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A PRAYER FOR THE KING'S REIGN.

O God, the Ruler over Earth and Sea,
Grant us Thy guidance in the reign
to be:
Grant, that our King may make this
ancient land
A realm of brothers, working mind
and hand
To make the life of man a fairer
thing:
God, grant this living glory to the
King.
Grant, to our Queen, the strength that
lifts and shares
The daily burden that a monarch
bears:
Grant, to them both, Thy holy help
to give
The hopeless—hope, the workless—
means to live:
The light to see, and skill to make
us see,
Where ways are bad, what better ways
may be:
And grace, to give to working minds
the zest
To reach excelling things beyond their
best:
Grant to them peace, and Thy diviner
peace,
The joy of making human wars to
cease:
Make wise the councils of the men
who sway
The Britain here, the Britains far
away:
And grant us all, that every rightness
willed
In this beginning reign may be ful-
filled.

JOHN MASEFIELD,
Poet Laureate.



His Majesty King George VI.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE BISHOP OF BALLARAT

The RT. REV. W. H. JOHNSON

will be the Preacher at the

SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

of the Opening of the

CHURCH FOR THE DEAF,
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East,

SUNDAY, 27th JUNE, 7 P.M.

Organist, Mr. T. F. Crabb. Special Hymns.

The Bishop of Ballarat is the son of the late Mr. Samuel Johnson, M.A., for many years Principal of the South Australian Institution for Deaf and Dumb Children, Founder of the S.A. Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission, and Parafield Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf Mutes; also Founder of the Melbourne Deaf Men's Guild, and one of the Founders of the Victorian Adult Deaf and Dumb Society.

All ex-pupils of Institutions and Schools for the Deaf and Dumb, together with hearing relations and friends residing in Melbourne and district, should, if possible, be present on this historical occasion. **COME YOURSELF, AND BRING YOUR HEARING FRIENDS.**

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Commencing the first Sunday in July (the 4th), and for the following three weeks, **DIVINE SERVICE** will be held in the Church for the Deaf at 3.30 p.m., instead of 7 p.m. Should this arrangement prove to be popular with the Congregation, it will be continued throughout the winter months.

Every Thursday, 8 p.m., in the Church, Prayer and Thanksgiving.

Make a Note of These Big Events:

Monday, 14th June, 7.45 p.m.

KING'S BIRTHDAY RALLY.

"A Country Fair"

will be held in the Club House of the Society.

Games of Skill, Prizes. Supper.

Come, and Add to the Fun of the Fair.

Admission—Free.

Thursday, 23rd September, 6 p.m.

(Show Week).

Inaugural Dinner of the Deaf of this State, and Reminiscence Night.

Place of Meeting Not Yet Decided Upon.

For further particulars, write "Dinner Secretary," Jolimont Square, Melbourne East

Thursday, 11th November, 7.30 p.m.

BENEFACTORS' NIGHT,

Adult Deaf Centre, Jolimont Square.

Very Special Programme.

Every Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Entertainment in the Assembly Hall. Chess, Cards, Billiards, &c., &c., Upstairs.

Every Thursday—Lecturette, News of the Week, Cinema Pictures, &c., Supper.

Three Course Dinner every Saturday, at 6 p.m.—6d.

For Full Programme of Events—see Notice Board at Club House.

Coronation Day

Arranged as part of the Coronation Festivities, the Adult Deaf Centre was appropriately decorated with bunting round about the buildings and the approaches. A flag pole was put up near the front gate and an Australian flag, purchased by the Deaf Committee specially for the event, was hoisted and waved in the breeze for a week. The Deaf Committee issued invitations to the Deaf of Victoria to a Coronation Dinner and Entertainment on the evening of 12th May, in the Assembly Hall of our Centre. The tables were tastefully decorated with bowls of pale blue and yellow chrysanthemums, and red, white and blue streamers were interspersed over the tablecloths. The walls were also decorated with the national colours, and hung at intervals were shields showing the personalities of the Royal Family and places of interest on route of the Coronation Procession.

An unexpectedly large number responded to the invitation, and this necessitated two sittings at the dinner. In all, 210 sat down to a very sumptuous three-course meal, and, fortunately, by judicious serving and the prompt action of the honorary caterers in obtaining additional supplies, all were catered for. Through the unexpected arrangement of two sittings, the original programme of loyal toasts and speeches had to be cancelled, and it was well on to 8.30 p.m. before we were able to start the evening show. Prior to the picture show, Mr A. W. Sutherland rendered the National Anthem in gesture. The pictures shown were the "Popeye Comedy" and "The Last Outpost," a military drama. Unfortunately, the projection lamp burnt out before the last two reels had been shown, but the audience managed to understand what the end would be. During the interval prizes to holders of lucky numbered tickets were presented by the Principal. Approximately 250 turned up for the evening.

The Deaf Committee extend their sincere thanks to the ladies named below for their wonderful and valuable help in making the dinner the success it was, especially to Miss E. Empson, who is an acknowledged genius in providing for and presiding at our "feeding" functions; Miss Doris Hickey, Mrs. T. Peters, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Mrs. E. Johnson, Mrs. I. Halliday, Mrs. N. Sellen, Miss R. Dow, Miss G. Peters, Miss M. Dow, Miss G. McCormick, and Miss L. Sanders.

On this occasion the younger men were also very much to the fore in removing dining tables and arranging the seating for the audience under the most difficult conditions. Altogether, notwithstanding the crowded condition of our building, it was the merriest gathering we have yet witnessed.

Sermon by Rev. P. B. Clayton

("Tubby")

Preached to the Deaf at All Saints', Paddington, England.

My Brothers and Sisters,—

I take our text to-night from that most lovely chapter of the Gospel of St. John—the 15th chapter, 14th verse: "Ye are My friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

I don't suppose that there is anywhere among the miseries which befall mankind a greater misery than being lonely. I know that war and many other ghastly misfortunes befall mankind at various times and places. In these great distresses man can be, by the grace of God, most wonderfully patient; but I do not think there is anything, in all the world of evil, which is more irritating, more difficult to meet and overcome than that of being lonely. There is no state of life which is immune from being lonely some time. The rich can be, and very often are, extremely lonely people; but the poor, thank God, make friendships far more readily. There is a marvellous comradeship among the poor, and I believe that there is a marvellous comradeship among you all here; with the courage that God gives you, you spend your lives in one another's service.

If you take the ages of life, it is just the same. The boy who comes to school for the first time is liable to be extremely lonely. The man who joins the Army discovers that he is a victim of an amazing sense of loneliness. The man who joins a ship he doesn't know finds himself extremely lonely for a time.

I remember, when I was first ordained, on my first Sunday in my Parish at Portsmouth I went to visit the infirmary there. I came to visit one old lady there called Mrs. Fowles, and she, despite her illness, was looking wonderfully well and happy. She was happy simply because she had got two visitors there by her bedside and two more waiting down below to come up; whereas poor old Mrs. Robinson in the next bed was utterly miserable because her family had not come to see her, for they thought that she, being in a poor infirmary, was not respectable enough to visit. When I saw those two old ladies there, one just as happy as the Queen of England, the other, who was far less ill, unhappy, I said, "Why, here is loneliness at work."

Do you remember how the poet said—
"Ships that pass in the night, and speak each other in passing;
Only a signal shown, and a distant voice in the darkness."

So on the ocean of life, we pass and speak one another;
Only a look and a voice, then darkness again and a silence."

That is what all human life would be were it not that the love of the Lord Jesus has given us the faculty for friendship, and it is therefore the best thing that life can give to people.

As some of you are well aware, I belong to one of the most amazing and most sacred friendships that now exist in all the world of man, the friendship which is called by that strange name—Toc H. Let me tell you just how it began.

Far back in the old war a boy was killed called Gilbert Talbot. He was the son of the old Bishop of Winchester who died a few weeks back. He was the youngest son and the most brilliant—one of the most brilliant boys in England. In the summer of July, 1915, the regiment to which this boy belonged had had a terrible time at a place called Hooge. There were some great mine craters blown up, and when a crater of this kind is blown the task was to shelter under the foremost lip of these terrible craters as if they were a kind of very deep trench.

Gilbert Talbot was there on the night of 29th July with his battalion. At midnight the few men who were left were relieved and sent out of the line to have a little sleep in an old wood about four miles away. A few hours after they had left the line, at 3 o'clock in the morning, the sentry of the company who had taken over the charge of the crater observed that there was something like a dawn, a red flame coming, and a few moments later it was found that this was a new awful thing in warfare—it was a flame attack with liquid fire. There the men were almost obliterated, clothes caught fire, sandbags caught fire, and they were standing in a bath of fire until death.

The news of this disaster was sent down to Gilbert Talbot's battalion, and they were told to get up at once from the wood and march to the line again, retake the place which had been taken from their dead companions, and in the afternoon of the same day the little, tiny body of true men gallantly tried this desperate enterprise, and all of them just withered right away.

Gilbert was killed, and almost all the men of his battalion. Now, nothing could have possibly looked more hopeless, yet to-day there are some 50,000 men throughout the world who regard Gilbert Talbot as their founder, and all the good they try to do for their fellow-men and God has sprung out of that sacrifice. (His old father said to me: "I can't help thinking, Tubby, that after all Gilbert would have done, how he would have by now been

a great statesman and very likely led this country into great nobility, you will see what a tremendous thing was done by offering that living sacrifice.)

So some months after that we started Talbot House in Poperinghe, and to that old house came all sorts of men from all parts of the world on active service. They found a fellowship there which was built by Christ in Flanders.

It was not just a canteen. There were all the ordinary things, but beyond there were all sorts of other things which helped a man in those intolerable days to carry on. There was upon one side a library, loved by the troops because it was so difficult to get a book to read of any worth; it helped them to forget the war. Then on the other side they wrote splendid letters. There are few parts of the whole Empire where some letters written in Talbot House are not still cherished, perhaps in some old drawer, among some old papers; and some of those most precious letters describe the fellowship of Talbot House. They tell you how, if they climbed further up to the top of the old house, they found a hop loft, an attic, where there was the most sacred place of all—a chapel. Now that upper room was the most sacred sanctuary of the field of battle. There never has been in a war before a place like that.

Talbot House in this way became famous and men rose up to love and to serve it. Most of those men died in that awful war, and now their graves surround the House in Poperinghe. Let me give you some figures. About one-half million men used and loved Talbot House; about 30,000 men made their Communion there; about 100,000 worshipped there, and so you feel it is quite extraordinary when you learn next that only some 2000 of that number survived; those 2000 who spread all over the world back to their homes did not go back feeling that the Old Country owed them just everything—though that was true; they came back quite convinced that God had spared them that they might serve, and therefore they began to build a great society into which the younger men might come from age to age and find a great deep truth, a Christian faith.

In conclusion, I want to say that Toc H. is in a number of great cities and in a number of far smaller places, and it has a real connection with you. You are a community of whom no man of sense can do otherwise than respect and honour. It is to me a very deep, true thing that Toc H. in its little, tiny team should be allowed to have the privilege of knowing quite a number of you men, because it is very good for those who have all blessings to know some who have been deprived of one blessing—by many people quite forgotten how great a blessing it is.

—From "Ephphatha," London.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DEAF CONGREGATION

The 49th Annual Meeting of the Adult Deaf Congregation was held in the Assembly Hall on the evening of Tuesday, 4th May, 1937. The attendance was much less than that of last year. Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, presided.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Newnham, submitted the Annual Report, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. R. Noble, the Balance Sheet, both of which were adopted.

After a short address by the Chairman eulogising the work of the Deaf Committee, the election of Officers took place and resulted in the following being elected:—Messrs. G. H. Newnham, E. R. Noble, J. O'Gorman, A. Anderson, M. Dyson, J. McLaurin, H. Greensmith, Misses R. Dow and D. Hickey.

Three propositions were submitted at this meeting and were adopted:—

1. That we make an experiment of holding the Sunday Services in the afternoon instead of the evening during July, and, if popular, throughout the winter.
2. That we inaugurate an Annual Dinner of the Deaf and Dumb of the State during Show Week in Melbourne.
3. That we revert back to Thursday nights for the holding of the Annual Meetings.

After the customary vote of thanks to the retiring officers, scrutineers, auditor and Chairman, the meeting closed with the benediction.

The newly-elected Deaf Committee met on the 11th May, when Officers were appointed as follow:—Chairman, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. O'Gorman; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. R. Noble; Hon. Librarian, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Hon. Savings Bank Manager, Mr. J. M. Johnston; Bank Trustees, Messrs. E. R. Noble, J. M. Johnston, J. O'Gorman; Representatives to the General Board, Miss R. Dow, Messrs. G. Newnham, E. R. Noble; Representatives from the General Board, Messrs. E. J. D. Abraham and E. J. L. Bremner; Church Committee, Messrs. Abraham, Johnston, Noble, O'Gorman, M. Dyson, Misses R. Dow and D. Hickey; Social Committee, Messrs. Abraham, Johnston, O'Gorman, Noble, Newnham, Anderson and J. McLaurin; Billiard Committee, Messrs. O'Gorman, Anderson and Dyson; Chess Committee, Messrs. Anderson, Noble and Johnston; Magazine Committee, Messrs. Abraham, Johnston, Noble, Newnham, O'Gorman and Miss Dow.

The Macedon Camp.

By E. R. NOBLE.

We have now been in camp for eight weeks, and the end of our term is in sight.

Most of us will be sorry to leave, and are looking forward to returning for a second term. With one or two exceptions we were new to camp life, but we learnt fast. One of the first things we learnt was that bull ants will fight anything, and that they are well equipped to fight, having both powerful jaws and a sting, in the use of which they are expert. In our innocent early days we would sit down whenever we felt like it; now we are wiser. Entering and leaving our tents we dodge the supporting pole with an ease of much practice. We are in a fair way to becoming quite good axemen, more or less. When we arrived we were faced with a row of tents 8 x 10, one for each two persons. The tents were bare of furniture, indeed of everything. Now, in most cases, they are regular little homes from home, equipped with two beds, a cupboard or so—made from old boxes, and, in the case of the tent which I share with Albert Beard, a floor of fence posts. It would not be polite to enquire where we obtained the said posts, it is sufficient that we have them. Anyway, possession is nine points of the law. The beds are comfortable enough. To some people, perhaps, two sacks stuffed with straw on a frame of saplings might not sound very inviting, but after a good day's work we are tired enough to sleep on bricks—almost. We prefer use to beauty here, and strength above that, seeing that the beds are also used as benches for visitors and neighbours to sit on. It will be understood that when five hefty workers sit on each bed and argue and push and jostle, strength is essential. My first bed was admirably suited to carry one—me. Alas, the strain of holding up half a dozen was too much for it, and one evening when the air was blue with arguments and cigarette smoke, with a despairing groan it gave up the ghost, depositing its load in a tangle of arms and legs on the floor. There are drawbacks, of course. For example, it is rather difficult to get any privacy. As I write this I am constantly interrupted by curious visitors, who lean on my shoulder and breathe heavily down my back, demanding, with mingled eagerness and suspicion, if I am going to "put them in."

The flies are a nuisance, of course, and now and then we are entertained by a scorpion wandering over the tent walls in search of prey. Blowflies and practical jokers are among our other troubles.

Last Saturday some would-be humorist had a fine idea. Why not wake up those who had gone to bed and try and scare them? Thus it was that those sensible ones who were asleep—it was 12

o'clock—were violently awakened by the shaking of their tents as the funny ones climbed over the ridge poles, or by strangely garbed figures standing by their bedsides. Unfortunately for the jokers, a person thus rudely awakened in the middle of the night is not usually in a mood of sweet reasonableness, and, instead of seeing the joke, the sleepers were in a decidedly bad temper. So presently there were two or three of the most annoyed ranging through the camp breathing fire and slaughter. The jokers then showed a little sense by making themselves scarce—one hid under a bed while a vengeful victim described with gruesome actions just what he would do to the — (censored) who had awakened him.

Second Macedon Camp

(Extracts from Letter from W. A. Waterstrom)

Methinks 'tis time for a "Capstan" and a letter to you. You will see by the address, we three—McKenzie, Johnston and self—are at the Baringo Creek Camp, where the single boys were. Paterson and Luff are at the other camp as usual.

Yesterday was the first day we had to stop on account of rain. Today was of rare beauty, one of those delightful shimmering autumn days, sunny and gentle breeze on the hill.

We are working on top of the world. We leave camp in the morning, go through the forest to a clearing at the foot of the mount, and see our destination way up in the mists, for if we are nearer heaven we are certainly riding the clouds.

It reminds one of the "poetry" we used to say at school—

"Standing at the foot, boys,
Gazing at the sky,
How can you get up, boys,
If you never try?
They who reach the top, boys,
First must climb the hill."

The three of us took a trip to the other camp on Sunday last, but not in time for the service at dawn.

Also, the three of us will be going home for the week-end and enjoy a little time with our ain folk. Certainly it is more strenuous than at the other camp; still, if one enjoys good health and all home folks are well, there is no need to worry, and one can revel in the many joys of the open spaces and beauties so bountifully displayed at Macedon.

There is also another camp of the Deaf at Macedon.

Church News.

Holy Communion was administered at the close of the evening services on Sunday, 10th January and 4th April, by our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

Good attendance marked the Easter Service on 28th March, when an appropriate Easter Sermon was given by the Principal.

"This ye do in remembrance" was the text chosen for the Anzac Service on 25th April before a fairly good congregation, and on 9th May we had the combined Coronation and Mother's Day service, and the text was very appropriate, "Honour all Men, Love the Brotherhood, Fear God, Honour the King." Mr. E. J. D. Abraham conducted the above services.

The congregation is reminded of our 7th Anniversary Service to be held on Sunday, 27th June, at 7 p.m., when the Bishop of Ballarat, the Right Rev. W. H. Johnson, will officiate. It is expected that we will have a record congregation.

The Right Rev. W. H. Johnson is known to many of the Deaf, as he is a son of the Late Mr. Samuel Johnson, M.A., one-time teacher to the Deaf at the St. Kilda Road School, and then for many years Principal of the South Australian School for the Deaf. He was also the Founder of the South Australian Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission, and the Parafield Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf and Dumb. Prior to his acceptance of the Principalship of the South Australian Institution, Mr. S. Johnson founded the Melbourne Deaf Men's Guild.

The Bishop of Ballarat interested himself in the Newcastle Adult Deaf prior to his transfer to Victoria, and this will be his first service to the Deaf in this State.

All Deaf and all parents of the Deaf should be present on this historical occasion.

Lip Readers' Club.

The members of the Lip Readers' Club were the guests of the members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria on Wednesday, May 5th. It began a bit stiffly, but developed into a most enjoyable evening and calls for a repetition at an early date. The "Lip Readers" depended upon the lip, of course, for communication, whilst we, through habit, upon the fingers. We all, however, rapidly adapted ourselves to the conditions—they to signs and we to lip reading—for many of our crowd are really good readers if you go out for comparisons. Certainly, we soon found that we liked each other's company, and we hope our "Lip Reading" friends are as anxious for the next meeting as we are.

Cinema Shows.

As a forerunner of the Winter Programme, we had a picture night on 27th March, when three films were shown, viz., "Wedding Bells," a slapstick comedy, humorous and giving real interest by the cleverness of its canine actor; "The Sawmill," a comedy taken in a lumber mill, full of danger, daring and stunts, and "The Ropin' Fool," featuring Will

Rogers, an interesting film of rope throwing, showing a good many tricks which can only be performed by such an expert as Will Rogers. On 21st April, four more films were shown, they were "The Australian Cattle Station," "North-West Tasmania," "Brisbane and Its Environs," and "The Economy of the Cow." Other pictures on other nights were as follows:—"Shanghaied," a Charlie Chaplin comedy; "Leave it to Gery," a drama; "The Waggon Wheels," a stirring and dramatic picture of the Wild West; "I Eat My Spinach," a Popeye comedy; "There's Something in the Life of a Soldier," a comedy; "Stick Around," a comedy drama, and "Vengeance and the Girl," also a comedy drama.

Annual Bay Trip.

Once again, through the kindness of Mr. Evans, of the Bay Steamers Ltd., the inmates of the Blackburn Home, together with many old associates and members of the Adult Deaf Centre and Staff, to the number of 68, were invited to the Annual Trip Down the Bay, per the P.S. Weeroona on 28th January. The weather was just glorious, and the majority stepped off at Sorrento. One half spent their time on the foreshore, playing games and bathing, whilst the other half, searching for more scenic beauty, went over to the Back Beach, and there got what they sought. Mr. S. Hobson, a member of the General Board, was with the party, and we are sure that he derived the same amount of enjoyment out of the trip as any one of us.

Thursday Nights.

Further good lectures and other entertainments were given on Thursday nights by the Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, and at times the Welfare Officer, Mr. J. M. Johnston. After Christmas holidays, the first meeting was held on 21st January, when Mr. J. M. Johnston gave a talk on "The Food We Eat," followed by "The Risks Sailors Ran" by Mr. E. Reynolds. On 4th February, Mr. Abraham gave us an explanatory talk on the approaching Federal Referendum, "Yes or No, and What it All Means." On 11th February he gave us a talk on the "Latest Deaf News," touching on some approaching events in the Deaf World, some of which we have already mentioned in various parts of the present issue of this magazine.

"British Re-arming Policy," "Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day," "Contentment," "Meaning of Words and Jokes," "Married Life," "Latest World Topics," "Lip Reading Contests," "Marriage Customs" were the other subjects on various dates. At times after each lecture cinema pictures were shown such as "Know Your Own Country" series and small comedies by our Baby Cine Kodak machine.

Light biscuit and cake supper wound up each happy and instructive evening.

The attendances have been exceptionally large, and the programme has now become an attractive fixture.

Sports Clubs' Dinner.

The members of the various Sports Clubs were invited to a Dinner and Entertainment by the Board of Management on the evening of 20th March. Over 60 sat down to a three-course meal, served in the Assembly Hall, and at the close of the meal our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, and a member of the General Board, Mr. S. Hobson, gave addresses, expressing hope for a successful year and co-operation. Then the hall was cleared of tables and crockery in no time and the audience entertained by a Magician Show. Five Magicians, all members of the Eastern Suburban Magician Society, gave exhibitions of their skill, and, after that, many of us tried our hand at some of the simpler tricks, but even with the easy tricks we found ourselves far from perfect.

Easter Rally.

The Easter Rally, held on the 27th of March, was a pleasing success. The entertainment consisted of a series of cinema pictures and competitions. Approximately 150 turned up.

Campers' Return.

After three months in the Forestry Camp at Mt. Macedon, the married and single unemployed men returned home about the end of March, looking the picture of health and fitness. Since then another camp has been opened for married men only, and five accepted the offer. They are expected to finish by the end of June. The men at present in camp are Messrs. A. Waterstrom, W. A. Paterson, R. H. Luff, Ed. Johnson and H. McKenzie.

Ballarat.

With the marriages of Miss M. Reiffel and of Miss R. McDonald to Mr. G. Hunt and Mr. C. Hunt respectively, Ballarat lost two of its brightest members, the two couples having taken up residence in Ouyen.

Mr. J. Stewart is now residing at Leigh Estate, Inverleigh, and has transferred his attendance to Geelong, which is much nearer.

Mr. Maurice Mark has resigned his secretaryship and all other activities.

Mr. E. Russell was transferred to the Blackburn Home, while Mr. R. Cornell may be moving to Melbourne soon, so that Ballarat Club is only a shadow of its former self.

Geelong.

The monthly meetings at the Geelong Club are on the up-grade and continue to draw many new friends and faces, and the members have instituted social games after prayers and services.

Since the last issue of this magazine, Mr. J. M. Johnston has continued to visit them. His visits are always looked forward to, for every member is eager for fresh news of the doings of the Deaf World, which he invariably brings with him.

Mr. J. Stewart, of Leigh Estate, Inverleigh, late of Ballarat, is the latest addition to their number.

During the May meeting, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt, of Ouyen, together with their three children, who were down holidaying, were present and enjoyed meeting new friends.

The Geelong folk are planning another mass visit to the Melbourne Club, probably on a Saturday, and they hope that some competitive games will be staged between themselves and the Melbourne Deaf.

Inter-State News.**New South Wales.**

After many years' service as Welfare Officer of the New South Wales Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, Miss E. Doran has tendered her resignation from the Staff, and on 8th January last she was presented with a handbag from the Board of Management, a beautiful cut crystal set from the Deaf members, and a pair of gloves from the Staff.

At the invitation of Thomas Cook and Son Ltd., Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, the Honorary Superintendent and Deputy Chairman of the Sydney Society, accepted the position of business manager of the New South Wales Farmers' Tour, which embraces three months' travel by the S.S. Orontes to Southampton and by motor coach through England, Scotland and Wales, France, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Sweden and Denmark.

He and, we suppose, the rest of the party, are assured of seats to view the Coronation procession. We are told that he intends to remain in England much longer than three months, and during that time will visit the various Deaf and Dumb Organisations.

His brother, Mr. E. J. Lonsdale, is taking his place during his absence.

Queensland News.

The Queensland Deaf Tennis Team is making a name for itself in its home town, for we note that they have come out premiers in the Summer Tennis Association Competitions. They were in the "D" Grade, Section "C." We offer them our congratulations.

We noted, too, that the Queenslanders are not taking things easy after their Adelaide trip, for they have already begun to raise funds for the 1938 Hobart Carnival.

Tasmanian News.

The Tasmanian Institution for the Blind and Deaf and Dumb celebrated the 50th anniversary of the commencement of its work in Tasmania last April.

Oversea News.**New Telephone Device.**

The G.P.O. in Great Britain is installing a new telephone device for the benefit of deaf people. It is expected that it will benefit a large public as one in every three persons in Great Britain suffers from some degree of deafness.

Electrical vibrations often make it easier for a deaf person to hear over a telephone than in direct speech. Every sort of facility for the deaf has been introduced in recent years. A radio set for the deaf was invented recently. Hundreds of British Cinemas now have apparatus which enables them to hear talkies. Ear phones at certain seats are connected with a microphone by the screen. The first London Church to introduce headphones for the deaf was All Hallows, the headquarters of the Toc H. Now several London Churches provide them.

Deaf and Dumb Policemen.

The traffic policemen of Bucharest have the reputation of being the most polite in the Balkans. The reason is that a number of them are deaf-mutes.

It was not charity that prompted the local police authorities to recruit men suffering from this particular infirmity. It was simply the necessity of putting an end to long and heated street debates between constables and offending motorists.

These arguments often degenerated in fisticuffs, and several times a day the flow of vehicles on the narrow, busy streets of Rumania's capital was clogged, thanks to the loquaciousness and pugnacity of the traffic policemen.

No More Arguments.

While such debates gave local colour to the town and contributed toward enriching this country's dictionary of invective—one of the most picturesque in the world—they, nevertheless, caused a serious traffic problem.

Even members of the Royal Family were often held up for a considerable time in traffic jams produced in this manner. However, the appointment of deaf-mute constables solved, as if by magic, the problem of street brawls with the police.

The new, silent officers have no other duty than regulating the traffic. They are placid, efficient, and

their attention is concentrated only on their job. If a motorist infringes the law, there are no more swearing competitions in which the passers-by participate with great gusto. The taciturn constable takes down in a dignified manner the number of the trespasser and the incident is closed.

Silent and Effective.

Many a driver found himself in court without knowing how or why, thanks to the silent policeman. Incidentally, the innovation of deaf-mute officers also put an end to corruption in the matter of road offences—"Exchange."

Women's Guild.

"An Account of Her Holidays in Adelaide" was the title of the talk given by Miss R. Dow at a meeting held on 9th February, and on 2nd March Mrs. G. Damman followed with a paper on "Russian Dancer." Both attracted good attendances.

On 9th March a Social Night was held, when the Highfield Methodist Girls' Guild were our guests, and a very happy evening was spent. New games were introduced, and it is the intention of the Guild to introduce same at future social evenings.

March 15th being "Eight Hours Day," and a public holiday, the Annual Picnic was held at Elwood, where close on 40 turned up. The majority spent the day swimming and strolling, whilst a few took advantage of seats and tables at the Reserve to play euchre or 500 card games. Soon after tea many made for the "Centre," where they had the pleasure of meeting Mr. A. L. Lonsdale, the Hon. Superintendent of the Sydney Deaf and Dumb Society, who was on his way to the Coronation in England with a party of New South Wales farmers.

On 13th April a special meeting was arranged, when one of the members, Miss Maggie Gibson, was the recipient of a beautiful wedding present of a cut glass water set from her fellow Guild members.

The Guild held its 36th Annual Meeting on the evening of 18th May, in the Assembly Hall. The President, Mrs. T. Peters, presided. Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read by the Hon. Secretary, Miss E. Leber, and the Hon. Treasurer, Miss D. Hickey, respectively, and confirmed unanimously. Discussion arose as to frequency of meeting nights; it was agreed to hold them quarterly this year. The result of election was as follows:—President, Mrs. T. Peters; Vice-President, Miss R. Dow; Hon. Treasurer, Miss D. Hickey; Hon. Secretary, Miss E. Leber; Committee, Mesdames G. Damman, J. O'Gorman, and A. Rees, and Misses L. Sanders and G. Peters. A dainty supper, provided by the President, was much enjoyed.

On Thursday evening, 20th May, a party of 16 members paid a visit of inspection to the City Newsboys' Society Building, in Little Collins Street, and were amazed at the provision made for the well-being and upbringing of the newsboys. Everyone was well pleased with their visit. A gentleman guided the party over the place, explaining everything in detail. Prior to departure, the President, Mrs. T. Peters, tendered to Miss E. Onians, the Hon. Secretary of the Society, the hearty thanks of the party for the kindness extended and said the visit of the Society had been most interesting. In the absence of Miss Empson, Miss G. Hunter acted as interpreter, and she has our best thanks.

On Saturday, 22nd May, our Blackburn Home was visited by about 20 of the members of this Guild, who went amongst the inmates, bringing cheer and news. Mr. and Mrs. D. Abraham entertained the party to afternoon tea, and after inspecting the property the ladies watched the lacrosse match between Our Boys and the Melbourne Technical College Boys. "Centre" was reached just before 6 p.m., where dinner awaited them. A very happy outing it was.

Men's Guild.

The meeting listed for 12th January was cancelled because of the many engagements the members had to fulfil. Our President, Mr. E. R. Noble, was in camp at Macedon, and the Vice-President, Mr. J. M. Johnston, had to attend the Geelong meeting, so the next meeting was held on 26th January, and, very appropriate to the date, the Chairman, Mr. J. M. Johnston, gave a talk on "Origin of Foundation Day," which was followed by a talk on "Koala" by Mr. G. B. Mortimer, both of which were very interesting.

Monday, 1st February, was the date of our Annual Picnic, which was held at Dromana, and a fuller account of it is printed elsewhere.

On 23rd February the Annual Meeting was held, and, through the unavoidable absence of the President and some members who were at the Macedon Camp, the attendance was very small. Mr. J. M. Johnston, the Vice-President, presided, and carried on the meeting. Mr. E. Roxburgh, the Hon. Secretary, read the Report of the Guild's year of activities, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Phillips, followed with the Balance Sheet, which showed a substantial reduction of deficit. Both the Report and the Balance Sheet were approved. Owing to the small number present, it was agreed that the Chairman be given powers to carry on until the next meeting, when it is hoped a bigger attendance will be forthcoming. On 9th March the attendance was improved, and Mr. J. Phillips was elected President, with Mr. J. M. Johnston as Vice-President, and Messrs. E. R. Noble,

G. B. Mortimer, J. McLaurin and T. Beard as Committeemen. On 18th May Mr. J. McLaurin was selected to take the Hon. Secretaryship post, and Mr. O. Quinton, the Hon. Treasurership, and Mr. J. O'Gorman was included on Committee.

Invitation was extended to the Guild to visit the Australian Glass Works at Spotswood any day, but as practically all our members are in employment it was agreed to enquire if the factory has night shifts, and, if so, a party will be arranged to make the visit.

The Guild is sponsoring a Winter Competition of Indoor Games between teams nominated by various Sports Clubs connected with the Society. Results to be on the aggregate point system at end of season. Four trophies are being offered.

At the last meeting, held on 18th May, Mr. R. W. F. Hopkins, of Nagambie, was present, and the Chairman, Mr. J. Phillips, extended to him the Guild's welcome. He evinced much interest in our doings.

Men's Guild Annual Picnic.

Familiarity is apt to dull the edge of our appreciation. Panoramic views from vantage points in other States rouse us to an enthusiasm that is rarely shown when confronted with equal beauty nearer home.

No Victorian traveller on a pleasure tour would think of travelling along Bulli Pass, in New South Wales, without turning off to see the view from Sublime Point. But thousands of them go to Dromana, Sorrento, Portsea and Flinders without climbing to the top of Arthur's Seat.

No one could say positively what is the finest view in Australia. We talk of the views obtainable from the Mt. Buffalo look-outs, vantage points in the Grampians, from Donna Buang, but few of us rush off to be thrilled by the vast expanse of sea and land that stretches out on every side of Arthur's Seat, near Dromana.

The look-out on Arthur's Seat is the highest point for many miles, 1031 feet above sea level. There is nothing to limit the view, so the range is a complete circle, with places of scenic interest easily identifiable on every side.

Monday, 1st February, was Foundation Day, and, it being a public holiday, the Men's Guild organised its Annual Picnic on that day, and chose Dromana and Arthur's Seat as its venue, and no better place could have been chosen. A commodious motor van was engaged, and 42 took advantage of the trip.

The day dawned disappointedly, with rain falling, but after an hour's run out of the metropolis the weather began to break and the day became fine and warm.

Just on after two hours' run we arrived at Dromana, and the party immediately broke up to make a tour of inspection of the place, which was lovely and one of absorbing interest. Lunch came, and soon after about 20 or more took the three mile hike to Arthur's Seat, and all got there in time. The visibility from the tower was good, and every point of interest was easily distinguished with help of directional pointers placed on banisters round the top. After taking our fill of the beauty of the scenes we returned to Dromana by way of short cuts, and some joined those who remained at the seaside in bathing.

Soon after tea the party boarded the van whilst still daylight and returned home via Mt. Martha and Mornington, by way of the road that skirts the Bay. The route reminds one of the Great Ocean Road, with the cliffs on one side and the water on the other. The road is one of the most picturesque within 50 miles of Melbourne. The party arrived back in Melbourne somewhere near 10 p.m., well satisfied with the outing.

Personal Pars.

Mr. G. B. Mortimer, who has been on the sick list again for about a month, is again active. It has been found necessary for him to relinquish his position as collector for the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria, a position he held for 34 years—a record amongst the Society's collectors—to safeguard his health, as going out in all weathers may affect him. He is now on the indoor staff of the Society.

Mr. G. Oakley, after 35 years absence from his old home town, paid a visit to Warrnambool during the month of May and, naturally, was amazed at the change wrought since he last saw it. Only a few friends remained to greet him. Many have passed on and still many more have left the district for others. Nevertheless he enjoyed his week there immensely, and is hoping that he will be spared to make another trip during the springtime. He looks very well after the trip.

Mr. Colin Johns, of Horsham, has taken up his residence at Mount Pleasant, Dalby, Queensland. His father sold his farm at Pimpernoo and retired to Horsham, so Colin went up North to join his brother on his new selection there. He spoke very rosily of the new place. Prior to going North he spent a week or two in Melbourne, "giving it a final look over." On the way up he called to see the Sydney Society and then the Brisbane Society. He mentioned in his letter to the Editor that he had a beautiful trip on the motor vessel "Orungal."

Mrs. M. Thomson, who was a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital for some time, where she underwent

a serious operation for internal complaint, and was also suffering from leg ailments, was transferred to Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, where she died.

Mr. W. Nancarrow, after about 10 months in St. Vincent's and Royal Park Hospitals, was transferred to our Blackburn Home two months ago. It will be remembered that he was struck down by a motor car in Victoria Parade on 30th May, 1936. All these months, whilst in hospitals, he found it very monotonous and tiresome to be alone; and now all this is over as he is amongst his deaf friends. It is regretted that he will never be able to walk about unaided. An appeal was made for an invalid chair, per medium of the "Argus," and very readily responses were made and two chairs were forwarded to the Home. Mr. Nancarrow can now enjoy his outings in comfort, and he wishes to thank his kind friends for the gifts.

Miss G. Mahoney, after many years absence from us, returned and secured a situation in Melbourne. She has been in Tasmania all these years. When she came in at the "Centre," on the first night, many had forgotten her, but they gradually remembered her.

Ambrose Maloney, of Culgoa, was down, too, for the final Test and remained for about a month.

Other country Deaf who came for the final Test were Mr. and Mrs. T. Collins, Mr. A. Collins, Mr. A. Stokes, Mr. E. Sturcke, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ferguson, Miss Kitty Burke, Mr. C. Johns and Mr. J. Stewart.

Mr. O. Quinton has secured a situation at Ruskin's Motor Body Works at West Melbourne, and therefore has resigned his position as collector of our Society. Mr. Underwood has been appointed to the position vacated by Mr. Quinton.

Mr. E. Johnson, who was employed at Taylor's Timber Mills, Geelong, for some time, is off temporarily and back in Melbourne.

Mr. J. Boal went over to the Apple Isle on 22nd January, in company with Mr. Norman O'Toole. He hopes to be able to find some sort of work there and we wish him luck. We have heard since that he was involved in a motor smash whilst riding a bicycle and sustained a broken arm.

Messrs. R. Jennings and J. Williams, of Perth, West Australia, extended their trip from Adelaide to Melbourne after the Carnival, and spent great times visiting places of interest and friends.

Our Society was the focal point to many of the interstate visitors during December and January, when travelling to and from the Adelaide Carnival. They were too numerous to mention; but, suffice to say, every one has left some appreciative words or comments on our Club House and fair city.

Many of the Tasmanians who went to Adelaide for the Cricket Carnival extended their stay in Melbourne until after the third Test Match. The last

to leave Melbourne was Mr. N. O'Toole, who left on 22nd January.

Master Eric Johnston had the misfortune to run into a motor car whilst trying to cross over Wellington Parade on 21st December, 1936, on his push-bike. He was knocked down and received a slight cut on his head, which necessitated a stitch by the doctor. He has since recovered.

J. Gibson, A. Hatley, Jim Walters, Roy Windridge, S. Ferguson, Misses Mona Stevens, Gersch, E. Doney, E. Moore, Mrs. Monahan and her two daughters came down from the country and joined the party for Adelaide. No doubt they had plenty of news to tell when they arrived home.

Mr. W. Durstan was laid up at Prince Henry's Hospital for about a week in April with a smashed nose. The cause was most peculiar. He was to go with a Deaf Party to a picnic on a Sunday, and when he arrived at the meeting place, at Batman Avenue tram terminus, he was seized in a complete faint and fell forward flat on his face, with the result as stated above.

Mr. Northey, of Adelaide, was down amongst us for a week or so during the Coronation Week, and was present at our big Coronation Dinner function. He was seen at every meeting and social, and many of his old friends were glad to renew acquaintance with him. Melbourne's places of interest were not overlooked by him, and he went back well pleased with his stay.

Mr. Allen, of Burnie, Tasmania, was here for some weeks, attending the Eye and Ear Hospital for treatment to his eyes. He has since gone back, but will return in about three months' time.

Mrs. F. Johnson, of Fitzroy, is having trouble with her legs and is unable to go out much. At present she is an out-patient of the Royal Melbourne Hospital. By latest we heard she is improving very slowly.

Miss Iris Wouda, of Williamstown, celebrated her twenty-first birthday on 20th March with a party at her home. She was the recipient of many congratulatory messages.

Miss G. Mortimer, of Toora, South Gippsland, was in Melbourne for some time, and joined the Women's Guild at their annual picnic at Elwood on 15th March.

After close on four months, Mr. Willie Hatley, of Camperdown, has taken up residence in Hobart, Tasmania, in the hope of securing employment there, but no luck has come his way. He returned during mid May and is now trying his luck in Melbourne and Geelong. Whilst in Hobart he was an attraction to the local Deaf, and was asked to join the cricket team, which he did, starting in January until end of season.

Messrs. Torr and Robb came down from Sydney on Easter Monday and stayed for about a week, enjoying the sights of Melbourne and its environs.

Cecil and Vernon Griffiths, of Kenmare, were here for the final Test Match and remained for about a month. They both took the field with our Cricket Team. Cecil made 36 runs and Vernon 27. Cecil is also a fair tennis player, but we think he is more at home at cricket than tennis.

After five years absence Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt and their three children are on a much needed holiday. They came down south from Mildura in their own car, visiting relatives, friends, and Deaf. They joined the Coronation festivities in Melbourne. They said Mildura is booming, and that the place should be patronised by the Deaf when they contemplate long distance holidays.

Mr. C. Lyfield, of Neerim Junction, Gippsland, is a member of our Lacrosse Team and he comes now and then to Melbourne on his motor cycle to play for us.

Mr. W. Utber, of Kew, is at present touring Great Britain and has Mr. W. Chapman, of Camberwell, for his companion.

Miss D. Jones, of Ballarat, was down for about a week during the Coronation festivities and attended the dinner at the Centre. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howe, of East Melbourne, who has a daughter, Gloria, a schoolmate of Dulcie. Miss Jones went home well pleased with her visit.

Miss A. Smith went to Sydney during the Easter holidays and has been there since. It is her intention to secure a situation there.

Miss M. Sandon, after an operation for appendicitis, is now her happy old self again.

Since the last issue of this magazine many country Deaf have been in Melbourne, including Miss F. Owens, of Wangaratta; Mrs. Hood and Mr. J. Gibson, of Geelong, Mr. Allan Salmon, of Merrigum; and Mr. J. Stewart, of Inverleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hodges, of Greensborough, celebrated the silver anniversary of their wedding on 20th March with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Beattie, in Alphington. They were the recipients of many congratulatory messages and presents.

Mr. R. Bogan, of Perth, West Australia, paid a flying visit to our Headquarters whilst on his cruise to the Eastern States. He accompanied the West Australian representatives to Adelaide and continued on the same boat, M.V. "Manoora," for the cruise. He was met at the boatside by Mrs. Crompton, who brought him to the Centre. He called in again on his return on 4th January, speaking highly of the trip.

Our Society entertained the travelling teams, Queenslanders and New South Welshmen, to

lunches at the Centre whilst en route for Adelaide, and this hospitality was repeated for the Queenslanders on their return. Those few hours stay in Melbourne gave our distant visitors an opportunity to see some of the sights, of which they were very appreciative.

Mr. Andrew Rankine, of Adelaide, passed through Melbourne during the earlier part of January on his way to Sydney for a fortnight's holiday, and during that time he visited the famous Blue Mountains and the Jenolan Caves. He remained a few days in Melbourne on his way home.

Mr. William Smith, of England, popped in again during the last week of May whilst his ship, S.S. "Taranaki," was unloading at the Victoria Dock. It was a Lecture Night and he was promptly asked to give a talk on his experiences round the world, which he did very creditably. He got the audience laughing over the peculiar signs used by foreign Deaf. He has been at sea for 22 years, and now he gets on very well with our folk.

Mr. Jackson, of Rand, New South Wales, made a flying visit to Melbourne per his motor bike during the last week of May. Upon his arrival he sought out George Ames, his old school mate. They had great yarns of old times, etc. He only stayed for five days.

Mrs. J. Boortz, who has been in a private hospital for some time with pneumonia, is home again. Her daughter, Mrs. Taylor, came down from Sydney and remained with her for well over a month, assisting in nursing her.

Mrs. Williamson has also been ill and treated at a private hospital. She had a fall which necessitated treatment. She has to go about very carefully now.

Miss I. Boast, of North Devon, South Gippsland, was in Melbourne for a while, and she was with us at a Kitchen Tea to Miss B. Higgie at Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Gorman's place.

Mr. W. Freeman, of Albury, who has been in residence in Melbourne for some time, has returned to his home town again.

Mr. A. C. Muir was down with the influenza for about three weeks. We are glad to see him out again.

Miss Phyllis Creber, of Hallam, near Dandenong, was involved in a road accident when the jinker she was riding in was run into by a car and she was thrown out, sustaining injuries. She is being treated at the Melbourne After-Care Nursing Home.

Mr. A. Taylor, of Sydney, is in Melbourne at present helping his wife to pack up the home things of Mr. and Mrs. J. Boortz preparatory to moving to Sydney.

Mr. J. Collins was in the Alfred Hospital for a minor operation during the early part of the year,

and left apparently well, but had to return suffering from pleurisy and kidney trouble.

Mr. Bert Hague, of Albany, West Australia, is still keeping in touch with us, and in his last letter he stated that he has been operated on for cyst in knuckle. He is all right again and wishes to be remembered to his Melbourne Deaf, whom he has not seen for over 30 years.

Mr. J. H. Burchett, the head master of the Victorian Deaf and Dumb School, St. Kilda Road, was presented with a clock on the 11th March by Mr. R. A. Edmanson, President, on behalf of the Committee of Management, to mark his completion of 25 years' service as a teacher.

Mr. D. Johnston and Miss B. Higgie were entertained to a Kitchen Tea at Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Gorman's place in Parkville a fortnight prior to their wedding, and a very joyful party it was. The happy couple was presented with a wonderful and varied assortment of kitchen things. Speeches expressing good wishes and happiness were given and, lastly, thanks extended to the host and hostess for their kindness in entertaining the party.

A Presentation Night was held on the evening of 6th April to Mr. D. Johnston and Miss B. Heggie, when the members of the Deaf Committee, Cricket and Tennis Clubs presented the happy pair with a handsome set of cutlery encased in a box. The rest of the evening was spent in social games, finishing off with supper.

Baptism.

For the first time in the history of our Church two babies were christened under the rites of the Church of England on the afternoon of 20th May, 1937. The babies were Nancy May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Newton, of Footscray, and Brenda Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ashby, of Murrumbidgee. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. L. Crossley, of Holy Trinity Church, East Melbourne. Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, interpreted. The christening ceremony was witnessed by a good number of relatives, friends and the Deaf.

Marriages.

Johnson-Higgie.

Our Church was beautifully decorated with arches of Easter daisies and arum lilies by the many deaf friends for the marriage of Miss Burnie Higgie, daughter of Mrs. Brown, of Canterbury Road, Albert Park, to Donald, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, of Droop Street, Footscray, which was celebrated on the evening of 14th April, 1937. The bride was attended by a matron of honour, Mrs. J. O'Gorman, and the bridegroom by Mr. J. O'Gorman as best man.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. J. Harris, of the South Yarra Presbyterian Church, and

translated to the Deaf and Dumb language by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham.

The wedding breakfast was held in the Assembly Hall, which was nicely decorated for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnston are now settled at Nicholson Street, Footscray.

Hunt-McDonald.



Photo by Courtesy of the "Argus."

The marriage of Miss Ruby May McDonald, to Mr. Charles Ernest Wesley Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunt, of Oke Street, Ouyen, was celebrated at St. Paul's Church, Ballarat, on Saturday, 6th March. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Ballarat, the Very Rev. W. H. Johnson, assisted by the Rev. F. W. Ramsay. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Centre, acted as interpreter, as both the bride and bridegroom were totally deaf. The bride was given away by Mr. H. Ludbrook, Superintendent of the Ballarat Orphanage, under whose care she had been for several years. She wore a becoming gown of ivory satin with an embroidered veil which was confined to the head with a halo of orange blossom, and she carried a sheaf of exquisite white gladioli. Little Thelma Sparks, who attended the bride as train-bearer, wore a dainty ankle length pink georgette frock and hat, while Mrs. G. Hunt, as matron of honour, wore a ciel blue georgette frock with matching hat and accessories, and carried a bouquet of

choice pink and blue flowers. Mr. J. A. Hunt supported his brother as best man.

Following the ceremony, wedding breakfast was served at the Orphanage. Mrs. Hunt, who was assisted by Mrs. H. Ludbrook, wore a grey costume with hat and accessories to match. When leaving by the evening train for Melbourne, where the honeymoon was spent, the bride wore a smart navy suit, with hat and accessories to match. The future home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. W. Hunt will be at Ouyen.—"Ballarat Courier."

Lynas-Gibson.

The marriage of Mr. Fred Lynas, of Charlton, and Miss Margaret Gibson, of Northcote, was quietly celebrated at the Northcote Presbyterian Church on Saturday, 17th April. The Rev. A. T. Jones officiated. The church was nicely decorated with autumn coloured flowers, to tone with the bride's tailored costume of rust wool georgette, over which she wore the bridegroom's gift—a beautiful fur necklet. A neat little spray of cream and gold roses, surrounded by autumn leaves, completed a very pretty picture. "The Palms" was chosen for the small reception which followed. Mr. and Mrs. Lynas received many beautiful gifts.

An Impressive Event.

At a meeting of the Ballarat Orphanage Committee the president, Mr. J. I. Graham, who occupied the chair, stated that the recent marriage of Miss Ruby McDonald, one of the Orphanage girls, to a comfortable farmer of Ouyen was impressive and unique. The Bishop (Right Rev. W. H. Johnson) performed the ceremony, the whole of which was translated through the medium of the Deaf and Dumb means of communication by Mr. E. J. D. Abraham. Mr. Graham also commended Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ludbrook for the capable way they had arranged the wedding breakfast and incidental ceremony. Mr. Graham added that the bride had come to the Orphanage when she was five years of age and had been there for 16 years.—"Ballarat Courier."

Obituary.

Mr. Walter Bladier, of 6a Clyde Street, Oakleigh, passed to a higher life on 25th January, 1937, at the Alfred Hospital, where he was sent back after a few weeks of apparent health. An operation was found to be necessary, but he failed to recover. His remains were interred in the Necropolis, Spring Vale, on 26th January.

He was born at Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, 37 years ago, became deaf through meningitis at the age of five years, and was educated on manual system at the Deaf School in St. Kilda Road. He graduated in 1916, and followed the trade of a carpenter, at which he became quite proficient. He married a hearing lady, Miss Winifred Gladman,

on 21st December, 1929, and had two fine children, both of whom survive him.

For a time he was a prominent member of our Society, especially of the Men's Guild. He held the post of Hon. Secretary for a year and then the Presidency another year.

Mrs. Mary Thomson, of Fitzroy, passed away at the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, on Friday, 28th May, 1937, aged 67 years.

Cricket.

Our Cricket Team came out much better than for many years past and the spirit of comradeship was good, but there is still need for improvement. The following are the scores of matches played since the last issue of "The News":—

Nelson won on first innings by 20 runs. Our side scored 97 runs and the opponents 117 runs. W. Ashby 40, M. Dyson 24, J. Phillips 27 in first innings, and J. Brundell 30 and J. Boal 20 in second innings were the best scorers. M. Dyson, with 5 wickets for 16 runs, was the outstanding bowler.

The match against D.R.C. Old Boys was won by us on first innings by 2 runs. R. Ryan carried his bat for 35 runs, and M. Dyson was again best with the ball, taking 5 for 40. R. Chaundy came next with 4 for 31.

South Melbourne A.N.A. was a bit too good for us, scoring 204 runs to our 172. W. Ashby 33, R. Lygon 25, R. Ryan 29; R. Chaundy 5 for 25, D. Johnston 3 for 40.

Court Clarendon won on first innings in a low-scoring match. They scored 85 to our 52. None of our batsmen scored over 20. M. Dyson was again to the fore with the ball, taking 7 for 36.

The season ended with an outright win for our team against Dunlop-Perdriau by an innings and 78 runs. The opponents made 61 and 139, and we scored 278. R. Chaundy topped with 53, followed by W. Ashby 46, C. Griffiths 36, D. Johnston 32, V. Griffiths 26, and J. Phillips 21. D. Johnston was best with the ball, 6 for 68; R. Chaundy 4 for 46.

Final result was 5 won and 5 lost, and the season's averages of the players are as follows:—

BATTING AVERAGES.

Names	No. Innings	Highest Score	Total Runs	Average
R. Lygon	8	89 n.o.	197	28.14
W. Ashby	11	46	212	21.20
H. Nathan	6	42	104	17.33
J. Boal	7	67 n.o.	95	15.83
R. Ryan	12	58	176	14.66
J. Phillips	9	27	102	12.75
J. Brundell	9	30	112	12.44
R. Chaundy	12	53	139	11.59

Others trailed off in lesser averages.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Names	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Avgc.
J. Boal	65	5	20	184	9.20
M. Dyson	73	14	22	231	10.50
D. Johnston	65	6	25	288	11.52
R. Chaundy	131	22	31	425	13.70
J. Brundell	52	7	9	183	20.32

Lacrosse.

The Lacrosse Club held its Annual Meeting on the evening of 9th February, when Mr. A. Stephens, the President, presided over a fair attendance. After reading the Annual Report and Balance Sheet the election of officers was put through and resulted as follows:—President: Mr. W. B. Anderson; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. J. M. Johnston, G. B. Mortimer and A. Stephens; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. A. Ross; Hon. Secretary: Mr. E. Roxburgh; Committee: Messrs. J. Brundell, E. Raines, G. Henry, W. Gorin.

During the evening E. Raines was presented with the "Brundell Trophy" for being the best and fairest player during last season. A light supper wound up the happy evening.

Two months after the Annual Meeting the new President, Mr. W. B. Anderson, through private reasons, resigned his position; so did the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Roxburgh. These positions were filled by Mr. J. M. Johnston and Mr. W. A. Ross respectively. Mr. W. O'Bryan was invited to fill the post of Vice-President and Mr. E. Roxburgh as Hon. Treasurer, and both accepted.

Two practice matches were played with Hawthorn prior to the commencement of fixtures, and good form was shown by the players.

Results to date:—24th April: Our team defeated "Army" by 32 goals to 2. 1st May: Another win for our team, against Sunshine, 9 goals to 5. 8th May: University defeated us by 9 goals to 4. 15th May: Coburg ran out winners by 10 goals to our 7. 22nd May: Another win to us, from Melbourne Technical College, by 20 goals to 7. 29th May: Our boys were fortunate to scrape home victors against Caulfield by 10 goals to 9. Caulfield fielded four men short in first quarter and ours one man short, and with the uneven sides we took advantage by scoring 7 goals to nil. Caulfield had a full team for the remaining three quarters, but we managed to stave off their onslaughts.

Basketball Club.

Winter and the Basketball Season have arrived. Our girls have already put heart into their effort. Each Wednesday night our Assembly Hall is transformed into an indoor court for practice games, and after three or four nights' practice the women enlisted a team to play against, and no wonder there was an overflow of men eager to join. Many pleasant games are looked forward to.

With the good practices during the week nights the result was beneficial to the team, for, as will be noted, the first six matches of the season the Adult Deaf Girls won in great form. The seventh was lost to Yarra Falls.

17th April: Against Judean Gold, 17 to 13. 24th April: Against Prestige No. 2, 15 to 1. 1st May: Against M.J.S.C., 22 to 4. 8th May: Against West Preston, 18 to 16. 15th May: Against St. Andrew's, 18 to 14. 22nd May: Against Mangarians, 17 to 16. 29th May: Against Yarra Falls, 15 to 21.

Prior to the opening of the first match the players chose Dorothy Johnston to be captain for the season.

The present Committee of the Basketball Club is:—President: Miss A. Graham; Vice-President: Miss E. Empson; Hon. Treasurer: Miss R. Dow; Hon. Secretary and Delegate: Miss G. Hunter; Assistant Hon. Secretary: Miss D. Johnston; Committee: Misses J. Woolhouse, E. Lloyd, A. Bentley and Frances Peters.

The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, 20th February last, when a very fair muster, including the new President, Miss Alice Graham, met on the lawn at Jolimont Square. The business was speedily got through and afternoon tea partaken of. Our President, Miss Graham, gave a very nice little address, and all present heartily welcomed her and enjoyed having her with them.

Chess.

A return invitation match was extended to our Chess Club by the Hawthorn Chess Club on Monday, 22nd March, and six of our men availed themselves. The match was played at their headquarters, 243 Barker's Road, Kew, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The result of the games was most pleasing to us, as it showed that we have improved a little, compared to the last match. The final result found us only a point behind.

After partaking of the dainty supper, speeches, expressing appreciation for the kind invitation and entertainment to the visitors, were spoken on both sides. Further visits are looked forward to in the near future. Results:—

E. Johnson	0	versus	J. Wilson	1
R. H. Luff	1	versus	A. Kidd	0
A. Tyzzer	½	versus	H. Bustard	½
G. Damman	1	versus	H. Buzzard	0
G. Mortimer	0	versus	W. Ruddle	1
J. M. Johnston	0	versus	G. Matheson	1

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