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Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P., President of our Society, has had the Order of the White Lion conferred upon him by the President of the Republic of Czechoslovakia. Mr. Peacock is the Consul for Victoria.

The Order of the White Lion was created by the National Assembly of the Czechoslovak Republic when the independence of the republic was regained. It is the only order of the Czechoslovak Republic, and is being conferred exclusively by the President of the republic on distinguished citizens of foreign countries whom the President desires to honour personally.

**ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.**

There was an exceptionally large attendance at the annual meeting of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, held in the old council chamber of the Town Hall, Melbourne, on Monday, May 25. The Lord Mayor, Cr. Luxton, M.L.A., presided, and the speakers were Mr. Eugene Gorman, K.C., and Mr. E. R. Peacock, J.P. The report fully outlined the objective of the Society, and gave, in some detail, the difficulties of the year just closed. Although expenses have been reduced, there is still an overdraft of £1,200 and £11,000 owing on the Jolimont property.

The office-bearer elected were: President, Mr. E. R. Peacock; Vice-President, Mr. E. Gorman, K.C.; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. J. Oehr; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Cleveland; Committee, Messrs. N. Armstrong, J.P., A. E. Atherton, G. Fethers, F. E. Frewin, M. J. Hoath, E. Johnson, Cr. E. L. Morton, G. Newnham, E. H. Peacock and S. E. Watkin.

**EXTRACTS FROM THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.**

**Deaf Committee.**—The Board desires here to give recognition to the Deaf Committee for their valuable service during the past twelve months. Their co-operation in matters pertaining to the deaf has been of great assistance. The whole of the services, gatherings, classes and club arrangements are under their supervision, and it is to their credit that this work has been most successfully and harmoniously carried out.

**Life-Saving.**—On December 3, Mr. R. Myers, of the Live-Saving Society, gave a demonstration of life-saving at the Blackburn Home, which was interpreted to the staff and the more intelligent deaf residents.

**Unemployed.**—In the city and suburbs alone we have about forty unemployed; some have had no work for twelve months. Many are married with children, who, prior to the depression, were in comfortable even happy circumstances, with homes partly paid for. Many of these doubly afflicted but proudly independent fellow citizens are now compelled to accept what help they can obtain.

**Self-Help.**—Notwithstanding the large number of unemployed, the deaf of Victoria have given the sum of £140 towards the church furnishings, £59 to the ordinary church offertory, £13 to the Hospital Sunday Fund, and various small sums to efforts undertaken by the different clubs.

**OUR HOCKEY GIRLS.**

If you know of a sweeter or better equipped team of hockey girls than our deaf girls, officially known as "The Limes," then tell us where to find them, for, until we see them, we will not believe they exist.

Scarcely a Saturday afternoon passes without some complimentary remark being made about the appearance of our team on the field. We are not going to say they play a wonderful game, for they still have a fair bit to learn, but each Saturday sees them improving, and they must succeed, for their energy and enthusiasm is unbounded.

Elsie Stephens, the Secretary of the Club, simply radiates happiness, while Mab. Dow, as Captain, is always trying to get the best out of the team.

To augment the funds of the Hockey Club a social is held at our Centre on the fourth Thursday of the month. We are not going to cry "depression" and "out of work"—we leave that for the other folk—but all the same, there are some who, just now, need a helping hand for fees, etc., and that is where the club steps in.

The last social, on May 28, more than held its own in popularity and financial success. The programme was arranged and carried out by Elsie Stephens and Mab. Dow, assisted by the rest of the team. The President of the club, Mrs. Peacock, came along and donated two prizes for the competition. The winners were Elsie Stephens and Joe Retallick. There was a large attendance and, in the enjoyment of the evening, time was forgotten, and all too soon a rush had to be made for trains and trams to get us home before the clock struck twelve.

**ON A SKY TRIP TO TASMANIA.**

By H. Puddy (Deaf).

Unperturbed by heavy rains and fear, caused by the missing air liner "Southern Cloud," with other passengers, at 7.30 a.m. I boarded the waiting 'bus at the General Post Office, which was to take us to the Essendon Aerodrome, where the "Southern Moon" was in preparation for a flight to Tasmania. After warming the engines to action, we entered the cosy cabin which accommodated eight passengers. Later the pilot, with a cheery smile, came and took control of the engines.

Whirr, whirr! The engine roared across the paddocks, and the liner turned round against the wind and raced along. We had a bumpy start off, but soon it began to soar above the ground and over the aerodrome, and I felt confident that I was to have an enjoyable ride to Tasmania, though it was my first experience in the air.

Soon Melbourne disappeared, and in a few minutes we came along the beach that led to Wilson's Promontory, and from there the "Southern Moon" flew across the sea. The panoramic view of the promontory and rock islands was a great sight. I could not help thinking the rocks would be terribly cruel if the "Southern Moon" fell on them, but whirr, whirr! the danger was over and we sped on

over the sea for one and a quarter hours. It was rather a monotonous ride; but at last the dark line in the distance grew bigger every moment, and very soon Tasmania appeared. The "Southern Moon" flew to a height of 5,500 feet to clear the mountain tops.

I admired the beautiful scenery at the head of the Tamar River and the sea along the beaches. Flying along above the Tamar River we sighted the "Nairana." The boat looked the size of a toy in a shop window.

We sped on over the city of Launceston, on to the Western Junction Aerodrome, eight miles away from Launceston. After circling the aerodrome we landed safely, and it did not take me long to hope out and into a waiting 'bus that took us to Launceston, where my friend was waiting for me.

I was enamoured by the rapidity of air travel, and decided it was well worth the cost of the fare. We had come from Melbourne to Tasmania in three hours. It was a great trip.

As far as we know Harry Puddy is the first deaf person to fly across the sea. If not, then the Editor would like to know who is; so just drop him a line telling him all about it.

We know Mr. Thomas, of Tasmania, and Mr. Crush recently enjoyed flight in the "Southern Sky" in Tasmania, that the latter has also flown in Melbourne, and Mr. Driscoll and Mr. W. H. Crush in Sydney.

#### MEN'S GUILD.

On April 14, Mr. R. H. Lambert entertained the members with a paper on "Greek Mythology," which was very interesting.

On April 28, Mr. Bennell, owner of the "Oimara," told us some very thrilling yachting experiences. His lecture was so realistic that we imagined we were with him racing in Bass Strait and the Tasman Sea. It was a great night and hearty thanks were given to Mr. Bennell.

Another evening Mr. Cameron, President of the Trades Hall Council, gave a very interesting talk on the fiduciary issue. He explained it from all sides, and was kept busy answering eager questions long after his address had finished. We much appreciated the opportunity to hear firsthand the much-discussed topic of conversation.

On May 26, Dr. Edith Barrett sent along a film, "The Gift of Life," and attended in person to explain the questions that naturally arose after viewing the film. It was quite out of the ordinary, and most wonderful. All present were given much to think about and marvel over.

#### WOMEN'S GUILD.

On March 10, at the monthly meeting of the above Guild, the President, Mrs. T. Peters, read an interesting papare on "A Speck of Dust."

On April 14, Doris Hickey told some interesting and very amusing stories about "Quick Re-marriages." There was a large attendance and a jolly evening was spent.

May 12 brought the Annual Meeting of the Guild. After the report and balance-sheet, showing good progress for the year, had

been read and adopted, the President gave a short address to the members. Following that, the election of office-bearers took place, and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. T. Peters (unopposed); Vice-President, Miss E. Empson (unopposed); Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Treasurer, Miss A. Smith; Committee, Mrs. F. E. Frewin, Mrs. J. Boortz, Misses Rose and Mabel Dow, and E. Reade. Mrs. Taylor, formerly Iris Boortz, of Melbourne, was present, and all joined in welcoming her back home. Supper put the finishing touch to a happy and most harmonious evening.

#### AN APPRECIATION.

Now that I am Editor for the "Victorian Deaf," I am going to try and say what all of us feel and think about those who work for our Society and for our benefit.

Our Superintendent, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, is very seldom absent from the Society Centre, simply because his presence is urgently required almost every day. His duties are manifold. Despite his advancing years, he always goes about among us all with a cheery smile and kindly encouragement. Owing to the continued depression in trade, many deaf members are ever on the lookout for him, seeking succour, sympathy and practical help, and, thanks to his large heart, none are turned away without some relief. As a result of his courageous appeal for funds, Miss Alice Graham (our fairy godmother) has been most generous in helping the unemployed. Mr. Abraham has got an interesting magazine called the "Deaf Citizen" which the deaf are able to sell and make a profit after all expenses are paid, for the benefit of unemployed members. With the further profits from No. 2 issue of the "Deaf Citizen" (which is full of good reading) Miss Graham's gift and others, we are hoping our unemployed will be able to get through the cold winter, without too much suffering. We do not know what we would do without our Principal, who is always fighting well and hard for us. We are very grateful to him, and wish him continued success.

Everyone knows too that "Jim" (Mr. J. Johnston), as he is fondly called by the deaf, both ladies and gentlemen, is overworked from before breakfast in the morning until after the meetings at night. His sympathy and advice are sought all day long, and one wonders how he can stand the bombardment of questions all day long without losing his good temper. He leads and helps a great deal with the unemployed, and also in the various club circles. He is one of the strongest supporters of the Men's Guild.

Then there is Miss Empson, who has no time to sing and dance; but, like the others, always keeps a smiling face. She controls the office affairs of the Society, and is responsible for the interests of the ladies. She is Secretary of our Blackburn Home and Farm Committee, looks after the ladies' sporting clubs, is Vice-President of and takes a great interest in the Women's Guild. Her duties are numerous and very heavy, but she is always there ready and willing to help whenever she is wanted. I could keep on writing and then not do justice to those who do so much for us. I must stop, or there will not be any space in the "Victorian Deaf" for other news.

EDWIN JOHNSON, Secretary of the Deaf Committee.

## LACROSSE NEWS.

The lacrosse season is now in full swing, and our boys have settled down to work in earnest. They are making good progress, considering that the team has been placed a grade higher (A section) to that of last season.

The first match of the season was held on April 18, when they were pitted against the last season premiers of the B section—Y.M.C.A.—on the Amateur Sports Ground, which proved a “hoodoo” to our side. Our players were slow in picking up their form, and the result was greatly in Y.M.C.A.’s favour. They scored 21 goals to 9. Geo. McGuinness and W. Anderson, 3 goals each; G. Turnley, W. McMillen and L. Owen, 1 each.

On May 2, gradually gaining form, they defeated the Camberwellites on their ground, scoring 12 goals to 7. Our sharpshooters were: G. Henry, 6; G. McGuinness, 3; A. Stephens, I. Guthrie and L. Walsh, 1 each.

On May 9, Malvern, last season’s A section premiers, were too good for us, and they scored 12 goals to 5. G. Henry, 3; W. Anderson, 2, were most effective for our side.

On May 23, having gained strength and with the acquisition of G. Henry, they were enabled to check the winning run of Artillery. The scores were 14 to 10, in our favour. G. Henry, 6; G. McGuinness, 3; W. Anderson and E. Raines, 2 each; R. White, 1.

On May 30, they drew with Box Hill—7 goals each side. W. Anderson, 4, and G. Henry, 3 goals.

A very happy social evening, to augment the club’s funds, were held on May 14, when many novel, as well as amusing, games were introduced and greatly enjoyed.

## CRICKET CLUB PICNIC.

A very happy “wind up” of the cricket season was held on Easter Monday, April 6, when the cricket club staged a picnic at Black Rock. It was well patronised by our deaf visitors from the country, and a most enjoyable time spent. Everyone entered into the games with much vim and enthusiasm. At 3 p.m. anxious eyes were cast across the Bay towards the western horizon, where dark storm clouds were gathering, and by 4.30 rain was plainly visible approaching very fast, so all “broke camp” and made a dash for trams and trains. The majority made for the Centre, where tea was partaken of, and after that games and conversation indulged in.

## GOOD NEWS.

According to the April number of the “Silent Messenger,” the N.S.W. Cricket Club is preparing for the Christmas Carnival, to be held in Melbourne. The club is fast raising funds to meet the cost of travelling expenses. They intend to keep the Ernest J. D. Abraham Challenge Shield.

The Tasmanians have the same aspirations, and we know the Victorians are going hard to get it back. If the Queensland and South Australian teams join in, then everything will be complete, and

the onlookers should see some good contests. We hear the other teams are also gathering funds to be spent on travelling expenses, etc.

We Victorians wish them all the best of good luck, and hope to see a big muster here.

## BADMINTON.

A happy evening was spent at our centre, when the Ivanhoe Badminton Club accepted an invitation to play a series of matches with us. A scratch team was formed amongst the deaf, and, as it was our first try against an outside club, it was very encouraging when we finished winners. Eight games were played, five were won and three lost—140 points to 130. At the termination of the games the visitors were entertained to supper. It is expected that a return match will be arranged in the near future, played at the Ivanhoe club house.

## OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mr. A. Tyzzer returned home after eleven weeks’ work with the Country Roads Board round the Alexandra district, looking very well and much healthier. He enjoyed the open air life and hopes to have another turn very soon. The district where he worked abounds in beauty spots, and he made my excursions to them on Sundays with his fellow workmates.

Mr. Gillett, of Irymple, Mr. Waters Walters, of Leitchville, and Mrs. Rawson, of Perth, W.A., have been here since the last issue of our “Victorian Deaf.”

Mrs. M. Cross has been an inmate of St. Vincent’s Hospital for some weeks. She had an operation in the region of the left eye. She is now an out-patient, and we are pleased to say getting on nicely.

Mr. Freeman, of Albury, paid us a call one night while a social evening was being held. We were glad to see him.

Mrs. W. Rees, of Wonthaggi, was down for a week at the end of May, and looks very well.

Jack McLaurin, of Meniyan, Gippsland, when writing to one of the Melbourne deaf, said he will be in town during the month of June, and is very anxious to have a “go” with our lacrosse boys in their matches. He states that he is always busy on the farm.

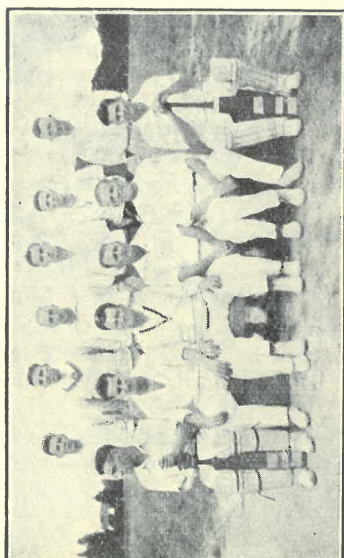
Mrs. J. Boortz has returned home after a lengthy stay with her daughter, Mrs. Taylor, in Sydney, where she had a grand time. Mrs. Taylor accompanied her mother home, and stayed for three weeks. We all were pleased to see her again.

A very appreciative letter was received from Mr. H. Smith, of Myall, of the last two copies of the “Victorian Deaf.” He says he, his wife and child are all doing well, and were to have made the trip down south, but decided to wait till times were better. They send their kind remembrances to all Melbourne deaf folk.

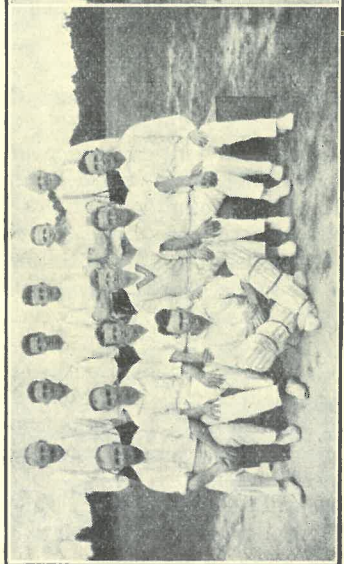
Mr. G. A. Paqualin, of Cottlesloe Beach, W.A., sent £1 for a subscription to the “Victorian Deaf,” and also spoke in appreciative terms. He regretted to hear the passing away of so many of our

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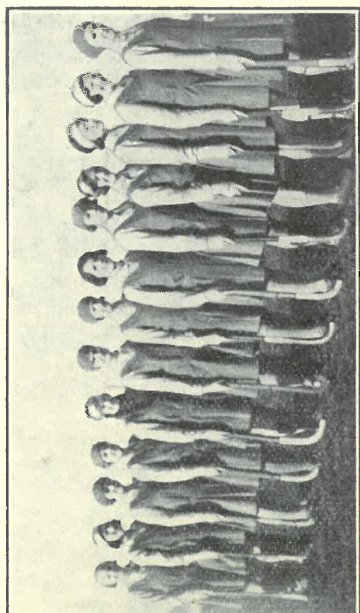
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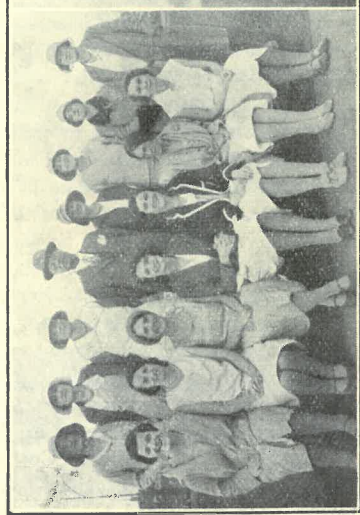
Country Deaf Cricket Team.



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Deaf Girls' Hockey Club.



Deaf Women's Guild Picnic.

Mr. L. Smith, of Burnley, was joined in holy matrimony to Miss Lottie Cottom, of Richmond, on May 2, by Rev. E. Frewin.

In order to test his prowess as a long distance roller skater, W. Hately, of Terang, made a record of four hours at the Mechanics' Institute some time ago. At the end of the spin his feet began to show signs of the strain. At times a speed of twelve miles an hour was attained, and it is estimated that a distance of about thirty-five miles was covered. Several local enthusiasts intend to try to beat this record.

Mrs. A. Piper, of Geelong, has accepted the position of Hon. Secretary to the Geelong Branch of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, and has already rendered most useful service.

The W.A. deaf notes tells us that Mrs. Smith, of Perth, recently flew from Adelaide to the former city, which is perhaps the longest distance flown by any deaf and dumb person in Australia, and we believe Mrs. Smith is the first deaf lady to have travelled by air.

Mr. Ching visited his old school chum John McGonigal at our Blackburn Home, and both spent a very pleasant time together.

Mr. L. Ching, of Linton, is at present holidaying in Melbourne, and thoroughly enjoying himself. It is twenty years since he was here with his deaf friends, and is astounded at the progress of Melbourne. Electric trams and trains are a wonder to him, and especially does he like the Deaf Society's buildings at Jolimont Square. The church has pleased him very much and, in a letter to his brother, Mr. R. Ching, said he is very glad to have the opportunity to attend divine service and is enjoying Mr. Abraham's preaching.

To further add to his enjoyment, Mr. A. Aird very kindly invited Mr. Ching and Mr. Edwin Johnson (with whom Mr. Ching is staying) for a day's outing. First they visited the Regent Theatre and, after partaking of a nice dinner, were shown Melbourne and suburbs from the roof of the T. & G. Insurance Building.

The next attraction for them was the fire brigade's display at Eastern Hill, and once again they had a splendid view, this time from the lookout tower at the fire station. No need to say they enjoyed themselves very much, for we know they did.

#### DEAF SCHOOL NEWS.

St. Kilda Road, Prahran, Victoria.

The Matron, Miss Marvel, and her staff work very hard for the welfare of the children, and the fact that the doctors who examined the pupils recently stated that they were the best cared for and cleanest lot of children they had examined for some time past, is certainly evidence of the response of the children to the kindness shown to them. Every boy and girl should do their best to maintain this high standard.

A magnificent miniature golf course was donated to the Institution by Mr. C. Joseph. It has been erected and is now in full swing.

For year to come this will provide untold enjoyment for the children, who all thank Mr. Joseph very much.

After many years of faithful service at the St. Kilda Deaf School, Miss Knox has been obliged to resign on account of ill health.

—From the "Deaf Children's Chronicle."

#### DEAF PUBLICATIONS.

The little deaf paper family continues to grow in number. We have before us magazines from all the States except Queensland, including one from the Victorian School for the Deaf.

"The Tasmanian Silent Gazette" has quite a lot about the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas' and Keith and Jessie Best's visit to Victoria.

#### BIRTHS.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, on December 10, 1930.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Tyzzer, on April 22, 1931.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt, of Red Hill, on May 26, 1931.

Our congratulations to the happy parents.

#### OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. H. Gladman at the Warragul Hospital on April 10. Always a lover of the bush country, he spent the last few years there fossicking for gold and tin. And it was while away that he contracted an illness which resulted in his death. His family have our sympathy.

#### "THE VICTORIAN DEAF."

E. Johnson, Editor; H. Puddy, Manager. News, etc., should be addressed to the Editor, subscriptions and orders to the Manager, "The Victorian Deaf," Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.

#### REGULAR MEETINGS.

Church for the Deaf, Jolimont Square—Sundays, 7 p.m., Divine Worship. Thursdays, 8 p.m., Prayer and Lesson.

The Home, Blackburn—Sunday, 3 p.m., Service.

Geelong—First Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., Service and Social.

The Deaf Club House, Jolimont—Open daily, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Guild Meetings, etc. Thursdays, 8.15 p.m., Principal's Night. Saturdays, Socials, Library, Billiards.

For Tennis, Cricket, Lacrosse and Hockey Club announcements, see notice board. Office, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for assistance and advice. Sickness and emergency ring W5440 after 5 p.m.

#### "DO UNTO OTHERS . . ."

"Sitting by a warm fire to-night, it seemed to me that it was an obvious duty of those who have ample means to supply food and shelter to others who have neither. If such brotherly action were more general, want would soon disappear."