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AN APOLOGY AND OTHER THINGS.

BY THE EDITOR.

This issue, properly speaking, should have appeared before Christmas, with Christmas Greetings, New Year Wishes, and the like in it, and holly and mistletoe in the corners.

Unfortunately, we were unable to issue it before Christmas week. We apologise for the delay, and undertake to see it does not happen again.

It is an ill-wind that blows no one any good. We are able to give a resume of the Adelaide Carnival before any other paper. "First with the Latest" is our motto. The Carnival was a great success, and South Australians are to be congratulated on the way in which they played hosts.

Victoria has a reputation for doing things well. Although we were late in starting we managed to send sixty or so—easily the largest contingent. In fact, it was twice as large as the next best, New South Wales, who sent about 29 or so. Tasmania managed about 20, while Queensland and West Australia, who were rivals for the long distance travelling, sent 11 and 13 respectively.



"Ernest J. D. Abraham Shield."

In the Tug-of-War, South Australians' weight told, and they just managed to beat Tasmania.

The Ladies' Sports were worth watching. Queensland produced a surprise packet in Miss Kelly, who won the 75 Yards in fine style. The West Australians were desperately hunting for their champion runner, Miss J. Ransom, who did not turn up till too late. Still, she made amends later by romping home yards ahead

New South Wales was most successful in the sporting field, carrying off both the "E. J. D. Abraham Shield" and the "Cohen Cup." Still, if our teams were not successful, as individuals, Victorians did well enough. In the 100 Yards Running Championship in the final heat all finalists were Victorians, and our team in the Relay Race was never seriously troubled. Our old friend, J. M. Johnston, won the over 45 years race, to the noisy delight of the Victorian crowd. The Men's Egg and Spoon Race was won by Auby Levitzke (spelt it right first time!), wearing a grin so wide it was a wonder it did not meet at the back of his neck.

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of the others in a later race. South Australia collected the trophy for the Married Ladies' Race, while Miss Ransom and Roly McGrath, of West Australia, in the Three-Legged Race, were so far ahead they looked as if they were having a race of their own.

In a less strenuous sphere, Mr. Bundy, of South Australia, was not seriously troubled to win the Chess Championship (I know, because he played me!). Mr. Plunkett won the Draughts and Mr. Wilbow the Table Tennis, both from New South Wales.

In the individual tennis matches, A. Levitzke, of West Australia (complete with smile), retained his Singles Championship. Our stalwarts, H. Puddy and J. Dickenson, won the Double Championship for Men. The Misses Salton and Kelly, of Queensland, won the Ladies' Doubles. Miss Salton also carried off the Ladies' Singles.

In the realm of cricket a few details will be helpful.

First Day.

New South Wales beat Tasmania.
Victoria beat South Australia.

Second Day.

New South Wales beat South Australia.
Victoria beat Tasmania.

Third Day.

South Australia beat Tasmania.
New South Wales beat Victoria.
New South Wales, 9 points; Victoria, 7 points;
South Australia, 5 points; Tasmania, 3 points.

Don. Johnston, Victoria, secured the trophy for the batting average; H. Emerson, N.S.W., batting aggregate; J. Beath, N.S.W., bowling average; R. Chaundy, Victoria, for most wickets.

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Hands.

Pilate washed his hands, but could not wash the guilt away. In her agony of mind Lady Macbeth cried, "All the perfume of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand"; and in his last hour Tranmer thrust his right hand, which he called his unworthy hand, into the flames for having signed a betrayal of his faith.

One of the most pathetic scenes in the Bible is the one where Isaac, old and almost blind, stretched out to feel the one who was kneeling before him, and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau"; and in one of the Bible's most dramatic scenes Belshazzar looked up from his feasting and beheld the fingers of a man's hand come forth and write over against the candlestick on the

plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. It reminds us of the cruel verse in FitzGerald's Omar Khayyam:

*The moving Finger writes: and, having writ,
Moves on; nor all thy piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line.
Nor all they tears wash out a word of it.*

SYMBOL OF PERFECT TRUST.

It is with our hands that we make beautiful things—the artist his pictures, the craftsman his masterpieces in wood and stone and metal, the writer his immortal prose or poetry. We express sympathy and friendship by a handgrip, and it is with a hand that we are blessed. In prayer we put our hands together; and John Burroughs, the American poet, has made the action the symbol of perfect trust:

*Serene, I fold my hands and wait,
Nor care for wind, nor tide, nor sea;
I rave no more 'gainst time or fate,
For lo, my own shall come to me.*

One of our modern poets, looking round a seed shop, has said, "In my hand a forest lies asleep"; and TENNYSON has given us that wonderful picture of the mystery of life:

*I hold you here, root and all, in my hand,
Little flower—but if I could understand
What you are, root and all, and all in all,
I should know what God and man is.*

It was Tennyson also who gave us the famous line, "O for the touch of a vanished hand"; and in these days when the nations of the world are so suspicious of each other we may well remember Paul Fort's verse:

*Then one could make a ring
Around the world,
If all the people of the world
Would hold each other's hand.*

Deaf to Hear his Sermons.

The Rev. A. E. C. Collins, minister of several Presbyterian churches in the Warburton district, has been presented with a portable deaf aid equipment. He is using it to enable worshippers who have deafness to hear his sermons and the services generally.

A microphone is placed on the pulpit, and flexes are run through valves to ear-pieces which are fixed to the pews occupied by those whom the equipment is intended to serve. Half a dozen people can listen in at the one time.

South Australian Festivities.

The copy of this issue of the "Victorian Deaf News" was ready for the printer, and overmuch for its limited space, before we left for the Adelaide Festivities, hence it is only possible to crowd in the barest outline of the many events of that great occasion.

Somewhere about 60 of us left Melbourne on Thursday, December 24th, at 8.15 p.m., arriving Christmas morning. We were met by a number of the Local Carnival Committee, including Mr. O. R. Redman, the Superintendent and Organising Secretary, and Mr. W. Appleton, the Welfare Officer.

The Queensland, New South Wales, and Tasmanian Deaf passed through Melbourne on their way to South Australia. It was a pleasure to entertain the Queenslanders and some New South Welshmen to lunch, both coming and going. The West Australian Deaf (13 in number) had arrived ahead of us, and New South Wales (29) were also just an hour or so in front of us. Tasmanians followed on the next day. There were 11 from Queensland and 15 from Tasmania.

The Carnival was made up of the following events:—Interstate Cricket Matches for the "E. J. D. Abraham Shield," Interstate Tennis Matches for the "Cohen Cup," Tennis Championship of South Australia, Billiards, Chess, Draughts, Table Tennis, Athletics, and the Deaf Women Needlework Exhibition.

On Friday, December 25th, Christmas Dinner and Tea were enjoyed by the visitors, and in the evening a Welcome Social was held. Brigadier-General S. Price Weir, D.S.O., V.D., J.P., President of the South Australian Mission, presided and welcomed the visitors. After speeches, excellent plays were performed by the local Deaf, augmented by two clever West Australian Deaf magicians, Messrs. Magrath and Poletti, with their tricks.

Saturday, December 26th.—Practices were indulged in cricket and tennis during the morning, and in the afternoon a tour of the Adelaide Hills was made in motor buses. This was greatly enjoyed and scenery admired. In the evening cricket and tennis conferences, social games, competitive indoor games were held.

Sunday, December 27th.—Divine Services were held in the Mission Chapel. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham conducted the morning service, and the evening service was taken by an outside minister, interpreted by Mr. W. Appleton.



INTERSTATE GATHERING OF THE DEAF AT ADELAIDE.

Monday, December 28th, was a free day and most of the visitors went to Glenelg to see the pageant and celebrations. A fair number went to Victor Harbour, some 60 miles from Adelaide.

Cricket and Tennis Matches took up the whole of the next three days. All the events were played at the grounds of St. Peter's College (granted by kind courtesy of the Council of the Collegiate School of St. Peter's).

Tuesday, December 29th.—The Carnival Ball was held at Osborne Hall, and this was well attended.

A Civic Reception was accorded to the visiting representatives by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Adelaide on the morning of Wednesday, December 30th.

Lady visitors were entertained by the Deaf Women's Friendly Society at the Botanical Gardens during the afternoon. In the evening, indoor games competitions were continued and an exhibition of fancy work was held.

Thursday, December 31st.—The Carnival Banquet, and Presentation of Shield and Cup and other trophies were held at Osborne Hall and after that the Deaf were free to go to "Henley-on-Torrens."

Friday, January 1st, 1937, was the last day of the festivities, when a Grand Picnic and Sports Meeting at Long Gully, National Park, was held. Rain fell at intervals, but fortunately did not spoil the sports.

New South Wales and Tasmanian Deaf left soon after tea for home, catching the express at Belair station. The Victorians and Queenslanders left the following day, arriving in Melbourne on Sunday, January 3rd.

Throughout the festivities the visitors were entertained to lunches and teas at the Mission or on the grounds of St. Peter's College free of charge.

At lunch on the last day of our stay, and at tea time, presentations were made to the various workers by the Queenslanders and Victorians, and an excellent farewell address in appreciation of the hearty welcome given to the guests was made by Mr. A. Dodson, of Victoria. In effect he said: "You are all familiar with the biblical story of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, how she travelled a great distance with many retainers, camels and precious gifts for the king, determined to see for herself the wonderful city of Jerusalem, and listen to the wisdom of Solomon; how astonished and delighted she was at the magnificence and splendour of the city and astounded at the wisdom, graciousness and hospitality of the king. When Mrs. Sheba returned to her own country, said Mr. Dodson, her people excitedly sought to know whether all that had been said of city and king were true, and how Sheba replied, "Not one half of the wonders had been

told." He felt that the Victorians were in the place of Mrs. Sheeba; they had seen the wonders of Adelaide and participated in the welcome and hospitality of the South Australians. On their return they would find it difficult to tell one-half of the things they had seen or the kindly way they had been received and entertained.

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Education and After School Attitude of the Deaf.

[The following, taken from an American paper, is typical of the increasing interest in the education and welfare of the Deaf, which is slowly spreading through the world.

The agent makes some strong statements, but not many who know the Deaf will disagree with him. He is certainly absolutely right in his statements as to the requirements of the Deaf.

It is a lamentable fact that very few Deaf can write simple and straightforward English. If more attention was paid to the teaching of English as a language, and less time wasted teaching the Deaf a parrot-like vocabulary, most of which they forget on leaving school, it would be better for all concerned:—]

By Dr. E. A. GRUVER.

Education for the Deaf is becoming more practical. It must be made even more so, if they are to successfully meet the ever increasing industrial competition and the ever multiplying social and commercial complexities. Is the education we offer the deaf child the kind he needs most or the kind we most desire him to have? Is the instruction adapted to the child or the child shaped to the instruction? Is it the most practical, helpful and useful we can offer? Are we too rigid in our adherence to time honoured practices?

In light of present day conditions, these are important questions. In order that the deaf child may be prepared to cope with the problems of life he should be given that type of education which opens to him the fullest possibilities for successful citizenship and the greatest capacity for harmonious living. Perhaps we should take inventory of our educational opportunities, possibilities and practice. An audit of our instructional operations might cause us to strike another balance. Changing conditions require changing practices.

A resourceful and successful deaf man visited this school last week. He is an agent of a State Department of Labour—Bureau of the Deaf. He contacts a great many deaf people. We talked about the

industrial and social problems of the Deaf. He dropped some "pearls of great price." Here is one:—

Part of the failure of the Deaf to meet successfully the present day social and industrial conditions is due to their inability to adjust themselves quickly; their inclination to criticise their fellows, particularly their employers, and their slowness in mind, action and operation.

Here is another:—

Seven out of ten deaf boys and girls carry the habits of thought and action acquired in school with them into the world, and seven lose their jobs because their critical moods and expressions are given free play.

These are strong statements. Is his diagnosis correct? Are the traits of character expressed by him inherent or are they due to the type of training the child receives? Is it the duty of the school to correct these traits or must the child overcome them himself, often after long and bitter experience?

The agent was not in a critical mood himself. He was not knocking. He was searching for the truth. He said all he has in the world he owes to the school, which graduated him, and to the superintendent and teachers who gave him wholesome advice and help at all times. However, he feels that there are non-essentials included in the academic instruction which could well be omitted for more practical things of life. Possibly he is right.

Some of the things he would stress are:—

1. A common school education—without frills.
2. Ability to speak and write simple and straight English, including a letter applying for a job and knowledge of how to approach and meet a prospective employer.
3. The learning of an occupation on the level with his intelligence; to take pride in his work, and to know and use the vocabulary of his occupation.

—Mt. Airy World (U.S.A.).

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The Late Mr. George Frankland.

[The following, from the "British Deaf Times," will be of interest to the Deaf of Victoria, giving as it does a glimpse of the early deaf environment of our Principal. The concluding paragraphs are not quite accurate. Joe Hepworth left the "British Deaf Monthly" to take up the position of Superintendent of the Cardiff Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, and E.J.D.A. carried on "The Monthly" with the old staff. He was afterwards joined by H. M. Cuttall. When E.J.D.A. left for Australia, "The Monthly" was left in the control of his secretary, with Cuttall

as editor. At the death of Cuttall it passed back to J. Hepworth, who changed its name to the "British Deaf Times":—]

We very much regret to note the passing away recently of Mr. George Frankland, one of the most brilliant deaf men of the older generation.

My first recollection of him was at a service at St. Saviour's, London, somewhere about 1895, when I noticed a youngish man, whose features fascinated me, and whose appearance was that of a true Bohemian, with flowing locks, jet black "locky" hair and beard. He was seated at, and playing, the organ, and to my astonishment I was told he was totally deaf: I was told, however, he was a genius at the organ.

Some years passed when I went to Bolton on a visit to my old friend the late Joseph Hepworth, then co-Editor of the "British Deaf Monthly" with E. J. D. Abraham. Seated in the sub-editor's chair was that young organist I had met at St. Saviour's. From that date—1897—began a close friendship which lasted until I left deaf journalism in 1913.

A brilliant scholar, deep thinker and one of the finest writers of prose, and a most lovable man, he was one of a brilliant band of deaf men who surrounded the late Mr. Joseph Hepworth in those far-off days. How well I recall the day when we all met together—the late Alex. McGregor, "Sanct Mungo" of the vitriolic pen and master of subtle sarcasm; H. B. Beale, a marvellous writer of verse; "Wilkie," otherwise the late George Wilkinson, and others, with Hepworth and Abraham, the latter the only hearing man in the company.

Everyone of them was full of fun except Frankland who, being of a quiet and studious mind, remained almost silent throughout the meeting, but nevertheless had his moments when he joined in. The next night Abraham gave a farewell supper, and previous to the feast, called me aside and told me Frankland had been seriously studying hypnotism. There was a conspiracy about among the staff to show what a marvellous hypnotiser Abraham was. I was selected as the subject.

I was made to do all sorts of funny and astonishing little tricks, finally eating up the remnants of Abraham's supper plate. Poor Frankland, his face was a study of amazed mystification as Abraham, a born actor, went through his performance like a master. After that, I found Frankland studying me from all angles—and it was not until some time afterward I enlightened him. At first he felt terribly hurt, but took the joke afterwards in good part.

I cannot think of any outstanding Deaf to-day of the calibre of Frankland, McGregor, H. M. Cuttall, who latterly joined the staff, H. B. Beale and others.

It was a feast for the gods to listen to their conversation, brilliant, scintillating with flashes of pure genius. To see H. B. Beale recite a poem written by himself, was a joy; to watch McGregor imitate a lecturer—choosing as his subject "Bobbie Burns"—brought down the house! Hepworth and Abram had indeed a wonderful staff in those days, and when Hepworth left to start the "British Deaf Times," all followed him, except Cuttell, who became Editor of the "British Deaf Monthly" until the latter's demise very shortly afterwards.

In latter years, when I became Assistant Editor of the "British Deaf Times," and very closely and intimately associated with Mr. Joseph Hepworth, we would heave a sigh as we recalled those happy days—days that were a real education to me—a youngster. Of the old brigade Abraham and I are the only ones left, unless I may be allowed to include Mrs. Hepworth who mothered all of us!

—Maxwell S. Fry, "Onlooker" of the old joyous journalistic days.

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After School, What?

WHAT THE DEAF AND DUMB, SEEKING EMPLOYMENT, ARE UP AGAINST.

[Extracts from a paper by Rev. Warren M. Smaltz, M.A., at the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf.]

"Again, I feel that our schools have not always done so much as they might have to obtain favourable publicity for their graduates. At first glance this may seem an unjustified criticism. I am fully aware that our school papers carry large quantities of printed matter relating to the success of their alumni. But we all know that the circulation of these school papers is limited. I refer, rather, to such publicity as has appeared in newspapers having a general circulation. Moreover, I take issue rather with the content than the quantity of this type of publicity. I will cite an example of what I mean, taken from a metropolitan daily under date of January 28, 1934. To avoid offence where none is intended, I am omitting all names:—

THE DEAF HEAR, THE DUMB SPEAK. Hundred Children Learning to Overcome Handicap.

Out in ——— School an intense drama of real life is being enacted daily. It might be entitled 'Out of the Great Silence.'

But the keynote of this drama is the effort of the instructors to teach the dumb to speak and the deaf, if not to hear, to read lips . . .

Children who never heard their names wave their hands in ecstatic enthusiasm at the sound of them over their mechanical ears, or at the sight of them on the lips of their instructors.

"I am sorry that time does not permit quoting the article in its entirety. Although it ran to a full column, not a word was said about the capabilities of the deaf in industry and the trades. Can we not visualise the plight of the deaf job-hunter when in halting phrases or with pad and pencil he interviews an employer who has just read an article such as this in his morning newspaper? Yet this is not an extreme instance. I will quote another newspaper having a circulation of nearly one million, under date of April 15, 1935:—

DEAF PUPILS LEARN TO ACCENT SPEECH, SING AND DANCE THROUGH RHYTHM.

Singing and dancing classes such as you never saw before are being held at the old ——— School, ——— Street below ———teenth.

Children who can't hear a sound sing patriotic songs. Boys and girls dance gaily to music they cannot hear.

One of the difficulties in teaching the deaf to talk is their weak voices. Singing is a splendid corrective for this. Also for the nasality of most deaf speech.

Almost every day at least one teacher develops a new trick in teaching.

"This account goes on for a full newspaper column, and paragraph after paragraph is devoted to the new "tricks" of the teachers, but nowhere is there any reference to the deaf man and woman in a world of work. It may be replied that these stories are the work of irresponsible feature writers imbued with the man-bite-dog theory of what shall we say is news. True enough. But what shall we say when we find a school paper reprinting a similar story verbatim, and with evident approval? Again I quote:

DEAF TAUGHT TO SPEAK AND HEAR.

The little colony of ——— hundred deaf students, who live and learn for ten months of the year at the ——— School for the Deaf, represents a group of natural, normal boys and girls. They are spontaneously happy and have the enviable faculty of being able to smile and laugh often, and mean it.

Many of the children in this school were born deaf, while others lost their hearing in early

childhood. The majority of them, when they enter the institution, do not know their own names.

The teachers, many of whom are local, are college graduates and have been given a year or two of special instruction for teaching the Deaf.

"And more to the same effect. Time alone prevents me from quoting columns of this stuff. None of it is calculated to do the deaf boy and girl any real good. Rather, the public concludes that deafness is a trivial handicap and lip-reading a perfect substitute for hearing. In a world of stern actualities, the deaf job-seeker who presents himself before a much misinformed employer is going to have a lot of explaining to do. It is giving rise to a situation which the Deaf themselves are meeting with growing resentment.

"Please do not misunderstand me. I have yet to see the deaf man or woman who is sorry he or she learned to speak and lip-read. What they resent is having the public educated into expecting something miraculous. They resent it because it superimposes an artificial handicap upon the natural ones they already have. Over and above the stress and strain of their daily toil, they discover that they must somehow live up to a misguided employer's conception of what an average deaf-mute ought to be."

Television as Phone for Deaf and Dumb.

"Talks" between deaf mutes in Berlin and Leipzig took place recently for the first time over the television cable between the two cities. At present the service is an experimental one and the event was arranged by Herr Albreghts, National Director of the Language of the Deaf in Germany, himself a deaf mute.

The two "speakers" conducted their conversation in the finger-sign of the deaf and dumb language and both were clearly able to understand each other.

Douglas Tilden.

The premier deaf sculptor of America, Douglas Tilden, has died in his workshop in Berkeley, California, at the age of 75.

At the age of five Mr. Tilden became deaf and attended the Californian School at Berkeley. Upon graduation he passed the entrance examinations for the University of California, but did not care to take the courses there. Instead, he became a teacher at his Alma Mater and remained there for eight years.

Thomas Williamson.

Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, was in receipt of a letter some time ago from Mrs. M. Morrison, who stated that her brother, Thomas Williamson, of Octavious Place, New Plymouth, New Zealand, passed away on 19th August last after a long and trying illness. She stated that he

often talked of the times he spent in Melbourne, of the great work the Society is doing for the Deaf, and wished to thank us for the kindly interest we took in him. The following is from a New Zealand paper:—

The death occurred at New Plymouth last week of Mr. Thomas Williamson, at the age of 66 years. Mr. Williamson was a native of Glasgow and came to New Zealand as a boy at the age of 14 years. He very early showed ability in art, and under the tuition of such masters as Mr. John Gibb, Mr. Menzies Gibb, and Mr. Lawson Balfour quickly progressed in his art, and became one of the best known painters of the Dominion. He was a student of the Canterbury College School of Art, and his paintings were regularly hung at the art exhibitions and received the highest commendation of the critics. He was awarded many scholarships for his work and he increased his knowledge and outlook by travelling extensively, the scholarships enabling him to continue and extend his studies. He had the true instinct of the artist and took a pride and pleasure in his work which he did for art's sake. He was of a kindly and genial disposition and retained a spirit of youthfulness throughout his life. The affliction of deafness handicapped him in some directions, but not in his artistic instincts or accomplishments. He took a keen interest in others similarly afflicted and in the institutions for deaf and dumb persons, though he was never a member of any such institute. He assisted in everything that was done to assist these people in New Zealand, and on one occasion was their representative at a conference in Melbourne.

About 14 years ago Mr. Williamson went to New Plymouth, where he made his home. He is survived by two sisters who live in New Plymouth, Mrs. W. K. Morrison and Mrs. G. R. Davidson. Other members of his family reside in America and Scotland.

Russia.

"Deaf Mute's Life" is the name of a magazine for the Deaf published in Moscow, Russia. It seems by this publication that even the Deaf have their Stakhanovists or prize workers. A Deaf Dramatic Club recently produced "Romeo and Juliet" at Lenin-grad.

Germany.

"Popular Science Monthly" for September last says that German shepherd dogs may be trained for special service with deaf masters. One of these dogs will learn to recognise bell tones about a house and conduct his owner to the door. Dogs so trained by the Deaf of almost every country, where there are schools for the Deaf, have been known to us for fifty years and more. In fact such dogs are quite numerous and common to the Deaf.

China.

The Chefoo School for the Deaf during the year June, 1935-36, enrolled 55 deaf children between ages of 7 and 17. Miss A. E. Carter is the Principal. There are eighteen Schools for the Deaf in China, with 735 children under instruction.

The Duke of Windsor.

As Prince of Wales, the Duke of Windsor laid the foundation stone of St. Saviour's Church for the Deaf, Acton, London, May, 1924. The Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb has had the patronage of the Royal Family since 1873, when Queen Victoria honoured this organisation by being its patroness.

All Victorian Deaf Working.

Practically the whole of the skilled deaf artisans of this State are now employed at their trades, and the whole of the unemployed, both married and single, offering themselves have, through the offices of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, been given work by the Victorian Government Forests Commission for three months. A Christmas gift was sent to the married men's camp, and the single men received pocket money to start off with. It is the intention of the Principal of our Society to visit the camps from time to time.

Presentation Night.

Thursday, October 15, was the occasion for a large gathering of the Deaf in honour of Messrs. F. E. Frewin and J. McLean, who were each presented with an ash-tray stand and a pipe in a case. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, who presided, in his opening address stated that the reason for the evening's gathering was to do honour to their guests of the evening, and to present them with a small token of remembrance. He stated it was a pleasure to him to recall his long association with two such loyal and faithful friends.

Mr. Frewin, he recalled, had been one of those who had welcomed him on his arrival from England, and had worked hard in the cause of the Deaf ever since. Mr. Frewin's example was one which the younger generation might do well to follow. Speaking of Mr. McLean, he said he had joined the mission about the same time as he himself on his arrival out here. Mr. McLean had a record that any member might be proud of. He had given unstintingly of both time and money in his long years of association with the Deaf.

Mr. G. Newnham, the Hon. Secretary of the Deaf Committee, spoke complimenting the two gentlemen on their long service to the cause of the Deaf. Mr. J. M. Johnston also spoke in a similar strain, recall-

ing the occasion of his first meeting with them. Miss R. Dow then, on behalf of the assembled Deaf, made the presentation.

Mr. F. Frewin, responding, spoke at length of the old days and traced the gradual rise of the Society from a small room to the fine property which they now possessed. Mr. McLean said he was glad he had been able to be of service to the Deaf in the past and had a store of precious memories of the old stalwarts of the past.

After this games were indulged in under the management of Messrs. J. M. Johnston and G. Newnham. At about 10 o'clock a light supper was served after which the party broke up.

Benefactor's Night.

The Melbourne Deaf again remembered their Benefactors by holding a "night" in their honour on the 12th November, in the Assembly Hall. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, our Principal, expounded the many sacrifices by men and women all the world over in the service of the Deaf and Dumb, and complimented us in setting apart a date to do them honour. Messrs. J. M. Johnston, G. Newnham, F. E. Frewin, G. Mortimer, and Ernest Reynolds also spoke of what they knew and the benefits they left behind.

After that games were played and then finally the supper was served. The attendance was very good, about 80 turned up.

During the evening, prizes won during the Winter Billiards Tournament were distributed. The recipients were R. Lygon, winner; I. Guthrie, runner-up, and Alf. Tyzzer, highest break.

Geelong Social.

A very pleasant evening was spent at Geelong by a large party of Deaf on Saturday, November 7. More than 40 Melbourne folk made the trip by 'bus, car and motor bike. The 'bus which carried the main party left Jolimont at about 4.15 and arrived at Geelong at about 6 o'clock, to find that the Geelong Deaf, under the able leadership of the Misses Monahan, had prepared an excellent tea. After tea some of the visitors took the opportunity to have a look at the town before dark. The editor was one of these, and was much struck by the deserted appearance of the town. Pedestrians were few and far between, and the traffic seemed almost non-existent after the rush and bustle of the metropolis. In fact, the town had much the appearance of Aberdeen on a button day. On returning to the hall we discovered games had begun. The local Deaf had succeeded in roping in a number of hearing friends, mostly youths and girls. Half a dozen of the latter, by the way, in full warpaint, contributed much to the success of the evening, being distinctly worth looking at, or "easy on the eyes" as the Americans say. After

some very popular games a conjuror put on a short but very good turn. Then, following a speech by the Principal, and by Mr. S. Hobson, a member of our General Board, the Misses Monahan were each presented with a lovely bunch of carnations and an out-size box of chocolates as a gesture of good-will in return for their enthusiastic and self-sacrificing leadership among the Geelong Deaf. Each of the guests wore a paper hat, which had a lucky number attached. The lucky prize was won by the editor, to his vast amazement. A final item was a bun-eating contest, the competitors having to eat a bun suspended by string without touching it with their hands. It was distinctly amusing for the spectators to see the competitors gulping and choking in their frantic efforts to swallow large portions of bun with a minimum of chewing. C. Hennessy won this contest by two swallows in a most exciting final in which both finalists appeared to be in imminent danger of choking to death. Supper was then served, after which the main body of Melbourne folk bid their friends farewell and left for their home town in the 'bus, arriving in time to catch the last trains to the suburbs. Our hearty thanks are tendered to the Geelong Deaf for their hospitality, also to those hearing friends who assisted in making the evening the success it was.

Chess Match.

On Saturday, December 12th, some eight members of the Hawthorn Chess Club were our guests in the library, where a series of friendly games took place. It was the first time our chess players had pitted themselves against a hearing club, and the results of the games are not likely to send us out in search of a larger size in hats. Some pairs played more than one game, but only the first game counted officially. Eight boards were set out; Hawthorn won seven and left us with a solitary victory to our credit. The winner of the one game for our side was none other than J. M. Johnston. We are hoping to pay a return visit to Hawthorn in the near future, and plans are afoot to form a properly organised Chess Club. At the close of the evening Mr. Edmund, of Hawthorn, made a speech of thanks, to which Mr. Ed. Johnson responded. Taken altogether, it was a very pleasant evening, and we are looking forward to meeting Hawthorn again. Full Scores: G. Johnson (Haw.) d. A. Dodson (Adult Deaf). H. Edmund d. Mortimer. Buzzard d. Morgan. Lord d. Noble. Kidd lost to J. M. Johnston. Short d. E. Johnson. Firth d. Blackmore. Bristol d. Raines.

Ugly Man Competition.

The Ugly Man Competition closed on December 5th, when the name of the winner was announced to a crowded hall. The results were:—Jack McLaurin, £11/7/-; Joe Phillips, £10/10/1; Melby Dyson, £10; Joe Dickenson, £7/5/10; Jack Boal,

£3/12/11; Stan McLean, £2/3/9, in that order. The evening's entertainment consisted, apart from the naming of the winner and the drawing of the lucky numbers, in two plays and a recitation. Mrs. T. Peters gave an excellent recitation, which was much applauded. The second half of the evening was given over to a short sketch entitled "Her Legacy," in which Miss Joyce May had the leading role, assisted by the Misses Leber, Lloyd and Bently, with J. M. Johnston as the policeman, W. Ross as the innkeeper, and W. Gorin as the burglar. Well over half of the players were appearing on the stage for the first time, and in the circumstances did very well.

The chief event of the evening, however, was the play, "Did He Do It?" which was one of the funniest and most successful plays we have ever had. From start to finish it was a riot of laughter. G. Newnham was the judge, complete with wig. Joe Phillips in the dock, with Francis Peters as his wife, made a picture of injured innocence. Ethel Leber, assisted by Eric Johnston, was screamingly funny, as she always is. Our old friend J. M. Johnston was very impressive as a policeman—it is surprising what a difference a helmet and uniform make. As usual, he had all the hard work to do, acting as chucker-out, witness, and prosecutor in one. But the best of a fine lot were undoubtedly Alex. Anderson and Wallace Ross, particularly the last-named, who made his first appearance on the stage. As the two swaggies they had the entire hall rocking with laughter all through. It is a long time since we have had a play as lively, well-acted, and as genuinely funny as this one, and we hope next year to see another as good, if possible, with the same cast.

Thursday Nights.

This evening is the Principal's own. After a short service in the Church a lecturette is usually given in the Assembly Hall by the Principal, which is followed by films of an educational character. The attendances have been exceptionally good for educational gatherings, ranging round sixty. Some of the titles of the lecturettes were:—"The Power of the Human Mind," "The Power of Money," "Some Comments on the Spanish Civil War," "If Invited to a Party—," "A Report of an Agent of an American State Department of Labour on the Problems of the Employment of the Deaf," which is reprinted elsewhere in this issue, "Clocks," "Medicine Plants of the World," "King Edward Crisis."

Some of the titles of the pictures were:—"The Puzzle," an Out-of-the-Inkwell Comedy and very clever, too; "The Beggar Maid," a love story in which the artist helps to smooth the course of true love between an earl and the gardener's daughter; "The Prince's Highway," "Tracking South," "The

Playground of the Sea Folk," "The Safety Curtain," featuring Norma Talmage, a dramatic scene in which all ends well; "Orchids and Ermines," featuring Colleen Moore; "The Adventurer" and "The Count," both featuring Charlie Chaplin; "Fore-shores of Sydney Harbour," "Greatest Agricultural Show," "Motor Body Works," "Jenolan Caves," "Australian Seaside Resort," "Kangaroo Hunting."

Picture Nights.

On Saturday, September 12th, the Lacrosse Club had a picture night in aid of its fund, and "Cleopatra" was screened, together with a "Pop Eye Sailor" Comedy. "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer" was screened on Saturday, November 14th, for the Carnival Fund. On other Saturdays we had "Horse Power," "Up and Downs," "I Yam What I Yam" (Pop Eye Sailor), "To the Last Man." The Sunday screenings were as follows:—"Castles in Air," "Rope End," "South Sea Island," "Art Treasures of the Vatican," "Main Streets the World Over," "Big Game Hunting in Africa," "Fast Life," "Children of Roumania," "From London to Paris by Air," "Views of Mont Blanc," "Early to Rise."

Saturday Nights Entertainments.

Our Saturday Night's Entertainments bring to mind a title very familiar to us in our earlier years and which would be fairly descriptive of the variety and Arabian Nights' character of our week-end shows in the Assembly Hall throughout the series which was under the auspices of the Carnival Committee. There have been large attendances, crowded sometimes, with others in Billiards, Chess and Reading Room or Library.

The following is the list of some of them:—Burlesque Cocktail Night, Cinema Pictures, a Dance, Magician's Night, Henley Night, Chess Competition, Paper Fancy Dress Competitions, Crazy Whist Night, Euchre Tournament, Ugly Men Coronation Night.

The Cup Day Picnic.

Over sixty of the Deaf made the trip to Blackburn Farm on Cup Day, November 3rd. We were fortunate in having a glorious day for our Annual Sports. The morning was spent by the younger Deaf in games and pastimes, and lunch-time arrived all too soon. After lunch some time was spent in strolling around the lake. Later in the afternoon the sporting events were carried out in brilliant sunshine. The chief race of the day was the 100 Yards Championship, which was won by Jack Brundell, with M. Dyson a close second. Eddy Raines did not put in an appearance to defend his unbeaten three years' record. Mrs. T. Newton, the last year's Ladies' Champion of the 75 Yards, did not turn up,

and Miss B. Higgle had an easy task to regain that title. It is her fourth victory in five years. Miss J. Woolhouse came second. R. Lygon was very much disappointed in the 100 Yards Race, but he did better in the 440 Yards, which he won in the easiest of styles. H. Nathan came second.

The Sack Race provided much amusement, and close contests were witnessed in the Women's Section when Misses Francie Peters and Betty Wilkinson twice dead-heated, so they were awarded the prizes. The Egg and Spoon Race also came in for a share of popularity. Tea was prepared at 5.30 and the good things disappeared at a surprising speed down many eager throats. Further games were played after tea by those who preferred them, while others went for rambles around the lake. With the approaching dark the party began to break up and return home tired, but happy, after a most delightful day.

Anniversary Rally.

The Anniversary Rally was held on the evening of September 24th, when a large number of the Deaf attended. Some very good films were shown to an appreciative audience. During the interval Mr. G. Newnham, the Hon. Secretary of the Deaf Committee, spoke of Mr. E. J. D. Abraham's 35 years service to the Deaf. There was a very good attendance, the hall being fairly crowded by an attendance of over 185, all of whom enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Supper was served during the second interval, and it was not until about 11.15 that the party reluctantly broke up, after a most enjoyable evening.

Christmas Rally.

This year's Christmas Rally was undoubtedly one of the most successful on record. Starting at about 7.30, it was not until nearly 12 o'clock that the Deaf finally dispersed to their various homes. An excellent programme was arranged, consisting of an "Hour of Mystery" by Keith Johnson and Lindsay Dodson, who entertained us with some excellent conjuring tricks. Then came an interval, during which sweets and ices were handed round. The second part of the programme consisted of two screamingly funny comedies, "Buried Treasure" and "Gentlemen Prefer Scotch," which fairly "brought down the house." At about 10.30 a sumptuous supper was served and, needless to say, was not the least of the evening's attractions. Finally, after much gossip, the Deaf reluctantly dispersed to their various homes.

Children's Party.

The grounds of our square fairly resounded with happy noise on Saturday afternoon, December 12th, it being the yearly party arranged by the Women's Guild for the children of the Deaf. In the hall, tables were fairly groaning with good things, prepared while

the children were playing in the square. At 5 o'clock the guests streamed in to eat, and the way they made the good things disappear was a sight worth seeing. At last, however, when the tables looked as if a cyclone had struck them, and no longer groaned, sighs of repletion arose, and now it was the chairs that groaned. Father Christmas arrived at 7 p.m., and was quickly busy distributing toys to the eager children, most of whom departed in tow of their parents as darkness began to fall after a most enjoyable day. The Women's Guild deserve thanks for their unselfish and self-sacrificing work in arranging this party each year.

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Women's Guild 35th Anniversary Re-Union.

The Women's Guild celebrated their 35th Anniversary on Tuesday, September 22nd, in the form of a Re-union Rally of Old and New Members. The event was held in the Assembly Hall, which was transformed into a cosy lounge with card tables placed here and there. Each table was graced with a vase of poppies and daffodils, which brightened up the room considerably. Mrs. T. Peters, the President, acted as hostess for the evening and welcomed the members and visitors. After a short opening prayer, Mrs. Peters gave a resume of the Guild's activities dating from the beginning, and eulogised the past workers, especially Mrs. J. E. Muir and Mrs.

A Wilson, on their initiative in carrying on the Guild's work. She expressed the Guild's disappointment in not having Miss Agnes Foster present. She was the Guild's first Hon. Treasurer and held office for eight years in succession. The chairwoman also expressed appreciation in seeing Miss Rose, the daughter of the late Mr. F. J. Rose, the founder of the Deaf School, present. A very nice letter from Mrs. F. Martin, of Adelaide, formerly Miss Dorrie Davis, was read. She expressed her keen regret in not being able to be present with us, and stated that though her body is not with us, her spirit will be amongst us. She sent her congratulations upon the Guild's attainment of the 35th year. She said that the mention of the Guild brought back all old memories of her time with it, and gave much credit of her upbringing to Mrs. J. E. Muir's influence. She wound up her letter with congratulation on the present President, Mrs. T. Peters, upon her many years service and trust that the present members received the same influence from her as did her predecessors.

The first five years Hon. Secretary and the first Deaf President of seven years standing, Mrs. E. J. Muir, came down from Warburton especially to attend this function, and was greeted with applause when she rose to speak. She said it was a great honour to be present on this occasion and said she hoped this Guild would continue to live, and if she be spared she would try to be present on its fiftieth anniversary.



Lighting the Candles at the 35th Anniversary Rally of the Deaf Women's Guild at the Adult Deaf and Dumb Club Rooms, Jolimont Square. The first President of the Guild, Mrs. J. E. Muir (third from left) is assisting Mrs. T. Peters (second from left), the present President, to light the candles.

Mrs. A. Wilson, 21 years on the Committee, extended birthday greetings to this Guild.

Misses Rose and Mabel Dow, present members, also spoke, speaking on the historical part of the Guild's rise.

Two recitations were given, one by the chairwoman on "Between Loves," and one by Miss Rose on "Preparing for Action."

Supper was then laid out and the President asked Mrs. J. E. Muir to honour the Guild by cutting the Birthday Cake, which was graced with 35 candles, and soon after it was cut into pieces and distributed.

Mrs. A. Wilson terminated the meeting with expressions of thanks to the present Guild Committee for getting up this happy occasion, and for the invitations, which was heartily supported by others.

A flashlight photo, of the lighting of the cake was taken and it appeared in "The Sun News-Pictorial" the next morning.

A SHORT HISTORY OF WOMEN'S GUILD.

At the invitation of Mrs. Luke (hearing) a number of ladies, deaf and hearing, met at her residence at Jolimont Terrace on the evening of May 28th, 1901, to discuss the formation of a Women's Club, and it was unanimously agreed, that a body be formed with the title as "The Deaf Women's Friendly Society." All those present formed themselves into a committee. Mrs. Luke was given the honour as the first President, with Mrs. J. Martin as Vice-President. Miss Agnes Foster was the Hon. Treasurer, with Miss D. Damman (Mrs. J. E. Muir) as Hon. Secretary. Mesdames F. Frewin, M. Williamson, S. Moss, Taggart, and Miss Bella Foster filled the role as committee-women. The last two-named resigned soon after. The rest of the above-named ladies continued to hold office for four years and then changes came.

A room was obtained at the Baptist Church, Collins Street, City, and the meetings held were from 7 to 9 p.m.

At the first ordinary meeting, held on 2nd July, 1901, 19 members enrolled and Mrs. Luke, the President, gave some useful talk on this new organisation. At the following meeting, July, 16th, six more were enrolled, and Mrs. Moss and Miss D. Damman gave their paper readings on Parables of the Ten Virgins and the Prodigal Son respectively.

In 1904 the room was transferred to our new building in Flinders Street, and in 1909 the title of "The Deaf Women's Friendly Society" was changed to "The Women's Guild."

Miss E. Empson holds the record for long association on the Committee of this Guild, 26 years;

then follow Misses Rose Dow and Doris Hickey, 23 years each. Mrs. A. Wilson came next with 21 years, and Mrs. J. E. Muir 16. The present President, Mrs. T. Peters, has held office for eight years in succession, a record length of time for a president.

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Men's Guild.

The Guild met on September 22nd when Mr. J. Phillips gave his subject on "Do You Know?" On October 5th half an hour was given over to discussion on "Fascism and Communism," and after that a paper by Mr. W. B. Anderson on "Man versus Nature." Our chairman took the night on October 27th and gave us a talk on "Soviet Russia" and a very interesting subject it was. He was heartily thanked for his paper. The meeting on November 10th was a sad one, for the Guild has lost one of its most loyal and enthusiastic members in the person of Mr. Claude Graham, who was killed in a motor accident. The Chairman spoke feelingly of the loss sustained by the Guild. As a mark of respect to the dead the members stood in silence for one minute. After that, discussion on "Are You in Favour of Forty Hours a Week Work?" It was unfinished. That subject was brought up by Mr. A. Aird. November 24, "Insurances" and "Mrs. Freer's Case" came in for a good deal of talk, and finally the evening wound up with a paper on "Volcanoes," given by Mr. W. B. Anderson, for which he was thanked. December 8th was the evening for a general talk, ending up with Christmas greetings all round.

The Guild has arranged a motor van picnic on A.N.A. Day, Monday, February 1st, to Dromana. A most happy time can be looked forward to. See Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Roxburgh, for further information.

Carnival Notes.

A Social Dance, organised by Mr. J. McLaurin to help the Christmas Carnival Fund, took place on Saturday, October 31st, in the Assembly Hall, which was prettily decorated with multicoloured streamers. About 80 dancers were present and enjoyed a varied programme of dances to the strains of the piano and drums. There were several novelty dances which added to the enjoyment of the evening. The winners were:—Lucky Spot, Mr. Davenport and Miss A. Bently; Monte Carlo No. 2, Mr. W. Ross and Miss E. Dunstan. Miss Evelyn Lloyd, dressed in a flaming red frock with a becoming green jacket, was awarded first prize for the Best Dressed Lady. Mr. Webb made an efficient M.C. After the interval a tasty supper was served. The dance concluded at 11.30, and everyone present was unanimous in the praise of the grand time spent. Mr. McLaurin is to be congratulated on the success of the dance.

Personal Pars.

W. Burge was very fortunate to escape with his life the other day. Some bricks fell from the scaffold above, and two struck him, one on his head and the other on his back. This, of course, laid him out, and he was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital where stitches were inserted in his head. After a week or two he was back to his old self again.

W. Bladier for some time, complained of some internal complaint and was treated at the Alfred Hospital. Fortunately for him, an operation was not necessary.

J. Collins, of Neerim Junction, was in Alfred Hospital and operated upon. His was the most remarkable case, as no sooner was he out of the effect of anaesthetic, he was up and walking about. The nurses had to force him back to bed again. He, however, made a very quick recovery.

Colin Johns came down during the Show Week and accompanied Vernon Griffiths for the most part, showing him the sights of Melbourne. Colin extended his stay in Melbourne and tried to obtain employment, but was not successful. He has returned home again.

Mrs. W. A. Paterson had the misfortune to slip over a step at back of her home and broke one of her ankles. She was treated at Alfred Hospital for many months as an out-patient. It is mending very slowly. She went about on crutches, and now has to depend on the use of a walking stick. During her many visits to the hospital, Mesdames T. Peters and G. Newnham, in turn, very graciously assisted in house cleaning, for which Mr. and Mrs. Paterson could not thank them enough.

Since he left school eleven Christmases ago Vernon Griffiths, of Kenmare, has scarcely moved out of his home district until this year, when he paid his first visit to Melbourne and "Our Centre." He came down expressly for the Royal Show, and expressed great delight to meet his old school mates again. He regretted that his brother Cecil was unable to accompany him, but said that Cecil had his eyes on the Adelaide trip this Christmas, and has asked that his name be included in the party from Victoria. Vernon hopes to be able to come down again next year and bring Cecil with him. We were informed that Cecil is an all-round sportsman, and that tennis is his mission in Adelaide.

Mrs. Hood, of Geelong, was down for two or three weeks as guest of Mrs. Ed. Johnson, of Reservoir, and her sister at Mitcham. While at Geelong Mrs. Ed. Johnson was guest of Mrs. Hood for some time, so their visits reciprocated.

Miss E. Moore, of Geelong, was down, too, and visited the Eye and Ear Hospital for treatment, as an out-patient, to her eye. Whilst here she joined

in one of the Euchre Tournaments and won a prize of a box of chocolates.

Visitors down for the Royal Show during September were Mr. S. Ferguson, from Bowman's Forest; Mr. and Mrs. A. Stokes, from Trafalgar; Mr. G. Damman, of Warburton; Mr. C. Johns, of Horsham; Mr. V. Griffiths, of Kenmare; Mrs. Hood and Miss E. Moore, of Geelong; Mr. Hopkins, of Nagambie; Mr. Abbott, of Chinkapook; Mr. Richie, of Mortlake; and others.

Mrs. J. E. Muir and Miss B. Wilkinson, of Warburton, came down for the 35th Anniversary of the Women's Guild.

The Editor was in receipt of a letter from G. Burgess, of Willaura, who stated that he is still taking an interest in cricket and plays with the local club.

J. Gibson, of Geelong, was off work from Ford's for a time and was fortunate to be back in harness again.

W. H. Duncan, of Coldstream, has been shifting about a good deal lately. Some time ago he moved from Coldstream to Northcote and then on to Bonbeach. Now we hear he is up at Healesville.

We had a visit from Miss Phyllis Gersch, of Hopton, during the early part of December, and as it was her first visit to "Our Centre," she was very pleased to be able to meet many of the Deaf again. She is a past pupil of the Adelaide Deaf School. She hopes to be able to join us in Adelaide this Christmas.

The Forestry Camp at Macedon re-opened again for our unemployed Deaf, and the married men were given first preference. The first batch, comprising Messrs. Waterstrom, W. A. Paterson, R. H. Luff, H. McKenzie, C. Brass and Alf. Tyzzer, went under canvas on December 3rd. The single men will go soon after the holidays, and it is expected quite a number will go. They are to remain on the job for three months.

P. Swain is receiving attention to his swollen arm at the Windermere Private Hospital, Prahran.

J. Richie, of Mortlake, has secured a situation on Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith's farm and we trust he is well suited.

Henry Alexander, of South Melbourne, is at present working for Mr. and Mrs. J. Brook, of Longwood. Mrs. Alexander, the mother of Henry, said that he spoke highly of his employer and likes his work.

In Camp.

The Forests Commission has arranged two camps at Macedon, one for six of our married men on the mountain, and one for seventeen single men, about six miles distant.

On January 8th our Principal paid a visit to the married men, and the same week, accompanied by Mr. Hobson (a member of the Board of Management) and Miss Empson, started out for the camp

of the single men. About 1½ miles from their destination the car refused to go any farther. Mr. Hobson and Melby Dyson, loaded with boxes of "eats," arrived at the camp and the "gang" that was not working escorted them back to the car. Finally the car was towed into Gisborne.

Little clouds often show their silver lining, and this cloud decidedly did. For, as the car was being towed in, it was observed by a very gracious resident, Mrs. B. N. E. Ross Watt, who invited the party to her home. After being shown her most beautiful garden, Mrs. Ross Watt entertained the party to afternoon tea, and later Miss Ross Watt drove them to Gisborne in time to catch the train for Melbourne. In their inmost hearts, we think, all were rather pleased the car broke down.

Mrs. Ross Watt and our Principal recalled having met a year or two ago, when Mrs. Ross Watt, who is a Justice of the Peace, was on the Bench, and Mr. Abraham was the interpreter for two deaf men.

Tin Kettling in Home of Deaf Couple.

About 40 district friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt (Deaf) gathered at their residence at "Pine Park," Ouyen, on Monday night for a tin kettling to these popular young residents. The evening was passed in games, competitions, cards and draughts. Mr. N. Poole was a popular M.C. A bountiful supper was provided by the ladies, after which Mr. Poole extended heartiest good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and wished them happiness and prosperity in the years to come. He presented Mr. and Mrs. Hunt with a beautiful crystal salad bowl on behalf of all their friends, amidst applause. Mr. Hunt feelingly responded and said he had been deeply affected by the large number of visitors present to welcome him home and was grateful for the gift which would always be treasured by him and his wife. The singing of "For They are Jolly Good Fellows" and "Auld Lang Syne" concluded an enjoyable little function.—"Ouyen Mail."

Crickets.

Our Cricket Team has done decidedly well this season. So far, we have won three out of five matches. The first match was played against Clarendon, which we won by 20 runs on first innings. We put on 245 runs (J. Boal 67 not out, R. Lygon 37, H. Nathan 35, J. Brundell 25, J. Unsworth 22). Clarendon replied with 225 runs (J. Brundell 4 wickets for 33, J. Boal 4 for 49).

Melbourne Motors was beaten on first innings by 52 runs (R. Ryan 58, H. Nathan 42, E. Davenport 23, J. Phillips 21). Of the bowlers, R. Chaundy was best with 4 for 27, D. Johnston 2 for 25.

Clan Socials was the next victim, lost on first innings by 96 runs. R. Lygon shone out with the bat and made 89 not out, J. Brundell 27, J. Un-

worth 23. D. Johnston was outstanding with the ball. He took 5 wickets for 21.

In our fourth match our luck changed and South Melbourne Hibernians beat us by 23 on first innings. Warrie Ashby topped the score with 44 runs not out, R. Lygon 32. J. Boal, 4 for 30, and R. Chaundy, 3 for 51, were the bowlers.

Another reverse, at the hands of South Centrals, outright by 10 wickets and 4 runs. Not one of our players scored over 20. J. Boal, 6 for 30, R. Chaundy, 4 for 27, were the best bowlers.

Tennis.

Intense training interspersed with tournaments has been the fare with our Tennis Club during the past three months. A Handicap Mixed Doubles was run through for J. McLaurin's Trophies and on Saturday before last the final was played between J. Dickenson and Mrs. H. Puddy, and H. Puddy and Miss Olive Minton. The first-named won the match.

At present singles matches are being played for the Founder's Trophies. These matches gave the selectors ample time to judge the merits of each player for Interstate matches to be played in Adelaide.

After the holidays further tournaments will be staged and it is hoped enthusiasm will not flag out when the players return home from their interstate visits.

Deaf Boxer.

A deaf-mute, named Joe Randall, aged 18, has lately appeared in a number of boxing bouts in England in the hope that he will recover his hearing or speech, or both.

It is felt by his friends that the impact of blows, and more likely a knockout delivery, might restore his deficient faculties.

Randall receives written instructions from his seconds, and at the end of each round his opponent throws up his hands as a signal for Randall to return to his corner.

One of his friends said: "I do not think a knock-out would do him any harm, even if it did not enable him to find his tongue or his ears, as he is strong physically and can take lots of punishment."

Why should not a sudden jolt give him back his lost faculties?

Births.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Derby, of 60 Green Street, Burnley, E.1, on September 27th, 1936 (Thomas James).

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Warwick Ashby, of 36 Bute Street, Murrumbidgee, on December 1st, 1936.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newton, of Footscray, on 1st January, 1937 (Nancy).

Weddings. Reiffel—Hunt.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at Dawson Street Baptist Church, Ballarat, on Saturday, September 26th, by Rev. Horsfall, when George Alfred Hunt, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunt, of Ouyen, was married to Eva May Reiffel, of Ballarat.

The bride wore a white silk striped matalasse frock made on simple lines with cowl front and short train. The bridesmaid, Miss Ruby McDonald, of Ballarat, was dressed in pink and the little train-bearer was gowned in floral pink. Mr. Charles Hunt, elder brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The reception was held at the Wentworth Cafe, where the usual toasts were honoured. The honeymoon was spent at Melbourne and Healesville. Many beautiful gifts were received.

O'Keeffe—Caroline.

On Saturday, September 19th, 1936, at Camberwell, Mr. William O'Keeffe, of Geelong, was married to Miss Vera Caroline, of Auburn.

Pickett—Sinnott.

On Thursday, December 24th, at Heidelberg, Mr. Kelvin Pickett, of Footscray, was married to Miss Louise Sinnott, of Preston.

Silver Weddings.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. Peters, of Brunswick, on the occasion of their silver wedding on November 29th.

Same congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Collins, of Neerim Junction, Gippsland. They were married on December 20th, 1911.

Obituary.

After a life of 88 years and 2 days Mrs. G. H. Oakley, of 66 Earl Street, Prahran, was laid to rest at the Box Hill Cemetery on Monday, November 30th, 1936, the day following her passing away. Her end was expected and she was all prepared to meet the inevitable and she died peacefully. Our Principal officiated at the graveside, assisted by the Welfare Officer. A number of her old intimate friends were present to pay her the last respects. Her life story is to be found in the April-May-June issue.

It is with deepest regret that we record the death of the well-known Deaf identity, not only in Victoria, but practically all over Australia, in the person of Mr. C. T. O. Graham, on Sunday morning, November 8th, 1936, at the age of 51 years. He was involved in a very nasty motor collision on the Geelong Road at Little River. Mr. Graham was one of the party who went to the Geelong Social on November 7th, and went in his own motor cycle outfit with Miss Bond as his passenger. After the social he, together with two more Deaf cyclists, went over to a friend's place for a further talk, and it was well past 1.30 a.m. on Sunday morning when the cyclists turned their faces homeward. Mr. Graham,

as usual, took great care and went on his way last. Things went well till somewhere at Little River, on a straight road, a motor car swerved over on his side and crashed into his cycle. He was killed instantaneously, and Miss Bond was flung forward into the grass and mud at the side of the road and escaped serious injury, but received a nasty shock. She was treated at Geelong Hospital, where she was conveyed by a passing car. Mr. Graham was buried at Spring Vale Cemetery, and only his intimate Deaf friends were present to pay the last respects. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham officiated at the graveside.

At the inquest the Coroner gave the verdict as accidental death.



THE LATE MR. C. GRAHAM.

Sympathies are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hunt, of Mildura, in the loss of their dear son, Wesley, who died after contracting diphtheria on 2nd December, 1936.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

MONDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1937, A.N.A. —(Foundation) DAY—

Men's Guild ANNUAL PICNIC to DROMANA and ARTHUR'S SEAT, by Motor Vans. Tickets, 2/6 each. Milk and Hot Water Free. Tickets from E. Roxburgh, Hon. Secretary.

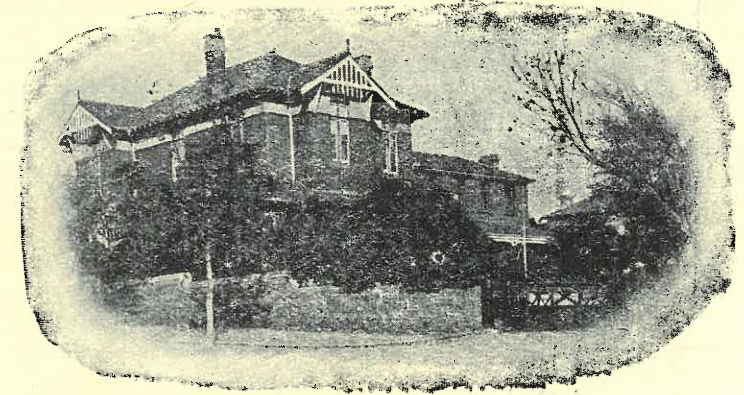
TUESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1937, at 7.45 p.m.—

LACROSSE CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING. Reading of Report and Balance Sheet. Election of Office-bearers, etc.

THE 1937 SYLLABUS will be issued at the end of February.

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JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST,

aims at being

EVERYTHING TO THE DEAF AND DUMB OF THIS STATE

Except a School for Children.

The Victorian Government provides for the Education of Deaf and Dumb Children, which is compulsory, to the age of 16.

At the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society's Headquarters, Jolimont Square, Melbourne East, there is **A WELFARE CENTRE, CLUB HOUSE, and CHURCH FOR THE DEAF**, open to all Deaf and Dumb People — the one and only condition being that they help to maintain the good name of the Deaf.

THE DOORS of the Society's **HOME FOR AGED, INFIRM and DEPENDENT DEAF and DUMB**, at Blackburn, **ARE OPEN TO ALL** homeless and those needing care and protection.



THE HOME—BLACKBURN.

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