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## Important Announcement !

### Postponement of 1930 Cricket Carnival. Interstate CRICKET Competition.

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Mr. P. Smith, of Adelaide, who was here for a few weeks' holiday, has returned home per S.S. Dimboola, which left Melbourne on Tuesday, 19th August. He was much impressed with our new church and the progress of our various clubs.

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Mr. W. Anderson is at present on road work at Dumbalk, a few miles from Meniyan, Gippsland. He expects work to last for two months. Opportunity was taken to visit Mr. J. McLaurin during week-ends, who happened to live near by.

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Mr. S. Moss has been laid up for some time with a serious illness. We are glad to report that he is now slowly on the mend.

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Mr. J. Moran, of Cairns, Northern Queensland, sent word that he is still doing well there in view of the general outlook being very quiet. He gives his regards to all the Melbourne folk, and we will see that he gets "The Victorian Deaf" in future.

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Miss M. Groves, who met with a very nasty accident through slipping in front of a motor bus, which ran over her leg, inflicting laceration and fracture, is now convalescing at the Caulfield Hospital.

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Mr. H. Wilson returned to Sale on the 31st August, feeling fit, and anxious to start work again after having two months' holiday in Melbourne.

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Mr. Donaldson, of Adelaide, passed through Melbourne on his way to Sydney, and a fortnight later he stayed overnight in Melbourne on return.

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Miss V. West, of Traralgon, was down in town for a week during the Canterbury Daffodil Show. Being an admirer of daffodils, she often entered for competition, and at conclusion of the show, she presented her collection to Mrs. J. M. Johnston, who lost no time in showing them to all who had the keenness to admire.

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Mr. C. Hennessey, of Geelong, motored to Melbourne to witness the semi-final football match, in which his home town club featured successfully against Carlton on the M.C.G. on the 20th September. He expects to be here again in a fortnight's time, when Geelong will meet the winner of the second semi-final match for the final.

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Mr. W. Hateley, of Terang, came to Melbourne one week-end in August last on a trial practice cycle run, in preparation for the Warrnambool to Melbourne road race, which is to be held on 5th

## PERSONAL (continued).

October. It will be a most gruelling race for him (it will be his first try, after some minor road races) and naturally we wish him the best of luck. The handicaps for the Warrnambool-Melbourne Road Race, to be held on the 5th October, are out, and we have noted that Mr. W. Hateley has been allotted 52 minutes off scratch.

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Mr. A. Hateley, of Terang, brother of W. Hateley, visited the lacrosse final between Coburg and Malvern, and went back home well pleased to have seen the successful culmination of the season's programme by the Coburg team, in which three of our deaf boys were the star performers.

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Mr. Herbert Mark, of Smeaton, Victoria (hearing) was married to Miss Florrie Tyzzer, of Creswick, at our new church, on the 21st August, by Rev. Goss, of the Holy Trinity Church, East Melbourne.

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Mr. R. White is back with us after having been shooting in the country for some time, and reported a poor catch there.

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Mr. S. Ferguson is again with us after the Show. We think he holds the record amongst the country deaf for being most consistent in attending the Melbourne Royal Show for a number of years.

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Mrs. G. Damman, of Warburton, has done a good deal of motoring since she received her licence, and just loves it, though the roads in the district are ever winding in sharp curves and frequently in hairpin curves and up and down steep hills. She is looking forward to making long trips over the mountains next summer. She has joined the Mothers' Club in connection with the local State school, and is, and has been for many years, a member of the Church of England Ladies' Guild.

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Mrs. J. E. Muir, of Warburton, has been playing in the ladies' golf competition nearly every week during the winter, and has come out at the top three times so far, but is honest enough to say she receives rather a high handicap. She generally plays with Miss Florrie Blair, who, some of the readers will remember, was in office at the Deaf Centre, Flinders Street, many years ago. She is proving herself a good interpreter in the finger language.

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Mr. H. Mackenzie is leaving for Maffra shortly to take up work for the Water Commissioners, and hopes for a long spell of employment.

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Mr. R. Stewart, of Bolinda, spent a most enjoyable day at the Show on Show Day, 25th September, and was present at the Cricket Club Social, held the same evening.

**PERSONAL** (continued).

Mr. C. A. Buck wrote again congratulating the Coburg Lacrosse Club on attaining the premiership, and its deaf playing members, whose account will be found elsewhere. Mr. Buck joined the Benambra Cricket Club, who played an enjoyable match against Omeo, and the next match will be against Swift Creek.

Death of Famous Film "Star."—Lon Chaney, the famous film actor, known as "The man with a thousand faces," died at Los Angeles on Tuesday, 26th August. He was forty-seven years old. He married Hazel Bennett and had a son, who is now married. His parents were deaf, and he always maintained that it was from them he inherited his sense of pantomime. Perhaps his best known part is that of Quasimodo, in the immensely popular picture, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

Mr. J. D. Brook, of Longwood, wrote expressing his appreciation of our magazine, "The Victorian Deaf," and renewed his subscription; this is indeed very encouraging, and we feel sure that many of the deaf will follow his example.

Mr. J. W. Booth passed away on the 5th September, and had been an instructor at the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution for twenty-seven years. He was privately interred in Melbourne Cemetery, aged eighty-two years.

**BIRTHS.**

On the 10th September, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bladier, of Hawksburn—a son.

On the 13th September, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson, of Oakleigh—a son.

**USE YOUR VOICE.**

Among the adult deaf of to-day are many who were taught to speak "orally" and to "read the lips" at school, but who, after leaving school, allowed these precious gifts, or ability to speak "orally," to fade away or become unintelligible.

It is partly the fault of the "deaf" themselves for not "following up" their early training by seeking lessons from experts or enlisting the aid of their old teachers for after-school lessons in "lip-reading."

On the other hand, no facilities are provided by the State, councils or municipalities here for continuing this important instruction in "oral-speech" and "speech-reading" from the lips for the benefit of the deaf, after they have left their ordinary schooling and seek to earn their livelihood.

In Europe and U.S.A., with the co-operation of teachers and local councils, the State provides free of charge, continuation classes in lip-reading and oral instruction for all who seek it. What a boon! It is time the Governments in the various States of Australia followed

**USE YOUR VOICE** (continued).

suit and provided similar facilities for our young deaf men and maidens, especially those classes as deafened or hard of hearing.

There are a number of hard of hearing folk, too, in Victoria, whom the writer has met, who would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity to obtain free tuition in lip-reading.

Here is where the Adult Deaf Society could attract this section by catering for their special needs in this direction, either by providing the facilities required themselves, or persuading the State to provide free evening classes for the teaching of lip-reading and practice classes in oral-speech.

In most other parts of the world, especially U.S.A., there are a great many leagues, clubs, and federations for the deafened on "oral" lines, whose members rely entirely on lip-reading and oral-speech. So clever are hundreds of deaf persons at "reading the lips" that ordinary hearing folk are often amazed when told by the lip-reader that not one spoken word was heard.

Amongst the writers correspondents are hard of hearing citizens of most countries, including leaders of several leagues, ring-letters, federations, and clubs, who are enthusiastic and loud in their praise of the advantages of "lip-reading."

Unless the Adult Deaf Societies in Australia cater for this growing section of the deaf in the way they desire, it is safe to assume that the deafened or hard of hearing section of the deaf community will unite and form separate organisations of their own in each State as branches of one united federation, the same as exists in America, Canada and Europe to-day.

Therefore, the claims of the hard of hearing, or deafened, of Victoria should not be passed by with indifference, if ALL adult deaf are to remain united and under ONE banner.

To understand each other fully, "manualists" and "oralists" must come together and unite, for whether one were born deaf, become deaf, or hard of hearing, the fact remains, they are ALL DEAF. Remember that. In unity is strength. If divided, we fall.

To those deaf folk who can speak I say, It is important to "USE YOUR VOICE" if you wish to retain your speech. It is very important that those of us who still retain our speech should strive to cultivate it by every means in our power. It makes all the difference in the world, either at home or while travelling, or mingling with hearing people anywhere. A person who can neither hear nor speak is in a much worse case than one who can speak, but cannot hear.

To be deaf and dumb is to be practically helpless amongst hearing people, whereas if you can speak you can, to some extent, bridge the gap that divides you from the hearing. I fear that the deaf are too apt to allow the precious gift of speech to be frittered away by making use of nods and other gestures when they will serve.

"Gestures" are the natural means of communication by the DUMB, and always will be, but those who can speak "orally" should "use their voice" and conquer the habit of "gesturing" to hearing

**USE YOUR VOICE** (continued).

persons. Those of the deaf who can speak should be thankful and do so at every opportunity. There is human companionship where there is the sound of the voice, when the hearing fraternise with the deaf. It is most trying for a hearing person, not understanding finger spelling or signs, to be asked a question in gestures by a deaf friend who can, but will not, speak "orally." Even if the former understands the manual alphabet and sign language, it is for the deaf who can speak "orally" to do so and to speak as loudly as he can. His hearing friends are content to do all the finger spelling or writing necessary, and they will tell him if he is speaking too loudly. Yes, making frequent use of the voice will help you to minimise your handicap. And so will the art of speech or lip-reading. It is to be hoped facilities will soon be provided here to enable the adult deafened to learn lip-reading free of charge, and thus come into line with other countries. Then there are other means to help the "deafened," not yet adopted in Australia, and which I will refer to in a future article notably the provision of "head-phones" in our new Church for the Deaf.

These and similar "real aids" for the deaf can only be obtained by the cool breezes of publicity and co-operation of ALL sections of the deaf community. —W. H. Crush.

**LIP-READING CHAMPIONSHIP OF U.S.A.**

The American Leagues and Organisations for the Hard of Hearing hold a national conference every summer. One of the features each year is the contest for the title of Lip-Reading Champion of U.S.A., which attracts contestants from all parts of the United States and Canada. This year the honor was won by Miss E. Parry, of New York, after a close contest.

The title carries with it a large sterling silver cup, which is held by the winner for a year, and was presented for competition first in 1925 by Mr. W. O. Smith.

If the trophy is eventually won three times by the same person, who is a member of a club, it becomes the outright property of that club, then a new cup will be provided for further competition.

—Sent by W.H.C.

**BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.**

The Billiard Tournament has been in progress for some time during the winter months, and many exciting finishes were witnessed. To date, Ivan Guthrie has qualified for the final. It is expected that either Les Owen or Don Johnston will be his opponent. I. Guthrie and W. McMillen are, so far, leading in the record break score of 31.

**THE YOUNG LADIES' GUILD.**

Aesop's Fables and their meanings were read by Mrs. T. Peters at the Guild on Tuesday evening, 9th September, and were much appreciated. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th October. The members will start sewing work next November, for sale of work purposes, under the auspices of the Guild.

**THE YOUNG MEN'S GUILD.**

On 12th August, Mr. E. Johnson entertained the Guild with an excellent paper entitled "Mind Your Own Business," which was well received.

On 26th August, a debate was arranged between Mr. E. Johnson (for) and Mr. E. R. Noble (against) on that interesting question, "Is there a life after death?" The debate was so evenly contested that the chairman was unable to give a decision.

On 9th September, "Shearing Time" was described by Mr. W. Crush, from his experience in travelling through the outback sheep country, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

On 30th September, the "Question Box" was a most attractive item on the programme of the evening, and proved to be a great instructive treat to all present.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**—Mr. Blamire Young, "The Herald" art critic, has kindly promised to give the Guild a lecture on "Artists" on Tuesday evening, 14th October, at 8 p.m. It is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance, and hearing friends are cordially invited to the lecture.

**DEAF WORKERS' CLUB.**

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Workers' Club was held on the evening of 5th August. The President, Mrs. Frewin, presided, and was disappointed at the meagre attendance of members, numbering only 18 out of 98 on the membership roll.

The question of postponing the meeting until a suitable date was raised on account of the small attendance, but the meeting decided to carry on.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Frewin; Vice-President, Mr. Frewin; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. H. Lambert; Hon. Treasurer, Miss Hawkins; Committee, Mrs. Ashby, Mrs. Swain, Messrs. Mortimer, W. Ashby and V. Tyzzer.

A light supper, provided by the Committee, terminated a most pleasant meeting.

**CRICKET CLUB.**

The annual meeting of the Victorian Adult Deaf Cricket Club was held on the evening of 2nd September, when the annual report and balance-sheet were read and confirmed. The election of office-bearers were as follows:—President, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. H. Crush, G. Mortimer and F. Rees; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Ashby; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. Ashby; Committee, Messrs. L. Sutton, W. Anderson, R. Beattie and J. O'Gorman. It was unanimously agreed that our club enter a team into the V.J.C.A. third grade competition, which began its season on the 27th September.

The Cricket Club held a social evening on Show Day, 25th September, in aid of the club's funds. There was a good turnout and a very pleasant evening was spent. Many games were arranged and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Messrs. J. M. Johnston and W. Ashby were both responsible for the success of this function.

### INTERSTATE CRICKET CARNIVAL.

Information has been received from the Australian Deaf Cricket Association that the forthcoming cricket carnival is to be postponed until December, 1931, owing to acute financial depression amongst the deaf clubs in Australia.

The first intimation received by the A.D.C. Association for its postponement was made by South Australia, who explained its position, and enquiries were then made of other States. New South Wales stated that it is in the same position as South Australia, and agreed that it would be wiser to postpone the competition. Tasmania declined and stated that it is prepared to come. Victoria, very much disappointed at the turn of events, considering only one match would rob the competition of interest, and adverse comment may arise if carried out.

Attention is drawn to a clause in the rules of the Association which states that the MATCHES SHALL BE PLAYED AT ANY CONVENIENT TIME TO SUIT THE STATES CONCERNED, and so in these circumstances, the Association has no alternative but to announce that the carnival be postponed until December, 1931.

### THE GIRLS' HOCKEY CLUB.

The practice game of hockey, being played by our deaf girls, under the supervision of the Y.W.C.A., has just concluded, and by the progress of practice, our girls show promise for next season's regular match fixture on the field. Our girls will have a private wind-up "social" shortly, and hope for a successful evening.

### TENNIS CLUB.

The Tennis Club is going steady in view of the difficulties which it has lately gone through. It is very pleasing to notice the improvement in play of younger members, who show promise for the Victorian Championship, to be held at Christmas, and they will have the likelihood of winning a trophy. Any deaf tennis player wishing to enter the championship competition should ask for particulars from the hon. secretary. Entries close on 20th December.

H. Puddy, Hon. Sec.

On 13th September, 1930, our team was beaten by Wraysbury, 45 games to 39 games—a good match. On 20th September, 1930, Hartley defeated us very comfortably, 54 games to 18 games. On 27th September, 1930, Amphion A defeated us by 45 games to 33 games. On 4th October, 1930, London Stores proved to be more experienced, defeating us by 51 games to 21.

### "ZEAL."

Zeal in worthy efforts is not as common a quality as it should be, but whatever our society does towards the encouragement of zeal it does willingly.

### ZEAL (continued).

One often meets a young fellow who is not enthusiastic about anything in particular, except, perhaps, in having too much of a good time; one who cannot be brought to see the emptiness and selfishness of his existence without a little livening up process, he should take an interest in doing something useful; something that gives pleasure or service to others as well as to himself. He should realise that time lost can never be reclaimed, and that he has it in his power to make or find opportunities just as others have done.

He should realise that now is the time to be up and doing, and with the first sparks of zeal will be noted an improvement in his work and play.

Taking a real interest in everything that engages his attention, he will not only give a good account of himself, but will feel a growing desire not to be dependent on others.

He will feel self-expression develop, vision widen, and experience a satisfied sense of something well done.

It is difficult to conceive a more laudable desire than to make a good job of whatever business one has in hand.

Such a desire is zeal that will stand one in good stead throughout life.

—L. S. Sutton.

### COSMOPOLITAN CLUB BUDGET.

Some of the readers will be interested to hear that the Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club budget has just been received and despatched to South Africa. It was started by Mrs. J. E. Muir, and has circled the world every eight or nine months for sixteen years. Its members are all deaf and live in different countries. Their letters are always deeply interesting and instructive. The budget of letters on this round will pass in order to South Africa, England, Isle of Wight, Norway, Canada, the United States, and back to Australia. As it comes around each member substitutes a new letter for the old which is abstracted, so that the packet is ever fresh. It may be stated that Mrs. Muir is also a member of the Portia Correspondence Club (hearing), which was founded by an American girl thirty years ago and is still going strong. Most of the members had married and have grown-up families. They continue to keep in touch with one another and to be greatly interested in the "club" children, as they are called. And in all these years hardly any of the members have ever met. Truly it is a wonderful little club.

International correspondence is a great thing for deaf people who desire to improve and broaden their minds. How very delightful it would be to see several correspondence deaf clubs being formed and new friends made in this way. Who will now start them?

[Editorial Note.—Mr. W. H. Crush informs me that he is, and has been for some time, a member of various international ring letters for deaf people, and finds them very interesting indeed.]

## N.S.W. DEAF AND DUMB CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

In submitting the first annual report of the N.S.W. Association of Deaf and Dumb Citizens, held in David Jones's Auditorium, Sydney, on the evening of July 23, 1930, the Rev. E. J. Davidson, a Vice-President, who occupied the chair, remarked that the report "was a complete justification for the work of the Association, and the results obtained are magnificent."

There was a large attendance of the deaf and their friends, and remarkable enthusiasm and interest was shown by all in their own affairs.

"This new spirit proved," continued Rev. Davidson, "that the formation of this association was needed and was a long-felt want, that was satisfied when you, as deaf and dumb citizens, decided to take steps to secure your rights and privileges, and that measure of freedom, that is necessary for the development of personality." (Applause.)

Gratification was expressed for the excellent support that had enabled them to end their first year with a credit balance in hand of over £300.

The report expresses thanks to all those who had given support.

After the meeting, dancing and a two-scene play, "Love Will Find a Way," was presented by members of the Association.

—"Sydney Morning Herald."

We shall be glad to hear from time to time the doings of the deaf of the other States, and greatly welcome current news and interesting articles respecting the welfare of the deaf in other States' daily papers sent to us for publication in our issues.

Word has just been received that Mr. G. Thomas was awarded a prize for the best title for the Tasmanian news-letter. The title will be hereafter called "The Tasmanian Silent Gazette," which is expected to be out by December next. Although the cricket carnival is postponed, a few Tasmanian tourists will pay Melbourne a visit.

—W.H.C.

## A MESSAGE TO YOU.

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