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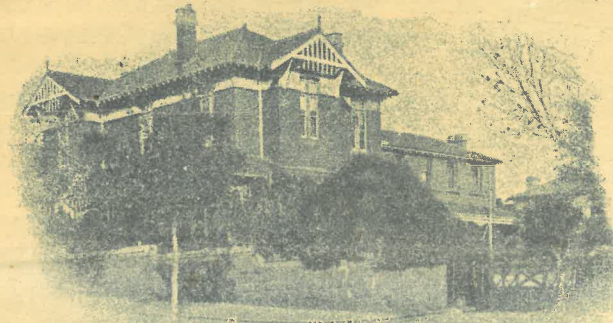
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CUP DAY PIC-NIC.

Nov. 6th will soon be here. Where shall we spend the day?

THE SYDNEY DEAF.

The Sydney deaf have been in the limelight for some years past and still continue to enjoy uninterrupted publicity. Almost daily one or other of the Sydney papers contains a report of efforts to raise money either on behalf of the school or the Adult Society. It seems only but yesterday the newly established Adult Deaf Society was making a terrific struggle to exist at all, today, through the wonderful organising of Mrs Charles and the keen business ability of Mr Lonsdale, the Society owns a property worth upwards of £30,000 right in the centre of the city. On the resignation of Mrs Charles, another lady of exceptional ability, Mrs Gore Jones, took up the work. Further funds are being appealed for to equip the Building. The new Missioner, Mr H. V. S. Hersee is fortunate in being able to devote the whole of his time to the work itself amongst the Deaf. The Deaf School is also appealing for £30,000.

APPRECIATION.

Mrs E. Pierce (West Preston) writes:-

"Kindly allow me to congratulate you on your recent issue of the Letter. So many are ready to grumble, but few really show appreciation when a good copy does come out. I regret I did not see your call for suggestions earlier, however, I am sending a few now.

First, I am strongly in favor of including short interesting extracts from Interstate and Oversea papers, relating to deaf people, also all deaf readers should be encouraged to send along suitable articles, such as a verse or seasonable joke, the names of those who contribute should appear. At the end of the year the person sending in the largest and most interesting articles should be "Guest of Honor" at the Xmas Rally. To carry out the above suggestions would entail extra expense for printing etc, to meet this a charge of 3d. per copy should be made. If at the end of the year the financial position merited it, small prizes could be donated to budding reporters. Wishing you every success".

Now the "ice is broken" by Mrs Pierce will other readers join in and let us have their views?

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Mr E. R. Peacock, our President is on his way to Japan.

Mr Edgar Peacock, also a member of our Board of Management is Deputy Consul for Czechoslovakia.

LACROSSE NOTE.

On September 1st, the final round of Lacrosse matches was played and our team found itself very much weakened, some because of injuries received the previous week in Adelaide, were only able to field a skeleton side (8 substitutes) against Caulfield and the result was as expected, Caulfield piled up a huge score of 42 goals whilst our boys managed to net 12 goals. W. O'Bryan 4, W. Ashby 3, L. Sutton 2, V. Wilson 2 were the successful goal throwers.

INTERSTATE DEAF LACROSSE MATCH - VIC. v S. A.

This match which was the fourth of the series between the two States was played on the Norwood Oval (Adelaide) on the 25th of August, under ideal conditions resulted in a win for S. A. A fairly large crowd of Deaf and hearing friends including Mr Abraham gathered at Spencer Street to give the Victorian team a hearty send-off.

On arrival in Adelaide we were met by Officials and supporters of the S. A. Deaf Lacrosse Club and after exchanging greetings escorted to our Hotel where we managed to snatch a couple of hours sleep.

Part of the afternoon of Friday August 24th was spent inspecting the new building for the Deaf & Dumb Society of S. A., about five minutes from the city and we were amazed at its fine settings and beautiful surroundings. It faces lovely Park lands.

The rest of the afternoon passed with Lacrosse practise. At night we were entertained by the S. A. Deaf Lacrosse Club at a social evening and speeches of friendship and goodwill were made by both teams.

Then came the day of the big fixture. We visited a studio in the morning and a photo of the team was taken. As the hour of the match approached both teams were eager for the fray.

From the start off S. A. were first away and made a dash towards the Victorian goal but our defence was equal to the strain and turned them back. The ball travelled from end to end at a terrific speed till Victoria getting possession of it and finding an opening netted first goal. S. A. came on again with great dash and threw 3 goals in succession before the first change over.

S. A. attacked with characteristic vigor and method in the second term outclassing the Victorians in all departments of the field throwing 5 goals to 2 and at half time S. A. held a handy lead by 8 goals to 3. Hurling themselves into it relentlessly in the 3rd and final quarters, Victoria in general play had thrown S. A. out of their usual stride and playing and passing cleverly they threw goal after goal. S. A. were now fading out of the picture and Victoria kept up the attack and the pace and were trying hard to over-take the S. A. score and also to keep up the honour of their state but the final bell saved S. A. from defeat and thus won a hard fought game by 9 goals to 6. Victoria's best were O'Bryan and McMillen who played a solid game in defence. Quinton (in goals) and Edwards and the rest performed splendidly. W. Ashby 4 and H. Puddy 2 threw the goals.

Victoria was a tired team after the match and at night were again entertained as guests of the S. A. Club where various kinds of games were played, followed by supper. We were free on Sunday and visited places of interest or went out with friends. The whole team attended Church services in the S. A. Deaf Church at night before departing for our home State on the 10.30 p.m. express and a very large crowd saw us off. Those who stayed on till Monday visited the Deaf school and were interested in all they saw. The team was in all a very happy one and the writer is pleased to state that every member upheld the honor of his Club.

Miss Gladys Mahoney, who has been working in Melbourne for some time, left for Launceston, Tasmania on the afternoon of 8th September per "S.S. Loongana" where she intends to stay until Xmas. She hopes to take an active part in helping the Tasmanian Deaf to entertain the Interstate Deaf Cricketers and others during the next Xmas holidays at Hobart.

Mrs C. H. Reynolds has been taking a few weeks holiday up country and we sincerely hope she will be much benefitted by the change.

Miss D. Hickey who has been in indifferent health for some time, spent a week or two at Colac with her friends. She reports grand times.

H. Abbott of Day Trap, Chinkapook, Mallee was down for a week or two visiting his people. He reported dry times up there and stated that if there is no rain before this month the farming prospects will be ruined.

Six of our players made their first trip to Adelaide, which was also their first inclusion in an Interstate Lacrosse match.

The players who represented the Victorian Adult Deaf Lacrosse team in Adelaide were:- W. B. Anderson (Captain), G. Edwards (Vice Captain), W. F. O'Bryan, W. McMillen, O. Quinton, N. Webb, L. Sutton, L. Walsh, W. Ashby, H. Puddy, V. Wilson, W. Wood, C. Johns (Emergency), Mr J. Cariss was acting as Manager of the team. Messrs W. Crush and J. Dickenson as patron and supporter.

R. H. Lambert, late of Edinburgh, Scotland is to be complimented on his election as member of Committee of The Deaf Worker's Club. It is hoped that the Club will be much benefitted by his inclusion. It is the beginning of his effort to give service to the Deaf of our State.

The financial position of the Deaf Worker's Club is very satisfactory as shown at the last Annual Meeting. It showed the balance from last year as £9/5/5 Receipts, £15/-/7 Expenses £12/13/- and Balance to carry forward £11/13/-.

LACROSSE.

Through the action of certain of our supporters who rushed the ground during the Malvern & Adult Deaf Match on 16th June, the Victorian Lacrosse Association penalised our team by suspending the club for two Saturdays, June 30th and July 7th, giving M.C.C. and Coburg a walk over.

On 14th July we met Camberwell and were defeated by 12 goals to 6.

W. Ashby 3, G. Henry, L. Sutton, I. Guthrie 1 each were the goal throwers.

On 21st July University, after their meritorious win against Hawthorn the previous Saturday, were confident of their ability to hold the Adult Deaf team but the general evenness and clever stick work of the latter was a dominant factor. The Students rallied in the 2nd half but gave a

disappointing display. Adult Deaf won by 12 to 5. W. Ashby netted 6 goals, W. McMillen 3, L. Sutton, W. Anderson and J. O'Gorman 1 each.

On 28th July Brighton received a severe shock from Adult Deaf and only prevailed in the last few minutes. The 3rd quarter was a bitterly

contested one. Brighton just got home on the bell, scoring 7 to our 6.

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On 4th August Hawthorn scored 14 goals to 9 against our team. Our side played a man short. W. Ashby, L. Sutton and H. Puddy scored 2 each,

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On August 11th Malvern avenged their only defeat by outplaying our boys. Malvern won by 17 to 7. W. Ashby netted 4 goals, G. Henry, H. Puddy and Rees 1 each.

On 18th August Williamstown defeated our team who had to rely on three substitutes given by Williamstown, by 18 goals to 5. H. Puddy, F. Rees and W. Ashby each netted a goal while a substitute scored 2 for us.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to our Vice-President and Chairman, Mr A. A. Peverill because of the death of his brother a few weeks back. Mr A. H. Spencer another member of our Board has just equipped a wonderful bookshop, "The Hill of Content", Bourke St. All who have had the opportunity to see it speak most enthusiastically of shop and stock. Mr Geof. Fethers also a member of our Board has already given us the benefit of his services as veterinary surgeon at our Farm on more than one occasion in the form of a donation to our Farm.

THE DEAF EVERYWHERE.

Henry Ford of Motor Car fame who has many deaf mute employees says that the Deaf at his factory are 100 per cent in their work, attention to business and good behaviour.

"The Silent Worker" of Trenton, N.J., U. S. A. for July 1928 is a George Porter number. George Porter has been the publisher of the Silent Worker since 1892. Under his direction this handsome and most informative illustrated magazine very rapidly took leading place in the Deaf newspaper world of the United States.

The Annual Meeting of the London (Eng.) Royal Association in aid of the Deaf & Dumb was held at the Mansion House on the 16th May. The Dean of Ripon presided.

Mr T. W. Arch, London, has been appointed Missioner of the Winchester Society for the Deaf and Mr A. Barnett, also of London has been chosen for the vacancy at Northampton.

Mr Taylor of Claremont School for the Deaf, Dublin, has retired after 40 years service in the cause of the Deaf.

Mr Cockersole of Derby has been appointed to succeed Mr Brown of the Edgbasta School for the Deaf, Birmingham.

The Vancouver Chief of Police is credited with saying that "Mute motor drivers are safer than hearing drivers".

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The other day we were shown Certificates awarded to Mr J. Dickinson in 1923 and 1926 for completing the three mile distance swim on each occasion. In his first effort his time was 1 hour 23 minutes and on the second occasion 1 hour and fifty minutes, 18 seconds.

COMMITTEE VISIT HOME.

On the occasion of the first meeting of the Home Sub Committee at Blackburn, Mr Peacock, the President, Mr Murphy, Mayor of Box Hill and Mr Armstrong addressed the employees and inmates and received a hearty welcome. Mr Cork (blind and deaf) also spoke.

DEAF MUTE ASSISTED BLIND BOOKMAKER.

The Melbourne Herald of Sept. 19th contained an interesting article on a blind book-maker named Sam Cashmore, who had as an assistant a deaf mute named Emanuel Solomon who afterwards became Collector for the S. A. Institute for Deaf & Dumb.

DEAF DANCERS.

The latest deaf dancer is a girl of 13, Miss Mobi Hrbanova, born deaf at Prague, she has always shown talent for rhythmic and dancing. Miss Helen Heckinan (of America) is a leading dancer at the Opera in Vienna. Mlle Adeline and Mr David Marvel are also still very popular American dancers.

BRITISH DEAF CONGRESS.

The British D. & D. Association Congress was held at Belfast, Ireland, from 4th to 12th of August. The programme was an interesting one beginning with a reception on the 4th, and a Service in the Cathedral on the 5th when the Lord Primate was the preacher. Reception by the Lord on the 6th when the Congress proper opened. The papers included "The Religious Status of the Deaf", "Recreative Side of Deaf Mute Life", "The Education of the Deaf in Northern Ireland" and "The Efficient Organisation of the Deaf". There was an excursion and a dinner.

DEAF NATIONAL CLUB.

Until recently the Deaf National Club (London) was for two years without rooms of its own. It is the only independent club for the Deaf in London. Mr A. J. Wilson, the President, is on a visit to Australia.

The other Wednesday, Mr J. M. Johnston was our Principal's guest at Rotary Luncheon and were called to order by the Captain of their table for shouting so loudly on their fingers.

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE.

The Members of the Adult Deaf & Dumb Society have subscribed £5 to the fund for the Shrine of Remembrance.

ANNIVERSARY RALLY.

To give our country cousins the opportunity of attending our Principal's Anniversary the date has been fixed for the Public holiday in Show week - Thursday, 27th September. He arrived in Melbourne on the 9th October, 1901 so this will be his 27th year.

Much foreign deaf news has been crowded out of this number and several reports appearing are cut down.

ADELAIDE DEAF.

Our Adelaide deaf friends now possess the best equipped Institute for the Adult Deaf in Australia and it has cost upwards of £10,000. It is to be officially opened in Nov. and the deaf of S. A. have every reason to be proud of their magnificent centre.

A Boot Repairing Depot has been opened at "Our Centre" giving employment to unemployed Deaf. Mr Alf Tyzzer is at present in charge of it and his workmanship is High Class. Pumps are his speciality. It is sincerely hoped that the readers of the Newsletter will give him a trial and if satisfied, canvas amongst their friends on his behalf. Repairs can be left with the Hallkeeper any time during the day and evening.

The Tennis Club has again entered the St. Kilda District Tennis Association Competitions. Our Court has been given a top dressing and we hope to have a successful season.

RAMBLING CLUB.

This Club is again in full force with Miss Empson (President) Elsie Stephens (Hon. Sec.) and Walter Wood (Hon. Treas.) responsible for its activities. The first outing was held on the afternoon of August 11th at our Blackburn Farm and Home and a real happy time was spent there. After a short ramble the members found themselves at our Sports Ground keenly watching the lacrosse match between Malvern and our Boys. Later tea was partaken of in the Women's dining room at the Home, the members bringing the eatables and the Home providing hot water, tea, milk and sugar. Crockery etc. had to be sent from our Centre owing to a shortage at the Home, that has now been made good. Then followed games and jolly conversation with the inmates who much enjoyed the visit of the Ramblers.

The Principal, Miss Empson, Mr Johnston, Mr E. Burke and Miss Brown were of the party and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to our sweet little Hon. Secretary, Elsie Stephens, upon the success of the first ramble. We can see the Club growing in numbers while she has the arrangements in hand.

OUR VETERAN COLLECTOR.

Mr Solomon Moss, affectionately known as "Mossie" has the longest and best record of the Collectors of our Society. For twenty eight (28) years he has consistently canvassed the territory belonging to him and amounts paid in show the work has been done thoroughly. For many years past his total for the year has topped the list. But now that his advancing years make it imperative for him to lessen his stride, the General Board of the Society has transferred the larger portion of Mr Moss' territory. Mr Moss still battles along but we learn that his cheery smile is much missed among his old supporters. He received a nice letter of appreciation of his services from the General Board of the Society. Keep going "Mossie" for we all will miss you should you retire.

A. T. STORY & THE DEAF.

Mr A. T. Story, Secretary of the National Institute for the Deaf, writing in the Journal of the Glasgow League of the Hard of Hearing says, "No one can affirm that the blind are the only class who, because of affliction, suffer social and industrial hardships. Deafness sets up these ills in large numbers. The deaf and dumb and the deafened, or those who lost their hearing after speech had developed, are the victims of social losses far graver in nature than those of blindness."

"SALAMAGUNDI".

A very successful "Salamagundi", was held under the Lacrosse Club's auspice in aid of its fund on 17th July. The attendance pleased the promotees. Eighteen table games set round the hall were all contested for and almost all entered the competition. The admission tickets which were 1/6 each held a lucky number and the luck went to Mr William Chapman (Blind Deaf) who received a large box of cigarettes. Mr T. Peters and Miss R. Peters were the fortunate winners in the competition and received prizes of a Copper Tobacco Jar and Copper Vase respectively. Supper brought enjoyable evening to a close.

WELCOME SOCIAL TO NEW MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD.

A Welcome Social to the Members of our Board and their wives was arranged for Monday, August 20th after the usual monthly business meeting. The Deaf arrived in full force, and early, to give them a hearty welcome but owing to the big agenda that had to be gone through they did not see the new members till late in the evening. Games, however, progressed merrily in the meantime. Welcome speeches were made by Mr Abraham and Mr Frewin on behalf of the Deaf. Mr E. R. Peacock, Mr N. Armstrong and Mr G. Fethers responded. It was a pleasure for us to meet Mrs Armstrong and we hope to see her here often. More games in which all joined were the order of the short time left but all are looking forward to seeing them again in the near future.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The Annual Billiard Tournament amongst the members of our Society is in progress. Forty entries were received and excitement is beginning to show as the final is approached. The first two rounds have gone. Our Principal, sprang a surprise on us when he entered for the Tournament. Because of his lack of practise he did not survive the first round.

MEN'S GUILD.

An excellent and interesting paper on "The House Fly" was given by W. McMillen to the members of the Men's Guild on 10th July. Many members spoke to the subject afterwards.

On 31st July Walter Wood again gave a very good paper on "Wealth under your feet," explaining that everything we find under our feet has its use which brings wealth.

August 14th was devoted to "Fable Stories" contributed by members who, after delivering the subject, explained the meanings and purposes. Many stories were very amusing, others very pointed.

An interesting Debate was held on the evening of 28th August, on the question "Can the Deaf manage our Society themselves?" Mr J. P. Bourke took the affirmative side but he repeatedly strayed from the real question.

Mr F. E. Frewin answered in the negative which proved to be more in order. Various members gave their views on this question and finally the vote was unanimous in favour of a hearing dictatorship.

A neatly typed syllabus of future meetings is at present pinned on the Men's Guild Notice Board and shows a full and interesting programme.

September 11th	"Mining Experiences" Part 2 by Mr Retchford (Hearing)
" 25th	"The Gods of Mars" by Mr R. H. Lambert.
October 16th	"Civilisation" by Mr E. Johnson.
" 30th	"The Rotarian" by Mr A. Hull.
November 13th	"Shakespearian Tale", The Winter's Tale" by Mr Frewin.
" 27th	"Chat on Sports" by Members.
January 15th	"Pound Night" and Paper by Mr Guthrie on "Forging Ahead."
" 28th	A. N. A. Day Annual Picnic.
" 29th	Discussion Night "Are we treated childishly?" by Members.
February 12th	Nomination Night and Short Stories.
" 26th	Annual Meeting.

It has been agreed that a Boxing & Wrestling Competition be instituted during 1929 season which it is hoped will be a big draw to the Guild's membership.

CINEMA PICTURES.

Still more excellent screening of pictures have been made after the Principal's Thursday night Scripture Classes and Lecturettes.

On the 5th July, a Comedy picture entitled "Irresistible Lover" featuring Norman Kerry was shown, and on the 12th July one featuring Charles Delaney in "College Days". Then came some very exciting episodes on the Mexican Border featuring Fred Thomson in "Hands across the Border" on 19th July, followed by a "Slave of Fashion" featuring Norma Shearer on 26th July, also "Howdy Judge" (2 reels) and Pathe Gazette. On August 2nd, another Comedy showing "Silk Stocking" featuring Laura La Plante was enjoyed and on 9th August, a dramatic picture, "Held by the Law" featuring John Murray was very good and exciting at the end. On August 16th, a very clever and mystifying picture entitled "Obey the Law" was screened. A laughable Comedy showing "Bachelor's Baby" was shown on 23rd August and on the 30th of August, "The Beauty Prize" featuring Viola Dana was displayed with Pathe news, New Zealand scenic, snapshots, and crossword puzzle as side lines.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A very happy birthday party to wee Ruth Peters was held on 7th July at the home of her father and mother at Ivanhoe. Twentyfour Deaf were present. Answers to question and post card guessing competitions were the two principal games which were won by Mr J. M. Johnston and Miss T. Stephens respectively. After a short conversazione, the guests adjourned to the dining room where supper was partaken of. At the head of the table, was a lovely birthday cake graced with 4 fancy lighted candles, which little Ruth after many puffs succeeded in extinguishing. It was then cut up and handed round. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

M. G. B. MORTIMER.

M. G. B. Mortimer, our suburban collector, is celebrating his 25th anniversary as a collector of our Society and lacks nothing of his original activity. He is to be heartily congratulated on his sterling tenacity. His returns today are as good as ever they were. He is a battler. Adversity of by gone years only schooled him for the successes of his mature years.

OUR BANK.

The Outing Fund & Bank has received from the State Savings Bank the sum of £22 - 4 - 5 as interest on deposits for the year and out of this, together with some reserve fund money, the Deaf Committee was able to distribute 5% interest to Deaf depositors up to £20 and 4½% to Clubs and to those many deposits over the prescribed sum.

DEAF WOMEN'S GUILD.

The re-opening meeting of the Women's Guild took place on the 12th June when a series of papers were given and enjoyed.

"Hidden Treasures" by Miss D. Wood.

"What is a book and how to read it." by Miss R. Dow and

"What is a friend" by Mrs T. Peters.

On the 10th of July, Miss M. Gibson gave a paper on "Las Palmas".

The same night a good poem on "Rain" was recited by Miss R. Dow.

On August 14th, Miss G. Hawkins entertained the members with a paper on "Nigger Haven" which was very good.

A beautiful but sad story, "Mary's Call" was recited by Miss E. O. Gorman. Members are reminded to watch the notice board for dates of meetings and subjects of papers.

DEAF WORKER'S CLUB.

A small Social was held on 3rd July under the auspices of Deaf Worker's Club and in aid of its benevolent fund. Mr G. B. Mortimer was the Chairman and an enjoyable round of competitions was gone through. Ball Balancing Race, Trade Advertisement answers to questions, flower guessing, and circular musical arms were the items. At the termination a light supper was handed round.

During the month of August, 1928 Mrs Frewin and Miss Empson were deputed by the Principal to purchase material for many necessary church adornments. Mrs Frewin, Misses C. Ball, G. Hawkins and D. Wood undertook the making of same and spent three Saturday afternoons at the Centre in so doing. It must be very gratifying to the above ladies to see such excellent results of their work and all join in thanking them very sincerely for what they achieved. It is a pleasure to all.

The Deaf Worker's Club held its fifteenth annual meeting on Tuesday, 4th of September. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Mrs Frewin, President, re-elected; Mr Frewin, Vice-President; Mr Mortimer, Hon. Treasurer; Miss C. Ball, Hon. Secretary, re-elected; Committee, Mrs Ashby, Miss Hawkins, re-elected, new members, Miss Woods, Messrs Ashby, Puddy and R. Lambert. About 35 members were present. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr and Mrs Swain were presented with 2 sets of stainless knives on the occasion of their marriage. They acknowledged the gift with thanks. Supper brought the evening to a close.

WEDDINGS.

On Saturday, 18th August, at the home of Mr and Mrs J. Boortz, Elsternwick, Mr Percy Swain was married to Mrs E. Smith of Glen Iris. Rev. J. Frewin was the officiating minister. After supper, a social evening was held at the same place where deaf friends helped to celebrate the happy event. Mr and Mrs P. Swain spent their honeymoon in Adelaide. We wish them much happiness in the future.

Mrs Ethel Dempsey was married to Mr H. Sutton of Wentworth, New South Wales in May and they are at present in Melbourne. If Mr Sutton can secure employment here, they intend to stay for good.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Hon. Sec. to Deaf Committee acknowledges with thanks the following donations towards "Our Newsletter" Fund:-
S. A. Deaf Readers £1/4/-, Mrs F. Johnson (Tasmania) 5/-, Messrs S. Moss, (Melbourne), A. Collins (Neerim Junction), R. J. Oehr, N. Webb and Chas. Crompton 2/- each, Messrs E. Daniels and R. Lambert 1/6 each.

TENNIS.

In order to stimulate interest and enthusiasm in the tennis and to improve the standard of play among the Deaf ladies, the Club arranged an Open Singles Championship Tournament which began on the 28th of April and concluded on 4th August. There were 14 entrants who were arranged in 2 sections - namely "A" which consisted of players who had played in tournaments previously and "B" which consisted of beginners. The Tournament proved to be very enjoyable and successful and some very

excellent court play was witnessed. The results of the Tournament were as shown under.

"A" Section					"B" Section				
	W.	L.	For.	Agst.		W.	L.	For.	Agst.
Miss M. Dow	6	0	54	25	Miss P. Johnstone	6	0	54	22
Mrs J. M. Johnston	5	1	52	26	Miss B. Higgle	5	1	53	19
Mrs T. Peters	4	2	42	40	Miss E. Stephens	4	2	40	33
Miss D. Wood	3	3	49	37	Miss R. Peters	3	3	39	34
Miss L. Sanders	2	4	36	40	Miss T. Darragh	2	4	33	44
Miss T. Stephens	1	5	22	52	Mrs G. Newnham	1	5	23	51
Miss R. Dow	0	6	16	54	Miss E. Leber	0	6	16	54

The final match was played in adverse weather conditions between Miss M. Dow and Mrs J. M. Johnston before a large gallery. Each player took her own service until a faulty mis-timed hit cost Mrs Johnston the game. Miss M. Dow is to be complimented on her fine effort. The Dow sisters entertained the players and visitors to an afternoon tea for which they were heartily thanked. There is not much difference in play between the two top-notchers in the "B" Section. Both, Misses P. Johnson and B. Higgle proved themselves equal to some of the "A" Section players.

The Tennis Club has entered its mixed team for 1928-29 St. Kilda District Association Competition and there is every prospect of a much improved record than that of last season. The first match is fixed for on Saturday, 1st September and we are to play Middle Park "A".

Recently our Club has accepted the tender of The Sims Paving & Road Construction Pty. Ltd., for the top dressing of our tennis court, which has just been completed and is now in a fine playing condition.

BEREAVEMENT.

Mr A. Hart of Bendigo lost his mother on the 26th of April last and Mr J. M. Johnston lost his mother on 1st August. They both have our sympathy. Mr J. M. Johnston desires to thank all Deaf friends and local organisations for expressions of sympathy, cards and letters received during his recent sad bereavement. Will all please accept this as a personal expression of his deep gratitude. Miss Mabel Ball of Parkville has just lost her father. He passed away on 1st September after a long illness, with bronchial pneumonia. We extend to her our heartfelt sympathy.

OUR LITTLE WORLD.

Our Missioner, Mr J. M. Johnston, was in Ballarat for two days and visited the following deaf friends:-
Mr R. Miller, Mr & Mrs J. Butterworth, Mr & Mrs P. Cunningham, Misses E. D. and G. Caldwell who sent greetings to the Melbourne Deaf. Unfortunately, Mr Marks was not at home when Mr Johnston called, but the latter much appreciated Mr Miller's company whilst on his round of visits. Warrie Ashby has received a letter from Vernon and Cecil Griffiths of Rainbow who send their greetings to the Melbourne Deaf. They both report good health and are playing members of Hazeldene Football Club in the Rainbow Country District Competition. Enclosed in the letter was a local newspaper cutting showing both brothers playing, well especially Vernen who scored 2 goals - Hazeldene Club is well up on the list for premiership honours. Colin Johns of Horsham accepted the invitation of some of his fellow school-mates to join them on a trip to Adelaide with the Deaf Lacrosse Team.

He acted as "trainer" for our players during the Interstate match. He enjoyed his short stay in Adelaide immensely.

J. Dickenson of Ivanhoe also joined the Lacrosse Team on their trip to Adelaide. He stayed for a fortnight and came back by boat.

The Missioner is in receipt of a letter from Bryon Taylor of Hobart, Tasmania who is looking forward to the Xmas Cricket Competitions to renew acquaintances with the Deaf of each State. He regretted very much the passing of Joe Allen.

Mrs J. E. Muir of Warburton was in town for two or three weeks, on business as well as pleasure, during the month of July.

Mr S. Ferguson of Bowman's Forest was in town for about a week during the later part of July.

We hear that Walter Grant of Myrtleford is doing well on the Pine Plantations at Ovens Valley under the State Forestry Department. He states that he and 42 men were digging and planting young pines over the 12,000 acres of hill country which is very arduous, owing to the steepness of the hills. He expects his job to finish somewhere in September but it is to be renewed next year during the winter months. He says it is healthy work for the deaf and sincerely hopes that some of them will try it next year, also that he may have the company of fellow deaf after working hours. The wage is 16/- a day - 44 hour week. Application for this kind of work should be made through the State Forestry Dept., Treasury Buildings, Melbourne. On Saturdays he plays football (half-back) for Myrtleford Football Club in the Ovens & King Association Competition.

Miss Maisie Reiffel of Ballarat spent a happy fortnight in Melbourne during the 2nd week of July. She paid calls at the "centre" on two or three occasions.

Mrs A. Williamson has returned to Brisbane after visiting Sydney for a week or two. She felt much benefitted after her lengthy stay with her Melbourne friends.

W. Burge of Glen Iris was in Melbourne Hospital for 2 weeks during the later part of July suffering from blood poisoning. Soon after leaving hospital he went to Mirboo for a fortnight to recuperate. We are glad to see him back looking much improved in health.

Miss Myrtle Groves of Ballarat was in Melbourne for a week recently. She says work is constant in Ballarat. We were pleased to see her, also at our Sunday Services during her visit here.

Harold Sutton of Wentworth, N. S. W. is at present residing in Melbourne, hoping to secure employment here.

J. Dickenson informs us that the last season's swim was not his first try. It was, in fact, his third effort. The first one (a Yarra swim) was done six years ago and he laughingly admits that he was not in the limelight at the finish.

David Cornish is at present in Melbourne looking for a job to his taste. He relinquished his position on a boat trading to and from New Zealand.

While the boat was in a New Zealand port, he took the opportunity of visiting his uncle there whom he had not seen for a number of years.

Messrs Waggett and Fulton of West Wyalong, N. S. Wales, have at last returned home after a very lengthy stay in Melbourne. They both felt quite at home with the Melbourne Deaf and are looking forward to another re-union with us soon. They report that the coming harvest and wool season are very bright.

Miss Vera West of Traralgon Gippsland was down in Melbourne for a few days to witness the Flower Shows held here. On 5th September, Mrs J. M. Johnston accompanied her to the Canterbury Horticultural Society's Spring Show where they saw a wonderful display of daffodils and carnations. In that Show Miss West's uncle of Casterton won many 1st and 2nd prizes for blooms. Miss West is herself an enthusiastic daffodil grower and has many fine blooms at home. She regretted very much that she did not send some of them to this Show for she believed she could have won some prizes. At the close of the Show, her uncle gave prize blooms to Mrs Johnston.