Carlton street, Carlton; Loraine Sloane, 21 years, waitress, of Victoria parade, East Melbourne.

The evidence heard so far in this case is reproduced below:—

GLASS DOOR BROKEN

The first witness for the Crown was Constable Dunoon, who said that on January 23 a.m. on the morning of January 23 he was recalled to the shop occupied by E. L. Gates, Pty Ltd., at 473-9 High street, Northcote. There he saw in a plate glass panel of a door, which was completely broken, having sufficient room to walk through. Outside and inside the shop were broken pieces of glass. Two empty stocking boxes were lying on the footpath, and also one containing stockings near the door. Inside the door on the left hand side was a large number of other stocking boxes which apparently had been pulled out from a near-by counter. Witness sent for the manager, who arrived at 4 a.m.

In reply to Mr. Sacks, who appeared for four of the accused, witness said that an hour and a half earlier he had passed the shop, and saw no damage done to it.

SHOP BREAKING WITNESSES

The actual shop-breaking, when the goods were taken from the shop to a waiting motor-car, was witnessed by David James Hindsley, 17 year-old printer, who said that a loud crash of glass wakened him at about 3 a.m. on January 23. The house in which Hindsley lives is situated practically opposite the raided shop. Hindsley said he was wakened by a crash of glass and got out of bed of the balcony room where I was sleeping, and going on to the balcony, looked up and down High street. I saw a car outside the millinery section of E. L. Gates' shop. It was a dark-colored sedan. There appeared to be two men at the doorway and walking in the direction of the car. Some appeared to be carrying bundles. I carried what appeared to be material wrapped over their arms. These articles were handed in the car, and they returned to the shop. They made several trips to and from the shop, on each occasion carrying goods and the men who were coming along High street from a northerly direction, and the men got into the car and drove it round the corner into Gladstone avenue. One man was still in the shop, and I heard a voice say 'Come on' from the car. The man who was left behind came running, carrying boxes. He jumped into the car, and it was driven away.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sacks, Hindsley said he would not be able to recognise any of the men.

OVER £100 OF STOCK STOLEN

The manager of the shop, Leslie Frederick Gates, said that in response to a telephone message, he went to the shop, where he arrived at 4 a.m. The glass panel in the door had been broken; the door was still locked. A brief examination revealed that a considerable amount of stock was missing. When a check was made later, it was found that the missing articles consisted of 332 pairs of silk stockings, valued at £66/12/; eight ladies' hats, valued at £3/6/10, twenty ladies' costumes valued at £32/19/3, representing a total value of £102/18/1. The articles in court were identified by witness as being part of the stolen stock. About two-thirds of the stolen goods were in court. A costume ticket (produced) belonged to a tailored costume which was in the shop on the night of the robbery. A knitted costume (produced) which was being worn by accused Sloane when he saw her by the City watch-house on January 24, was also part of the stolen property.

Mrs. Joyce Robertson, bookkeeper, employed by E. L. Gates Pty Ltd., deposed to the amount of the stolen property, also as to the ticket which came from the tailored costume missing from the shop.

Annie Evelyn Bassett, boarding house proprietress, who owns two houses, one in Carlton street, Carlton, and the house immediately at the rear of it facing Barkley street, said that she knew Lionel Rosier and Edna Turnbull. The pair were known to her as "Mr. and Mrs. Nelson," and had occupied a room in her boarding house between January 13 and 21. On January 23, about lunch-time, she saw a strange man come out of a bathroom. It was the accused Albert Turnbull. She asked him "Did you sleep here last night?" He replied "Yes, we were in from work, and I laid down for a while." Prior to this, she had seen him, and was told he was Ed's brother of "Mrs. Nelson." She asked him whether he was the man who wanted a single room, and he replied that he was, and would see her later in the day about it. Later that day, accused Rosier booked an extra single room for a young man, paying 7/.

In the rooms occupied by "Mr. and Mrs. Nelson" there was only the furniture belonging to her.

"MR. and MRS. SLOANE."

Miss Margaret Kennedy, proprietress of a boarding house in Victoria street, East Melbourne, said that on January 16, accused Nelson and Sloane booked a room as "Mr. and Mrs. Sloane." They had two suitcases with them, and took immediate possession. Mrs. Sloane" (who actually is unknown for a young man, paying 7/.

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BUSH FIRE RELIEF

MAYOR OF PRESTON'S RELIEF APPEAL

The following further donations have been received up to Tuesday, February 7:—

	£	s	d
Already Acknowledged (480 16			
Preston Rowing Club (proceeds Aquatic Carnival)	64	19	6
Preston City Council	250	0	0
Mesdames E. Robertson and H. R. Zwar (bridge evenings)	20	19	0
Fidelity Tent No 75 I.O.R. Preston	10	10	0
Regent Presby. Church	7	1	0
Yann St. Meth. Church	4	18	0
Mrs. Sleith, 120 Cramer St. (concert)	3	12	6
Cr. W. H. Robinson	3	3	0
Employes Maintenance Section, Preston Council	1	14	0
Mr. P. Yann, 27 Home St.	1	1	0
Mrs. Sleith, 120 Cramer St. (concert)	3	12	6
Cr. W. H. Robinson	3	3	0
Employes Maintenance Section, Preston Council	1	14	0
Mr. P. Yann, 27 Home St.	1	1	0
"Called Sign"	12	6	
Mr. Shiplee, Gower St.	7	6	
Total	£249	5	6

Arrangements have been made for shows at the Star Picture Theatre on Sunday evenings, February 12, 19 and 26. The committee having arrangements in hand in connection with these is composed of the Mayor of Preston (Cr. F. G. Pike) Mr. J. W. Bartrop, and Cr. W. Robinson.

The manager of the Star Theatre, (Mr. Edmonds) has kindly given the free use of the theatre for three entertainments.

An illustrated musical lecture on a date to be fixed is being organised by the Dunlop Rubber Co. and Adrian Quist and Colin Long (Davis Cup players) will be in the film.

SUCCESSFUL EVENING PARTY

A crazy whist and euchre party was held at St. Mary's Hall, East Preston, on Saturday evening, February 4, organised by Mrs. Simmonds, 18 Wilkinson street, North Preston, in aid of the appeal. The result was £10/2/3, of which £9/3/9 has been forwarded to the JAW Bush Fire Fund. All prizes were donated, and the hall was lent by St. Mary's Church. The prize-winners were: Euchre, Mr. W. J. Smith and Mrs. Ballantyne; Crazy whist, Mr. A. Dean and Mrs. Kowall; Lucky numbers, Messrs W. Meaklin, F. Hillman and B. Johnson, Mesdames Rats, Doran, and Cheese. Supper was served, after which Cr. C. T. Bowling presented the prizes, thanking Mrs. Simmonds for the excellent work she had done in connection with the appeal. Mrs. Simmonds suitably responded, thanking everyone for the support they had given, and expressing appreciation to those who had donated prizes and assisted in making the effort such a success.

An effort organised by the proprietors of the Preston Market, Plenty road, raised £19, which was forwarded to the central fund.

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT

On Sunday last in the Northcote Town Hall a P.S.A. was held, when a programme was given by the Northcote Choral Society and others. The Mayor of Northcote (Cr. French) acted as chairman, and the Mayoress was also present, together with Cr. and Mrs. S. Dennis. Mrs. J. J. Daly, O.B.E. kindly arranged with Miss Rita Miller, and Mr. J. Alexander Erowne, and these two artists rendered exceptional items. The programme included part songs by the choir, songs by Miss C. Weaver, Miss Nancy Coles, Miss Ellinor Morcom, Miss Freda Parks, and Miss Woods. During the interval, the Mayor extended his thanks to the Society and all those who had taken part. The financial result amounted to £19/6/3.

MAYOR OF NORTHCOTE'S FUND

	£	s	d
Already Acknowledged	434	14	7
High Street Methodist Young Men's Society	1	0	6
A.M. and R. Wood	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. A. Wood	3	3	0
Mr. Ellinor	10	10	0
O.A. Pensioners	1	12	1
Mr. and Mrs. W. Beach	1	1	0
Messrs Allan Broom Co	10	10	0
Employes of Australian Broom Co	3	10	0
D.P.	1	0	0
Musical Matinee	27	0	0
Cr. M. C. Jones	2	2	0
Mrs. M. C. Jones	1	0	0
Miss Rhonda Jones	1	0	0
J. Cooper	10	6	
Note Council Employes (further contrib.)	17	0	
Mr. D. Mackenmara	1	1	0
Mrs. Page	10		
Mr. J. A. Thorn	1	0	0
Northcote P.S. Ladies Basketball	1	1	0
Northcote Debutantes Club	2	2	
Mr. C. G. Ranganwanth and employes	11	0	
St. George's Road Methodist Church	1	10	
Mr. Baird	10		
Glen Iris Brick Co Employes (further con.)	4	11	
A.Z.	5		
East N'cte Tennis Club	3	15	
Brown-Boyd & Jones Pty Ltd.	1	10	
Choral Society P.S.A.	19	6	
Croxton Methodist Mutual Improvement Soc.	5		
High Steet Methodist Church	10	10	
Total	£550	10	11
Correction, — J. Reidy £2/0/6 should read Gwalia U.A.O.D. Lodge £2/0/0.			

MUSICAL MATINEE

On February 1 in the Northcote Town Hall a Musical Matinee was given to an attendance of about 250. An excellent programme had been arranged by Miss Mavis Craigie, the artists being Alfredo Luizzi, Zeli Manners, Mary Lilley, June Brown, Joy Blore, Roy Tantakoon, and Pte. Elizabethan Quartette, with Mamie Clifford as the accompanist. Numerous encores showed the appreciation of the audience, who were most enthusiastic. In a few well-chosen words, the Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. J. W. French) thanked those present for their assistance, and also moved a hearty vote of thanks to the artists who had given their services gratis. The proceeds, about £27, have been handed to the Mayor of Northcote's Appeal for Bush Fire Relief Fund.

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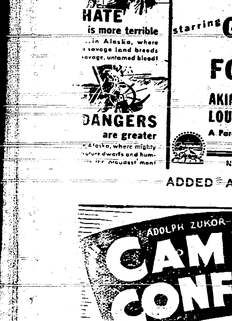

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SEQUEL TO SMASH AND GRAB RAID

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married) said she was working in a cafe, and did not finish work until 12 o'clock at night. On January 18, witness saw accused Gordon come out of the bathroom room occupied by "Mr. and Mrs. Sloane." Witness intercepted him and said "Do you occupy the room? I let it to a married couple." He replied "I am his brother (meaning Sloane) and I have just come from Wagga." On January 22 witness again saw Gordon coming out of the room, accompanied by the "Sloanes."

NELSON HIRES CAR

John Adrian Stenberg, manager of Lorraine Motors, Collins place, city, said accused Nelson had been known to him by the name of Francis since January 1. On January 23 Nelson hired a car about 9.30 p.m. It was a black Pontiac sedan, and the amount paid for hiring was £2. The car was returned to him on the following day from Russell street police station at about 10 a.m. The registration number of the hired car was 210,177. On the following day at the Russell street detective office he identified Nelson as the man who had hired the car.

POLICE WATCH HOUSE

Police evidence of the watch on the house in Victoria street, East Melbourne, was given by Constable Graham Cole, who stated that, following instructions, he went to Victoria street and keyed No. 204 under observation. This was about 6.30 p.m. At 7 p.m. a taxi stopped, and accused Lorraine Sloane, Gordon and Nelson entered the premises. A quarter of an hour later, Gordon and Nelson came out, carrying a suitcase, followed by Sloane, who had boxes of hosiery in her hands. They left the taxi, and were driven away in a westerly direction. At 8 p.m. witness was joined by Constable Hopkins. Nothing further happened. At 9 p.m., Nelson, Gordon and Sloane returned in another taxi, and entered the house. Another hour went by. At about 10 p.m. a 1929 model Buick, a dark blue sedan, driven by Albert Turnbull, stopped outside, the premises which were being watched. Turnbull went in, but immediately came out and drove away. He later returned on foot, and on knocking at the window of the room occupied by Sloane and Nelson, walked away. There was a light in the room at which he knocked. Sloane afterwards, Turnbull returned in a taxi.

ENTERED TAXI CARRYING PARCELS

The horn was tooted, and Sloane, Nelson and Gordon walked from the house to the waiting taxi. Accused Sloane was carrying several boxes of what appeared to be hosiery, and the two male accused, Nelson and Gordon carried something between them, which was covered with an overcoat. They all entered the taxi, and drove away in a westerly direction. At about 11.25 p.m. a dark blue Pontiac sedan, registration No. 210,177 pulled up in Launcelot street, which is a few doors from the house that was under observation. Arthur Francis was driving the vehicle.

MORE BOXES OF HOSIERY

Albert Turnbull, Edna Turnbull, Nelson, and Gordon were also in the car. Nelson, Gordon and Edna Turnbull entered the house, and Gordon came out carrying a suitcase. Ten minutes later the trio returned carrying several boxes of hosiery, and handed them to the persons waiting in the car. Edna Turnbull, however, still carrying several boxes of hosiery, walked into a lane at the rear of 204 Victoria street.

DROVE THE PARTY TO RUSSELL STREET

As the Pontiac car was preparing to drive away, the two constables walked over to it, and with no sign of resistance on the part of the occupants, took control and drove to Russell street.

LAUGHED AT "HOT."

On the way there, Nelson said "This car is hot, and so are we. The stuff in the back is "hot." We have been using the car all the week doing "jobs" with it."

GORDON ESCAPES, BUT IS ARRESTED

While being escorted from the car to the C.I. Branch, accused Gordon broke away and escaped. He was later rearrested with Lionel Rosier and Edna Turnbull at the premises at the rear of No 204 Carlton street. Boxes of stockings produced in court were those found in the Pontiac car. The boxes carried away by Edna Turnbull were not recovered.

In Cross-examination, Constable Cole said that he was not aware that as late as Friday, January 27 Rosier and Edna Turnbull appeared before the Carlton court on a charge of vagrancy, where the charges were dismissed. According to witness, Sloane did not make any statement about having worked at the timber wharf since 8 a.m. No weapons, revolvers or batons were produced when the constable took charge of the car.

Counsel: "At exactly what time did you see the accused Edna Turnbull?—At 11.25 p.m. and then a few minutes later.

What would you say if you were told that Rosier and the girl Turnbull had spent the night at a picture theatre and had had paid tickets in support of their statement? — Nothing.

DID NOT PRODUCE WEAPONS

Did you produce by word or action that you were armed?—No, we did nothing to suggest that we were armed.

Did you, or Constable Hopkins say in reference to Francis "If the old fellow revolves, crown him with a gun"?—No.

The cross-examination concluded with the informa^tion that after finishing the four men in "custody," Constable Cole went back to Victoria street, where he met Detective McKeogh. They returned to Russell street, and then went to Carlton with the arresting party.

Corroborative evidence was given by Constable Hopkins.

In cross-examination, he said he did not see either of the two female accused or Sloane. At 11.25 p.m. the dark sedan was driven by Francis. After the men came out again, Francis was seen in the car sitting in the front seat, the others being in the rear. Constable Hopkins said that the actual apprehension of the four men was effected without any resistance. Constable Cole saying "We are driving you to Russell street." No further said that no batons or revolvers were carried by either constable. Asked why the arrest had not been effected earlier, the witness said "We were waiting our best opportunity, and when we did arrest them, we looked as if they were shifting altogether."

HAD HANDS FULL

Did you see the woman Turnbull? — Oh, yes.

Why didn't you arrest her? — We had our hands full without her.

CASE ADJOURNED UNTIL TUESDAY

The further hearing of the case was proceeding on Tuesday when the paper went to press.

Westgarth Racing Competition

DAY OF OUTS FOR ENTRANTS

Entrants in the 49th Westgarth Racing Competition were mostly wide of the mark when picking winners on Saturday last. There were a few good entries, but the majority failed to score many points out of the possible 35. The best was 24 pts, next 22, and one with 21. After that there were 15 entries each with 17 pts.

In the circumstances, only three double tickets will be allotted, the fourth for this week being transferred to next week to form a fifth prize.

The winner's selections read—1—Exmoor (won at 9/2), Free Leg (won at 7/2), Bridge Law (2nd at 4/1), Bankshaw (2nd at 7/2), Our Boy (scratched), Red Felt (won at 5/1), and Red Morn (won at 2/1.) No. 2 had —Trivella (unplaced), Free Leg (won), Bridgelaw (2nd), Royal Jubilee (won at 6/1), Magic Circle (won), Trendel (unplaced), and Red Morn (won). The third entry differs only in the selection for the third race in the last-mentioned selection: Insofar as Birdplay (3rd at 9/2) was selected instead of—Bridgelaw.

The 50th Westgarth Racing Competition will be conducted on the Williamstown races to be held on Saturday, February 11.

Points and conditions will be the same as in prev ous competitions. No entry received after 12 noon on Saturday, February 11, will be eligible. Cut out entry form, and after filling it in, brine or post it to the "Leader-Budget" Office, 481 High St., Northcote N 16, in envelope marked "Westgarth Racing Competition" There 's no entry fee.

WILLIAMSTOWN FEBRUARY 11

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NORTHCOTE LIFE SAVING AND SWIMMING CLUB

At the "Herald" Learn to Swim campaign, which is being conducted at the Northcote City Baths the number who can already swim 25 yards is nearing the 100 mark. Those who have already caught the eye as the most promising of the learners are Patricia and John O'Brien, Jack and George Oxley, Sir Sc. Arland, Helen Feest and Thomas Crosby, Ronald and Joan Maklin of Mitchell street, and Shirley and Kenneth Makin of Gladstone avenue.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the Northcote Town Hall lodge room next Tuesday at 8. All interested in swimming and life-saving are invited to attend.

SEASIDE HOME FOR SALE

Messrs. Geo. Higgens, of 108 Queen street, Melbourne, auctioneers for J. Nichols, of Rosebud, will submit by auction on Saturday, February 18, at 3 p.m. a beautiful 8-roomed concrete house at Rosebud, 23 minutes from beach, situated on land 50 by 200 ft. The house is completely furnished, and will be offered on a walk-in walk-out basis. There are two brick outside walls with gummed, and five tanks. The porperty is sewered, and has electric light, bath-room, wash-house, large garage and all conveniences. Buyers will have the option of purchasing a block adjoining 50 by 200 ft. for £25, on which is the orchard, well and pumping plant. This is a unique opportunity of securing a beautifully situated home or a good investment. The property is a good letting proposition. on a first-class C.R.B. road, in a middle class residential locality. See advt. elsewhere.

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BUSH FIRES

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A. W. Field	0	2	6
Mr. and Mrs. Juckert	10	0	0
Sympathiser	4	0	0
R.H.	2	0	0
M.B.	2	0	0
Total	157	15	0

The following amounts were collected by Mr. N. D. Myers, of 204 St. George's road, Northcote: Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Myers £1; A.H.H. 5/; J.L.W. 2/; Marilyn Mrs. Hamilton, G. Taylor 1/ each; C. Gall, Mrs. Johnstone, G. Horrobin, Mrs. Nicholson, B.S.K. Mrs. Riddler 6d. each H. White, M. Sells, C. Johnstone, Anon. 2/ each; Total £1/14/.

PITIFUL DOUBLE TRAGEDY

DANGERS OF CELLULOID DOLLS

At Kalgoorlie on Friday of last week fumes from a burning celluloid doll, a dummy in a "cubby-house" at the rear of the parents' home in Baldock street, asphyxiated William Baldock, 11 and Thelma Evelyn Baldock, 8. The children had dug out the ground, and had placed the remains of an old iron tank over the top. The tank had a small aperture, permitting only one child to enter at a time. It is believed that the children were playing "house-keeping, when some cloth became ignited by a candle, and the celluloid doll quickly burned. Because of lack of ventilation, the tank was filled with fumes in a few minutes apparently the boy tried to rescue his sister, but could not move her. Their mother had occasion to empty some scraps into a rubbish bin at the rear of the yard, when she saw clouds of smoke issuing from the "cubby-house" and went to investigate. Both children were dead when she found them, the boy having collapsed alongside his sister.

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PRESTON & NORTHCOTE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

District Cricket

DISTRICT MATCHES

Carlton v Northcote

Played at Carlton. In their first innings Carlton made 261. On Saturday, Northcote batted, and at the close of the afternoon, had lost 9/235. Top-scorer was Baggott with 77, followed by Bowtell 64, Thorn not out 23, Dickson 20. Per Carlton Frees took 4/57 and Baird 4/50.

The match was drawn.

District Seconds

Northcote v 7/282 declared, and 3/22 defeated Carlton 191.

District Thirds

Metropolitan League — Northcote 134 and 66 (Ray 7/42) defeated Carlton 89 and 6/104 (Bennett 8/83, Failing 5/32)

B Section. — Richmond 6/203 (Hazel 86, Fisher 70, Wallace 58) defeated Northcote 187.

SUB-DISTRICT
Preston v Caulfield

Played at Preston. In their first innings Preston made 260, and in the time left on the first day Caulfield made 1/14. Resuming, Caulfield carried their total to 222, the main contributions being Rooney 65, and Crowe 56. For Preston, Warren took 3/102, Orsino 2/25, Davidson 2/33 and Rooney 1/7. Batting again, Preston had lost 0/17 at stumps, and thus, won by 35 runs on the first innings.

Sub-District Seconds

Preston 145 and 120 (Walker 32, Cornish 30, McGrath 24; Walker 6/62) defeated Caulfield 129 (Walker 36. McGrath 5/50).

Returned Soldiers

Preston 119 and 6/143 (Nisbett not out) v Northcote 180 (Calender 50).

THE LODGES

A.N.A. — Section

Northcote 223 (B. Jackson 41, Goatley 36, White 72; B. Jones 4/78) defeated Preston 44 and 49 (Jones 24; B. Jackson 8/29, White 5/77).

U.A.O.D. — Gwalia 264 (Bamfield 106, Paulin 49, Johnson 34) d Crescent 90 and 85 (Beslow 49, Thomas 20, Wilkinson 4/12, Bowden 4/23, Wintle 4/39).

Sons of Temperance— Northcote 5/249 (Sutherland (Hannah 113 not out and 4/19, Ross 41) defeated Thornbury 64 and 6/44 (Robinson 5/22, Davies 4/26) .

Preston 125 and 5/57 (Woods 37 not out and 20 to cut, Spencer 31, Cameron 23; G. Dugdale 5/37 Ming 4/22, Baker 4/36) defeated Coburg 87.(Barber 41; Temple 4/15.).

I.O.R.—Second Grade—Coburg 178 (F. Murphy 38, Carrig 29, Hancock 5/36) d Northcote 98 and 50. (F. Murphy 8/29, Carrig 6/31)

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BOWLING

PRESTON CLUB

The No. 1 team having a bye, interest centred on the engagements of the No. 2 and No. 3 teams on the former visited Melbourne at Windsor green, and unfortunately suffered defeat. Holding a slender grip on second position, a win was most desirable, but down on all four rinks was the report brought home. As the scoring cards were mislaid we are unable to give details of the play. The totals were: Melbourne 116; Preston 74.

Dave Ross' Eight!

A feature of the match against Box Hill on the Preston green was the scoring of the possible 8 (8) by Dave Ross' rink, and a coincidence in the margins on the various rinks. Ross and Ellis were up 4 and 4 respectively, while Carthew and McIntosh were down 5 and 6 respectively. The former resulted in a tie—104 all. Both Carthew and McIntosh had the chance of winning the game with their last ends, but could not pull it off. On the other hand, Ellis was laying 4 when his opponent saved with the last ball, and the 2 secured by Preston made the scores even.

The flag points for the day went to Ross' rink, with Ellis second with 3 points, a third rink failing to have a substantial lead, and look like winners of this event. The other rinks were Ross and Howe in their respective sections.

New Club Champion

Most of the No. 1 team watched the final of the singles championship between Carthew, Cuthbert and J. Bell. The game was not as keenly fought as expected. Bell picked up his first couple of ends, 10-8 at the tenth, but he afterwards lost touch, and Williams put in a great run which enabled him to 27 before Bell again got the mat. The match was all over at the 22nd end, with the score 31-15 in favor of Williams. Congratulations to Shepparton, where he was known as the Goulburn Valley champion, fully upheld his reputation and won the singles championship at his first attempt. Among his victims in the preliminary rounds were F. Pike and Nevill, former winners of the club's coveted honor. Recently he also reached the quarter-finals in the V.B.A. championship. Both winner and runner-up were warmly congratulated, and the win was celebrated in a cordial manner.

Quite a contrast in play was a duel on the previous Thursday in the President's Handicap, when Williams and G. McGregor met in a marathon contest of 54 ends. It was anybody's game several times but when 30 all, McGregor put kitty in the ditch for an unbeatable sitter, and goes on to the next round.

The Darebin

Although our pennant teams are not doing as well as expected the team is doing splendidly in the Darebin electric light competition, and has won six games in a row. Last Thursday it gained a 7 pt. victory over East Kew. Two rinks up and two down was the position, with Preston having the best score of the "ups." Morgan's rink with the aid of a 3 and 7 in the last two ends finished 10 up. Williams had to scoop 4 at the last end to lead 19-17. Monahan just failed by 1 against France, and Howe, after a close game lost 3 at the last end to finish 4 down. Totals: Preston 80; East Kew 73.

THORNBURY CLUB

Thornbury No. 1 team met and defeated M.C.C. after a good game although most of the credit is due to Whalley's rink which had a splendid margin of 15, the scores being 35-20. Allen's four just got home by the narrow margin of 1, and Rogerson's four was overwhelming Rooney 65, and Crowe 56. For Preston, Warren took 3/102, Orsino 2/25, Davidson 2/33 and Rooney 1/7. Batting again, Preston had lost 0/17 at stumps, and thus, won by 35 runs on the first innings.

Sub-District Seconds

Preston 145 and 120 (Walker 32, Cornish 30, McGrath 24; Walker 6/62) defeated Caulfield 129 (Walker 36. McGrath 5/50).

Returned Soldiers

Preston 119 and 6/143 (Nisbett not out) v Northcote 180 (Calender 50).

THE LODGES

A.N.A. — Section

Northcote 223 (B. Jackson 41, Goatley 36, White 72; B. Jones 4/78) defeated Preston 44 and 49 (Jones 24; B. Jackson 8/29, White 5/77).

U.A.O.D. — Gwalia 264 (Bamfield 106, Paulin 49, Johnson 34) d Crescent 90 and 85 (Beslow 49, Thomas 20, Wilkinson 4/12, Bowden 4/23, Wintle 4/39).

Sons of Temperance— Northcote 5/249 (Sutherland (Hannah 113 not out and 4/19, Ross 41) defeated Thornbury 64 and 6/44 (Robinson 5/22, Davies 4/26) .

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Amateur Athletics

SEMI-FINALS

Northcote H.S.O.B. Defeated by One Point

In the most exciting meet of the season last Saturday, the Northcote High School Old Boys Harriers Club went down to the Hawthorn Harriers by the narrow margin of one point. The Hawthorn club completely pulverised Northcote, with the excellent team fielded. It was a vast improvement on any team they had fielded during the season. Ed. Twomey was the backbone of the Northcote club, and his 100 yds in 10 6/10 sec. and 440 yds in 57 2/10 secs were excellent performances. He completed a treble by winning the high jump without effort at 5 ft 2 in. Frank Proctor (3rd in 100 yds and 2nd in mile) and Bill Joyce (2nd in mile walk and 2nd in shot putt) were the best of the others. W. Bain and G. Hall were best for Hawthorn. Bain, an excellent walker, has not been seen on the track all the season, and his inclusion on Saturday was a wise move. He also defeated, the Northcote champion, Ed. Twomey in the hop, step and jump. Twomey was a very tired competitor having had to compete in the previous event, several members will be seen in the open handicap events conducted during the meeting.

Next Saturday will be the final day of the inter-club track competitions, and in addition to the finals, the V.A.A.A. will conduct the country track championship. Competitors from centres such as Ballarat, Bendigo, Shepparton, Geelong and Launching Place will be seen in action.

STREET NAMEPLATES

The absence of street signposts in various parts of Deservoir is very noticeable and very inconvenient to strangers. Preston City Council should take steps to rectify this shortcomings in a rapidly progressing suburb.

Keith McNamara, 23 years of age, son of Mrs. E. McNamara, Elm street, Northcote, died at Austin Hospital on Friday. The burial took place in Fawkner Cemetery on Monday in charge of Mr. Era Jensen. Service at the graveside was conducted by Rev. F. E. Thornton.

Mr. J. E. Thomson, High street, Preston, after an extended holiday abroad, is booked to leave South Africa by the Ceramic on Saturday, February 18 for his home town.

Tenders are invited for the lease of kiosk at the Preston Park during the forthcoming football season. For particulars see advertisement.

TENNIS

PRESTON ASSOCIATION

, Special Grade. — Oakover 57 d Regent 47; Cranross 52 d Rothsay 49; Warrain 61 d Hill 28; Numurray 57 d Reservoir 49.

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B1 Grade. — College 54 d Grove 48; Preston Methodists 64 d Warrain 27; Numurray 54 d Normanbie 38; Bell Park 60 d Reservoir 19; Presbyterians 37; Sacred Heart d Preston (walk-over.)

B2 Grade. — St. Gabriel's 54 d Comas 32; Regent 66 d College 19; Oakover 65 d Danella 43; West Preston Methodists 55 d South Preston 52; Cranross d Cooma, (walk-over.)

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GOLF

IVANHOE GOLF CLUB

Results for Saturday, February 4 Foursomes— 64 C Clamp-Miss Jones (2); 68, C Moore-Miss Hodgson (2); 69 F. Wallace-Mrs. Vaughan (20); 72 C. Smith-Miss Hutton (9).

Sunday, February 5. — The second challenge match between members and associates of the above club resulted in a win for the men by 13 matches to 5. The club champion, S. Moore defeated the Ladies' champion, Miss Jubber 6 up & 5 to play. Scores.

Miss Jubber 0 h S. Moore 6-4 Mrs. Turner 19th F. Murcott 0; Mrs. Durant v C. Clamp 3-1; Mrs. Moore 2-1 v P. Nicholson 0; Mrs. Eckersley 0 v M. Durant 3-1; Mrs. Norton 3-2 v L. Wood 0; Mrs. Thayne 0 v H. Aitken 20th; Mrs. Serpell 0 v H. Sparkes sen 4-2; Mrs. Coxon 0 v H. Sparkes jun. 4-3; Miss Moore 0 h A. Simpson 3-2; Mrs. Hodgson 0 v E. Simpson 4-3; Miss Weigall 0 v A Heath 1 up; Miss Ruddell 4-3 v H. Raines 0. Miss Simpson 0 v G. Moore 3-2; Mrs. Spowers 0 v E. Eckersley 3-2; Mrs. Vaughan 0 v F. A. Lee 4—2. Mrs. Rolls 0 v A. Coxon 20th; Mrs Ruddell 19th v F. Eckner 0.

L. Duffy, W. Edgar, W. Wishart, W. A. Higgins, S. Williams, and R. Wishart sent out a challenge through the press in December last to play any six players on any course. Ivanhoe was the only club to accept the challenge, and the match will take place at Ivanhoe on Sunday, February 19. The home side will consist of: S. Moore, club champion, G. Norton, captain, M. Durant, manager, S. Nicholson, secretary, L. Wood, club chairman, Marsh committee, C. Clamp, Harrison trophy winner.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Soul" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon at all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, February 12. The golden text is from Isaiah 25:9, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him and he will save us; this is the Lord." Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and be your God, and ye shall be my people." (Leviticus 26: 11, 12). The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Day may declare and shadows fall, but darkness flees when the earth has again turned upon its axis. The sun is not affected by the revolution of the earth. So Science reveals Soul as God, untouched by sin and death—as the central Life and intelligence around which circle harmoniously all things in the systems of Mind." (Page 310).

Electment

The Preston bench on February 8 made an electment order against Alfred Moran, of Plenty road, Preston.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL AT PRESTON

What promises to be a red-letter day for Preston — from the swimming standpoint will take place at the Preston Baths on Thursday night next. The club has been fortunate in gaining the assistance of the Victorian Amateur Swimming Association in its ambitious attempt to stage an International meeting at the local pool. First and foremost among the competitors will be the Hawaiian wonder swimmer, Kyoshi Nakama, who has been breaking records every time he has appeared in Australia. Nakama will compete in a special handicap event of 220 yds., in which he will be opposed by the State's best five middle distance swimmers, notably Allan Crawford, Ron. Winning, Ian Stewart, Ron Johannsen and Des Farrington. The winner of this event will be decorated with a championship sash, presented by the Mayor, Councillor W. A. Collins. Swimming in the handicap event, will give a special demonstration of his varied methods of swimming, such as Free Style, Back Stroke, and Butterfly Breast Stroke. The Breast Stroke Championship of the Preston Swimming Club will be the chief local event, and as Preston has more breast stroke swimmers than any club in Victoria, the contest should be keen and exciting. The programme is one of the most comprehensive and versatile ever submitted to the Victorian public at the one carnival. The chief events will be Breast Stroke Handicap, Back Stroke Handicap, Free Style Handicap for seniors and also for juniors, a handicap for women, and a Springboard Diving Contest in which Dave Norris the promising junior diver, will occupy the scratch position.

The Electrical Engineer (Mr. F. P. Bird) has excelled himself by providing a special new lighting feature that will make the night as bright as day; special seating accommodation will be provided, and it practically certain that, weather permitting, a packed house will be the result of the committee's ambitious efforts. In order to induce the public of Preston to become swimming-minded, the price of admission will be 1/ only, this being the cheapest admission fee ever charged for an International swimming carnival. The first race will be run off at 8 p.m., but the doors will be open at 7.15. The club was hard pushed last year when the baths did not open, but with this carnival it will easily be again one of the most successful clubs in the Victorian Amateur Swimming Association.

RIFLE SHOOTING

PRESTON CLUB

On Saturday the Preston Club fired the first round of the Bodle Trophy, from 600 yds. G. Bignell and E. Jordan divided the possible Scores. — G. Bignell 49-2-51, E. Jordan 47-4-51; C. Foster 48-2-50; T. Griffiths 46-2-48; R. Dickson 44-2-47; H. Court 44-2-46; E. Nolan 44-2-46; J. Piggott 43-2-45; W. Colsh 41-2-43; J. Bradley 40-2-42.

CYCLING

AMATEUR CLUB RACES

Northcote Club. — 1-mile— P. McNaughton (100) 1; D. Duncanson (100) 2; G. Beecher (60) 3. Time 2.1 **Continental scratch** —A. Grade. — L. McLean (2 pts) 1; L. Saker, L. Moran, and E. Whinceys (6) equal 2. B Grade —P. McNaughton (-6). 1; H. Gibaud, W. Johanson (2) equal 2

Preston Club — 1-mile—G O'Connor (65) 1; F. Schultz (60) 2; R. Cain 3 and 4. 2-mile scratch race—F. Garnes 1; W. McLean 2, F. Hooper 3. Time 5.7

Social Notes

The following engagements have been announced:—

Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Brooker, Gladstone road, Preston, to Roy, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson, Bell street, Preston.

Verna, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wright, Blackwood, Bridgewater, to Guinn, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Crump, of St. George's road, Croxton.

Marjorie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Gladstone road, Preston, to Ron, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Gladstone road, Preston.

Jean, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Gladstone road, Preston, to Ron, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Gladstone road, Preston.

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Billiards

PRESTON branch R.S.L. have taken up the billiard cue for the season, and contests are creating interests among members. Preston had an engagement with South Melbourne, the result being a tie—2 games each. Essendon returned men were next on the list to meet Preston, and Preston scored a crushing victory—3 games to 1. Next contest will be against Fairfield at Preston.

Complimentary Dinner

In celebration of his re-election as representative of Preston municipality to the M. and M. Board of Works, Cr. H. Swain entertained the Mayor, members of the council, and Messrs L. W. Williams (town clerk), Ben Johnson (engineer) C. H. Pike (assistant town clerk) and F. Bird (electrical engineer).

False Fire Alarmists

THIS class of individual is like the poor—always with us. Only those possessing an exceptionally low rate of mentality would think of calling out the fire brigades needlessly. The local firemen were roused from their slumbers in the early hours on Sunday morning, and made haste to the corner of High and Shearer streets—needlessly, as it turned out, the alarm being a false one. On Sunday evening the alarm at the corner of Bell and Patterson streets rang, once again the work of a scatter-brained member of the community. Up to the present the corner named is regarded as first-favorite (in the opinion of Preston fire-men) for calls which are false. A close-2nd runner-up in this direction is the Reservoir gates, from which point the mentally incapacitated operate at fairly frequent intervals.

A New Building to High Street.

A two-storey shop and dwelling is to be erected on portion of the Braithwaite property in High street, close to the recently opened picture theatre.

Reservoir Church of Christ

BRO. Patching is conducting a special series of gatherings during February. Later on. Bro. Shaw will resume pastorate duties in connection with the place of worship, for an extended term.

Changing a N.Z. Pound Note

THE writer had an experience recently, in which considerable difficulty was experienced in effecting the change of a New Zealand £1 note. Two banks in the suburb of Melbourne were first visited, and the note tendered. Nothing doing. Butcher, baker, tradesmen, on seeing the note, promptly turned it down. In desperation a Chinese greengrocer was tried. Ah Cute was tempted at first by the picturesque note, but one further glance was sufficient, and the note was handed back without the semblance of a smile accompanied by an "Oh, no, savee." A sympathising friend made a spotting offer of 17/6—fifteen pence used in a final effort, the headquarters of the Bank of New Zealand in Collins street, was approached. No luck—even here. However, a friendly bank official suggested a visit to a near-by tourist office. Here a 10/ note and 9/ in silver was soon forthcoming, the exceptional rate of 1/ over the transaction. New Zealand silver coins are refused by tram conductors, and the modest 3d. piece from that country is also declined in the ordinary course of business. Quite a number of these small coins had been won way into collecting plates on the Sabbath. How the church authorities get rid of them is another story.

Election of I.O.R. Officers

FOLLOWING are the names of office-bearers elected for the current half-year in connection with the North Preston I.O.R.:—Bro. J. Watson; D.R. and social secretary, Bro. C. Middleton; secretary, Bro. H. J. Snell; assistant secretary, Bro. W. Sweetlove; treasurer, Bro. D. Forbes; M.S., Bro. C. Watson; W.S., Sister P. Young; Levite, Sister G. Read. The tent is reported to be making favorable progress, with a satisfactory increase in membership.

They Say

That East Preston Touring Club has contributed £1/12/ to the Bushfire Fire Fund.

That about two months ago the wooden fence at the rear of the Preston Court-house was blown down as the result of heavy gales.

The fence is still on the ground.

PUPILS' SUCCESSES

The following results have been achieved by pupils of Miss Ethel F. Bassett, A.T.C.L., A.L.C.M. (Eng.), A.M.T.C., of 1 Main street, Northcote, during the past year, some of whom have had only a short period of study, and have worked conscientiously.

London College Practical 1937—Rolinda Palmer, passed A.L.C.M. examination, gaining 83 per cent after two years' study. Linda also obtained medal in Fitzroy competitions (87 pts.).

Trinity College Practical — November 1937: Patricia Smith, advanced Preparatory, 65 per cent pass. Henry Yeates, "first steps" 73 per cent pass. Joyce Anderson, "initial" 77 per cent Merit. Joyce Hynes "initial" 72 per cent pass.

Trinity College Theory, November 1937: Patricia Smith, junior 89 per cent (honors). Joyce Anderson, preparatory, 98 per cent (honors). Norman Peters, Preparatory, 92 per cent (honors). Henry Yeates, preparatory, 88 per cent.

Trinity College, Practical — April 1938—Joyce Anderson "first steps" 85 per cent (honors) Remarks "Hands and fingers well trained. Playing careful and clear, with good phrasing, staccato and expression." Joyce Hynes, "first steps" 82 per cent (merit.) Remarks: "Hands and fingers well trained. Playing careful and even, with good phrasing, accentuation and expression."

Trinity College Theory, June 1938: Joyce Anderson, junior 81 per cent (merit). Joyce Hynes, preparatory, (honors).

Trinity College, Practical, November 1938: Joyce Anderson, preparatory, 85 per cent (honors) Remarks. "Very well prepared; playing quite adequate. Work revealed promise in every way." Joyce Hynes, preparatory 77 per cent (merit) Remarks: "Work fairly good; promise. Promising facility." Henry

in Kelvin grove, and has become an eyesore.

That Misses Nichols and Mitchell, and Mr. Tonkin, of Preston West State School, were visitors here, have left to enter the Training College, Melbourne.

That 10 pts of rain were registered in Preston on Thursday, February 2.

That notwithstanding the excessive heat on Tuesday, over 70 mothers and babies put in an appearance at the Preston Baby Health Centre.

That Torquay has been selected by members of the East Preston Touring Club as the locals for next Sunday's outing.

West Preston Progress Association

ENTERTAINING TRAVEL TALK BY MR. A. HAGGER

There was a good attendance of members at the meeting of the association on February 1, the president, Mr. G. Mouchmore, presiding. Correspondence was received from the Mayor of Preston indicating his inability to be present at the meeting owing to pressure of other important business. A more forward date was suggested by the Mayor, and an invitation will be issued accordingly.

It was reported to the meeting that the petition requesting a poll on the Unimproved Capital Value system of rating had been lodged together with the necessary deposit of £20.

Following the disposal of ordinary business, a most interesting and informative address was given by Mr. Alf Hagger, who, with Mrs. Hagger, has just returned from a trip abroad. Mr. Hagger traced his movements even from the time he commenced making his first preparations. Customs and taxation matters, and as well the little odds and ends take up a good deal of one's time prior to embarkation, and when once aboard the relief must be great.

Mr. Hagger gave a very vivid description of the countries that he visited, scenic views were described in a running commentary which took his hearers with them on the journey. His powers of observation were well exemplified in his description of the peoples of the numerous countries visited; their customs and conditions of living had been noted by Mr. Hagger, even to the smallest detail. The speaker left no doubt in the minds of his hearers as regards the efficiency of Germany from the industrial viewpoint. "A clean, efficient and well-conducted country," was his verdict. The numerous warships in the Mediterranean, and the apparent impregnability of Gibraltar, was most impressive to the travellers, and gave them a good idea of the might behind the British Empire.

A very hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Chapman and supported by Mr. Newton Clarke, was carried by acclamation.

Yeates, preparatory, 71 per cent (pass). Remarks: "Has nice touch." Leslie Harper "first steps" 80 per cent (merit) Remarks: "Very promising work, and showed good position of hands." Charles Vincent "initial" 87 per cent (honors) (Has had only five months' tuition) Remarks: "Has been well prepared. Showed a good sense of time and rhythm. Should do good work with further study." Joan Lovegrove "initial" 86 per cent (honors). Remarks: "Very nice position of hands and fingers. Good sense of time and rhythm. Technically work is on the right lines, and should do well with further study." Winsome England "initial" 82 per cent (merit.) Remarks "Showed a nice sense of rhythm, and the work had been quite well prepared. Played with well-curved fingers. Promising work." Joan Pecke "initial" per cent, merit. Remarks: "There was much to commend in the playing." ▪

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TENDERS

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Preston and Reservoir Jottings

Senior Constable Perry has been transferred from the Reservoir police station to Russell street, and has gone to reside in Brunswick. He has been succeeded by Senior Constable Ross from Footscray. First Constable Jackson has been transferred to take the place of First Constable Woodford, who has also been transferred to Russell street, so that his duties as secretary to the Police Association can be carried out more effectively.

Bags of Dead Fowls Cause Roadside!

Appreciation of the prompt action of the Health Officer (Mr. Iles) has been expressed in the removal of bags containing dead fowls. Those bags had been thrown along the Epping road in the vicinity of Mahoney's Lane during the heat wave, and were threatening to become a nuisance.

Mr. Stewart of Pratt street, while cranking his motor truck, fell backwards and run over. He is suffering from severe bruises, and it is feared that bones have been broken.

Complaints have been lodged with the police in reference to the conduct of undesirables at certain dances. The police approached the persons or offenders, and apologies followed.

The Reservoir Mothers' Club held its Birthday Night in the Parish Hall on Thursday night last. The Mayor and Mayoress were in attendance. The gathering was a social and financial success.

Miss Welshford of Pine street, won the North Ward Progress Association Scholarship, and will commence at the Preston Girls' School on the first year of the course.

The council has placed a culvert at the intersection of Gilbert road and Henty street, and warning posts. This will be appreciated by motorists.

The Reservoir school reports an influx of new scholars, but a large exodus of old scholars to the secondary schools. Shortage of teachers has added to the organising difficulties.

Tyler street school the same thing. Teacher reports: "Miss Twyford was farewelled by the staff and presented with a gift, as she has resigned to be married at an early date. Misses Jeffreys and Payne and Mr Meehan have been promoted to Russell street. Miss Preston, intends having a three-weeks holiday at Frankston. Mr. Webster's brother will accompany him on the trip.

Mr. J. Quin and his wife, of Preston, experienced a quiet and restful time during a visit paid to Portland, Warrnambool, Port Fairy, Point Campbell and Apollo Bay.

Mrs. A. G. Davis and family, of High street, Preston, have returned from Chelsea, where an enjoyable fortnight's holiday was spent.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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S.P BOOKMAKERS PROSECUTED

Two Prosecutions At Northcote Court

The Northcote bench on January 31 dealt with two S.P. bookmakers, also with four other men who were charged with having been found in a common gaming house without lawful excuse. Both prosecutions arose out of visits by the gaming police on January 14 to premises in South Crescent, Westgarth, and Daly street, Northcote.

In the first case the occupier was fined £20, while the second case resulted in an adjournment after the prosecution had intimated that they would not object to this in view of the circumstances of the case. Defendant, in the second case, was a bed-ridden invalid who was in a very poor state of health when the police visited the house. During the hearing of the case he was allowed to be seated.

The occupier of the South Crescent premises, Robert Thomas Stevenson, pleaded guilty to having used his premises for the purposes of betting.

According to Constable A. F. Mason, betting slips totalling £167 bets to the value of £23/1/ were found in the confectionery store and library occupied by Stevenson. These ranged from 6d. each way to 10/ each way.

Stevenson admitted that he had been conducting a bookmaking business for the past two years. The police seized under the mattress £7/7/ found on the premises, which Stevenson admitted represented bets taken by him that morning.

Witnesses included Louis Bernadotte Lassere, of Walpole street, Kew, arrived at Stevenson's shop while the police were there. He had a list of five bets and 5/ in money, and when questioned, admitted that he had come to the shop to place the bets. This money was also seized by the police.

No evidence was given by either defendant, and Stevenson was fined £20, in default two months' imprisonment, while the defendant Lassere was fined £1, in default two days' imprisonment.

The money found on the premises was ordered to be confiscated.

In the second case, against Joseph Williams, he was charged with having had the care and management of a common gaming house at Daly street, Northcote.

After the evidence for the prosecution was given, the defendant pleaded not guilty, after-ed his plea.

Mr. R. T. Cahir (for defendant) in view of the circumstances of the case, asked that a very heavy penalty be imposed, and that the fine be made payable by instalments.

The prosecuting officer, Sgt. A. De la Rue, went one better, and said that if the bench saw fit to adjourn the case he would not raise any objection.

According to the police evidence defendant's home was a very popular one, and when the police entered it, they found Williams in bed in a very bad state of health. As a matter of fact, when a few questions were put to him, he had to be propped up on pillows to make the replies. There were also two in the rear of the premises. The police found £3/3/ in loose coins under the house when they searched the premises, and a list of $3 bets, totalling £8/16/ was found in the same place. One of the men, Gilbert James, invalid pensioner, of Separation street, Northcote, when questioned, said he wrote the bets and received the money on behalf of the defendant. His reason for doing so was that Williams was in a bad state of health, and was unable to do so for himself.

Mr. Cahir, in addressing the bench, said that defendant was suffering from asthma, and embarked on the occupation of a S.P. bookmaker simply to make both ends meet, as the pension he was receiving was totally inadequate to provide for his wife and children. His wife was forced to go out and work. Williams for nine months past had been confined to bed. In asking for a minimum fine, payable by instalments, Mr. Cahir pointed out that whatever penalty was imposed on Williams, his wife would have to earn.

Sgt. De la Rue, who promised to put all the circumstances before the court, did not press for a heavy penalty, and made the suggestion which the bench finally accepted.

The case against Williams was adjourned for 12 months, and Mr. P.M. (Mr. O'Grady) said he appreciated the course adopted by the prosecution.

Mr. Cahir also expressed gratitude at the attitude adopted by the bench. He said the action was gracious, and he admired it.

James, who was charged with having assisted in the conduct of a common gaming house, was fined £5 in default 14 days' imprisonment; while the two men who were found on the premises, who were charged with having been found in a common gaming house without lawful excuse, were each fined £1 in default three days' imprisonment. They were Hugh Jackson, of Delbridge street, North Fitzroy, and Ernest Cass, of Kelvin grove, Northcote.

ALL VICTORIAN EXPORTED EGGS SOLD

As all Victorian eggs exported to London have been sold, the Egg Marketing Board will not have to consider following the New South Wales Board's example of getting unsold supplies returned to Australia. Prices in Sydney ranged from 1/ to 2/ per dozen, but the eggs are worth only 9½d. per dozen in London. It is reported that already quantities are on their way back to Australia for sale in New South Wales.

The secretary of the Victorian Board (Mr. C. Taylor) said that between August and November, Victoria exported 90,659 boxes and all were sold by January 18.

TOM MOONEY'S GRATITUDE!

Mrs. Rena Mooney, whose persistent efforts over nearly a quarter of a century were chiefly responsible for her husband's release from prison, where he had been confined wrongfully for alleged bombing, announces he now wants to divorce her, says a message from San Francisco. She is 61 years old, and declared "I have spent the best years of my life for Tom. He cannot discard me now."

Mooney, on the other hand, says there is no truth in the report that he is seeking a divorce.

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News Of The... LODGES

NORTHCOTE G.U.O.O.F.

The Northcote lodge held its fortnightly meeting at the Dispensary Hall, Gooch St., Thornbury, on January 31. The lodge was opened by Bro. D. Carey, N.G. The secretary (Bro. Russell) announced that two old and esteemed members in Bro. Saddington, and Bro. Charleston, had passed away. The usual lodge ceremony was carried out, after which ordinary business was resumed. Bro. Carey was elected delegate to the Dispensary, and Bro. Kenney press-correspondent. Official minutes of the Grand Lodge were handed to the members. A friendly send-off was extended to Bro. Jewell, who is leaving the district to take up farming. A presentation was made by members, who wished him every success. A social was held, and supper served by lady the members.

NORTHCOTE A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday, February 2 at 8 p.m.

One new member was elected and one nominated. Messrs A. Turnbull and R. Fitch represented the sick members. It was learned with regret of the death of one of our members (Mr. R. Henderson) in Sydney.

Mr. A. Watkins, with Messrs T. Aldridge, F. Carney, R. Campbell, E. Guerin and O. Bland (5) represented the branch at the Annual Smoke Night at Northcote Town Hall on January 26. Mr. T. Aldridge, in responding on cricket activities, said branch defeated Clifton Hill on the first innings, and defeated Preston outright on the previous Saturday, and are now third on the list. At the Australian Day picnic the A.N.A. team defeated "The Rest." Mr. J. Barker reported on football activities, and also that Miss D. Barker won second prize in A.W.A. handicap race at Daily street, and third prize in the Young Ladies' Handicap.

The President (Mr. A. E. Watkins) congratulated Mr. Fitch on joining the ranks of the benedicts and wished him and his wife every success in the future.

The syllabus for the next six months was adopted. The syllabus item for the evening was a combined A.N.A. and A.W.A. social, and complimentary social to the secretary (Mr. R. L. Fitch) to celebrate his marriage. Director G. Holland, secretary of the Festive Committee, presented Mr. Fitch with a cheque from the branch and members in appreciation of his valued services. Mr. Fitch became secretary when the branch had about 400 members, and it was mainly through his good work that the membership had increased to over 700 members. He wished him and his wife every success in the future.

On behalf of the A.W.A., Mrs. Raymont secretary of the Northcote A.W.A. and vice-president, also congratulated them and wished them every success.

In reply, Mr. Fitch thanked everybody for their kind wishes, also the officers and members for their untiring support in the past, and said that it was their help and co-operation that had enabled the branch to progress.

The next meeting (Quarter Night) will be held on February 16. The meeting begins at 7.30.

Don't Delay—Join the A.N.A. Northcote Branch

Meets Alternate Thursdays in the MELBA HALL, 419 High Street, Northcote, at 8 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thurs., Feb. 16, Quarter Night, begins at 7.30. Pay your dues early!

Branch Office has removed to 254 High St., Northcote.

R. L. Fitch, Sec. JW 2745.

MANCHESTER INSTALLS MOTOR-BUSES

The Manchester City Council (England) has approved by 54 votes to 35, proposals by the Transport Department for the replacement of tram cars by motor buses, with trolley buses on certain routes. The change-over will take about three years, and the estimated cost of conversion to motor-buses is £855,000.

The proper name for the grapefruit is "pomelo." It belongs to the same family as the orange and lemon, and is related to the shaddock—which, according to legend, was the forbidden fruit of the Garden of Eden.

How Fast Do You Rev?

Few motorists probably give a thought to the engine speed or "revs" per minute of the power unit in their car yet after all, it is revs per minute that give the machine acceleration, speed and hill climbing ability.

The ancestors of the modern car had engines that performed a miracle if they revved up towards the 1,000 a minute mark. Carl Benz, when he ran his first car with its one cylinder engine on the road in Germany in 1886, boasted it was doing fine when it functioned at 250 r.p.m. and developed three-quarters of a horse power.

Nowadays, the specifications of most cars show that the engine is to attain maximum power output: is designed to function from 3000 to 4000 r.p.m. Racing engine speeds, of course, greatly exceed these figures, and in some of the most successful Grand Prix machines, the engine speeds range up to 7200 r.p.m. with the piston speed between 3000 and 4000 feet per minute. It is only by attaining such rapid movement of the contributing components in these ultra speed machines that an engine of 180 cubic inches displacement can deliver it in the region of 370 horse power.

Teacher: "Why is our language called the mother tongue?" Pupil: "Because father never gets a chance to get a word in."

AEROPLANE'S TERRIFIC CRASH

The force with which a Hawker Hurricane R.A.F. monoplane crashed in England last week at 400 miles per hour from 2,000 ft. is also shown by the fact that the machine and pilot were buried under 20 ft. of earth.

J. Axton, laborer, of Leonard street, Northcote, was crshed to death on February 4 when a lift rope broke. He was using the lift for raising material at the Hotel Australia. Some building material fell on him, and he died before a Civil Ambulance reached the Royal Melbourne Hospital, whither he was being taken.

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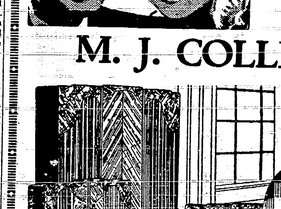

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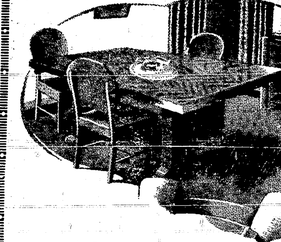

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OVER 1000 people were present at the Plaza Theatre on Sunday night, February 5, when a stage show was presented, the entire proceeds going to the Bush Fire Relief Fund.

A well arranged programme was staged, the artists including the following: Syd Palmer and his orchestra, which was accompanied by two vocalists; "Smoky" Dawson, Keith Rosenthal (from the Tivoli Theatre) and his xylophones; Eddie Prince and his Saxophone Clowns; the Rythm Boys; The Cavalier Chorus, Mervyn Clark (tenor), Eileen Sheridan (soprano), Master John Woodruff (boy soprano), Lesson of Mr. Geo. Henderson, of the Daily Patching (boy entertainer), the Aristos, June and Lawrence and many other excellent acts.

The concert was arranged by the directors and management of the Plaza Theatre and the results should be substantial.

Henderson—Pritchard

The marriage of Miss Ellen Eileen Pritchard, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pritchard, of Carlisle street, Preston, and Mr. Harold Charles Henderson, grand-son of Mr. Geo. Henderson, of Dick street, Northcote, took place at the Baptist Church, Northcote, on December 24.

The SCREEN STARS and its

LIFE STRUGGLE OF FISHERMEN

Sea raiding in the treacherous waters off the Atlantic coast, with fishermen pitted in a life-and-death struggle against salmon pirates, forms the plot background of "Spawn of the North," the epic drama of life in the Arctic country.

Although piracy has been rooted out of nearly every other portion of the globe during the last hundred years, it still flourishes in Alaska, a land still in its pioneer stage, where the law only holds insofar as there are men strong enough to enforce it. Since fishing ranks as the most important single business of the entire territory, it is natural that the fight for control of the best waters assumes the bitterest possible proportions. The struggle in "Spawn of the North" between two lifelong friends, played by George Raft and Henry Fonda, who find themselves arrayed opposite each other when the clash comes, mirrors the constant warfare in the North country, which turns brother against brother, and friend against friend.

TWIN ROMANCES

Twin romances combined with an exciting story about college basketball is Paramount's new collegiate picture "Campus Confessions." Hank Luisetti, Betty Grable and Eleanore Whitney head the cast of the younger playehs.

CLEANER WAS TOO CONSCIENTIOUS

"Do not sweep this set." This sign, in large letters, adorned the most extensive setting erected at United Artists' Studios for scenes in "Algiers" romantic melodrama starring Charles Boyer with Sigrid Gurie and Hedy Lamarr. The set, constructed on a sound stage represents a large section of the Casbah, or native quarter, of the Algerian city where the action of the entire story takes place. And to be technically accurate, the narrow streets and passageways had to be littered with dirt and rubbish. When the set was completed, men from the property department painstakingly "dirtied up" the place with all manner of trash, skilfully simulating the appearance of gradually accumulated debris. That night, a janitor, with the instincts of a neat housekeeper, swept the entire set as clean as a whistle!

WILLIAM TELL STUNT

Howard Hill, game hunter with bow and arrow, is probably the only living man who has ever duplicated the stunt attributed to William Tell—shooting an apple off a boy's head. Hill, who is the archery expert for Warner Bros' production "The Adventures of Robin Hood," performed the stunt nearly a year ago. He deliberately missed with his first shot, to be sure of the range, and the next arrow ticked the apple on a young man's head and knocked it to the ground. It was the first time he had shot at an apple on a human being, but he shoots at several items in "The Adventures of Robin Hood," including Errol Flynn, who plays the title role. Several of the soldiers and knights he "kills" were shot full in the chest—with proper protection, of course. The Technicolor melodrama has Olivia de Havilland as its feminine star.

N.S.W. RAIL RATES GO UP

New South Wales suburban and country railway passenger fares are to be increased by ten per cent as from March 1 next. Freights on certain classes of goods will also be increased by approximately ten per cent., but no change will be made in the rates for wool, wheat, flour, and fresh fruit, in view of the low prices ruling for these products. There will not be any increase on hay, straw, chaff, crude ores, other minerals, and miscellaneous traffic on which rates were increased by ten per cent in 1937. Making this announcement, the Premier (Mr. Stevens) said that the Railways department was faced with a deficit of £350,000 for the current year as a result of factors outside its control.

GOVERNMENT DEFICITS

W.A. Deficit. — The Western Australian Treasury return for January showed revenue at £814,573, and expenditure £990,528, a deficit of £75,955. The accumulated deficit for the seven months to January 31, was £637,262, as against £621,574 to the same date in 1938.

Queensland Deficit Lower. — The State had a deficit of £791,475 at the end of January, compared with a deficit of £1,103,327 at the same period last year. The expenditure this year was £10,290,400, and receipts £9,498,944. The Treasurer said the position was satisfactory, and indicated a realisation of budget hopes. He still forecasts a deficit slightly in excess of £200,000 for the year.

ALL SET FOR GRAND FINAL

Four More Acts Qualify

The second and last Elimination Final of Hoadley's Juvenile Talent Quest was presented at the Plaza Theatre on Thursday last, February 2, before a capacity house. Six acts comprised the programme.

The final was run in good style by the Personality Trio, a clever team of three girls, in a dance, song and comic patter numbers. A troupe of acrobats, the Eight Whirlwinds, was placed second. They registered a neat performance.

The judges (Messrs Taylor, Wootten and Sills) could not decide on an outright third, and declared a dead heat for that placing between Hastings Hendrum, dancer, and Lennie Meldrum, singer.

These four, in addition to the three acts from the first Elimination Final, will provide the competitors for the excellent prizes in the Grand Final, to be decided on February 7.

The rest of the stage presentation last Thursday included Norma Weate, saxophone and acrobatics on chairs and Piper's Naval Quartette (two boys and two girls in a song and dance number).

When "Tuppy" the genial M.C of the Plaza announced that Mr. Hoadley, of Hoadley's Ltd, the sponsors of the Juvenile Talent Quest, was in the audience, the house showed its appreciation by thunderous applause.

This week is the last of the Juvenile Stage Presentation, and undoubtedly many patrons will regret that this popular entertainment has come to an end.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY

The Vicar (Rev. W. H. Charlesworth) officiated on Sunday over three weeks holiday. Attendances all day were good. A hymn was sung at Evensong to the memory of the late Mrs. Foss.

Next Sunday the Harvest Festival will be the special attraction. The Vicar will be the celebrant and preacher at the morning and evening services, while in the afternoon the Rev. R. Fenwick Brown, Vicar of St. John's Camberwell, will give the address. At this service, children and adults will present their harvest gifts during the singing of a suitable hymn, consisting of groceries, fruits, etc, which will be afterwards sent to the C. of E. Homes for children. It is expected that big congregations will assemble throughout the day.

IN DIVORCE

Mr. Justice Duffy in the Third Civil Court granted a decree nisi in the following suit:—

Reginald Dixon, 46 years, of Shaftesbury parade, Croxton, sawyer, from Euphemia May Dixon, 1 years, of McKean street, North Fitzroy, on the ground of desertion. The parties were married at North Fitzroy on December 17, 1921.

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What has been described as being the best fitted newsagency in the State of Victoria has just been completed by Messrs. Casker & Eaton, of Thornbury. Situated at 543 High street, a few doors south of their late address, the shop has been specially designed as a newsagency. The floor-space is 50 feet by 16 ft 6in, and will be covered with rubber matting. Around the walls, fixtures for displaying magazines and periodicals have been erected, making it easy and convenient for customers to make a selection of reading matter.

In the Library Section, specially constructed, hygienically treated bookshelves have been fitted, and with the system in operation, it is easy to check out books, either by the author's name, or under the separate headings of Fiction, Travel, Biography, etc. All books, we are informed, are treated before being put into circulation, and are sterilised before being re-issued.

The external treatment has been carried out in black Carrara glass imported from Belgium, and along each extreme of the front, glass cases to hold pictures and the usual contents bills, are fitted.

The name of the proprietors is carried out in chromium steel lettering, shaded with red, and the back of the window is treated with fluted glass which is transparent, and allows natural lighting to come from the east. The shop entrance is covered with cream terazzo, with contrasting bands of black and red. The whole of the front is lighted at night by a spotlight.

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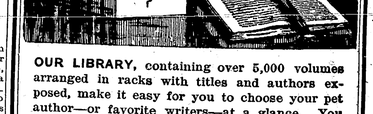

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FISHER (Broadway Socials) IN AN EXCELLENT 92

FISHER batted attractively against Preston I.N.F. He scored all round the wicket for his side who declared at 6/206 to win outright.

Ajax were all at sea against the accurate bowling of O'Keefe, who captured 11/72 — a chief factor in Northcote P.A.F.S. gaining full points.

(By "OBSERVER")

In bright sunshine, with a nice cool, southerly breeze, the 8th. round was concluded on Saturday. There were some fine individual club totals, Epping and Broadway Socials passing the double century. Both clubs declared, the former with 8/206 and the latter with 6/206.

The lowest total was that of Excelsior 2nds. who could only manage 59 and 38 against Gloucester Socials. Fisher's fine innings was a feature of Broadway Socials' batting against I.N.F.

O'Keefe for Northcote P.A.F.S. secured most wickets, taking 11/72. The best average was obtained by A McKenzie (Bell Ramblers) in dismissing 8/17.

Outright wins were gained by six clubs.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

BATTING

Fisher (Broadway Socials)	92
Fox (Croxton United)	79
S. Allen (Reservoir)	61
Gall (Thornbury)	48
Clack (Bell Ramblers)	48
Stabb (Preston B'blirs)	no. 46
Hannaford (Atyeo & Son)	44
C. Smithwick (Preston Druids)	42

BOWLING

O'Keefe (N'cte P.A.F.S.)	11/72
N. Smith (Dennis)	10/57
Andrews (N'cte Jun. Footballers–2nds.)	9/40
A. McKenzie (Bell Ramblers)	8/17
Steele (Dennis)	8/54
Hannaford (Atyeo & Sons)	8/56
Ayton (Gloucester Socials.	7/15
Atherton (Preston Stars)	7/19
Jacobs (Preston Baseballers 2nds.)	7/21

A GRADE

Bell v Northcote Amateurs — Bell 136 (Hughes 21 not out, Bott 36, Bradford 19, Brown 16; Smith 4/61, Pratley 3/52) defeated Northcote Amateurs 86 and 93 (Bagulay 36, Frawley 26, Pike 7/33, Bott 4/31, Manchester 3/14) by 40 runs on first innings.

Preston Baseballers v Preston-ite. — Preston Baseballers 151 (E. Clarke and 27, Pates 21, S. Jennings 22, F. Jennings 22; Fuller 3/30, McSperrin 3/39) defeated Prestonite 7/17 (McSperrin 43, Foley 21, Monahan 18; E. Clarkson 3/29) by 34 runs on the first innings.

Croxton United v Thornbury — Thornbury 180 and 8/162 (Gall 48, Dow 34 and 23, Hendy 20, Dunn 20, Edwards 27; Cohen 6/38, Reece 5/50) defeated Croxton United 165 (Fox 79, Cohen 32, Fenwick 25, Hendy 5/62) by 93 runs on the first innings.

Regent v Broadhurst. — Regent 150 and 8/91 (Monagle 65 and 26, Ritchie 16 and 21; Gifford 4/39, Cook 3/30, O'Connor 3/22, Wollington 2/1) defeated Broadhurst 86 (Scott 18, Samblebe 3/29, Walshe 3/17) by 64 runs on the first innings.

Dennis v Bell Ramblers — Dennis (R. Steele 52, N. Smith 29, Robinson 19, L. Smith 15, Mills 12; Mackenzie 8/56, Rowe 7/74, Findlay 3/49) defeated Bell Ramblers 124 and 6/6 (Clack 48, Mackenzie 39 and 14, Jones 13; N. Smith 10/57, Steele 8/54) outright by 261 runs.

B GRADE

Preston Stars v East Preston — Preston Stars 113 and 7/110 declared (Cornell 18, Walker 17 and 15, Davies 14, Atherton 13 and 29 not out, D. Davies 13, Hartney 26, Kelleher 7/51, Harry 3/52) defeated East Preston 52 and 6/65 (R. Jacobs 14, L. McLaren 13, Huxley 18, Campbell 16 not out; Atherton 7/19, Gates 5/22) by 61 runs on the first innings.

Northcote P.A.F.S. v Ajax — Northcote P.A.F.S. 141 and 1/35 (Ward 71 and 13 not out, Kiely 15 not out; Taylor 3/24) defeated Ajax 61 and 114 (W. Shewan 29, Bahen 29, Bradley 22; O'Keefe 11/72, Kiely 6/54) outright by ten wickets.

Epping v Reservoir.—Epping 8/226 declared (E. Rose 105, Ellis 42 not out, Worthington 42, A. Shalland 22, Beel 26, Wilton 31; Irwin 6/59) defeated Reservoir 156 (S. Allen 61, Ward 29, L. Allen 27 not out; Wilton 5/38, Worthington 3/33) by 140 runs on first innings.

Preston Footballers v Clifton—Preston Footballers 6/315 declared, defeated Clifton 49 and 56 (Tormey 23, Logie 26; Masiem 7/47, Lane 2/20, Whitehead 2/22) outright by an innings and 10 runs.

Braithwaite v East Northcote. —Braithwaites 188 (Dowling 51, Light 32, Toomey 30, Power 14, Foxcroft 10, Palmer 20 not out; Dunstan 4/56, D. Maskell 3/30, Coe 2/17) defeated East Northcote 81 and 106 (Thompson 17 and 32, Stuart 17, Coe 14 and 16; Power 13/68, Pratt 3/26, Light 3/34) outright by an innings and one run.

C GRADE

Scouts v Northcote Excelsior—Scouts 158 (Hill 36, N Humphreys 29, 62 not out, F Humphreys 15; P. Dyer 4/38, John—n 4/52) defeated Northcote Excelsior 56 and 75 (Wheeler 18, Johnson 15; Smithwick 2/9) outright by an innings and 47 runs.

Northcote A.O.F. v Atyeo & Son —Northcote A.O.F. 166 and 7/56 (Wright 41, Shields 31, Tivey 22; Hannaford 8/56, Wiseman 2/22, De Grandi 2/29) defeated Atyeo & Son 102 and 5/139 declared (Hannaford 44 and 31, Huntington 34, Brooks 20 not out; L. Murray 5/56 inc. hat trick) by 64 runs on first innings.

Reservoir P.A.F.S. v Eastview —Reservoir P.A.F.S. 86 and 4/95 declared (Middleton 35, Rowe 22 not out; Morris 5/26) defeated Eastview 43 and 45 (Morris 21 not out. Kent 7/28, Potter 6/25) outright by 63 runs.

Preston Druids v Northcote Junior Footballers. — Northcote Junior Footballers 130 and 5/55 (Whithourn 62 and 22 not out, Wiseton 22 not out, Boulton 14; Ades 13; Smith 5/35, Smithwick 2/18) defeated Preston Druids 49 and 150 (Threnowoth 22 and 15, Sherif 21 and 11, Sedgman 33, C. Smithwick 42, Smith 14 not out; Andrews 9/40, Main 5/42) by 81 runs on first innings.

Preston Baseballers v Leeds—Preston Baseballers 5/152 declared (Gollan 57, Brookes 36, Stabb 46 not out) defeated Leeds 85 and 40 (Duncan 22; Jacobs 7/21, Fowler 3/19) by 67 runs on first innings.

Broadway Socials v Preston I.N.F. — Broadway Socials 6/205 declared (Fisher 92) defeated Preston I.N.F. 105 and 96 (Dwyer 22, Blake 26, Gillard 2/26, Lynch 3/24) outright by an innings and 4 runs.

Gloucester Socials v Excelsior—Gloucester Socials 170 (Bassiere 39 not out, Garnett 22; Woods 3/33, O'Connor 3/44) defeated Excelsior 59 and 38 (Wraith 22, Woods 17, Ayton 7/15, Bassiere 6/10, Mills 5/47) outright by an innings and 73 runs.

DRAW AND UMPIRES FOR TENTH ROUND

A Grade. — Regent v Preston-ite, Gilbert and Lougheed; Croxton United v Northcote Amateurs, Cooper and Lack; Northcote Junior Footballers v Broadhurst, Clayton and Simmonds. Dennis v Thornbury, Digby and O'Brien; Bell Ramblers v Sherry Socials, Thompson and Knell; Preston Baseballers v Bell, Pricke and Cannaway.

B. Grade.—Excelsior v Clifton, Sporton and Mellins; Northcote Excelsior v East Preston, Burns and Hartley; Northcote P.A.F.S. v Braithwaites, Jowett and Fisher; Ajax v Reservoir, O'Connor and Sinclair; Preston Footballers v Preston Stars, Cranston and Gray; Epping, a bye.

C Grade. — East Northcote v Preston Imperials, Kirton and Turnham; Scouts v Reservoir P.A.F.S., F. R. Porter and Howard; Preston South A.N.A. v Preston Baseballers, Patrick and Clarke; Eastview v Broadway Socials, Myers and Hollings; Leeds v Excelsior, Hastings and McMullian. Preston I.N.F. v At-

yeo & Sons, Ludlow and Kean; Gloucester Socials v Northcote Junior Footballers, Jutson and O'Keefe; Northcote A.O.F. v Preston Druids (on Northcote Amateurs A grade wicket); Collins and A. A. Porter.

Emergencies.—Morgan, Loughlin, McMahon, Rhodes, Carlton, Hancock, Baker.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS

A Grade. — Dennis 28, Regent 26, Preston Baseballers 23, Prestonite 20, Bell 19, Croxton United 14, Sherry Socials 14, Northcote Amateurs 13, Bell Ramblers 11; Broadhurst 9; Northcote Junior Footballers 8. Thornbury 3.

B Grade. — Reservoir 30, Epping 27, Preston Stars 27, Braithwaites 27, East Preston 23, Northcote P.A.F.S. 13; Excelsior 11, Ajax 11, Preston Footballers 10; Clifton 8; Strathlan 2.

C Grade. — East Northcote 30; Broadway Socials 29, Northcote A.O.F. 29, Preston Imperials 28, Northcote Junior Footballers 26, Preston South A.N.A. 24, Preston Baseballers 24, Atyeo & Son 21, Reservoir P.A.F.S. 21, Eastview 19, Scouts 16, Preston Druids 17, Preston I.N.F. 8, Leeds 6, Gloucester Socials 5, Northcote Excelsior 5; Excelsior 2nd s 0.

ANNUAL SPORTS PICNC

Delightful weather prevailed during the week end for the annual picnic of the Jika Cricket Association, held at Eltham Park which was a good attendance of cricketers, who, along with their wives and friends spent an enjoyable day in participating in the sports programme provided for the occasion. After lunch the events were carried out with marked enthusiasm. Keen rivalry was created in the Jika handicap final, which included three well-known Melbourne footballers, the ultimate winner being Emselle.

Keenness was shown in the races for boys and girls which provided many close finishes, and outside the place-getters, each was provided with a ball and lollies.

In the absence (in Perth) of the President (Mr. H. P. Zwar, M.L.A.) the hon. secretary of the association (Mr. W. H. Buriana) presented the trophies won during the afternoon, and in conclusion the social secretary thanked all present for their support in making the day a successful one. Following are the results of the day's events:—6-9 Girls, W. Bainbridge, G. Grover; 6-9 Boys, B. Wollington, W. Hatney; 9-11 Girls D. Smith, D. Grover; 9-12 Boys, K. Ross, L. Smith; 12-14 Girls, L. Weate, J. Allen; Single Ladies' race, Miss. Parish, Miss B. Newman; Married Ladies' race, Mrs. Currie, Mrs. Smith; Mixed Siamese race, Mr. Purvis and Mr. O'Regan. Egg and Spoon race, Mr. O'Regan; Jika Association handicap, — Emselle, I. Smith; Stepping the chain, Mr. Nicol; Bowling at wicket, R. Ross and R. Nicol divided; Ladies' nail driving, Mrs. J. Nicol.

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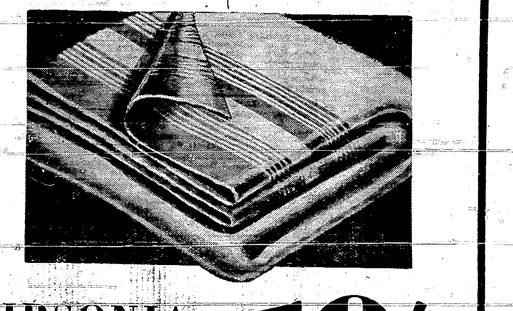

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE

MAYOR OF NORTHCOTE'S BUSH FIRE APPEAL
BUTTON DAY
Friday, February 10

NOTICE is hereby given that a HOUSE TO HOUSE CANVASS will be made throughout the City Authorised Collectors on THURSDAY & FRIDAY, the 9TH and 10TH FEBRUARY.
Ladies will also sell Buttons in High Street and at the railway stations on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10.
The support of Citizens for this effort will be appreciated.
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AMUSEMENTS & MEETINGS

CLING TOGETHER SOCIAL CLUB will hold a Meeting, Congregation Church Hall, Saturday next, 8 p.m. sharp. Members please attend. J. Hyde, Pres.

MELBOURNE Imperial Band will give a Band Recital, in Johnson Park, Bastings St., N'cote on Sunday next, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m., in aid of Mayor or Northcote's Bush Fire Appeal.

NORTHCOTE & District Juvenile Band.—To aid Bush Fire Relief Funds, 50-50 Dance & Euchre, Dispensary Hall, Gooch St., Thornbury, Saturday, Feb. 11, 1939. Monte Carlo, Spots, Good Music. Cash Prizes for Euchre. Admission, 1/-.

THORNBURY RED CROSS AUXILIARY FOR QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL
MONTHLY MEETING on February 15 at Dispensary Hall, Thornbury, at 2.30 p.m.
SPECIAL CARD AFTERNOON Northcote Town Hall, Wed., Feb. 22, at 2.30 p.m. Subscription 3/-
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Who will act as M.C. at the Circle Theatre during the presentation of Allen's Stage Revels.

MISS WATSON'S STUDENTS' SUCCESS

After an enjoyable vacation, part of which was spent at Dromana, Miss Watson has now resumed tuition and has a few vacancies. Juniors last year included Elsie Hewing—At the examinations held by the University last May, Shirley Grey passed Grade III Piano with credit (91 marks), and Grade IV Theory and Harmony with honors (96 marks). Miss Watson's terms: Tuition, £6 6s. Taken as a subject for School Intermediate, in June, Betty Geary, who was then only 11 years, gained the Diploma of A.L.C.M., being one of the youngest in Victoria to obtain this degree. Betty has previously passed all examinations at Grade VI in Piano, Grade II, also Junior and Intermediate Trinity College with honors. Professor Laver, who examined her for Grade II (this being the second highest grade at the University) remarked that she is a child of great promise. At the University examinations held in September, Ronald Clementson passed Preparatory Grade, gaining 92 marks after 2 terms tuition. Also Enid Jaskson passed Grade III Piano and Grade IV Theory and Harmony with honors. Taken as a subject for School Intermediate. Previous successes include passes in all grades in all college diplomas—A.M.Mus., L.Mus., A.L.C.M. Several students passed at 12 years. Many passed students now teaching.

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Men are peculiar, just as women have been suspected. For instance, a fellow who hadn't kissed his wife for five years shot a fellow who did."

AMUSEMENTS AND MEETINGS

At Wright's Hall
522 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE
FEBRUARY 22, 1939, 8 P.M.
A PROVISIONAL Committee has been formed for the purpose of organising a campaign for AMENDMENTS to PRESENT NATIONAL HEALTH and INSURANCE PENSIONS ACT.
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COMING EVENTS

Northcote - Thornbury St. Vincent's Red Cross Auxiliary. The above auxiliary will hold a Card Afternoon in the Committee Room of the Northcote Town Hall on Thursday, February 16, at 2.30 p.m. All members and friends are invited to attend. Mrs. W. Jowett, President; Mrs. M. Kenny, Secretary.

ENGAGEMENT

THE Engagement is announced of Miss Joy Byrne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Byrne, of Derby Street, Northcote, to Mr. Albert C. Richardson, son of Mrs. Richardson and the late Mr A. E. Richardson, of Derby Street, Northcote.

HE ASKED TO BE INVITED, BUT DID NOT TURN UP

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION RESENTS MAYOR'S ATTITUDE

A situation has arisen which is exceedingly humorous. The Mayor apparently failed to appreciate certain articles which, toward the latter end of last year, appeared in the "Preston Post." He evolved the idea that there was a side to the question which had not been presented and so arranged that he would make visits to the various progress associations throughout the city.

The story of how he arranged visits, fixed dates for them, and then failed to attend the meetings would seem to indicate that the Mayor has thought better of contradicting the statements dealing with the financial position of the city and the wastage of loan moneys, to say nothing of interfering with capable executive officers in the economical administration of their departments, which this paper charged the council with in a series of articles.

No doubt the Mayor felt that as his coterie in the council was weakening under the heavy fire of the "Post" and a hostile barrage from the public, which has been outraged by the recent valuation increases, silence and a discreet retreat were the better part of valor.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND WEST PRESTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

His Worship the Mayor of Preston (Cr. F. G. Pike, J.P.) (or at least his absence from a meeting of the West Preston Progress Association, at the Progress Hall, on February 1) was the subject of an acrimonious discussion at the aforesaid gathering.

A rough outline of events leading to the discussion is as follows:

The "Preston Post" published something about the Mayor which the Mayor did not like.

To reach the public ear, His Worship the Mayor wrote to the West Preston Progress Association and suggested that they invite him to attend one of their meetings, when he would be able to put to them his side of the argument.

The West Preston Progress Association received the letter, and decided to fall in with the suggestion of His Worship, and sent him an invitation.

The Mayor accepted the inspired invitation. The night of the meeting arrived, the members of the Association turned up in large numbers—but there was no trace of the Mayor! There was a letter however which said "He could not come just now. Would March 15 do?"

And that is just why a number of members of the association (many of whom attended at great personal inconvenience) had something to say about the Mayor and his absence.

Mr. Andrews remarked that the Association had acceded to the Mayor's request for an invitation, following his statement that he had been unfairly criticised by the local press (that means the "Preston Post") so as to give him an opportunity to have his say in public. Yet on the date suggested by the Mayor himself, he was most conspicuous by his absence, and was immolite enough to suggest a later date.

"I don't care if I never see him. By the time Cr. Pike condescends to pay us a visit the matter will be cold," concluded Mr. Andrews in moving that the letter from the Mayor requesting an amended date for a visit on March 15, remain on the table.

Mr. Green seconded the motion.

Mr. Clarke, however, said that the Mayor should be given an opportunity to have his say. He might have had a last minute engagement which prevented him appearing at the Progress Hall. "I am particularly anxious to have a shot at him. This was my sole reason for coming here to-night." (or words to that effect.)

An amendment to Mr. Andrews' motion was carried, and it was decided to invite the Mayor again on March 29.

NORTH WARD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION CONTACTED

A letter received by the secretary of the above association and bearing the date December 23, 1938, reads as follows:—
The Secretary:
Dear Sir,—I have been directed by His Worship the Mayor (Cr. F. G. Pike, J.P.) to inform you that certain articles appearing in the "Preston Post" containing statements of a damaging nature and detrimental to the progress and advancement of our city, have been brought under his notice.
In view of the attitude adopted by this publication, as Mayor of the Municipality, he will be prepared to attend at a meeting of your Association and present the true facts and the other side of the case to your President and members, at a convenient date to be arranged, should your members so desire.
The Mayor will not be able to attend on dates from the 7th to the 21st January, 1939, inclusive. Yours etc., Town Clerk.

Two Traffic Cases

AT PRESTON COURT

A bench of five justices dealt with two traffic cases at Preston Court on February 1.
Vivian Hardman, of Jessie street, West Preston, was fined £2 for riding a motor-cycle in High street, Preston, on December 18, such motor-cycle not being equipped with an effective silencer. According to Constable Findley, of the motor-cycle patrol, the noise from the machine could be heard a quarter of a mile away.
A fine of £1 was imposed on Herbert Wilson, of St. Duthus street, West Preston, for having ridden a motor-cycle without lights on the night of December 22.

FENCE THAT IS AN EYESORE

The condition of the fence which surrounds the racecourse in St. George's road, on which no races had been run for many years past, was the subject of critical comment by Cr. Turner at the Northcote Council meeting on February 6. He said it was in a disgusting condition, being mended and patched up with pieces of wood and tin. Its present state violated numerous by-laws of the council, he said. He asked whether notice could be served on the owners to enforce suitable repairs.
The matter was referred to the Public Works committee.

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THE NEW ELECTRICAL TARIFFS

At the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday, the council decided to adopt the new rates for electricity, as recommended by the State Electricity Commission, to come into force after March.

The figures as explained by Cr. Croft show all round reductions and re as follows:—

Residential Tariff: Present rate 1/ per room per month plus 1d. per unit; new tariff, 11d. per room per month, plus 0.9d. per unit. Estimated increase in council revenue over a year £310 lower.

Commercial & Industrial Lighting: Present rate 6d. for first 100 units; 3d. per unit thereafter. New rates: 4d. for first 20 units, thereafter 3d. per unit. (Difference £450.)

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Commercial and Industrial (all purposes): Present rate, 2d. per unit for first 100 units, then 1½d. per unit; thereafter 1.9d. per unit for next 4,000. New rates: First 20 units at 4d. per unit, next 480 at 3d. per unit; next 4,800 1.9 per unit. (Difference £50.)

Cooking. — Present rate, 1d. per unit; new rate 0.9d. per unit. (Difference £20.)

Water Heating. — Present rate 0.375d. per unit. New rate 0.35d. per unit. (Difference £15)

Cr. Croft said that the total difference in revenue (based on last year's figures) is £1,405. The State Electricity Commission has reduced the bulk rate to council 0.03d. per unit, which (on last year's figures) would make a difference for the year of £967. Thus the difference in council revenue over a full year would be a drop to £438, but as the new tariff would not come into operation until March, by which time a large proportion of the council's financial year has passed, the difference for this year will not be so great.

Cr. Barling said that it was a pity that the State Electricity Commission had not introduced the new tariff at the beginning of the financial year.

The new tariff was approved.

Alleged Sustenance Frauds

The Northcote bench on Friday last, after hearing lengthy evidence against Arthur John Wiley, of Separation street, Northcote, adjourned the cases against him until May.

Wiley was charged with having made an allegedly false statement in an application for sustenance and also on five counts of making alleged false statements and declarations of the family's income. During the period covered by the charges it was claimed Wiley had overdrawn £24/8/ in sustenance. He had worked for it, but this according to the P.M. did not justify him breaking the law. Wiley, who is now in receipt of an invalid pension, drew sustenance of £6/6 per week. His pensionable income was 20/ per week but evidence was given that his wife had earned as much as £3/11/9 per week.

Essentials For Diet

THE VALUE OF FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Fruit salads and green vegetables form a valuable and almost essential part of one's diet, especially in hot summer weather. In the first place they contain water in an agreeable form. Secondly, they contain citrates in the form of citric acid, and this has a valuable action on the kidneys and blood.

From a nourishment point of view, they contain practically nothing but fruit, sugar and cocoa. This is a form of sugar corresponding to the first stage in the digestion of cane sugar. Lastly, all fruits and most vegetables contain vitamins, especially vitamins B and C. An average orange, for example, contains 88 per cent. water, 10 per cent sugar, 1 per cent citric acid and 1 per cent vegetable salts. The vitamins in it, although so valuable, do not form a measurable percentage.

Vitamin B is the one that protects against many nerve diseases, and it is important in maintaining normal appetite, digestion and growth. It is easily ruined by cooking, hence the value of salads and fresh fruit. It is present in tomatoes and in these is not destroyed by tinning, which explains the value of tinned tomatoes to explorers, sailors and those living isolated lives outback.

Rev. F. E. Thornton, Vicar of the Church of the Epiphany, Northcote, has returned from a fortnight's holiday spent at Flinders.

Preston Council Highlights

The fortnightly meeting of the Preston Council was held on Monday. Present: the Mayor (Cr. Pike) and Crs. Swain, Dowd, Moore, Coleman, Croft, Nisbett, Andrews, Blake, Grey, Barling and Robinson.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board of Works has advised that there will be no objection to a proposed crossing over the pipe track from Cheddar road to Cheddar road east.

Cr. Barling said that councillors had been trying to get this crossing for some years, and as other works were dependent on the crossing, he hoped the matter would be expedited.

Preston Trotting Club sought a few loads of tan bark on the trotting track at Gower Park. — Parks Committee.

The 57/60th Battalion sought attention to a deep crossing in front of the drill hall, Raglan street. — Public Works Committee.

Miss R. Green, High street, asked that a danger sign be erected at intersection of High street and Murray road, also seeking attention to roadway outside her shops. — Public Works committee.

Weights and Measures Union asked for an expression of opinion as to the appointment of an additional inspector. —Deferred for two months.

Cr. Swain said that this matter had been discussed at the last meeting of the Union, and if an additional inspector were appointed, it would mean that Preston's annual contribution would be doubled. There was no hurry to have an opinion as the Union would not further discuss it until three months from its last meeting.

E. R. O'Bree, High street, sought attention to roadway in Mary street. — P. W. committee.

Cr. Swain said the council was contemplating spending £300 on Mary street between Bruce and Bell streets, and something might be done then as requested by the writer.

C. D. Jackson sought a street light in Hickford street; and also requested a garbage service. —Referred to Electric Light and Public Works committees.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The council is to contribute £7/2/7 towards the maintenance of the research laboratory established by the Department of Agriculture under the provisions of the Milk and Dairy Supervision Act 1928.

A report re private street construction financing of Howard and Rene street groups and the Private Street Construction Account was received, and it was resolved that the matter Private Street Construction finance be reviewed as soon as the figures are available, of the estimated cost and extended terms required, in connection with the work of construction of the Benambra street group of private streets.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

It was decided that in 91 at the corner of Benambra and Grampian streets be acquired for road-making purposes.

The proposal of the Shire Engineer of Whittlesea in connection with Country Roads Board joint works in Mahoney's Lane be approved.

A pit is to be constructed in basement at No. 17 Gregory grove in accordance with a report by the engineer, at a cost not to exceed £5.

Underground drainage works are to be caried out in an easement on property of Mrs. Bryant of 209 Raglan street, at an estimated cost of £40.

The West Preston Progress Association is to be informed that condition of gutters in Matlock street has been referred to the overseer for attention.

The City Engineer is to confer with the Tramway's Board engineer re the proposed crossing over the railway line at Gilbert road, and would report on the matter.

Cr. Swain said that the Commissioners were of opinion that more drastic restrictions should be imposed. He indicated that public authorities and councils could assist to conserve water. Heidelberg, for instance, had adopted the system of watering only in the very late afternoon, when less water was required to do the same amount of good. He moved that the question of altering the hours of gardeners so that watering could be done later in the day be referred to the Parks committee. — Motion carried.

Cr. Swain said he had received many complaints about the state of the house owned by the council in Spring street. This house and the land on which it stood had been acquired for the purpose of widening the street, but until that was done, the house was being let as cheaply as possible, and considered that if the council continued to let it, something should be done to give it a reasonable degree of comfort. Matter referred to Parks Committee.

Cr. Barling said an electric light was needed at the corner of Menlo road and Howard street — E.L. committee.

Cr. Moore spoke of lighting in Spring street "on the hill" between Reservoir and Regent, and said more lights were required — E.L. committee.

Cr. Robinson moved that lane between Dyer and Spencer streets be listed for construction — P.W. committee.

Cr. Nisbett moved that Avondale road, Inverloch, Regina and two other adjacent streets be referred to the list for construction.—P. W. committee. An additional light was needed in Princess street. — E.L. committee.

At the request of Cr. Nisbett the engineer is to be asked to prepare a report as to what it would cost to metal the shoulders of road in Raglan street, between Separation road and Hotham street, as requested by Mr. Wonder —Report to be obtained.

Cr. Andrews asked a number of questions concerning the cost of concrete obtained for replacing slabs with in situ concrete.— Engineer to report.

Australian Banks' Assets

Statistics issued by the Commonwealth Statistician show that for the quarter ended December 31 liabilities of Australian cheque paying banks totalled £416,779,000, and assets £474,958,000.

Both figures show a considerable increase on those for the same period of the financial year 1937-8, when liabilities totalled £409,381,000, and assets £456,365,000. Deposits in cheque paying banks for the quarter aggregated £358,753,000, compared with £370,781,000 in the December quarter of 1937-8. Of this total £247,324,000 was interest bearing and £141,429,000 was held in deposits.

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SEQUEL TO ST. GEORGE'S ROAD COLLISON

TRUCK DRIVER IN COURT

On November 12, **Ernest Ronald Morley**, Elm street, Northcote, a 19-year-old timber worker, while riding a bicycle collided with the rear of a lorry driven by Edward Charles Stubbs, of Miller street, West Preston. The accident took place at the intersection of St. George's road and Hutton street.

The sequel to this collision was heard at the Northcote Court on December 13, when Stubbs was charged with driving without a light, to which charge he pleaded guilty, and also with crossing in front of a tram which had started to move across the intersection, Stubbs's plea on this charge was not guilty.

Morley told the bench that he and a friend were riding bicycles along St. George's road. They stopped when a tram stopped at Hutton street. As soon as the tram moved, both youngsters proceeded. Morley's friend was quicker off the mark, and missed defendant's lorry, while Morley collided with the rear portion of it. The truck came to a sudden stop in front of the tram, and the tram in turn stopped half-way across the intersection.

Three witnesses supported Morley's version, but none of them saw the truck before it crossed in front of the tram. One of them (the conductor) saw the truck passing the tram as it was pulled up.

Mr. F. P. Walsh submitted that there was no evidence to show that defendant crossed in front of the tram as it began to move across the intersection, and therefore, there was no case to answer.

The bench however found that the evidence gave sufficient inference of the offence.

Stubbs swore that he came to a complete stop on entering this portion of St. George's road, which carried no tramlines. He again stopped in the middle of the roadway, and waited for the tram to stop before proceeding across the tramlines. When the tram stopped, he put his truck in gear, and moved on. While he was doing so, the tram had started to move. As a matter of fact he did not see the tram begin to move at all. He saw it only after the collision.

The bench accepted defendant's version and dismissed the charge to which he had pleaded not guilty. On the charge of driving without lights, a fine of 10/ with 3/6 costs was imposed.

CORRECTION

In the issue of December 22 of the "Leader-Budget" the following paragraph appeared in the report of court proceedings headed "Sequel to St. George's Road Collision." (appearing above): "The defendants all pleaded guilty and were each sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment, the sentences being suspended upon each defendant entering into a £5 bond to be of good behaviour for two years."

By reading the full report, it will be seen that the above paragraph has no relation to the case, and refers to a report of a court case heard at Preston, wherein three men were charged with fowl stealing.

We regret this typographical error, and offer our sincere apologies should the above paragraph have caused annoyance to anyone. We take the first opportunity of correcting the error.—Editor.

TALKING TALKIES

NELSON EDDY LEARNED FROM A PHONOGRAPH

For the ambitions beginner who cannot afford the cost of a teacher, Nelson Eddy, who commends the phonograph. In his opinion, phonograph records are the best vocal teacher, for instead of paying out fees for instruction, the student has the world's greatest operatic stars as his singing tutors. "My first teacher was a whirling disc and a reproducing diaphragm—and if it had not been for them, I probably would never have become a singer." Eddy was working as a newspaper reporter, and was taking a correspondence course in advertising, when he purchased a phonograph and many musical records. First he listened to the records, then he began singing in accompaniment to the greatest singers—Caruso, Bonci, Scotti and others.

"With my discovery of the phonograph and its possibilities as a teacher of voice," said Eddy "I began to practise voice inflections, tone development and the musical idiosyncrasies of the great singers. I soon found I was actually learning." It was practical. It showed me how a song should be sung. The technique, the voice method, came later, and a lot of other things, both right and wrong from imitating records."

Eddy has become famous on the concert stage, and has starred in three screen musical productions. His fourth, is "The Girl of the Golden West," in which he is co-starred with Jeanette McDonald for the fourth time.

"I still practice with records," said Eddy, "and I recommend it to all ambitious young singers."

Bankrupt Shopkeeper's Final Dividend of 2/8d. in £

Warrants for the first and final dividend of 2/8d. in the £ have been received by creditors of the bankrupt estate of Ward and Co, formerly shoe and shaire brokers, from the trustee of the estate. At an early date a distribution will also be made from proceeds of the 4th gratia payment of £4,500 made by the Stock Exchange of Melbourne. This money does not form part of the estate, as it was not an asset to the debtors, and was purely an ex gratia payment. The £4,500 was given on the condition that no creditor should receive more than £200, and that trade creditors and members of Australian Stock Exchanges were to be excluded. The object of this condition was to help clients of the bankrupt firm.

To Make A Hat Comfortable

Should the crown of a hat stretch so that it feels uncomfortable, substitute a strip of velvet for the strip of milliner's silk inside, and it will cling to your head.

WHY NOT MUNICIPAL MILK?

The following letter appeared in the "Age" of February 11, and the course suggested could apply with equal reason to Northcote and Preston councils:—

"It has occurred to me that the poorer families in our midst may still have cheap milk if the municipalities of Melbourne are aware of their responsibilities in that direction. It is a blot on our social system a young children are suffering from an insufficiency of this valuable food. The losses through the bush fires have been colossal, and the appeal for public assistance has been wonderful, yet the preventable loss caused by malnutrition to our young children by the thousand, would be greater. Treated milk is delivered at different places for 1/4d. per gallon, or a little over 4d. per quart. Why cannot the municipalities open depots where people of limited means could secure this milk in cans for about 4½d. per quart cash? No attempt should be made to secure a profit at this period of rising costs to the householder; much more milk would be consumed. If the customer wishes the milk delivered, the retailer would be there to supply that service. I suggest this idea to the Housewives' Association. The municipalities certainly have a duty to the poor. —X.Y.Z. (Melbourne.)"

COMMONWEALTH DEFICIT

Commonwealth finances slumped by over £1,000,000 in January, the deficit at the end of that month being £3,074,000. The consolidated revenue position at the end of the first seven months of 1938-39 was £1,700,000 worse than at the corresponding period last financial year. Compared with 1937-38, receipts showed an increase of £1,159,000, to £48,965,000, while expenditure increased by £2,520,000 to £51,425,000. It now appears probable that the Government will have its first deficit since it assumed office in 1932. An increase from £2,890,000 to £4,065,000 on defence, compared with 1937-38 has been one of the chief contributing factors. Other expenditure items showing big increases include public works (£600,000) and post office (£400,000).

The main items of revenue showing increases were excise (£500,000), sales tax (£700,000) and post office (£400,000). Customs revenue declined by £1,000,000.

To Calculate Your Weight

A simple way to calculate what one ought to weigh is as follows: Put down 110, then subtract five feet from one's height, and multiply the remaining number of inches by 5½. Add this product to the original 110, and the sum is one's ideal weight in pounds.

Annual Meeting

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Due to the fact that Tuesday evening was a very hot night the Vicar (the Rev. F. E. Pinder, M.A.) welcomed but a moderate attendance at the annual meeting of the Church of the Epiphany, Central Northcote.

In his report he spoke of the year's work, mentioning among other things improvements made to the parish hall, the repair to the organ appeal, resignation of two vestrymen, the excellent work of the various church organisations.

The Choir, Epiphany Auxiliary (Ladies' Guild), C.E.S., altar helpers, Lay Readers, and Beacon distributors were all diligent in the work of the church, but more distributors of the parish paper were required.

The attendances were affected by old members passing away, and families moving away, and attention should be given to the matter of repairing the wastage with new members. The financial position of the church was sound. He thanked the parishioners, church officers, vestry, and all workers who had co-operated so well during the past year. The report was adopted on the motion of Rev. J. O. Hughes and Mr. J. Ramsden.

The Churchwardens' report was presented by Mr. J. Ramsden, in which he spoke of the work of the past year, and of improvements made, and prospects for the coming year. He also made reference to the fact that the Vicar had been invited by the Archbishop to take the charge of the parish of St. Matthew's, Prahran, which would be promotion. The Vicar had considered the matter and had also felt he could not like to decline, for which parishioners were most thankful.

The Treasurer's report followed in which he made interesting comparisons between the years 1938 and 1937, showing where one or two weaknesses lie.

Reports were also received from the Choir, C.E.E., Sunday School, Tennis Club, Cricket Club, among others.

Election Of Officers

Churchwardens: Rev. J. O. Hughes (Vicar's nominee), Messrs F. Mortimer and H. Vestrymen: Messrs. Bohme, A. Ziebell and E. B. Elliot (Vicar's nominees); Messrs. A. Ziebell, A. Twentyman, C. Hills, V. Preston, W. Iliffe, A. J. Haycraft and R. Mott (one to be appointed); secretary: Mr. C. Hills; treasurer: Mr. A. Twentyman; auditor: Mr. G. Barson.

The Rev. J. O. Hughes spoke of the Vicar's splendid service given to the parish during the year, in which he was ably supported by Mrs. Thornton. He also referred to the loss that the parish would have sustained if Mr. Thornton had accepted promotion to Prahran, while, of course we recognised that he fully deserved such promotion. Messrs. Hills, Rogerson, and Mrs. Stringer supported.

The Vicar made reference to the fact that we had welcomed Captain Roberts at the last annual meeting, and were bidding farewell to him at this meeting. The Captain had been summoned by his officer-in-charge to take charge of a Liverpool Boys' Home, and would take up duty shortly after his approaching marriage. The Captain had been of great assistance to him during the year and was liked by all with whom he came in contact.

Captain Roberts made a suitable reply.

Moved by Mr. A. Twentyman, a vote of thanks to the workers of the parish, embracing among others Mrs. Gurney, Mr. Lothian, the Sunday School teachers and all who assisted with the work, was supported by Rev. J. O. Hughes and Mr. Hills.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY.

Harvest Festival services were the attraction at this church on Sunday last. The church had been tastefully decorated with sheaves and floral emblems, and the atmosphere was one of thanksgiving for the good things of the earth. The Vicar celebrated and preached at the morning and evening services. In the afternoon the Rev. R. Fenwick Brown, Vicar of St. John's, Camberwell, gave a helpful address to the large gathering of children on the subject of "Thankfulness," using apt illustrations and anecdotes. During this service, groceries, fruits, etc., were presented at the chancel steps by the children, and placed in the sanctuary by the clergy to the singing of the hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful." Attendances throughout the day were good. The gifts were afterwards sent to the C. of E. Homes for Children controlled by the Mission of St. James and St. John, Melbourne.

ATTRACTIVE BRIDAL SETTINGS IN OUR CHURCHES

Shirring Forms Diamond Motif

JOHNSON — HUNTER

THE Methodist Church, High street, Northcote, was the setting on December 3 for the wedding of Miss Jean Margaret Hunter and Mr. Harold Janics Thomas Johnson, at which the Rev. A. E. Davey officiated. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. S. Hunter, Beavers road, Northcote, and the groom is the youngest son of Mr. Frank Johnson, Sydney.

Beautiful floral decorations were arranged in the church by friends of the bride, pink carnations and mauve flowers forming a dainty scheme. The hymn "The Breath that Breathed O'er Eden" was sung as the bridal retinue entered, and during the signing of the register Mrs. Frank Johnson sang "Because."

The bride was given away by her uncle Mr. John Neill, of Footscray, and was attended by Misses Jean Dale (cousin of the bride, Hawthorn), Thelma Davies (Ballarat), Thelma Barrett (Preston) as bridesmaids and little Margaret Melbourne was flower girl.

For her attire the bride wore a handsome gown of magnolia satin cut on Grecian lines the bodice being shirred into a diamond shape in front. The skirt moulded at the back, extended into a long train, and her veil embroidered in lover's knots, was mounted on double tulle which fell to the end of her train. It was clasped in her hair with a spray of orange lilies and frangipanni. Similar flowers were grouped in her bouquet.

Old World frocks of mauve net with very full double skirts, the underskirt being trimmed with ribbon bands and bows and tiny bonnets of net trimmed with pink flowers were favored by the bride's attendants, and mauve and pink flowers formed their Early Victorian posies.

Supporting the groom were Mr. Herb Jones, of Ballarat (cousin of bride), Mr. Frank Johnson (brother of groom) and Mr. Ken McDonald. After the ceremony, a reception was held at The Wentworth, Melbourne, and the wedding cake was decorated with doll replicas of the bridesmaids and a bride.

For travelling the bride chose a black sheer crepe frock in bolero style with puff sleeves and aquarelle bodice and black accessories. For her frocking the bride's mother wore a navy sheer with white cornelli trimmings.

The bridegroom's father arrived from Sydney in time for the wedding. The couple spent their honeymoon motoring to Sydney.

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Frangipanni Holds Tulle Veil

BARRY — BAGULEY

ESCORTED by her father, the bride, Miss Lila Jeasham Baguley made a delightful picture in her lace gown, when she was married to Mr. Robert Barry at the Church of the Epiphany, Northcote by Rev. F. E. Thornton. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baguley, and the groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry John Barry.

A tulle veil caught to the head with frangipanni flowers, enveloped the bride, who was attired in a graceful lace gown, which was mounted on white satin. In her bouquet were grouped white lilies, Christmas lilies and frangipanni.

Two maids, the Misses Ruby Doreen Barry and Beryl Catherine Hailes, attended the bride. Dainty frocks of cyclamen georgette cut on modish lines, were favored, the colors of contrast was introduced with turquoise blue tulle head-dresses and sashes, and sheaves of blue delphiniums.

Mr. Joseph Roberts acted as best man, and Mr. Ernest Baguley jun. (the bride's brother) as groomsman. After the ceremony, a breakfast and reception were held at the Memorial Hall, Northcote. The bride's mother chose an ensemble of navy blue, and carried tiger lilies; and the groom's mother was frocked in a London tan ensemble, and held tiger lilies.

Long Fan-Shaped Train

MABBETT — TOSCH

AN Early Victorian gown was chosen by Miss Mabel Tosch, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Tosch, of Leongatha, for her ensemble when she became the wife of Mr. Henry Herbert Mabbett. The wedding was performed at Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury on December 31 by the Rev. W. H. Chamberlain, and the service was semi-choral with Mr. David Louden at the organ.

Shirring across the front of the bodice adorned the satin gown in Early Victorian style worn by the bride who was escorted by her father. The full skirt swept back into a long fan-shaped train over which fell her misty tulle veil which was held in place by a halo of gardenias. Similar flowers trimmed the white satin ribbons hanging from her ivory bound Prayer Book.

Misses Beryl Mabbett (sister of the groom) and Moya Meadows acted as bridesmaids and for their frocks chose green georgette. Pleated boleros carried out the note of sunray pleated skirts and topknots of pink carnations resting in their hair held short green tulle veils. Bunches of pink carnations were their flowers.

The groom, who is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mabbett, of Sumner avenue, Northcote, had Mr. David Wood as best man and Mr. J. Fewster as groomsman. A navy and white ensemble was donned by the bride for travelling after the reception at the Dell.

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Buttons From Neck To Hemline

KITSON — STEWART

AT the Hopetoun Presbyterian Church on December 31 the marriage of Miss Aileen Margaret Stewart, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart, of Lascelles street, Hopetoun, to Mr. John Sidney Kitson, was celebrated. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kitson, of Smith street, Thornbury and was supported by Mr. Douglas Bowie as best man.

Cut on slim fitting lines was the handsome bridal gown of ivory cloque. It buttoned from neck to hemline and the skirt extended into a long train. Filmy tulle was caught to her head with a chaplet of orange blossom and fell over her train. Water lilies were grouped in her bouquet.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was followed by a bridesmaid and trainbearer, Miss Edna Kitson and little Aileen McFarlane respectively. Delightful contrast to their white chiffon frocks was added by sashes of blue velvet which matched their flowers, sheaves of delphiniums. Similar flowers were worn in their hair.

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Rouching Outlines Hemline

MORRISON — SCILLEY

ON December 31 at the Presbyterian Church, Newry, the marriage of Miss Lila Isabel Scilley, second daughter of Mrs. H. and the late Mr. George Scilley, of Tinamba, and Mr. Clyde Fraser was solemnised by the Rev. W. D. Marshall. The groom, who is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morrison, of Thornbury, was assisted by Mr. Jack Tatterson, of Newry, as best man.

Entering the church with her brother, Mr. Ian Scilley, the bride wore an attractive gown of floral cream taffeta. Rouchings outlined the hemline of the bridal gown which was made in the newest crinoline style. Other features were high puffed sleeves and a heart-shaped neckline softened with tulle pleating. Frangipanni flowers were arranged in her bouquet, and her tulle veil was held by orange blossom buds.

Mrs. L. Walker, of St. Kilda, was matron of honor. After the ceremony about 200 guests were entertained at the breakfast at the Tinamba public hall.

White Marquisette Bridal Gown

SHIPLEE — WALLIKER

ST. PAUL'S INDEPENDENT CHURCH, North Fitzroy, was the setting for the wedding of Miss Doris Margaret Walliker and Mr. Stanley J. Shiplee on February 4. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. E. V. Walliker) is the only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Walliker, of Delbridge street, North Fitzroy, and the ceremony was performed by her father. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shiplee, of Gower street, East Preston.

Dainty white marquisette for the bridal gown which was cut on full lines with a neat Peter Pan collar finishing the neckline. This was made of lace to match the lace insertions in the slim bodice. The skirt was full and hung gracefully, standing into a train. A filmy tulle veil added an ethereal effect to her ensemble, and she carried a bouquet of water lilies.

Mrs. W. E. Walliker was Matron of Honor and Misses Phyllis McWhinney and Betty Shiplee were bridesmaids. White Swiss organdie embroidered in blue, formed their frocks which were made over blue taffeta. Short puff sleeves and full swing skirts were featured and they carried blue delphinium sheaves.

The reception was held at the Victoria, Little Collins street, Melbourne.

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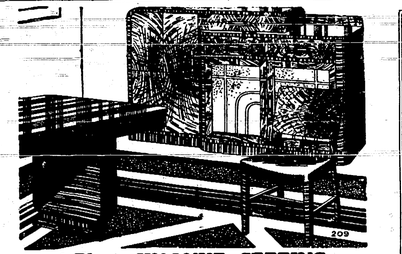

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REDUCING THE ROAD ACCIDENTS

APPEAL BY R.A.C.V. PRESIDENT

In an appeal issued through the R.A.C.V. official journal "The Radiator" the President of the R.A.C.V. (Mr. Paterson) appeals for a sustained effort towards accident reduction, in the form of a courtesy campaign, by all road users, throughout the year. Drivers, he says, should try to retain the viewpoint of the pedestrian, while pedestrians should strive to appreciate the circumstances in which the drivers of vehicles are placed. This would enable each to co-operate with the other in the reduction of road accidents.

Proof of the soundness of this advice has been given by statistics compiled recently in U.S.A., showing that licensed drivers of motor vehicles rarely have accidents while they are walking. This is due solely to the fact that they know and obey traffic rules, and can appreciate the limits possible in the control of cars.

The most important of safety rules for pedestrians, where no footpaths are provided, is always to walk on the right hand side of the road so as to see approaching traffic, and to be the more readily seen. On the other hand, motorists should try always to do what the pedestrian would normally expect them to do. In relation to other traffic, he should not concentrate too much on his own driving, but should attempt to foresee circumstances which may make the other driver do the unexpected thing. The time saved by driving dangerously fast is never worth the risk involved. Especially time is rarely a factor in holiday driving, and the few seconds lost in slowing down for intersections and obscure bends are of no importance, while an accident may mean ruined lives.

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Westgarth Racing Competition

Six Share Prizes

IN spite of a few upsets, when rank outsiders scored at Williamstown, entrants in the 50th Westgarth competition have done fairly well in picking winners. The six who share in the free double tickets, each selected Manolive and Montana, the rest of the selections varying to a certain degree. The former horse started a firm favorite at 2/1, while Montana started equal favorite with Dignitary at 3/1. The remainder of the respective selections are as follows:—1 Exmoor (2nd at 3/1), Cyclist (dead heated for first at 9/2), Trendel (unplaced), El Golea (won at 3/1). 2—Kevastar (3rd at 4/1), Cyclist (d.h. for first), Barham (unplaced), El Golea (won). 3—Exmoor (2nd), Grand Patrol (d.h. for first at 5/1), Magic Circle (3rd at 9/4), Kanuri (2nd at 9/2). 4—Exmoor (2nd), Cyclist (d.h. for first), Mable Circle (3rd) Kanuri (2nd). 5—Exmoor (2nd) Pure (3rd at 8/1), Barham, El Golea (won). 6—The Rhin (unplaced), Pure Gold (3rd), High Commissioner (2nd at 10/1), El Golea (won).

Next Saturday (Oakleigh Plate Day) should provide entrants with a rather more difficult task as the fields will be larger. Points and conditions will be the same as in the foregoing Westgarth Racing Competitions.

No entries received after 12 noon on Saturday, February 18 will be eligible. Cut out entry form, and after filling it in, bring or post it to the Leader Budget Office, 381 High street, Northcote, N.16, in envelope marked "Westgarth Racing Competition." There is no entry fee.

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—Make an ordinary dumpling, and in the mixing, add 2 cup of finely grated cheese and one tablespoon minced onion. Mix the contents of a small tin of tomato soup with half a cup of water, put into saucepan, and when boiling drop in the small dumpling balls. Cover with lid, cook for 20 minutes, and serve in the sauce with a green vegetable.

SHERRY FRITTERS.

Cut pieces of bread ½ inch thick and two inches square, pour the wine over and stand for half an hour. Fry till golden brown, drain on paper, place a little strawberry jam in the centre of each fritter, and sprinkle with castor sugar. The bread may be soaked in milk if preferred. Serve immediately.

BACON SAVORY ROAST.

Three pounds lean or streaky bacon (if cushion bacon remove the bones) 3 onions (boiled) 1 cup breadcrumbs 1 tablespoon sage, 2 dessertspoons butter, 1 egg. Press water from the boiled onions, and chop finely. Melt butter in pan, stir in breadcrumbs chopped sage, mix with onion, and add pepper and very little salt. Beat egg, add to mixture, spread this over bacon, keeping in place with a piece of greased paper, and cook in oven like an ordinary roast, allowing 20 minutes to each pound of bacon. When half cooked, baste the bacon, and do so till cooked. Leave paper off for the last ten minutes to allow bacon to brown. Potatoes may be roasted with it if liked. Haricot beans or green peas make a nice accompaniment.

RE-FRESHING STALE BREAD.

To make stale bread fresh and crisp again, dip it in water, and then re-bake. Another way is to place half a loaf (or more) in a hot oven with a cup of boiling water for 15 minutes.

SAVORIES.

Pieces of small stale bread may be used for savories. Cut them into small fingers, dip in melted butter and spread the tops with meat extract or fish paste, roll in grated cheese, and bake till crisp.

SPICED BREAD

Cut bread thin and butter, sprinkle with sugar (brown preferred) then with cinnamon, and bake till crisp. Serve with stewed fruits. These will keep in an airtight tin.

COCOANUT BREAD PUDDING.

One cup breadcrumbs, ½ cup cocoanut, 1 pint milk, 2 eggs, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 tablespoon butter, pinch salt, nutmeg, vanilla essens. Soak the crumbs and cocoanut in the milk for 15 minutes. Add the beaten eggs, sugar, melted butter and essence. Pour into a well-greased pie-dish. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Bake in a moderate oven till the custard is set. Serve either hot or cold.

BOILED BREAD PUDDING

Half a pound of brown bread, ½ cup butter or dripping, ½ cup sugar, ½ cup sultanas, 1 cup currants, lemon-peel, spice, 2 teaspoon carbonate soda, 1 tablespoon golden syrup, 2 eggs, self-raising flour. Soak the bread for an hour. Squeeze out all water and break up. Add the sultanas, currants, peel, beaten eggs, golden syrup. Dissolve soda in a little water, and add, mixing it in well. Then add sufficient self-raising flour to make into the consistency of a cake mixture. Tie firmly in pudding cloth. Boil 3½ hours. Turn out, and serve with custard, sauce, or cream.

APPLE BETTY.

Six apples, rind of half a lemon, little water, 4 tablespoons sugar, butter, golden syrup, slices of stale bread. Prepare apples and lemon rind, sugar, and little water. Cook till clear and soft. Remove the crusts from the bread, and butter slices of bread into melted butter and golden syrup, and line a pie-dish evenly with it, wedging triangular pieces in at the corners. Pour in half the apple (cool.) Cover with bread dipped in butter and golden syrup. Bake in a hot oven until bread is brown. Turn on to hot dish. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Serve with custard.

BREAD MACAROONS.

Dip fingers and small rounds of stale bread in sweetened condensed milk (real), in desiccated cocoanut or ground almonds and brown in oven. Store in air-tight tin.

ORANGE AND COCOANUT PUDDING

Pour a pint of hot milk on two cups of breadcrumbs and stir in two dessertspoons butter. Leave for five minutes, then add 4 tablespoons white sugar, 4 tablespoons desiccated cocoanut, the finely grated rind and juice of two oranges, and the beaten yolks of two eggs. Mix well, pour into a greased dish, and bake in moderate oven till set. Allow to cool slightly, then cover with two egg-whites, beaten to a stiff froth, and mixed with a little sugar. Brown meringue in slow oven, and serve hot in the dish.

SPICE CAKE.

Beat well 1 large cup cream and 1 cup sugar, add 2 eggs (separately), then 1 cup milk and good dash of pineapple or lemon essence. Sift in 2 cups self raising flour, pinch of salt, and 1 heaped teaspoon mixed spice; lastly add one cup currants, and mix lightly. Bake one hour in hot oven, lessening heat after first 20 minutes. A moist cake, and keeps well.

TOMATO EGGS.

To six medium tomatoes allow four eggs, 1 tablespoon milk, 2 ozs. butter, salt, pepper and parsley. Cut tomatoes in halves, remove some pulp, and bake them until just tender, but not broken. Beat eggs, mix them with the butter and pulp and stir over heat in a stewpan, until thick. Add salt and pepper, sprinkle a little chopped parsley over mixture, and fill tomato cases. Serve on hot buttered toast.

POTATO CASSEROLE.

Two cups diced potatoes, 1 onion diced, 2 stalks celery sliced, 2 cups tinned corn, 2 hard-cooked eggs, 2 tablespoons butter, 2 cups milk, salt and pepper to season, pastry. Cook the potatoes, onion and celery in boiling salted water until the potatoes are partly done. Drain and add the corn. Arrange in a casserole with layers of hard cooked egg slices. Pour in the milk, thickened with salt and pepper, dot with butter, and cover with rich pie pastry. Bake in a hot oven for 30 minutes.

SPICED APPLE PUDDING.

Four thin slices buttered wholemeal bread, 1 cup stewed apple, 1 dessertspoon lemon juice, 3 tablespoons brown sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon sultanas, 2 tablespoon grated almonds, 1 oz. butter. Grease an open casserole and put two slices of bread at the bottom. Beat up the apple with the lemon juice, half the sugar, the cinnamon, sultanas and almonds. Turn the mixture into the casserole. Lay the other slices of bread on top. Sprinkle over the rest of the sugar, and dab on the butter. Bake in moderate oven for about 40 minutes. If you have to stew the apples especially, add the lemon juice and sugar them.

CHEESE RAMEQUINS.

A quarter lb. short crust pastry, 1 cup ½ table milk, 2 ozs. grated cheese, seasoning. Line some little ramequin dishes thinly with the pastry. Beat up the egg and stir into this the milk, made lukewarm, the cheese and seasoning. When well mixed, pour into the ramequins. Bake in a hot oven at first, then reduce to moderate.

Three Police Traffic Prosecutions

Mr. E. O'Grady, P.M., sitting in the Northcote Court on Friday, February 10, dealt with three traffic prosecutions in which members of the motorcycle patrol were informants. In each case a fine was imposed.

Charles Tollens, of Miles street, Ivanhoe, was fined £1 for clinging to a truck while riding a bicycle in Heidelberg road, on January 6.

The second case was against John A. Baird, of Cole street, Williamstown, who was charged with having driven a motor cycle in Heidelberg road on January 7 in such a manner that more than two vehicles were travelling side by side in the same direction.

The evidence of the motor cycle patrolman was to the effect that defendant swung out of Lower Heidelberg road and was passing a car which was passing another vehicle. In doing so, defendant forced the opposing traffic to slow down and pull into the kerb.

Baird pleaded guilty and was fined £2.

A fine of £1 was imposed on Ernest Henry Walls, of Weston street, Brunswick, who rode a bicycle without a light in Arthurton road, Northcote, on December 10.

DETECTING DAMAGE TO TYRES

A new X-ray machine has been devised in U.S.A. for use in motor tyre service stations. The outfit, which costs about £18 in America, detects the presence of glass, flint, nails, or other foreign substances in tyres, without having to remove the tyre from the wheel and without the necessity of taking X-ray pictures. Fractured cords in the casing of cover are also revealed. The machine was recently successfully demonstrated

PRESTON & NORTHCOTE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

District Cricket

FOTHERGILL'S GREAT HAND

Northcote v University

Northcote began a match against University on Saturday, and batting first, Northcote made 294 for the loss of six wickets. The top-scorer for the team was Fothergill, who played a wonderful hand, making 153 runs in 139 minutes, and this incidentally, was also the highest score in district cricket for the day. His rate of scoring was fast, for he knocked up the 100 in 101 minutes. He published the bowling, knocking up 22 off one over bowled by Williams. Stanes and Fothergill added 122 in 81 minutes, and then with Vernon in a partnership, 69 runs were put on in 46 minutes. A splendid hand came to an end when Fothergill was caught off Zachariah for a splendid 153. The second highest scorer for Northcote was Baggott (37) followed by Stanes (29 not out), I Miller (21) and Vernon (19). For University, Zachariah, 4/78, Dowling, 2/69 and Williams 1/91.

The match will be continued next Saturday.

Second Elevens

University 223 (Graham 46, Hurburgh 96, Leembruggen 44) v Northcote 1/3.

Third Elevens

Metropolitan Gas Company — Northcote 295 (Bennett 101, Paling 34, Jordan 37, Bryson 20, Piper 4/83, Woodruff 3/43) v University.

B Grade — Northcote 113 (McLaren 49; Woodward 4/31, Stevenson 3/14) v Port Melbourne 7/195 (Hurey 64, Bedford 52).

SUB-DISTRICT

Preston v Williamstown

Preston could only manage 134 (Robinson 42) against the strong bowling of Anderson 5/31 and Wolgamuth 3/29. However, the bowlers were on top throughout the day, and Williamstown was dismissed very cheaply for a total of 67, of which Dalton was top scorer with 12. Gilbert, for Preston, was in excellent form, and took 5/19. Preston, which opened its second innings, but had not scored before stumps were drawn, is in a good position, having a handy lead on the first innings.

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BOWLING

PRESTON CLUB

AN OVERDUE VICTORY

Preston's No. 1 team put up one of its best performances of the season on Saturday when it defeated Elsternwick District, a strong team much higher up on the premiership list. It was too, an all round victory, three rinks showing a winning margin. The best performance was that of W. Williams' rink, in which Hughie Lang played third in place of J. Webb (away on holidays). At the 15th end the rink was down 9-12, but in the next 12 ends scored 21 to 3, and finished 30-15. Two 5's were included in this remarkable run. Morgan's rink were 2 down at the ninth against McLean, but thereafter monopolised the scoring until the 23rd, when the visitors claimed the last two ends, scoring a 4 and a 2. There was nothing to choose between the sides in the match, but Morgan won 26-17. Nevill's rink was rearshuffled, Watson playing third, and Fleming substituting for Harrup, also on holidays. Drawn against Rundle, the play proved closely contested, each taking the lead in turn. The Preston boys finished the match ahead, and won by 27-21. "Nothing over-" was the recording of the card. Appleby's E.D. men proved a snag to Mewburn's rink, but the only rink in which Preston failed to gain the points. Here again the play was very close, Preston winning by the slender "pot." The last three ends told the tale for Appleby, and Merrie went down fighting 18-29. The aggregate totals were —Preston 101; Elsternwick District 82. The result of the game shows that Preston is capable of better performances than staged mostly this year, and doubtless should now be very confident games to avoid relegation to No. 2 Division.

Glenhuntly Too Strong

No 2 team had the bye, but No. 3 were away at Glenhuntly. They met with mixed fortunes, winning two rinks, but losing three, rather heavily on the others, and went down to the tune of 15 pts. It was pleasing to see the splendid win opened its second innings, but had not scored before stumps were drawn, is in a good position, having a handy lead on the first innings.

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TENNIS

NORTHERN SUBURBS TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Premiership points up and including February 4—

A Grade.— Hill 56; Northcote Methodist 44; St. Marks 40; Carlton 38; Westcarth 28, Capitol 20; Preston 8.

B Special. — East Northcote 48; Croxton Methodists 40, All Saints 36, Eumerella 32; Caleourt 32; Holy Trinity 24; Capitol 16.

B Grade. — Hill — Carlton 48; East Northcote 32, Westcarth 32; Northcote Methodists 28; St. Mark's 24; Lourdes 8.

C Special. — St. Phillip's 48; St. Andrews 46, Merri Park 40; Capitol 34; Caleourt 28; Phillips 20; Northcote Methodists 8.

C Grade. — St. Andrews 52; Merri Park 48; Holy Trinity 44 Phillips 32; Preston 20; Lourdes 16; Northcote Methodists 16.

PRESTON ASSOCIATION

Saturday's results:—

Special Grade. — Oakover 62 v Reservoir 45; Eumerella 58 d Hill 49; Preston 59 d Numurrgy 54.

A Grade. — College 66 d Reservoir 35; Croxton 54 d Comas 51; Hill 62 d Comas 54; Danella 62 — Numurrgy 43; Warrain 64 d Danella Park 40; Oakover 61 d Reservoir 44.

B1 Grade — Normanbie 53 d Bell Park 23; Numurrgy 51 d Preston 45; Grove 56 d Preston Methodists 50.

B2 Grade. — Danella 52 d St. Gabriel's 49; South Preston 55 d Comas 51; Cranross 52 d Regent 46; Oakover 60 d West Preston Methodists 47.

C1 Grade. — Normanbie 61 d Bell Park 48; Warrain 61 d East Preston 45; Preston Methodists 57 d Grove 33.

C2 Grade.— Oakover 58 d West Preston Methodists 49; East Preston 61 d Cooma 47; West Preston Presbyterians 55 d South Preston 44. Cranross 55 d Regent 50.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

PRESTON BRANCH

All the members of the Western first aid class were successful in their examination held at the Preston Town Hall, six obtaining 100 per cent. Mesdames A. Burke, A. Berry, M. Fletcher, G. Paton, Misses G. Anderson, R. Buchanan, E. Croft, D. Cumming and Will. Misses Delany, N. Holden, M. Jolley, I. Young, T. Phillips, M. Phillips, M. Strachan, J. Strachan, E. Stewart, F. Towell, K. Turner, D. Woods all passed.

All V.A.D's. desirous of joining the Preston Brigade, Nursing Division, are asked to forward names and addresses to Mrs. E. Lewis, 234 Gower street, Preston.

A women's home nursing class is held every Monday in the Preston Town Hall at 8 p.m. The hon. secretary is Mrs. E. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Banks, Spring street, Preston, have welcomed a daughter to the family circle.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gaughan, Preston, have welcomed a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest

Preston and Reservoir Jottings

A large audience attended the vaudeville concert arranged by the North Ward Progress Association at the Picture Palais on Thursday night. The proceeds are expected to be in the vicinity of £90, to be handed to the Mayor of Preston's Appeal for Bush Fire Relief. The mayor, who was to be present, was unable to come and Cr. Croft acted as his deputy. Cr. and Mrs. Moore and Cr. and Mrs. Coman were in attendance. The programme was arranged by Mr. Hardie and the artists assisting included stars of vaudeville and pantomime. The president, Mr. L. Fenglase, thanked these artists, who gave their services gratuitously, and especially Mr. Hardie, for his organising efforts. He also included Mr. Mathieson, the owner of the picture theatre, who loaned the theatre without charge.

Miss Butler, an exchange teacher from Queensland, has been temporarily added to the Tyler Street staff. The following student teachers have been appointed: Miss Bartells, Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Forsyth. The latter has resigned since as he occupies a high place in the Public Service and is due for an appointment in the clerical branch of the State Service.

Reservoir poultrymen are experiencing great difficulty in saving their birds in these successive heat waves. The mortality is high.

The practice of throwing glass bottles into Edwardes Lake is responsible for a number of cut feet when children enjoy the wading pools. Police action may deter the offenders. The police have also been asked to interfere in the practice of children roller skating in Edwardes street and in the newly-constructed streets. It is reported that considerable damage has been done to the edges of the concrete footpaths.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Moulden, of Kalimna street, have returned home from a fortnight's holiday at Rosebud.

The Reservoir Branch of the A.L.P has formed a Sports club to compete in the A.L.P. Metropolitan Sports Federation. Mr. A. Freeman is the president and Mr. Kersleg is the secretary.

Discussion In Preston Council

At the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday, February 13, Cr. Swain moved the suspension of the standing orders "to discuss a matter of grave public importance."

Cr. Andrews, seconded—Carried

Cr. Swain then moved a motion that the members of the council re-affirm their confidence in the Mayor manifested at his appointment in August 1938, and assure him that he had the same support during his tenure of the office of Mayor.

Councillors present supported the motion, which was carried and conveyed by Cr. Swain to the Mayor.

During the discussion reference was made to articles which had appeared in the "Preston Post" and to which exception was taken.

The business of the council was then continued.

SOCIAL.

Engagement.

The following engagement has been announced:—

Joy Macy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byrne, Derby street, Northcote, to Albert C., son of Mrs. Richardson, Derby street, Northcote, and the late Mr. A. H. Richardson.

Activities At .... PRESTON

Preston Football Club

AT a meeting of the above club on Monday evening, Mr. V. Browne in the chair, opportunity was taken of the occasion to welcome Mr. L. Walsh, the newly-appointed secretary, together with Mr. T. Fickett, who has been elected a vice-president of the club. Mr. Pickett was also appointed to fill the vacancy on the selection committee, in succession to Mr. R. Smithwick, who retired from that position.

East Preston Congregational Church

MISS Norma McArthur raised £2/17/6 towards a scheme by means of which it is hoped to secure a regular amount towards property commitments in connection with the above-named place of worship.

Recent Fires

PRESTON firemen received a number of calls during the past week. On Wednesday there was a run to Settlement Lane, Thomastown where two acres of stubble on the property of Mr. A. W. Sandlands, were destroyed; on Thursday on land in Murray road near Bond street, a quarter of an acre of grass was burnt; on Friday a false alarm was received from the Reservoir gates; on Saturday at Bartlett street Preston, the rear portion of premises and contents of a house occupied by Mrs. L. Bryant and Mr. S. Parker were severely damaged by fire, the cause of the outbreak being unknown. On Monday three panels of a 6 ft paling fence and a quarter of an acre of grass went up in smoke and flames at the residence of Mr. S. Knight, 544 Bell street.

Bell Railway Station

THERE was a considerable slump in receipts from inward goods at the Bell railway station for January this year as compared with those of January 1938, viz £223. The figures were £959 and £736 respectively. The decrease last month is ascribed to less firewood and briquettes coming to hand than in 1938. Passenger traffic however, indicated an improvement, viz £945 and £875, the increase amounting to £70. Parcels receipts dropped from £28 to £26, and outward goods from £66 to £60.

Vandalism and Municipal Lawns

FROM time to time (usually after night(fall) vandals appear to derive enjoyment in disfiguring the lawns which surround the municipal buildings in High and Gower streets by cutting out small blocks of grass and laying them alongside the positions from which they have been taken. On the main lawn facing High street several such acts have been done, also on the south corner of the lane; while the drive strip on the main lawn has also had patches deliberately cut out. Much care and trouble are taken by council employes to make the lawns as attractive as possible, and the green grass is made free use of on hot nights. It is a pity that there exists a section of the community which seems to find pleasure in undoing work which is done for the benefit of the public in general, and destroying the effect of beautiful restful lawns on which so much time, care and attention are spent. Those responsible for the damage should remember that it is their duty to protect, and not destroy, the beauty spots which are provided for the use of all.

Sustenance: Numbers on Up-grade

A present there is an unusually large number of persons on sustenance in Preston, taking into consideration figures over the past year or so. The total at Preston is set down at 340, this being an increase of 20 over the same period last year. Seventy-eight are registered for work only.

East Preston Touring Club

FOUR buses conveyed members of the above club to Torquay on Sunday. Bathing was one of the most favored attractions, and the men of the company took part in a cricket match.

Billiards

PRESTON Branch R.S.L. won all four games in the billiard match against Fairfield. Brunswick is the next place to be visited by Preston players.

Preston Girls' School

PRESTON Girls' School has commenced the first term for the year under favorable auspices with Miss Gertrude Bowden at the head. This lady was formerly senior mistress at Mordialloc High School. Preston school is at present in an overcrowded state the roll having 640 names thereon. A number of intending pupils have been refused admission owing to the accommodation being fully taxed.

West Preston Salvation Army

CAPT. C. J. Bautavich, from Balmain, has been appointed officer-in-charge of the Salvation Army at West Preston in succession to Capt. Webster. Last week-end a Harvest Thanksgiving Festival proved a success, and portion of the proceeds has been allotted to the Bush Fire Relief Fund. Colonel and Mrs. Driscoll and Major and Mrs. Dent paid visits to West Preston barracks, and Moreland Timbrel Brigade took part in the week-end services. Capt. Bautavich—full of energy, youth, and enterprise, is looking forward to a good time in his new appointment.

Preston Branch R.S.D.

FOR the third term in succession Cr. F. G. Pike (Mayor of Preson) has been elected president of the above; Mr. J. Quin secretary, and Mr. Len Harris, treasurer, also for three terms.

New Fire Alarm

A fire alarm has been placed in position at the intersection of Plenty road and Wilkinson street.

Preston Younger Set

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Preston Younger Set fourth annual meeting was held in Preston Town Hall on February 8. Cr. H. Nisbet represented the Mayor in the position of chairman, assisted by the president (Mrs. A. G. Davis.) The treasurer (Mr. A. Ash) presented the balance sheet which showed a credit balance of £53/3/10. A further sum of £6 has been paid direct to the Victorian Institute for the Blind Babies. The secretary (Mr. Stevenson) read a comprehensive report of the year's activities, also a report of the honorary social secretary (Miss I. Palmer) concerning the social activities by which the money now available for the institution had been raised.

Mrs. Davis made the presentation of a cheque for 50 guineas to Mr. Willmott (who represented the Board of Management of the Victorian Institute for the Blind). The latter, in an interesting and educational speech, thanked the members for their help for the blind babies, and outlined the manner in which the money given was spent to help the unfortunate children.

The chairman called upon Mrs. Davis to install the new office-bearers as follows:—President, Mrs. A. Ash; vice-presidents, Mrs. Davis, Miss I. Palmer and Mr. J. O'Connor; secretary Miss L. Ridgeway; treasurer, Mr. J. Harrow; hon. social secretary, Mr. Ron Carr.

Mrs. Davis, the retiring president, wished the incoming officers success during their term of office. The office-bearers suitably responded, and all hoped this year would bring greater financial success than the previous one. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the mothers and fathers of the younger set members for their untiring help during the year.

Mrs. Carr responded on behalf of the parents, saying it was a great privilege to help the Younger Set in such a worthy cause.

Elocutionary artists from the institute rendered items, and after supper and a dance, the meeting closed.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Mind" will be the subject of the lesson sermon at all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, February 19. The golden text is from 1 Peter 3:8 "Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another: love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous." Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible—"then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation . . . Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven." (Daniel 2:16, 19.) The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science Textbook: "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Truth is mortal mind-reading and immortal Mind-reading. The latter is a revelation of divine purpose through spiritual understanding, by which man gains the divine Principle and explanation of all things." (Page 83)

NINE FINES IN COUNCIL PROSECUTIONS

Nine offenders against the Northcote traffic by-laws were called upon to answer charges of various natures at the Northcote Court on February 14. In each case a conviction was recorded and a fine imposed, the penalties ranging from 10/ to £2.

Arthur E. Arnold, of Barton street, West Preston, was charged with cutting a traffic button at the intersection of High street and Arthurton road on January 23. He did not appear, and was fined £1.

Mathew Cianciarulo, of Fitzroy street, Fitzroy, was fined a similar amount for failure to stop before entering High street from Westgarth street. The evidence disclosed that defendant committed the offence on January 24. At the time he was driving a truck loaded with screenings, and his speed when he entered High street was between 15 and 20 miles per hour.

Another motorist to be fined £1 for cutting a traffic-button at the intersection of High and Darebin streets was Bruce Donaldson, of Hawden street, Heidelberg, who pleaded guilty to the offence, which was committed on January 20.

Evidence that at the time of the offence the traffic was light, was given by the council traffic inspector, Mr. Howse, when cross-examined by Frederick J. Falcke, of Pocock street, West Brunswick was heard. Defendant pleaded guilty to failing to stop before entering a major intersection on January 26, and was fined 10/.

The largest fine of the day—£2—was imposed on Reginald Hutchinson, of Barkley street, East Brunswick. The traffic inspector stated that Hutchinson was driving a horse-drawn milk waggon in the early hours of the morning on January 27 along Mason street, Westgarth. The vehicle had no light on it. These were found on the ground under the rear axle, but it was not alight.

Travelling in the wrong direction along the one-way traffic lane in St. George's road on the afternoon of January 24, resulted in Leonard Morton, of Grandview road, Preston being stopped by the inspector. His explanation was that he thought he could take a short cut. The bench did not agree with his views, and imposed a fine of £1.

On the same day at the intersection of Hutton street and St. George's road, Inspector Howse intercepted Samuel L. Richards of Gertrude street, Fitzroy, who was riding a motor-cycle, and cut the traffic button by several feet. Defendant did not appear, and was fined £1.

A similar offence was committed by Hugh Fred Northe, of Rennie street, Thornbury, on January 24 at the intersection of High and Hutton streets. The margin by which he cut the button was considerably smaller than in the previous case, and the penalty imposed was 15/.

Failure to stop his motor-truck before entering St. George's road on January 23, resulted in George McKay, of Barkley street, East Brunswick making an appearance. He pleaded guilty and was fined 10/.

Birthday Party

Bert Smith, of Reidford avenue Preston, had a very pleasant day on Saturday, it being his 13th birthday. His only sister, Ruby, gave Bert a delightful party. Games were indulged in, and the company sat down to a sumptuous repast. The birthday cake was adorned with 13 candles. After the cutting of the cake, Bruce Watson proposed the health of Bert, and those present sang "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow". Among the boys in attendance were Bruce Watson, Teddy and Donald Jessup, Noel, George and Ronnie Boxer, Bobby Truran, Jackie Fulton, Billy Deacon, Adrian and Frank Gall, Leo, and Richard Tuttle. Bert was the recipient of many useful presents.

PERSONAL

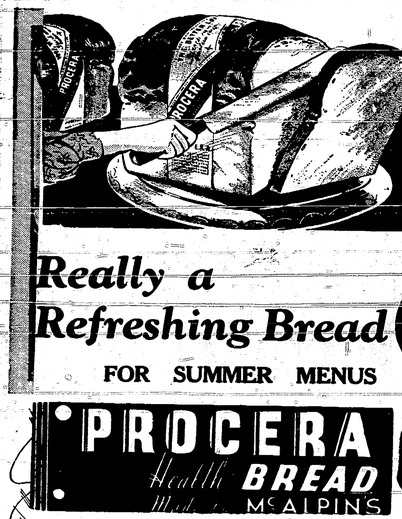
The burial of the late Mr. John H. Edney, of Regent, who perished in the recent bush-fires, and who left a widow and daughter, was conducted last Saturday by Mr. Ern Jensen, in Springvale cemetery. Rev. R. McCoy conducted a service at the graveside. Pall-bearers were Messrs J. and H. Edney, B. Garnett, C. Falcke, W. Bradnell and T. Ford, the two latter representing the Reservoir branch of the Order of Free Gardeners. Mr. Edney was a returned soldier. Further reference appears elsewhere.

Senior Constable G. Bean of Northcote is spending his annual leave in company with Mr. C. Haggerty on a fishing excursion to Bass.

REQUEST FOR BUSES

At the first meeting in 1939 of the Northcote City Council on February 6, a letter was received from the East Preston Progress Association, asking that a proposal be made for a bus route to be run from Bell street Preston, along Victoria road, through to the city.

Cr. Hayes, in describing the proposal as a timely gesture in view of the proposed changeover to buses in the latter portion of this year, moved that the letter be referred to the Committee of the Council, so that a report might be obtained on it. This course was adopted.



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Minor Cases At Northcote Court

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Fined for Singing to Track.

Ronald Harry Blakeley, of Hamilton avenue, Alphington, was fined £1 for singing to a track while riding a bicycle during the peak period of traffic on December 20, in Heidelberg road, Fairfield.

Small Fines Inflicted.

Seven council prosecutions against offenders against the traffic by-laws were heard. Five of them resulted in the defendants being fined £1 each; while one against Thomas Ricardo of Wattle road, Hawthorn, ended in defend, and being fined 7/6. The offence committed by Ricardo was failure to stop before entering High street from Westgarth street, on January 21. The Northcote Council traffic inspector said that there was no other traffic about at the time, and defendant had slowed down.

The £1 fines were imposed on the following: Albert Jacobs, of Livingstone street, Ivanhoe, who after cutting the traffic button by eight ft. at the corner of High and Darebin street, said he did not see it; Vernon Morrison, of Leicester street, Preston, for a similar offence at Hutton street. Morrison told the inspector that he missed the button.

Norman Scotland, of Chapel street Prahran and Jeffrey Welsford of Elizabeth street, North Richmond, committed similar offences.

The sixth case was against Jim Ozanne, of Hutton street, Northcote, who was stopped by the inspector whilst driving a motor-cycle in the wrong direction along a one-way traffic lane in St. George's road. In explanation defendant said he took the short way, to which the P.M. remarked in imposing a fine of £1, that defendant could not do that with impunity.

Truancy Cases.

The court imposed fines of 2/ and 3/ on six defendants who were charged with having failed to send their children to school the required number of half days. Between the six defendants there were 12 charges.

No Wireless Licenses.

The wireless license inspector James Wright, proceeded against six persons for operating wireless sets without holding current listeners' licenses. All six were fined the amounts of the fines varying with the length of time during which the licenses were not current. Ruby May Moss of Ryan street, was fined 30/; Thomas Michael Cumming, of Salisbury grove was fined 25/; John Patrick Bowlen, of Clarke street and Emma Bertha McHenry of Collins street, and May Violet Watts of Thomson street, were each fined £2; while Margaret Franklin of Charles street, Northcote, was fined £2/10/.

MENACE OF BROKEN MILK BOTTLES

Motorists who have to contend with the menace of broken milk bottles on city thoroughfares will be interested in a recent development which enables milk to be delivered to the householder in specially constructed paper cartons instead of in glass bottles.

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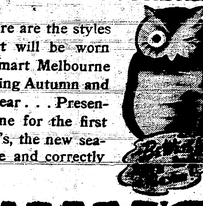

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ROBBERY AT E. L. GATES' SHOP

CONCLUSION OF POLICE CASE

SEVEN ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

This hearing of the evidence in an "smash and grab" robbery case when it was alleged that goods to the value of about £100 were stolen from the shop of Messrs. E. L. Gates Pty Ltd., of High street, Northcote, was resumed on February 7. This third day of the hearing saw the conclusion of the Crown case late in the afternoon, and then the defence of one or more men, all of whom pleaded not guilty, lasted until after 6 p.m.

The accused were Arthur John Francis, 44 years, wharf laborer, of Nicholson street, Fitzroy; David James Gordon, 20 years, painter, of Victoria parade, East Melbourne; Lee John Nelson, 22 years, same address; Lionel Rosier, 22 years, laborer, Carlton street, Carlton; Albert Turnbull, 39 years, laborer, Garfield street, Fitzroy; Edna Turnbull, 19 years, machinist, Carlton street, Carlton; Lorraine Sloan, 21 years, waitress of Victoria parade, East Melbourne.

The prior evidence in this case was reported in our previous issues.

Continuing the police case, Norman Saville, taxi-driver of Elwood, gave evidence as to driving certain of the accused to different places. William Theo Cameron, taxi-driver also gave evidence.

Detective O'Keefe told the court how in company with other police, he interviewed Nelson, Francis, and Albert Turnbull at Russell street, where the former said a room in a house in Victoria parade was occupied by him and his girl friend. They were taken there and a quantity of silk stockings was found in a suitcase while seven costumes were in a wardrobe. O'Keefe said "Where did you get this property?" and Nelson replied that George Kelsale and Les Coy had brought it there that day.

O'Keefe: Where is it from?—From a Northcote "bust" You can see the name on it.

Examining the costumes, the detective found Gates' name on them.

Witness concluded by stating that accused Gordon and Les. Coy were the same person.

Detective Donnelly narrated his interview with the accused Sloane. At 4 a.m. witness in company with other detectives went to a house in Carlton and saw Rosier and the girl Turnbull. A search was made and a label was found, it being identified by Mr. Gates as belonging to an overcoat. Accused made a statement, but he refused to sign it, though he put two crosses on it so that the statement could be identified. In the statement he described the actual robbery, which was preceded by the hiring of the car, and a cruise through several suburbs on the look out for a likely place to "bust." On January 27, Detective Donnelly saw the girl Turnbull at Carlton police station, and asked if she was with Rosier, her brother, Nelson and Coy (Gordon) when they broke into Gates'. She replied that she was not there, and did not know anything about it until after it was done.

After some further evidence and cross-examination, the police case was closed.

THE DEFENCE

For the defence, Mr. Sacks submitted that there was no case to answer against the girl Turnbull and Francis. Referring to the former, he said she was only 19 years of age, and until two weeks ago resided with her family. Her trouble began when she left her home and job.

The bench decided that there was a case to go to a jury against each accused. All of them pleaded not guilty, and with the exception of Francis, reserved their defence.

Giving evidence, Francis said he knew nothing of the robbery up to the time of his arrest. On that night he was coming home from work, shortly after 10 p.m., when seated on a tram, Jack Nelson pulled up alongside the tram and offered to drive him home. On the way, the car turned into Victoria parade, Nelson saying he wanted to pick up some parcels and his overcoat. At no time did witness drive the car. He was standing alongside the car when the police, at the point of a revolver, ordered the men to get in.

A woman who said she lived with Francis, said that on the night of the robbery, Francis was at home. A foreman on the wharf said that on the night of the arrest, accused Francis had been working until 10 p.m.

Mr. O'Grady P.M., found that there was a case to put to the jury. He committed all seven to appear before the Supreme Court on February 15. Bail was fixed as follows: In the case of the two female accused, £50 each with a surety of a like amount; Francis £75 bail with a surety of a like amount, Rosier £100 with a similar surety; and the other three male accused, £150 each, with similar sureties.

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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL BREVITIES

ARRANGEMENTS FOR OVERDRAFT

Application is to be made to the Commonwealth Bank to increase the existing overdraft of £45,000 to be continued for the current financial year.

TOWN HALL STILL VACANT

The Northcote Council authorised the Town Clerk to invite tenders for the leasing of the Town Hall on Saturday evenings from the middle of April until the end of the current year.

NO OBJECTORS

As there were no objectors to plans, specifications etc. in connection with the construction of lanes between Silesmere and Sharp streets, they were adopted and work on them will begin in the near future.

DANGER SIGNS

The dangerous quarter in the western end of Normanby avenue, where it abruptly finishes at Comas grove was mentioned by Cr. A. C. Bird. He said strangers to the district on several occasions mounted the footpaths with their cars. To erect some kind of "No Road" sign in this locality was a matter of importance in view of public safety. One method would be to paint the kerb in Comas grove facing Normanby avenue with white paint and write "No Road" in black upon it. He moved that this be done. Cr. Peters seconded the motion.

The Mayor (Cr. J. W. French) pointed out that 28 similar places would have to be attended to at the same time if the matter of public safety was to be considered without prejudice. The matter is to be investigated.

SHADOW HIDES STEP

Remarking that the shadow from a post covered a dangerous step at the corner of Latham street, and Arthurton road, Cr. Bird asked that the footpath be regraded or the light moved so as to make the step visible. The engineer will report.

THE SILENT COP

Cr. Peters brought up the matter of traffic button at the intersection of High and Clarke Sts. It was in such a position that traffic coming down High street had great difficulty in coming around it. In its present position it was unfair for motorists to be prosecuted for not regarding it. He asked that the council either move or remove it. It was pointed out that the by-laws would not permit the button being anywhere else than in the centre of the intersection. The matter of removal will be considered and the introduction of line system suggested by Cr. Hayes will be investigated.

BETTER LIGHTING SOUGHT IN DAREBIN ROAD

On the motion of Cr. Hayes the matter of better lighting in Darebin road was referred to the Electric Light Committee.

NORTHCOTE LIFE SAVING AND SWIMMING CLUB

The Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club held club races on Wednesday night, February 8, and good entres were received. Results:—Race for members and non-members (50 yds. handicap) L. Bennett 1; B. Lynch 2; J. Daley 3. Girls' Club race (50 yds handicap) I. Hills 1; E. Hendy 2; Y. Howard 3.

The committee desire to congratulate the handicappers, Mr. J. Fogg and Mr. G. Fairweather, on the close finishes.

GIRL SINGER WINS JUVENILE TALENT QUEST

Dance Team Second: Tap Dancer Third

The Grand Final of Hoadley's Juvenile Talent Quest was decided before a capacity house at the Plaza Theatre on Thursday last, February 9. The judges were unanimous in placing Edna Bear first, and judging by the applause, it was a popular decision. The little singer rendered three items and but for the intervention of the manager (Mr. Cobley) she would have given another encore, as the audience would not cease applauding.

June and Lawrence, a dancing duo were placed second, while the third prize went to Hartley Honig, tap dancer. The remaining four acts which had reached the finals were presented with consolation prizes.

In a clear and well modulated voice, the winner sang "Thore's a Goldmine in the Sky," "There's a Bride Hanging on the Wall," and "Danny Boy."

June and Lawrence began their act with a song and dance number, o In Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, and presented a well-performed tango and finished with the "Lambeth Walk." Hartley Honig played in a tap dancing routine and a Cossack dance. Les Patching, who missed being placed third by only one point, began with a humorous monologue. Then he sang two numbers and wounded up with a well executed tap-dance. The Personality Three were heard to advantage in a song and dance and patter act. The singing of Lennie Meldrum met with applause, as did also the tumbling and acrobatic performance of the Eight Whirlwinds.

Before the commencement of the stage presentation, "Pappy" the genial M.C. of the Plaza Theatre introduced Mr. Hoadley, the managing director of the firm which had sponsored this juvenile talent quest.

After the judges' decisions had been announced and the Winners presented once more to the audience, Mr. Hoadley presented the winners with their cheques.

Thursday will still be a stage presentation night at the Plaza, and particulars, which were announced by the M.C., are to be advertised elsewhere in this issue.

A JOURNALIST PRAISED

In a letter to the Northcote City Council, Mr. J. Richards, a representative of the "Argus" stated that a rearrangement of duties involved him being transferred from attending the council meetings. He thanked the council's officers and councillors for their kindness and courtesy.

Mr. Richards, who has been a district representative for a northcote for the past seven years (first visiting the council when Cr. Oliver was Mayor) attended the various meetings.

Crs. Green and Dennis spoke with praise as to the impartiality of Mr. Richards. The Mayor said he was decided to send him a letter under the seal of the council wishing him success in his new district.

The Mayor, in endorsing these sentiments, hoped that the new district representative would live up to the high standard of accuracy set by his predecessor. Mr. A. Olsen succeeds Mr. Richards.

FINED FOR DOUBLE-BANKING

According to the police evidence at the Preston Court on February 3, a truck driven by Vick Peluso, of High street, Preston, was left unattended in Preston's main thoroughfare about nine feet from the kerb on November 29. It was standing on the off side of another vehicle. During the time the police had the truck under observation, eight other vehicles were forced on to the wrong side of the road.

Defendant did not appear, and in his absence, the bench imposed a fine of £2.

FREE TENNIS LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

In order to stimulate further interest in tennis, especially among the younger people, leading sporting goods manufacturers and city sports houses have formed a body to be known as the Tennis Promotion Council. Both adults and juniors, who are desirous of learning tennis, will be given the opportunity of free tuition by a number of leading tennis players. Nominal charges will be made to cover costs of hiring courts, providing tennis balls, etc. Classes will be arranged, if possible, in the majority of Melbourne suburbs on suitable days and evenings in each week. The period of coaching will be from eight to twelve weeks, and if the players have advanced sufficiently, the Council will endeavour to have them drafted into local clubs for competition play.

Application forms may be obtained from all leading sports stores, and applications will be received by the Council until February 28.

AUSTRALIA'S COLOSSAL DEBT

Figures released last week give Australia's public debt on December 31 last at £1,292,156,229/1/8. The Commonwealth portion was £394,204,669/5/5, and the States' £897,951,559/19/3.

Of the total public debt, £704,613,016/9/7 is owed in Australia, £542,966,000/19/7 in London, and £44,577,211/15/6 in New York.

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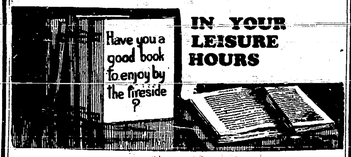

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SPARKLING CRICKET BY LEEDS

Day Of High Scores

FINE DOUBLE BY MAIN (Ncote Junior Footballers) 68 NOT OUT AND 6/27

Sparkling cricket was the order of the day on Saturday. Leeds (their first season in the competition) scored 223, Emmins made 97; Reservoir 251. Hastings 53 and Irwin 47; Epping declared with 9/188 against Strathallan who replied with 2/81.

POWER AMONG THE WICKETS

Mitchell 36, and Ward 29, rallied Northcote P.F.S. after cheap wickets had fallen. Alec Power bowling well for Braithwaites, dismissed 7/48.

Northcote-Excelsior were opposed to East Preston and only compiled 38—the lowest for the afternoon—against the excellent good length off spinners of Harry 5/16, and Keller 4/20.

(By Observer)

In the tenth round which commenced on Saturday, good bowling was a feature. There were only two double centuries scored—Reservoir 251 and Leeds 223.

The former are in an excellent position for the full points, and are equal with Epping on the top of the B section premiership ladder, with 30 points each.

Dennis, who are on top of the A section, dismissed Thornbury for 149, and in reply have lost 1/42.

The C section leaders, Northcote Junior Footballers, with 32 points, are opposed to Gloucester Socials, who were dismissed for 87. In response the Footballers have passed their opponents' score, without loss for 93. Main, scoring a fine double, took 6/27 and is 58 not out.

Seven batsmen reached the half century. The highest (97) was made by Emmins (Leeds), and the highest number of wickets (7/48) was taken by Alec Power

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

Outstanding performances on the day were:—

BATTING

Emmins (Leeds)	97
Cassin (Croxton United)	72
McKenzie (Bell Ramblers)	71

Dennis v Thornbury. — Thornbury 149 (Gill 42, Bramley 20, Dunn 21, Edwards 19 not out; N. Smith 4/66) v Dennis 1/48. N. Smith 32 not out, Hendy 1/32.)

Bell Ramblers v Sherry Socials. —Bell Ramblers 124 (A. McKenzie 71, Cheel 28; J. Reece sen. 3/49, W. Reece 3/30, J. Reece 3/17.) v Sherry Socials 5/81 (Jim Reece 25 not out, Candy 26.)

Preston Bascballers v Bell. — Preston Baseballers 137 (R. Clarkson 36, Gibson 29, Paice 15, S. Jennings 10, Curwood 11; Bott 5/32.) v Bell 5/5.

B GRADE

Excelsior v Clifton. —Excelsior 170 (Crellin 52, Watson 35, Ward 13, Elms 11, Hall 13; Purtle 3/42, McLean 3/43) v Clifton 6/43, Tormey 21 not out.)

Northcote Excelsior v East Preston. — East Preston 116 (Harvey 33, Campbell 25, Rundle 15; Johnson 4/32) v Northcote Excelsior 38 (Hughes 10; Harry 5/16, Kelleher 4/20).

Epping v Strathallan. — Epping 9/188 declared (Hamilton 52, Pratt 25 not out. A. Shallard 23, H. Shallard 23; D. Smith 3/45) v Strathallan 2/81 (D. Smith 29 not out, L. Egan 34 not out).

Northcote P.A.F.S. v Braithwaites. — Northcote P.A.F.S. 146 (Mitchell 36, Ward 29, Gilespie 28; Power 7/48) v Braithwaites 3/36 (Dowling 10, Du Lee 14 not out, O'Keefe 3/16).

Ajax v Reservoir. — Reservoir 251 (Irwin 47, Hastings 53, Downer 32, S. Allan 14, Peters 13, T. Ford 10, Herbatschek 4/40) v Ajax.

Preston Footballers v Preston Stars. — Preston Footballers 52, Carne 26; Atherton 4/14, Sanders 2/4, Quick 2/12) v Preston Stars 78 and 0/3 (Buchanan 16 not out, Atherton 14, Hadney 10, Quick 10, Cornell 10; Talmage 6/34, Lane 3/17).

C GRADE

East Northcote v Preston Imperials. — Preston Imperials 113 (Banks 34, Melbourne 20; G. Maskiell 6/24) v East Northcote 8/76 (Compson 28.)

Scouts v Reservoir P.A.F.S. — Reservoir P.A.F.S. 113 (Tressider 34, Britton 20, Fyffe 13; F. Humphreys 3/35, N. Humphreys 3/40) v Scouts 5/94 (F. Humphreys 26, Buss 44.)

Eastview v Broadway Socials — East View 116 (Smith 62, West 19; Lynch 5/19, Keegan 2/12) v Broadway Socials 5/104 (E. Fisher 24, S. Fisher 27.)

Leeds v Excelsior. — Leeds 223 (Emmins 97, Renwick 26, Redfern 24, Bravo 16; Watson 3/42) v Excelsior 2/36 (Cooper 19 not out)

Northcote Junior Footballers v Broadhursts. — Northcote Junior Footballers 74 (Thomas 5/13, O'Connor 2/13) v Broadhursts 6/105 (P. Moyle 29)

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BOWLING

Power (Braithwaites)	7/48
G. Maskiell (East N'cte)	6/24
Main (N'cte Jun. F'ballers)	6/27
Talmadge (Preston F'ballrs)	6/34
McSperrin (Prestonite)	6/9
Thomas (Broadmurts)	5/13
Harry (East Preston)	5/16
Lynch (B'way Socials)	5/19
L. Murray (N'cte A.O.F.)	5/32

SATURDAY'S PLAY

A GRADE

Regent v Prestonite. — Regent 89 (K. Clements 18, McLaren 14, McSperrin 5/3) v Prestonite 4/71 (Foley 38, Fuller 20 not out).

Croxton United v Northcote Amateurs. — Northcote Amateurs 94 (Cassin 72, Bolton 3/17, N. Newton 3/34) v Croxton United 4/165 (Cassin 72, Fox 45, Newton 26.)

Northcote Junior Footballers v Broadhursts. — Northcote Junior Footballers 74 (Thomas 5/13, O'Connor 2/13) v Broadhursts 6/105 (P. Moyle 29)

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Sausages Replace Eggs

EGGS TO COST LESS

Egg prices are to be reduced, according to the chairman of the Egg Marketing Board, owing to the abnormal conditions in the industry having been somewhat relieved. These conditions were due to the heat waves and bush fires, which caused a large mortality among fowls.

Hen eggs are to be reduced from 2/ a dozen to 1/9; medium from 1/8 to 1/6; pullets from 1/3 to 1/2; second quality case from 1/6 to 1/3; cracks from 1/3 to 1/, and duck from 1/9 to 1/8. Other lines are unchanged.

It is quite likely that the hands of the board have been forced, due to the fact that after the recent rises, many people were not in a position to buy eggs at the prices fixed. Support to this view is given by the experiences of several local butchers, who have commented on the abnormal sale for sausages since the prices of eggs were increased.

One Preston butcher reported that his sales of sausages had almost trebled following the increase in the price of eggs.

TEN MILLION POUNDS PROFIT

Imperial Tobacco Co (Great Britain) has made a profit of ten million pounds sterling. This will admit of paying a 25 per cent dividend, including 10 per cent tax-free bonus. This huge dividend succeeds three dividends of the same amount.

A man anxious to book seats for a party dialled a number. "Can I get a box for two to-night?" he asked. "We don't have boxes for two," was the reply. "Isn't this the theatre?" "No, this is the undertaker's"

Gloucester Socials v Northcote Junior Footballers. — Gloucester Socials 87 (Main 6/27) v Northcote Junior Footballers 0/98 (Main 68 not out.)

Northcote A.O.F. v Preston Druids. — Northcote A.O.F. 167 (Ponds 39, Forrest 24, Tivey 16, Murray 15; Threnoweth 4/49, Sherrif 4/37) v Preston Druids 8/59.(Huchan 21; L. Murray 5/32, K. Mirray 3/25).

Preston I.N.F. v Atyco & Sons. —Atyco & Sons 144 (Hannaford 38, De Grandi 22, Ross 26, Murphy 4/37, Zeyen 2/20) v Preston I.N.F. 7/68 (Dwyer 35, Murphy 20, Thomas 10.)

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A MATRIMONIAL MIX-UP

SOME REMARKABLE EVIDENCE

P.M. RESERVES DECISION

During most of last Friday Mr. E. E. O'Grady, P.M., listened to the different versions of the married life of Mr. and Mrs. Livy, given by each party, when Mrs. Beryl Irene Victoria Livy, of Plant street, Westgarth, applied for a maintenance order against her husband, Thomas Armstrong Livy, bookmaker, of Glenlyon road, East Brunswick. The matrimonial venture of the Livys lasted one short year only, but the connubial bliss of which fiction writers so often talk disappeared after two months—according to the wife, while the husband set the period of "everything in the garden being lovely" at merely a fortnight.

The complainant alleged that after months of separation the husband suggested a joint Christmas holiday, but as he made the condition that they continue to live apart when the holidays were finished, she refused to fall in with the scheme.

After hearing both sides, the P.M. reserved judgment for one week in order to deliberate on the voluminous evidence submitted.

Mrs. Livy told the bench that the happy period of her marriage terminated two months after the ceremony. The arguments, which according to the complainant, wound up with her being "knocked, punched, kicked, and such-like" were motivated by her husband frequently going out at night, but explanation as to life, where, why, or with whom. According to her, the times of his return would practically coincide with the morning call of the milkman. Without giving any specific dates, Mrs. Livy told Mr. O'Grady that her husband was cruel to her, and that she frequently received bruises on her arms as a result of his treatment. From the beginning of their married life her husband used to give her his pay envelope, containing £4/18/-, but when some time later he went in for heavy gambling, his contributions to the upkeep of their home were reduced to £2. It started one day when he asked for £2 back. Subsequently he did not ask her for any back, but gave her little or no money. This lasted for about two or three months prior to the separation, which took place on May 26 of last year.

On the previous night they had had an argument, during which her husband gave her a black eye She went to her mother's and on the latter's advice, went to the North Fitzroy police station, where she lodged a complaint. Her husband was waiting outside, and told the policeman that her black eye was due to her stumbling into a door. The night was spent by her at her mother's, and on the following day she returned to her husband, packed up her things, and left the matrimonial house never to return. She spent one week at her mother's, from which place she was taken to the Women's Hospital, where she stayed for 14 days, seriously ill.

Her husband went to visit her after she had been an inmate for a week. Thereafter he called every day, and promised to mend his ways again, but she left him. Yet when she left hospital, he told her that he had no intention of living with her, and would prefer her future. So sh went back to her mother's. Her husband used to meet her every Friday, and each time gave her £1. This continued until a fortnight before Xmas. On that particular day he informed her that he had no money to give her, and that he would be saving it for the future. He suggested a joint holiday, on the condition that each returned to their respective homes when it was ended. "He said that the only way I could get any money was to stay away from home and fall in with his suggestion, would be by suing him. He also said his object in asking me to pay was not to have his holidays spoilt, but to take the holidays."

Continuing the wife said that on several occasions when he came to her on Fridays, he had said that he would finish her off properly. She concluded by saying that she was willing to go back to her husband provided he gave her a fair share of his wages, and treated her with more consideration.

In cross-examination by the husband's solicitor, she said that she hoped she expected to get from him would be all his wages with the exception of 10/. She also admitted that during the first ten months he gave her all his wages till he "knocked it down" due to his gambling. Her husband's character was staying with them practically all the time while they were living in Donald street. Throughout the first ten months of their married life she was paying 30/ a week board, so that together with the wages she was receiving from her husband, she was getting £6/8/-.

Did Not Smash Crockery.

Stating in her evidence that her husband was in the habit of using strong language, she denied being addicted to it herself. She also denied being possessed of a vile temper, during fits of which she was in the habit of smashing crockery. The accusation that the major portion of their evening meals consisted of savelogs and cold meat hastily prepared just before the two brothers returned from work, was met by an emphatic denial. She explained her husband's alleged cruelty by his desire to lead a free life of gambling and generally to widen she strongly objected. When they shifted to North Fitzroy, where they went after spending a fortnight at her mother's house, he mostly gave her all his wages, withheld the money about three weeks out of eight. While they were in Donald street, she informed her husband that she was expecting a child. She was admitted to the hospital in a critical condition.

On the day previous to their separation, there had been a quarrel during which it was suggested that her husband should take over the housekeeping, as she was accused of bad management. When they separated there was about £4 in the joint banking account, which she shortly afterwards drew out, and put into a bank account in her own name. She admitted that when she left she locked up the house and her husband was forced to break in to gain admittance. When asking her belongings from the matrimonial home, Mrs. Livy admitted that her husband had given her every thing that she brought with her, including the wedding ring, but added that it was only after he had been asked for it by her solicitor.

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She denied that her mother had "kicked her out" after she came to her out of hospital. Her mother had put an ultimatum to her, saying either she would stop seeing her husband, or go and live elsewhere had chosen the latter course.

Mrs. Livy denied under cross-examination that she had kept company with Cronin during the period of separation, or that he had been drunk at a wedding party, just before Xmas. She said that she had had a drink or two, but it was not drunk. It is untrue that I had "to be carried out."

Replying to the P.M., Mrs. Livy said she did not talk of it to her husband, or undertake any steps to make a new home since Xmas.

HUSBAND'S EVIDENCE.

The husband's version of the married life was a complete denial of any physical cruelty. The happy period of their married life would not exceed a fortnight. Scarcely had the echo of the wedding bells died away before his wife began "nit-picking" faults. Her fits of temper often resulted in smashed plates and other china. His pay envelope was handed to the wife, but when it came to leaving signed receipts, samples of which he showed to his wife. When she left him, she took everything that was paid for, she had the gas and the electric light cut off as well. When he went to the police station, it was to make inquiries as to whether it would be all right to break into his own home, as his wife had locked him out. His offer before Xmas had no conditions attached to it. His wife had been paid for, with the exception of linos and carpets. She admitted that a note (produced) was left by her when she left her husband, which read: "Dear Tom, I am saying good-bye as we never said it to each other before. I hope your life will be much better now that I am gone. —Beryl."

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DEATH AT WEDDING RECEPTION

On Saturday night, shortly after her daughter had been married, Mrs. Sarah Walker, 68, of East Camberwell, collapsed whilst dancing at the reception. She died before a doctor could be secured. The bridegroom was Mr. John R. Morrison, and the wedding took place at the Baptist Church, Canterbury.

Community Singing

Preston-Northcote Community Singers' social evening at Gahan's Hall, Preston, was most successful, raising £7/1/8. The fine dinner set was won by Mrs. Lansfield, 39 Mountfield street, Brunswick, totalling 118/1/2; birthday cake to Mrs. Bransgrove, 14 Preston street, Preston. Dancing, games, and supper were enjoyed by a large attendance.

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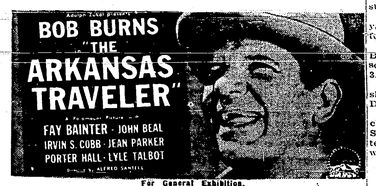

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4.—G. BUSE, 34 Salisbury Grove, Northcote, 21 pts.

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Westgarth Racing Competition

Five winners out of a seven-race programme was the winning effort of one of the entrants in the 51st Westgarth Racing Competition.

This entry selected the following winners: Frasadale (7/1); Lesson (6/1), Buzalong (6/4) Aurie's Star (10/1) and Ajax (4/1 on).

The remainder of the selection comprised two unplaced horses—Riviera and Spray.

The next best entry had a placed horse in all but one event, missing with Red Morn in the last race. The first six horses were Keyaster (3rd at 11/2), Limerick Lace (3rd at 6/1, Zonda (won at 7/2), Buzalong (won), Aurie's Star (won), Ajax (won).

The two remaining entries to win prizes in this competition each gained 21 pts with four winners and a third. They had three winners, and an unplaced horse in common, the respective selections being: Bashrhin (unplaced) Zonda (won), Buzalong (won), and Aurie's Star (won). The third also selected Valmiki (unplaced), Unleash (3rd at 6/1), and Panax winner of the last race (8/1). The other, in addition to the four above-mentioned horses, named Lapire (unplaced), Aurie's Star (won) and Keeping Watch (3rd at 10/1).

The Next Westgarth Racing Competition, No. 52, will complete one year of this offering by the popular threxure, the programmes of which are regularly published in these pages. It will be conducted on the Futurity Stakes meeting on Saturday next at Caulfield.

Points and conditions will be the same as in the foregoing Westgarth Racing Competitions.

No entries received after 12 noon on Saturday, February 25, will be eligible. Cut out entry form, and after filling it in, bring or post it to the "Leader-Budget" Office, 481 High street, Northcote, N.16, in envelope marked "Westgarth Racing Competition" There is no entry fee.

Entries May be Left at Theatre.

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

CAULFIELD, FEBRUARY 25

ENTRY FORM No. 52.

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Northcote Swimming Club

At Northcote Swimming Club's weekly races L. Bennett had a runaway victory in the Junior Championships of Northcote. Results—

Boys' Junior Championship, 100 yards: L. Bennett 1; G. Blackford 2; O. Medley 3.

Men's 100 yards Back or Breastroke Handicap: F. Henderson 1; A. McIntosh 2; S. Harding 3.

Women's 100 yards Championship: J. Hendry 1; J. Doggett 2; D. Stewart 3.

Mothers are reminded that the children's "Herald" Learn to Swim Certificates will be presented at the Children's Carnival for which a date will be fixed later.

LATEST POPULATION STATISTICS

Latest returns of population of principal cities in Victoria are:—Melbourne, 1,036,000. Other cities have populations as follows: Caulfield, 70,300. Camberwell 57,650; Brunswick, 55,000; Prahran 54,350; St. Kilda, 51,250; Footscray 46,000. Essendon 47,450; Malvern 45,400; South Melbourne 43,300; Northcote 39,25?; and Coburg 40,400.

Preston is further down on the list, and has a population of approximately 36,000.

TALKING TALKIES

A ROMANTIC COMEDY

It happened on the set of "Thanks for the Memory," Paramount's new romantic comedy Bob Hope was talking to Shirley Ross, and he had her in hysterics. Here's what Bob was saying to Shirley: "My house is full of relatives. At least, they're supposed to be relatives, but I wish somebody would introduce me to the guy who is sleeping on the living room sofa."

NEWLY-WED BLISS

They lived for their friends, and their friends lived on them—and practically with them! In short, that's the sort of thing which starts the complications on Paramount's "Thanks for the Memory," a comedy of newly-weds and nosiness. Heading a cast of favorites is the screen's clever connoisseur of the wise-crack, Bob Hope, in the role of the young husband who has to write a novel; and his wife is the lovely Shirley Ross, who insists that he write what his novel's about—and brings home the hamburger—remember them together in "Big Broadcast of '38"?

THE ARKANSAS TRAVELLER

Irvin S. Cobb, American humorist, is known as the author of the hilariously funny "Speaking of Operations," which since its first publication in 1923 has sold more than a million copies. Born 62 years ago in Paducah, Kentucky, Cobb was boy reporter on the local paper and became editor of the "Paducah Daily News" at the age of 19. During the World War he was European correspondent for the Saturday Evening Post. Among his books are "Cobb's Anatomy," "Old Judge Priest," "The Life of the Party," and "One Way to Stop a Panic." In 1922 he won the O. Henry Award for the best short story of the year. Cobb, who made his screen debut in 1935 in "Steamboat Round the Bend," has a big role with Bob Burns in Paramount's new comic-drama "The Arkansas Traveller."

HUMORISTS CAST

Two of America's foremost native humorists, Bob Burns, the sage of Van Buren, Arkansas, and Irvin S. Cobb, author of "Speaking of Operations" play lead roles in "The Arkansas Traveller." In this human drama of home-town life in America, Burns plays a wandering printer and editor, while Cobb has the role of the local sheriff.

DUMMY CREATES MAKE-UP PROBLEM

Charlie McCarthy's make-up is the result of ten months of experimentation, Edgar Bergenh reveals Bergan and Charlie are starred with Adolphe Menjou, Andrea Leeds and George Murphy in Universal's "Letter of Introduction." "Charlie was first painted with house-paint," Bergen stated. "As he moved up in society, he needed a more convincing job on his face But when we came to Hollywood we experimented for nearly a year before we found a combination that would suit the cameras." Bergen was faced with the problem of finding a paint that would not reflect light. Many kinds of paint were tried, and finally powdered pumice was mixed with paint to get a soft skin texture.

MOUTH ORGAN ENTHUSIAST

Young Bobby Breen plays the harmonica in his latest starring picture "Breaking the Ice." He is a harmonica enthusiast and has had a variety of this instrument named in his honor.

Six Millions for Works in N.S.W.

Mr. Stevens, Premier of New South Wales, has announced a huge programme of works running into between six and seven million pounds. Some of these works are said to be of urgent military necessity. Mr. Stevens has suggested that the Commonwealth finds half the money.

Before carrying sausages cut them in halves lengthwise. This will prevent them from splitting, make them daintier to serve and they'll go much further.

AT THE PLAZA

A CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Besides the usual talkie programme, the Plaza Theatre presented on last Thursday a unique stage show. Winners of recent Juvenile Quests competed for the title of Champion of Champions.

The local winner, Jack Bear, although appearing in a song number, did not compete in the contest, which was decided between four children who have won similar contests in the Plaza's Juvenile Talent Quest. Judging was by public applause.

The large audience declared in no uncertain terms that they preferred Marjorie Brook, who sang "I Love to Whistle," and "Sympathy." The remaining three acts also received their share of applause. They were Pattie Wilson, two songs; Edna Rogers, Popeye's grand dance, and Eric Ralph, who was heard to advantage in "Santa Lucia."

The handling of the presentation was in the hands of Tarpy, who announced that a similar stage presentation for adults would take place on Thursday next, February 23. He stated that the management was negotiating for the appearance of Alma Ferris, who won the P. and A. Parade which concluded last year over station 3KZ.

Correspondence

CYCLISTS AND THE CODE

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Is there no hope of local police, traffic police and city inspectors taking action against the hundreds of cyclists who, in St. George's road, disregard that section of the Traffic Code which states that vehicles must stop behind stationary trams? I am a disabled ex-soldier, and for 15 years have been using the same tram route, and in that time have not known a cyclist to stop behind the tram as required. Some slow down a little, but most go straight through, frequently on the left-hand side of standing motor cars. Others carry on and walk directly from the tram to the footpath, often having to thread my way through the bicycles at considerable personal risk.

Trusting that the publication of this letter in your valued paper will awaken the cyclists to the selfishness and danger of their actions; and the authorities to a sense of their duty to that section of the community which is still pedestrian. Yours etc

"TORREKEN FARM."

Northcote, February 15, 1939.

LODGES

NORTHCOTE A.N.A.

The Quarterly meeting was held on Thursday, February 16, the president (Mr. A. E. Watkins) presiding.

Correspondence was received from Board of Directors, thanking branch for donation of £5/11/ to the Bush Fire Appeal, and for its generosity and splendid spirit. One new member was elected, and one nominated. Messrs E. Guerin, A. Watkins and R. L. Fitch reported on sick members. It was pleasing to members to learn of the speedy recovery of Mr. A. Turnbull, a trustee and committee-man, from a serious accident.

Members of the branch are reminded that the office of the branch has been removed to 254 High street (nearly opposite the Methodist Church) Messrs Carney Guerin and Aldridge reported attending Metro Committee meeting. Mr. Aldridge, in reporting on cricket activities, said the branch team was in a favorable position to enter the finals. In previous match Northcote defeated Preston outright, and in the match now being played, had scored 140 (Fitzroy 4/17). The match next Saturday is against Carlton A.N.A. at Carlton.

The combined social was very enjoyable, and it was decided to refer matter of raising funds for next Xmas Tree to committee.

Mr. F. Carney reported death of Mr. S. Fairchild.

The president welcomed the members of Preston Bowls team to the branch. Mr. J. Johnson was elected captain and Mr. R. Campbell vice-captain, of the bowls team. The syllabus item was bowls v Preston. The game proved interesting, Northcote finally defeating Preston. Scores—Northcote 17, Preston 11. After the match supper was served.

Next meeting is on March 2—sports night, and the winner team will play Moreland bowls at Moreland after meeting.

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"OPPY" GETS OFF HIS BIKE AND TAKES TO CARAVAN

Cycling fans need not become unduly alarmed at this news, because, although world champion cyclist Hubert Opperman has forsaken the mode of transport which has made him famous throughout the world, it will not be for long. It is just a brief vacation which finds him "caravanning it" at a moveable address somewhere on the picturesque south coast of New South Wales.

IT is a far cry from flashing along the broad concrete highway on a streamlined racing cycle at record-breaking speed to wandering aimlessly in a motor caravan among the scenic beauties of the country side—which is precisely why "Oppy" has chosen this particular form of relaxation for his well-earned holiday. His one idea was to "get away from it all" for a brief spell, and that is why he hitched a luxurious trailer to his automobile and journeyed forth with no fixed destination in mind.

Opperman, who is accompanying him, agrees that a nomadic sort of holiday (their caravan is called "Nomad," by the way) would be the best.

Incidentally, it is amusing to ruminate that many a juvenile admirer will see the caravan flash by, or possibly wander close while it is parked somewhere without ever knowing how near to his idol in the world of wheels.

DESCRIBED SIX DAY CYCLE RACE

The whole idea behind "Oppy's" vacation is to recuperate from the severe physical strain imposed on him while broadcasting descriptions and commentaries on the International Six Day Cycle Race which commenced at the Sydney Sports Arena at five minutes past midnight on Christmas Day and finished at 11.05 p.m. on New Year's Eve—143 hours from beginning to end. During this time "Oppy" was occupied at the microphone to such an extent that he was able to secure only three or four hours' sleep out of every twenty-four. Cycling enthusiasts will remember his commentaries over National Station 2FC, but will have little idea of the fatigue associated with the task.

Actually, the International Six Day Cycle Race which he so expertly described was the first to be held in Sydney, although events of this type are extremely popular in America, England, and France. Competitions in the Sydney (at the time of writing, the selection of the winning team is a matter still to be decided in Court) included teams from France, Italy, England, America, and Australia. The cyclists race in pairs, either one of the members of which must be on the track throughout the gruelling race.

RECORDS GALORE!

A complete list of cycling records which Opperman has established both in Australia and abroad would fill far more space than is available here. Two of his most outstanding ones, however, are the 1000 Mile Unpaced Road Record of the World, which he gained early in December last, and the World's 1000 Mile Motor-Paced Track Record.

A few of his more recent Australian records are as follows: Fremantle to Sydney; Adelaide to Melbourne; Melbourne to Sydney; Dubbo to Sydney; Kalgoorlie to Perth; Brisbane to Sydney; Hobart to Launceston; and Adelaide to Sydney. The latter is one which simultaneously gained for him the 1000-Mile Unpaced Road Record of the World. His list of overseas records, too, is a formidable one.

LUXURY ON WHEELS

The caravan which "Oppy" has chosen for his current vacation is a luxurious one, being fitted, so to speak, with "all mod. cons," including electric light and an efficient kerosene stove. There are two bunks (one above the other) a table flanked by softly upholstered seats, and cupboards tucked away everywhere. One feature for which the Oppermans will be particularly thankful during hot and humid days is the possibility of opening a large section of the roof, which may be raised like a skylight, allowing a cool breeze to circulate through the interior.

Another "luxury" feature is the compact, world-wide Philips Radioplayer which is bringing "Oppy" the news and entertainment of the universe during his rustic interlude.

In due course he will return to the tumult of the city, refreshed in spirit, ready to launch forth shortly, in all probability on another epic record-smashing ride—that is, if there are any records left for him to smash.

Northcote Court

Four minor cases were heard at Northcote Court before Mr. E. E. O'Grady P.M., on February 17.

Two persons were fined £1 each for having ridden bicycles which had no lights attached. Both offences were committed at Fairfield during the latter half of January, and the defendants were William King, of Mitchell street, Northcote, and Charles Robertson of Wingrove street, Alphington.

William Lindsay, of Eastmont street, Northcote, pleaded guilty to a charge of being found drunk in February 16 in Eastmont street, and he was arrested by Constable W. Findlay. There were no prior convictions, and defendant was convicted and discharged.

Speeding Over Intersection.

A fine of £2 was imposed on Albert Edwin Goodwin, of Benjamin street, Thornbury, who was charged with driving a motor-car on December 14 along St. George's road, Northcote, at such a rate of speed as would not enable him to stop immediately in case of sudden danger when approaching Arthurton road. Constable King of the motor cycle patrol said defendant's speed was 42 miles per hour when he crossed the intersection. Traffic was heavy at the time, and there were many children about.

Mrs. Jones: "I see you've allowed your husband a latch-key again." Mrs. Williams: "Yes. Just to show his friends, but it doesn't fit the lock."

An informal snapshot of "Oppy" taken inside the trailer in which he is at present enjoying a well-earned holiday. Note the radio receiver which is just one of the many features of his luxurious motor caravan.

—Photograph courtesy of Philips Radio.

HINTS FOR DRIVING AT NIGHT

Much of the inconvenience and danger suffered by motorists in driving at night is due to lack of knowledge of the best methods of ensuring themselves adequate vision. Most people learn to drive by daylight, and later must find out for themselves the tricks of night driving.

Good lights are the first essential. They must be correctly focussed, with clean lenses and reflectors and efficient bulbs. Free headlight testing and adjustment are available at most R.A.C.V. Service Stations for members.

Short sight or other defect in vision is a great handicap in night driving, and should be corrected with glasses if it exists It is very important that the windscreen should be kept clean, as dusty glass greatly intensifies the glare from other cars.

Use should always be made of the dipping mechanism with which all modern cars are equipped. This not only reduces glare from other drivers, but has the effect of concentrating the illumination in front of your own car and so improving visibility for yourself. Blacking out, on the other hand, is dangerous.

When encountering glaring headlights, carefully avoid looking towards them, but concentrate on some object on the side of the road. Even if the other driver does not respond, you will often find that vision is better if you dip your own headlight beams, because of the brighter illumination thrown down on the road a short distance in front of you.

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24 TRUANCY CASES

Twenty-four truancy prosecutions, involving nine defendants, were heard at the Preston Court on February 15 before a bench of two justices. It was one of the longest lists of such cases ever to be heard at the Preston Court. In each instance a fine was imposed. Mr. T. J. McMahon, chairman of the bench said that he could not understand the attitude of parents, who although afforded the opportunity of giving their children a good education free of cost, failed to avail themselves of it. Mr. Gibbs J.P., assisted Mr. McMahon.

NORTHCOTE BOWLER CHOSEN

FRANK THORN FOR SHEFFIELD SHIELD MATCH

With Maurice Sievers out of the Victorian Eleven, which will meet South Australia this week in the last Sheffield Shield match of the season, the selectors chose the Northcote off-spin bowler, Frank Thorn to fill the vacancy.

Thorn, who plays with the Northcote First Eleven in District Cricket matches, earned recognition as a first class bowler with excellent figures for the season. He also showed brilliant form in the Seconds match between New South Wales and Victoria, taking 12 wickets in the two innings.

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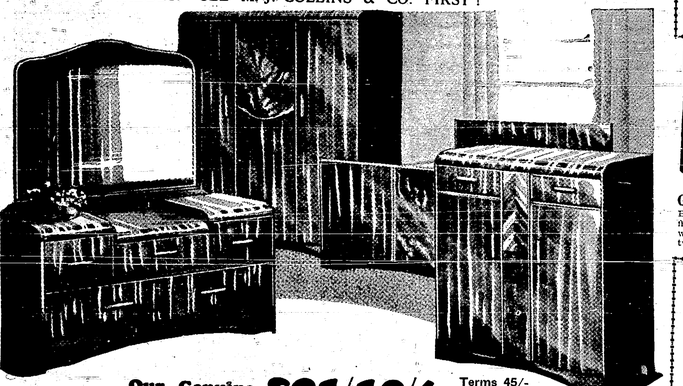

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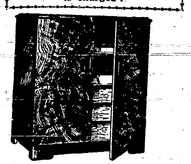

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MODERNISING OF SHOPS

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Following closely upon the addition of a modern newsagency and library (that of McCasker & Eaton) to the Thornbury Shopping Centre, comes the opening of another up-to-date establishment.

It is the hosiery and lingerie salon of Anne Mussett which is housed in the recently vacated shop of McCasker & Eaton. The premises have been thoroughly modernised by the B.M. Shopfitting Co., 118 High street, Northcote, and this new enterprise, together with the newsagency, has given a fillip to the shopping centre in the northern part of Northcote, which during recent times has not advanced as rapidly as the rest of Northcote's trading centres.

To meet a growing demand for the attractive display of goods, the proprietor of Anne Mussett's hosiery and lingerie salon have had the premises at 383 High street, Thornbury, fitted with ultra-modern fixtures and display units. The rounded corner semi-gloss type flush counters and wall fixtures, with blended mirrors are in waxed Sen Ash Veneer with clear lacquer. Tasmanian oak counter tops finish the attractive color. The modern cut-out lettering and chrome standards provide an unusual feature to the back fittings, while the set back skirting on all fittings is in a deep mulberry lacquer.

A most attractive window background has been achieved by shaping the corners and finishing them in self-colored cream matt enamel, which, combined with strong lighting, enables the goods to be shown to the best advantage.

The owners did not find it necessary to go outside this substantial shop-fitting concern for any of the work. This very smart store, which more than favorably compares with anything of the kind within the metropolitan area, was designed and carried out by the B.M. Shopfitting Co., of 118 High street, Westgarth. This enterprising firm has carried out various modernising schemes to local business premises, and a survey of their recent work amply reveals their taste and ability. B.M. Shopfitting Co. are responsible for the interior arrangements and fittings of Johnson's Pharmacy, the Quality Inn Milk Bar, Payne's Egg Buzz store, and Vera Maxwell's 12 cubicle Preston Hairdressing Salon. The proprietor of B.M. Shopfitting Co., Mr. Muzzell, who is the Vice President of the British Institute of Certified Carpenters.

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WHEN MONSTERS RULED

IVAN THE TERRIBLE OF RUSSIA

Ordered Wholesale Drowning Of Jews

ROASTED HIS GUESTS ALIVE

Among those rulers of Russia who exercised a cruel tyranny, none is more famous than Ivan IV, who was also known as "The Terrible." He came to the throne in 1547. Ivan was a strange combination, being intelligent and cruel, enlightened and superstitious, generous and a tyrant.

The offspring of a degenerate, neuropathic family, he succeeded to the throne at the age of three years. He was brought up amidst monstrous cruelties and tortures, and there was no one to check his own mad freaks and fancies. When he was a mere boy he loved to torture animals, and, when older, he was always inventing new tortures. When he was thirteen he had the Regent thrown to his dogs and torn to pieces.

Previous rulers of Russia had taken the title of Prince of Muscovy, but Ivan became the first Czar and Grand Autocrat of Russia. He imagined that he was a direct descendant of the Roman Emperors, and insisted on being addressed as "Caesar."

Shortly after taking supreme control he showed his cruel instincts by having a deputation of seventy men, who had come to present a petition to him, soaked in boiling brandy and their hair and beards burnt. When there was a huge fire in Moscow superstitious inhabitants claimed that it was due to a curse laid on the city by the ruling family, and demanded that all their hearts be cut out.

The Czar became frightened, and permitted for some time wise counsellors to direct the affairs of state. But an opportunity offering, he suddenly had these men exiled, and resumed his previous profession of being an artist in horrors.

BAND OF 6000 HOOLIGANS

On one occasion he ordered a wholesale slaughter of the citizens of Novgorod, and devastated all the country around. Ivan was not religious, but very superstitious, and after extreme crimes of this nature would make large gifts to churches.

He imagined that he was the victim of persecution, and to protect himself he organised a gang of hooligans, 6,000 strong, who were called the Oprithakniky. Their blood-craving knew no bounds and they were free to kill and loot as they wished. Ivan turned this gang into pseudo-monks, with himself as abbot.

He would hold long services of devotion, but even in the middle of a service he would issue orders for twenty or thirty persons to be killed as a sacrifice. On one occasion he strangled the Metropolitan of Russia, whom he accused of magic.

He wished to exterminate the whole of the Russian people. Another time he gave a large banquet, and at a sign decided to have most of his guests roasted alive.

Volumes would be required to list all his insane cruelties. Once he staged an appalling ceremony in the Red Square in Moscow. He had fixed up 18 gibbets, and under an enormous kettle had a big fire lit. The crowd was so frightened and that they left the square, but by order of the Czar were made to return. Then he took 300 victims, and one by one tortured 180 of them—each one in a different fashion.

As has been the case recently in Russia, the best generals and advisers were exterminated. Ivan had no fewer than seven wives, some of whom he had killed. His eldest son he himself killed by hitting him over the head with an iron staff.

The Czar was drunken and debauched, and by the time he was fifty his health was so bad that his limbs were actually rotting. When he died from a seizure the people of Russia were in tears!

It is strange, indeed, that in all ages and at all times raving rulers and submissive subjects.

"MONSTERS" IN ENGLAND

England has been comparatively free from monster rulers, but mention should be made of two. There was Penda, King of Mercia, who was a determined opponent of the conversion of England to Christianity, which was then making great strides. This King held power over a large portion of England, but, as was the case in those days, he had to maintain his position by incessant warfare.

At one time he carried on war against the Northumbrians, who were ruled by a devoutly Christian King, and during this campaign he ordered wholesale massacres of the population, which were carried to the greatest extremes of cruelty owing to his fanaticism against Christianity.

Although Penda appears in history as a tyrant, he possessed more real power than any English prince had done before. He came nearer achieving the union of the whole of the English nation than any of his predecessors.

Some four hundred years later we find Geoffrey de Mandeville, Earl of Essex, who lived during the reigns of Stephen and Henry I. In those troubled times, by skilfully supporting the winning side as occasion offered, he managed to become the strongest power in England. The King was very frightened of him, and in the end had to take action.

This led to warfare, in which Geoffrey became an absolute tyrant over huge areas of England. He practised every form of sacrilege, and left miles of country devastated, so that there was neither ox nor plough. The lack of food caused thousands to die, and a recorder of the period states that "never was there such tribulation."

During that time in English history the barons generally were scarcely docile, but none came near to being the equal of Geoffrey. He robbed and destroyed churches and monastries; he tortured and demanded huge ransoms from all the rich persons he could seize.

At last, in a battle, he was hit by an archer, but as he died excommunicated by the Church, his body could not be buried. For some time the coffin hung in a tree near the present Temple church in London. After some weeks, permission was at last given to permit burial of his savage baron whose power in England had equalled the King's.

The story of the Borgia family has always been one of human interest. History records that many of them practised the most fantastic cruelties and monstrosities.

One of the most vicious and notorious sicions of this family was Cesare Borgia, to whose machinations has probably been attributed more murders, mass assassinations, and other abominations than the rest of the sinister family. Yet Cesare had many strange qualities.

He was an extraordinarily handsome man, of graceful and dignified carriage, and an athlete of Herculean strength. He showed an interest in art and literature, and in music. His speech was eloquent and he made gay company: he was liberal and magnificent to extravagance.

Yet these qualities were dominated by a will which convinced him that he was a superman, justified in adopting any means for the attainment of his own personal ends.

These ends turned Cesare Borgia into a monster of infamy, a devil incarnate—a gross sensualist, and an inhuman scoundrel. He murdered his own brother, the Duke of Gandia; he murdered his brother-in-law, Alfonso of Aragon; he attempted the murder of another brother-in-law, and he poisoned his cousin.

His life was short, for he was killed in battle when he was 32.

NORTHCOTE MAN DROWNED

The body of Isaac Lockley, aged 64 years, of Cleveland street, Northcote, was recovered in the bay near Port Melbourne baths on Tuesday morning. It is believed that deceased had a seizure, and was drowned.

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COUNCIL BREVITIES

MILLER STREET.

While dealing with the correspondence on February 20, the Northcote City Council received a letter from the Public Works Department, intimating the approval of the Governor-in-Council to the alterations of the boundary between the Cities of Northcote and Preston.

In connection with this letter, Cr. Bird moved a recommendation of the committee of the council that Miller street, from High street to the east side of Ethel street, be proclaimed a public highway, and that application be made to the Governor-in-Council for the gazettal of same—Agreed to.

FLOOD IN DAREBIN STREET

The unnaturally dry conditions of the past few months were responsible for the choking up of a drain at the corner of Darebin and St. David street. Cr. Hayes said that the heavy rain of last week caused the vicinity to be flooded. So as to prevent a recurrence of a flood, he asked that the drain be cleaned before the rainy season.—To be done.

TIPPING OF RUBBISH.

Cr. Bird asked that steps be taken to prevent the tipping of rubbish in the Northcote reserve opposite Woolhouse street. He suggested that notices be erected.—The matter was referred to the Public Works committee

AN ILLUSORY TELEPHONE BOX.

The promises of government departments may not be broken, but sometimes they are a long time coming to fruition. This was exemplified by Cr. Bird, who said that some months ago the P.M.G's. Department had promised the erection of a telephone box at the corner of St. George's and Arthurton roads. When the box failed to materialise, application was made, and the department faithfully promised to have the box erected before Christmas. Two months have passed since then, but no box yet graces any of the corners of this intersection.

It was decided to make further representations, Cr. Burnham seconding Cr. Bird's motion.

BAD CONDITION OF HIGH STREET FOOTPATHS

Cr. McAdam asked that the condition of High street south, on the west side, near the bridge, be given attention; also the footpath in Westgarth street, near High street.

Cr. Shewan once more asked that the footpath in High street, between Westbourne grove and Arthurton road, be attended to. He stated that the recent works undertaken by the P.M.G's. Department had necessitated the removal of the footpath slabs. The street had not been properly reinstated.

Mr. Bradley (City Engineer) informed Cr. Shewan that without the authority of the department-in-charge nothing could take place. It had been received a few days ago, but the work had been held up due to the fact that a certain type of slab could not be made available for another fortnight. He said that he would preserve opposite Woolhouse street. He suggested that notices be erected.—The matter was referred to the Public Works committee

NOISE FROM FACTORY.

In a letter to the Northcote Council, Mr. J. King, of Woolhouse street, drew attention to the noise which emanated from the factory occupied by the Hume Pipe Co., and asked that the matter be investigated.

The Town Clerk (Mr. Thomson) said that similar complaints had been received from other residents in the vicinity. The manager of the factory had been interviewed and he stated that to expedite the delivery of a certain type of pipe to be used on the Bendigo water supply, the factory had to work three shifts. The order was nearly completed, and the noise would cease shortly.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY.

The Vicar officiated and preached on Sunday, basing a thought-provoking sermon on the main theme for the day, that of "Love, the crown of all virtues." On Monday night the choir sang the well-known anthem, "Hymn of Peace," with Mrs. E. Daniel the impressive soloist. Mr. David Louden was at the organ. The Vicar preached appropriately to pre-Lent Sunday. He pleaded for the strengthening of personal religion as the "loveliest thing in human nature." If better Christians, as the result of the Lenten discipline, men and women would be happier citizens and worthier Australians.

Special week-day services began on Ash Wednesday, and will be continued each Tuesday night and Wednesday morning until Easter. Self-denial boxes were taken by many worshippers and scholars of the Sunday schools, to be returned on Easter Day.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday last. The finances were found to be sound, and a fine spirit of commendship was evident. The Vicar was warmly welcomed and thanked by Dr. B. G. Beacham and Mr. A. W. Perry for his great work in the parish during the year, coupled with the name of Mrs. Chamberlain. Good wishes were also expressed for a "Bon voyage" and "God speed" in regard to the Vicar's forthcoming visit to England. The Vicar expressed keen appreciation of all church officers and workers —"as he said.

On Sunday, the first in Lent, it is expected that many parishioners and friends will assemble at the church. To all a hearty welcome is assured.

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BOWLING

PRESTON CLUB

The Preston bowlers this season appear to have developed a flair for either being "up in the clouds" or "down in the depths." Unfortunately for the No 1 team, the latter complaint appears to be more prevalent. Great things were expected after its fine win against Elsternwick District on the previous week, but when the line-up against M.C.C. took place, it was found that three of the regulars were absentees. Incidentally this appears to be a weakness which will need correction if we get anywhere in the bowling world. After the recent rains, the green looked splendid, but naturally was a little on the slow side. M.C.C. had an earlier defeat to wipe out, and this they did with a vengeance. Only one local rink put up a fighting finish, Williams winning the last three ends to gain a pts lead at the right moment. Merrie found Blair's four right at their top; Morgan had a bad run from ends 11 to the 24th against Cordner; whilst Nevile found O'Sullivan equally difficult, and after 21 ends finished well down. M.C.C. won by 123 to 78.

More Cheerful

The results in the other two games were much more cheerful. Much depends on the success of the No. 2 team, and there was great rejoicing when it was heard that it had beaten West Brunswick. The game was remarkable for a coincidence in the scores. Lang's rink scores 26-26 and Howe's rink 26-26. Snell just got home by 24-22, while Joe Siddons' four removed all doubt about the result by piling up 34-17. There was only 3 points "the dif" at the 20th end, but Siddons notched 2, 2, 3, 1, and then just to show his sporting spirit, collected a 6 just to make sure that his men got the spoons! Lang included a 5 in his score. Howe had three 4's, while Snell claimed two 4's and several 3's. A good win that should help this team to gain promotion.

Another Victory

Our cheerful No 3 team, which by the way is a model of consistency in the way the full team turns up to meet its engagements, goes on season after season, elated when victorious, but never disheartened when a reverse is its fate, and so we are always pleased when a win is recorded. On Saturday, they met their old rivals from Northcote, and romped home 95-71, winning on three rinks. Ross 25-15 and Carthew 26-14 tied for the spoons the former winning on percentages. Ellis won 26-16, but McIntosh after having the lead at the 20th, found Charlesworth's men sprinting at the finish, and was 8 pts short of the visitors' total.

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Points in the flag competition went to Siddons' rink, with Carthew and Ross equal second. This gives Siddons 171 pts, or only 23 pts below Lang. As there are still two rounds to be played, the possession of the trophy is likely to be exciting contested. Williams' four is the only other rink with a possible chance.

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THORNBURY CLUB

(By H.F.T.)

Thornbury No 1 team met Port Melbourne on Saturday and the seasiders had the best of the engagement, winning by 101-84. Thornbury had two rinks up. Whalley's four, which has been so consistent returned a score of 28 against 18, and Allen's four managed 29 against their opponents' 17. Coote's rink was well in the "blue" with only 16 against 33; and Rogerson's men were down to the tune of 22-12.

In the three-fours competition Thornbury 46 were beaten by Ivanhoe 71.

During the V.B.A. Charity Carnival competition, over £500 was raised for distribution amongst charitable institutions. Thornbury entered nine teams, with the result that G. Allen's team secured second place. Over 600 rinks were entered throughout the metropolitan area, and Thornbury is proud to think that one of its teams had gone so far as to play off in the final. We on the bank think that that might have been done to date an advantage but I think that if our team had kept up their standard of play, Thornbury might have had a much harder game. Congratulations are offered to Messrs F. C. Cornish, W. White, A. White and G. Allen (c.); we also offer our congratulations to the Footscray subjects on their team for their many fine achievements.

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PRESTON TECHNICAL SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB

The first meeting of the Mothers' Club for 1939 as held on February 15, the president (Mrs G. K. Paton) occupied the chair. Methods of raising funds to help the boys were discussed, and it was finally arranged to hold fortnightly dances at the Mayfair Hall commencing on March 4. Mothers are needed to help raise funds for the large number of pupils. The club meets every alternate Wednesday in the school room. The president was anxious that more parents should join the club before the annual election of officers in March.

Mr. A. J. Harrap, manager of Preston branch National Bank, and Mrs. Harrap, after having spent an enjoyable holiday in Sydney, have returned to Preston

PERSONAL

Miss Norma Robinson and Mr. Norman Robinson, of Gilbert road, Preston, are spending a holiday at Lorne.

Esther Holland, Gower street, Preston, a former pupil at the local Girls' School, has linked up at P.L.C., East Melbourne.

Many expressions of regret have been tendered to Sgt. C. Evans, who is in charge of Preston police station, on the death of his wife, who passed away somewhat suddenly on Saturday, and was buried in the local cemetery on Monday. Rev. A. J. Stewart read the burial service, and Mr. Ern Jensen had charge of the funeral arrangements. The cause of death was heart failure.

First Constable Crawford, a member of the Preston police force, is spending his annual leave at Baddaginnie, near Violet Town

Mr. Jas. Lee, 47 years of age, Dalgety street, Preston, died on Monday afternoon, leaving a widow and two daughters. He had been in the employ of the Victorian Railways Department, and was on the staff of the North Melbourne locomotive works for 27 years. He underwent an operation at St. Vincent's Hospital about a week ago. His mother, Mrs. W. White, A. White and two brothers, are well-known residents of Preston. Mrs. Lee sen has been confined to bindness for 15 years.

After a service held at the Sacred Heart Church, Bell street, Preston on Wednesday, the interment took place in the Coburg cemetery. Rev. Fr. Norris of Heidelberg conducting the service at the graveside.

Miss Hilda Gascoigne, Ryde street, West Preston, died on Thursday morning, January 14 at the age of 50 in the Austin Hospital. The remains were cremated at Fawkner Memorial Cemetery on Friday, Rev. A. J. Stewart conducting the service and Mr. Ern Jensen carrying out the funeral arrangements.

Miss J. Downes, Asling street, West Preston, accompanied by Miss E. Rawady, of Normanby avenue, Croxton, is enjoying a holiday cruise to Tasmania, Sydney and Brisbane.

RIFLE SHOOTING

PRESTON CLUB

On Saturday Preston Club fired from 900 yds for the Penman Teams Competition. Preston beat Richmond by 22 points. Scores: Preston 348; Richmond 326. Bicknell won the scratch trophy; B. Jordan won the handicap.

Scores:—A. French 47-2-49; V. Colsh 47-2-49. G. Bignell 46-1-47; B. Jordan, 44-2-47. J. Piggott 42-3-45; G. Carter 43-0-43; H. Court 41-2-43; J. Bradley 41-2-43; F. Nolan 38-2-40; R. Alford 36-2-38.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Christ Jesus" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon at all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, February 26. The golden text is from Colossians 3:16, 17, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; . . and whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached." (Luke 7:22) The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science Textbook "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "In reply to John's query, "Art thou he that should come" Jesus returned an affirmative reply, recounting his works instead of referring to his doctrine, confident that the exhibition of the divine power to heal would fully answer the question." (Page 131.)

GOLF

IVANHOE GOLF CLUB

Saturday's results, Stableford—42 6, Eckersley (14); 37 A Richie (18); 36 C. Clamp (4); 35 S. Moore (2).

Sunday's results: Morning — W. Edgar 4-3 v R. Allwell; L. Duffy 3-2 v H. Sparks jun; W. Hargreas sq. v H. Sloss; R. Wishart 2 up v G. Marshall; S. Williams 3-2 v J. Bethenas; D. Murphy 3-2 v H. Sparks jun. Afternoon — W. Edgar 5-3 v S. Moore; L. Duffy v C. Clamp 2-1; W. Higgins 5-4 v G. Norton; R. Wishart 2-1 v F. Nicholson; S. Williams 3 up v J. Durant; D. Murphy 6-5 v L. Wood.

W. Edgar won the trophy donated by Ivanhoe for the visiting team. His afternoon round of 64 comprised 5,4,3,3,4,3,4,4,3 — 33; 4,4,4,4,3,3,3,4,5 — 31; Total 64.

PRESTON & NORTHCOTE SPORTING ACTIVITIES

JIKA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

HIGHLIGHTS OF SATURDAY'S PLAY

Century To N. Smith (Dennis)

FINE DOUBLE BY WALLY EMMINS (Leeds). Batting 97, Bowling 14/74. Dismisses the whole side (Excelsior 2nd XI) for cost of 56.

Fighting Hand by Pratt (Epping) 25 n.o. and 62 n.o.; Power 10/63; S. Hargreaves 9/25; Hat Trick to D. Hill (Scouts) in taking 3/35.

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D. Hill (0/35) took three wickets in succession against Reservoir P.A.F.S., turning the ball sharply from the off he finished with the "hat trick."

The tenth round was concluded on Saturday. Eight clubs secured outright wins. A very close game ensued between Scouts and Reservoir P.A.F.S., the latter winning outright by one run.

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Pratt (Epping)	n.o. 62
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King (Bell Ramblers)	54
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Bell Ramblers v Sherry Socials. —Bell Ramblers 124 and 145 (McKenzie 71, Clack 28, King 54, an 21. Shore 20; Murray 6/47, L. Murray 5/40) outright by an innings and 2 runs.

Eastview v Broadway Socials—Broadway Socials 173 and 1/24 (S. Fisher 27, E. Fisher 24, Smith 42 and 112, Wright 18, Lee 18, Thompson 14) defeated Eastview 116 and 132 (A. Smith 62 and 29, West 19; Mather 18, Lynch 6/9, E. Fisher 4/38, Keegan 4/33, Gillard 5/74) by 57 runs on the first innings.

Leeds v Excelsior. — Leeds 233 (Emmins 97, Renwick 26, Redfern 24, Bravo 16; Watson 3/42) defeated Excelsior 106 and 98 (Cooper 31, Powell 29, Morris 18, Foster 19; Emmins 4/18 and 10/56) outright by an innings and 19 runs.

East Northcote v Preston Imperials. — Preston Imperials 113 and 61 (Banks 34, Melbourne 20; S. Mackiell 6/26) defeated East Northcote 100 and 35 (Thompson 28) outright by 39 runs.

Scouts v Reservoir P.A.F.S. — Reservoir P.A.F.S. 113 and 70 (P. Brittain 20 and 18, Tressider 34, Fyfe 13, Rowe 25; F. Humphreys 7/56, Langdon 3/17, Norman 2/29, Reys 3/23, D. Hill 3/35 inc. hat trick) defeated Scouts 107 and 76 (Buss 44, F. Humphreys 23, Hill 12, Underhill 22, Tressider 9/47, R. Kent 6/64) outright by one run.

DRAW AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY

Umpires appointed for the 11th round of matches commencing on Saturday next are as follows: —

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B Grade. — Strathalian v Ajax, Lougheed and Sinclair; Braithwaites v Epping, Fisher and Clarke; East Preston v Excelsior, Kean and F. R. Porter; Clifton v Northcote P.A.F.S., Digby and Hastings; Reservoir v Preston Footballers, Howard and Burns; Preston Stars v Northcote A.O.F., A. Porter and Myers.

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Emergencies—Gerrell, O'Keefe, Cooper, Gray, O'Brien.

District Cricket

University v Northcote

On the first day of this match, Northcote declared with 7/294. On the resumption of play on Saturday, University's innings collapsed, only two passing double figures—Loxton 19, and Westmore 18. The score was 107 for 15 runs. Chivers 4/28, Thorn 5/23, and C. Miller 1/8 took the wickets.

Following on, University made a good stand, and by the close of the day had lost 2/139, Loxton 47, Collie 35 not out, Williams 25 not out, being the main run getters. Of the two wickets, Thorn took 1/41 and Chivers 1/24.

Northcote won by 219 runs on the first innings.

District Seconds

Northcote 243 (Dondey 57, Evans 36, Holmes 25) d University 239, by 4 runs on the first innings

Third Elevens

Metropolitan League, — Northcote 295 d University 107 and 4/ (Jeffries 38 not out, Jordan 5/27, Anderson 3/13)

B Section. — Tott Melbourne A 200 (Grimes 64, Vaughan 44, Holmes 4/30) d Northcote 113 and 81 (McLaren 61; Woodward 6/34 inc. hat trick, Dare 4/43).

SUB-DISTRICT

Second Elevens

Preston 134 and 3/150 declared (Robinson 51, Howse 34, Johnson 31) d Williamstown 67 and 4/123 (Self 21. Comben 32, Dalton 39).

THE LODGES

A.N.A., North Section: Collingwood 3/195 declared (Simmonds 74 not out, Kershaw 60) d Preston 57 and 15 (Rodney 11/46 inc. hat trick).

Northcote 140 and 27 (Smith 9/52) d Fitzroy 94 and 3/49.

Sons of Temperance —Northcote 22 and 131 (E. Hannah 49 not out and 6/33) d Preston 62.

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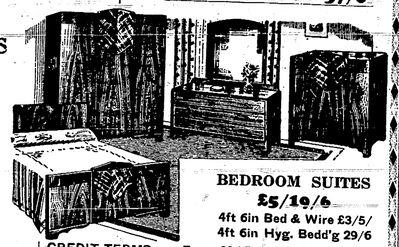

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Plea Of Not Guilty In House Breaking Charge

Following closely upon the hearing of the case of shopbreaking at E. L. Gates' shop in which Lee John Nelson, 22 years, laborer, of Victoria parade, East Melbourne, and his "girl friend," Lorraine Sloane, 21 years waitress of the same address (who are better known as "Mr. and Mrs. Sloane" figured prominently, comes another charge against them.

"Mr. and Mrs. Sloane" appeared before the Northcote Court on February 14, charged with breaking into Dan Robinson's home in Dennis street. The hearing was not concluded when the court adjourned at 5 p.m.

Evidence was given by Daniel Robinson who stated that after spending the evening of November 17 out, and returning home shortly after midnight, he found the back door of his house open. Three rooms had been ransacked, and many articles, including a clock (produced) and practically all his clothes, were taken. The clock in question was definitely in witness' house on the day prior to the housebreaking.

Miss Margaret Kennedy, proprietress of an apartment house in Victoria parade, East Melbourne, said that the two accused engaged a room at her boarding house on January 16 as "Mr. and Mrs. Sloane." The room was occupied by the accused for one week. The clock was not in the room before "Mr. and Mrs. Sloane" took possession.

Detective Thomas stated that at 11.55 p.m. on January 23 in company with other police, he interviewed Nelson and two other men at the Russell street detective office. In reply to Detective O'Keeffe Nelson said that the room in the house at Victoria parade was occupied by him and his "girl friend." Detective Thomas continued "I noticed a clock (produced) on the mantelpiece." Detective O'Keeffe asked to whom the clock belonged. Nelson said that it was his. While other property found in the room was being identified Nelson said "Don't take the clock; it is mine." The clock was placed beside Nelson, who was sitting on a table. Witness saw Nelson put the clock behind him, and then place it behind the blind on the window sill. Nelson was taken to Russell street, and the clock too was taken along. At Russell street, seeing the clock Nelson said "I see you found the clock." O'Keeffe said: "Where did you get it from?" and the reply was "A chap gave it to me." Told that it was similar to a clock stolen from a house in Northcote, and asked what he had to say about that, Nelson again said "A chap gave it to me."

Detective O'Keeffe said "Who was the chap?" and Nelson replied "That's for you to find out."

When Nelson was served with a copy of the information on January 24, after being told that Mr. Robinson identified the clock as being his property, Nelson stated that the clock was not his, but belonged to his "girl friend," and at the same time denied that he had ever claimed it as being his property.

Detective Egerton told the bench of an interview with Lorraine Sloane on February 10 at the detective office at Russell street. Detective Donnelly said to Sloane, "The clock that you claimed at Northcote on January 26 has been identified as the one stolen from Mr. Robinson whose house was broken into between November 17 and 18. Where did you get the clock?" Sloane: "George Nelson gave me the clock three or four weeks before Xmas in Sydney."

Nelson has also claimed this clock. — Well, he give it to me in Sydney where I was living with him.

How long have you been living with him?—I started to live with him just about that time.

Were you living with him before you went to Sydney?—No. I just met him before that. I had only known him a couple of weeks.

Can you tell me where you were on November 17 and 18 last year?. — I do not know, but I was living at Barry street about that time. I am not a housebreaker, whatever else I may be. Did you ask Nelson where the clock came from?—No. Nelson told me he was a transport driver. He was always bringing things home."

You must have known that he was thieving?—No. It is all right to talk like that now that I am caught.

The accused Sloane was then charged.

In cross-examination, Detective Egerton admitted that when first mentioning the clock, Sloane said East Melbourne. On the day on which the house-breaking with which she was charged, occurred, she was in Sydney. She went there on July 23 and did not return until November 21. While she was in Sydney she met a Melbourne man named George Kelsey from whom she bought the clock. That was shortly after his arrival in Sydney. She did not meet Nelson until December 4, the meeting taking place at a house party in King's Cross road. She further stated she did not leave Sydney until New Year's Eve, arriving in Melbourne on New Year's Day. In Melbourne, she went to stay with some people in Barry street, Carlton. She met accused Nelson in Melbourne on January 10 outside a cafe in Russell street. After that, she started to go out with him, and about a week later went to live with him in a house in Albert street, East Melbourne. After staying a week at that address the pair moved to a house in Victoria parade, where they were staying when arrested on a charge of shop-breaking, and in respect of which they had been committed for trial, along with four other men and a girl.

Sloane denied having had anything to do with the housebreaking which was the subject of the charges now before the court, and was emphatic that she had bought the clock from George Kelsie in Sydney. The clock was not in order, and would only go if laid flat on its face.

Cross-examined by Sgt Martin (for the prosecution) Sloane said that during the time she was in Sydney, she was not employed, but was on a holiday, sharing a room with Thelma Ray, who originally came from Brisbane, and who was still in Sydney. During the four months she spent in Sydney, she did not work, but lived on money she had earned prior to going there. She had £35 before she left Melbourne, and on her return had only £3 left. Sharing the room with a girl-friend reduced her part of the rent to 10/ a week. She had only one meal a day, paying about 1/6 for it, and scarcely ever spent any money on clothes. She never saw Detective Donnelly laughed at her when she told him she was in Sydney when the Robinson's home was broken into. She met Kelsie in Sydney about December 2.

Sgt. Martin: "I thought you returned to Melbourne on November 21?"—"So I did, but I went back to Sydney after that."

Lorraine Sloane, aged 22, single waitress, said her last place of residence was Victoria parade.

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The Evidence For The Defence

CASES SENT TO HIGHER COURT

On Friday, February 17 the hearing of further evidence in the case was continued. The evidence of Lorraine Sloane was followed by that of three other witnesses.

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The witness Sloane added that during these three days she stayed in a house in Sweetser street, Carlton, and had her meals at her father's place. On return to Sydney, she went to live at Miller's Point, paying 15/ a week for a room. When she returned to Melbourne the second time, she still had a couple of pounds in her possession.

Sgt. Martin: "Where did you get the money?"—"I worked for it."

"What did you do?"—"Whatever I did was not waitressing."

Witness Breaks Down and Weeps

Witness refused to answer as to what kind of work she was doing in Sydney, but the prosecuting officer pressed for an answer. The bench upheld the refusal of the witness to answer. Continuing, she said that the few days that she stayed in Melbourne after her arrival from Sydney on November 21, she earned £5, but refused to give her occupation during that time. Her second visit to Sydney was not a holiday one. Further questions caused accused to break down and weep bitterly.

When she recovered, the cross-examination continued as to how she obtained the clock, which she said she bought from George Kelsie in Sydney. The clock was not in order, and would only go if laid flat on its face.

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Members please note — Our monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 1939 at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Business: Nominations of office-bearers for the forthcoming year. —Mrs. G. W. Duthie, 44 Hutton street, Thornbury, N.17, Hon. Secretary. Phone JW 3177.*

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONSTITUTION ADOPTED

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Community Singing For Regent Theatre

At a meeting in the Northcote Town Hall on Monday night, February 20, the Provisional Committee presented an account of their stewardship of the affairs of the Northcote District Chamber of Commerce, also the Constitution under which they propose the organisation should in future be conducted. After discussion the Constitution was adopted without alteration and the meeting proceeded to the election of office-bearers for the ensuing twelve months.

In his opening remarks, the provisional chairman (Mr. Ben Hosking) outlined the genesis of the Chamber, and detailed the activities to date. He proffered it as his own and the committee's strong conviction that after four months' experience, their confidence in the Chamber's usefulnss as a civic and public asset was unshaken. Considerable difficulty, lethargy, and in some cases, direct opposition, had been met with, but this was only to be expected, and ultimately, he felt, overcome. The keystone of success was to be found in one short sentence: "Concerted and continued hard work."

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

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