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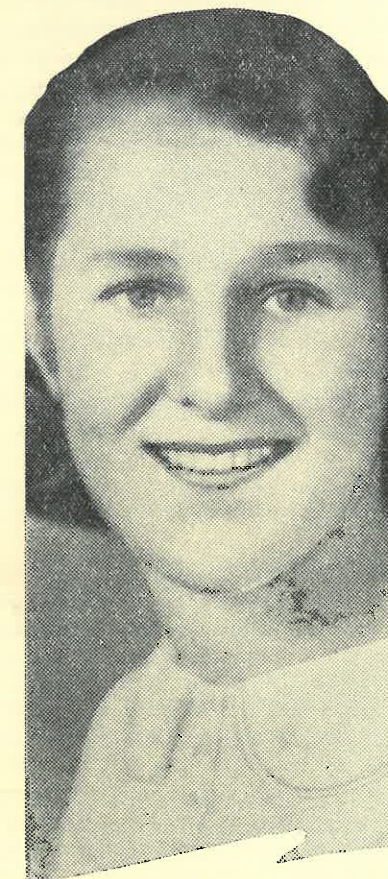
Deaf Church News.

During the past two months our church had quite a variety of services. Besides our usual preachers, Messrs. E. J. D. Abraham and J. M. Johnston, we had Mr. Ernest Reynolds of Heidelberg, in the pulpit on Sunday, 13th February, and he chose St. John 3rd Chapter, 16th Verse, for his text: "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." On 20th February, Mr. Edwin Johnson officiated and his text was "Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words." (Revelations 1st Chapter 2nd Verse). Mr. H. Blackmore took the pulpit the following Sunday, 27th February, and gave for his text, "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure, for if ye do these things ye shall never fail."

On 20th March, a special service was held, which approximately 210, including relations and friends, of the deaf attended. Messrs. E. Reynolds and J. M. Johnston, assisted Mr. E. J. D. Abraham in the conduction of the service, after which "The Life of Christ" was screened. It was most beautiful, ennobling and reverent.

About one hundred attended the service on Sunday 3rd April, and witnessed the screening of the "Path of Love," representing the life story of St. Francis of Assisi, as told to a patient of a hospital by a Sister in Charge. Mr. J. M. Johnston conducted orally at the service which preceded the screening, whilst Mr. E. Reynolds interpreted it in finger and sign language.

"The Wanderer," the story of the Prodigal Son, was also screened in our church at the Easter Sunday Service conducted by our Principal, when there was again a large congregation. These exceptionally fine religious films were screened by the Religious Film Society.



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MISS FRANCES LEILA PETERS.

A popular member of the Adult Deaf Younger Set, also a player in the Adult Deaf Girls' Basketball Club, who scored 43 goals in the first two matches of the season. Her engagement to Joe Phillips, another of our Younger Set, is announced.

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JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on the 27th March, when the church was most appropriately decorated with fruit, flowers, vegetables and greenery, the gifts of many members, for which they are to be heartily thanked. Mr. E. J. D. Abraham officiated and he had for his text, "Virtues," in which he said that, with so many blessings and gifts we receive each day, we are apt to forget to use one of the noblest of virtues, gratitude and appreciation. He said it is most fitting that the church sets aside a day of thanksgiving to make up for our shortcomings.

The Holy Communion Service was held on the 10th of April. Mr. H. Blackmore conducted the Good Friday Morning Service on 14th April and gave a resume of Christ's suffering, persecution and crucifixion.

Our Principal's Garden Party.

An event looked forward to each year for many years was the Garden Party, usually held at Blackburn on 12th March—Mr. E. J. D. Abraham's birthday. For the past three or four years, however, the custom had fallen into abeyance, so that it was with considerable interest and curiosity that the deaf heard it announced that the Garden Party would be revived this year and held at the Centre. A large number of invitations were sent out, and it was requested that all intending to be present, should let us know in good time, so we should know how many to cater for. We had not forgotten the Coronation Dinner when we received about 80 replies. Knowing how slack the Deaf are, we expected about double that number, and over 200 turned up on that occasion! The Saturday morning of the 12th was not exactly a cheering day. Heavy clouds overhung the sky, and before long rain was deluging the decorations. There was the usual frantic rush of preparation, putting up flags, arranging the seats, and—most important of all—preparing the food and tables in the hall. By twelve the rain eased off a little, and shortly after, the first of the guests began to arrive.

By 3 o'clock, the official opening time, there was a good crowd present, and the sun was shining through the dispersed clouds. Games were arranged on the back lawn for those who wished to join in. As the hour of five approached, a steadily increasing crowd gathered round the door of the Assembly Hall. Some may like games, and some may not, but where eating is concerned, the unanimity is remarkable. At 5.30, the doors were opened and, like the breaking of a dam, we surged forward.

There was some delay caused by the usual percentage of forgetful or careless ones who had not asked for tickets. I do believe some people would forget to bring their heads if it were not for the

fact that they need their mouths to eat with—but in a little while all were seated. The morning's rain had after all been a blessing in disguise, seeing that it kept the crowd down to manageable proportions. After tea, the tables were cleared away by a multitude of willing helpers, while a second treasure hunt was announced to get the Deaf to scatter a bit and give the organisers room to clear up. The younger people seized on the idea with avidity. After all, there are worse amusements than wandering through the dusk with a partner of the opposite sex.

While these people were so amusing themselves, chairs were rapidly arranged in rows in the hall for the picture show that was the next item on the programme. This started at 7.30 (by which time most of the treasure hunters had wandered back again) and lasted until 8.30. Some good games followed, after which the party began to break up and by 11.30 the last and most persistent gas-bags were shooed off home and the Centre was wrapped in silence and darkness.

CHRISTMAS RALLY.

Special invitation was issued to the Deaf of Victoria by the Board of Management and Principal of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria to the Christmas Rally, held at the Society's Centre, Jolimont Square, East Melbourne, on the evening of Thursday, 16th December, 1937, and approximately 175 attended.

Because of the large attendances and crowded state of the Assembly Hall at previous Christmas socials, this year the whole of the Centre Building was placed at the disposal of the Rally Committee, and amusements were provided to suit all tastes in the various rooms, parlor games in Assembly Hall, cinema pictures in Library, cards in Board Room, and table tennis in Office.

Mr. C. R. B. James, the Society's new Honorary Secretary, was the Chairman of the Evening and he extended a welcome to those present, on behalf of the General Board.

Mrs. Spry, the wife of the Chairman of the Board, was then asked to distribute toys, presented by the Women's Guild, together with money boxes filled with sweets and coppers, given by Mrs. Spry herself, and bags of sweets by Mrs. Patten (mother of Miss D. Hickey), to the children of Deaf Parents.

After this, Mrs. James the secretary's wife, presented trophies to winners of chess and billiard tournaments.

Parlour Games and amusements followed in the charge of Mr. J. M. Johnston. The following were the games and winners:—candle blowing, Mr. R. W. F. Hopkins; balloon blowing, Mr. H. Greensmith; threading needle whilst sitting on a bottle, Mr. A. Beard; ball towing, Mr. C. Nesbit, and Miss Preece;

musical chairs, Mr. J. McLaurin; Drawing up Life-savers by means of tongue, Mr. Hopkins; a gentlemen's team defeated the ladies' team at noughts and Crosses.

The five tables in the Board Room were fully occupied by the card players and Mrs. A. W. Sutherland was the winner.

More than half of those present went to see the cinema picture screened in the library. The picture was "The Red Raiders" featuring Ken Maynard and the wonder horse, Tarzan, in an exciting episode of the colonisation of Western America and fighting with the Red Indians.

During the evening, ice cream, fruit and sweets were distributed, and at 10.15 p.m., supper was served. Prizes for games won during the evening were then distributed by the Chairman.

Votes of thanks were extended to the general Board for the pleasant treat, to the Women's Guild for their help and presents of toys, and to Mrs. Spry and Mrs. Patten, on the motion of Mr. F. E. Frewin, seconded by Mr. A. W. Sutherland, which was carried with acclamation. The Chairman responded, and, on behalf of the Board of Management, extended the compliments of the Season to all.

Amongst the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. N. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. E. Peacock, Mr. S. Hobson, and Mr. E. L. Bremner. A very happy evening was recorded.

FOUNDATION DAY PICNIC.

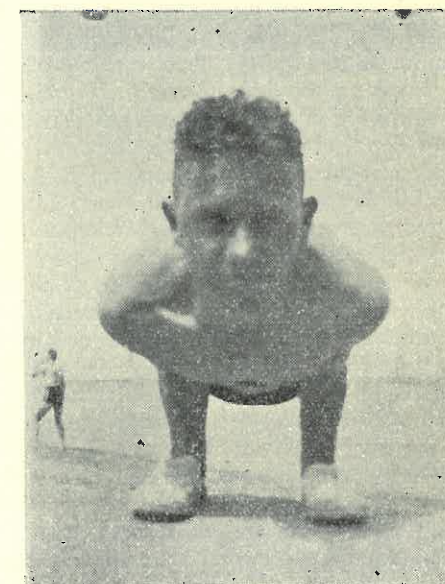
The Men's Guild Annual Picnic held on Foundation Day, Monday, 31st January, 1938, was declared to be one of the best. The locality chosen was Healesville. A coach and a bus were chartered and the party left "Snow's" in Flinders Street at 9.45 a.m. The route lay through Box Hill, Ringwood, Lilydale and Coldstream. On the route midway between Lilydale and Healesville, we passed Coombe Cottage, the much loved home of the late Dame Nellie Melba, the world famed singer. There is a clock tower and on it we noted the wording, which proves her sincere regard for her home: "East, West, Home's best." By 11.30 a.m. our conveyances pulled up inside the Queen's Park where we made our "camp" for the day. Games of rounders were played. Some went swimming in the local baths which were just near our "camp." Lunch at 12.30 p.m. and at 1.45 p.m., parties were formed to explore the various beauty places. About 30 went to Maroondah Dam which was about 2 miles or more. Some went up Mt. Riddell and others to the Sanctuary and Badger's Creek weir by cars. The rest inspected near-by attractions.

The party to the Maroondah Dam was amazed at the improvements made to the locality and well pleased with the visit. After consulting the map for the

return route to "camp," a split in the party was made, one half returning the way they came up, the other half deciding on a new route farther afield, and they were rewarded with a refreshing sight of the outlet channel. They followed the channel till they came to Echo Tunnel, and, after resting a bit there, the party took the road home. From information, the parties that went to the Sanctuary had an equally fine trip. Mt. Riddell, 2750 feet, was not conquered by the few who went that way.

Tea was most welcome at 5.30 p.m., after which ball games of all kinds were played until 7.30 p.m. and by 7.45 p.m. we bade Healesville good bye, and Melbourne was reached at 9.30 p.m.

It was a wonderful picnic and the weather was glorious, although on the hot side. The attendance was 76. There was a photo snapshot competition amongst the picnickers, and the result was a win for Mr. G. Hamson for the best Holiday Group, Mr. D. Nesbit for the best group of photos, and Mr. M. Dyson was given a special prize for the best scenic group.



CURIOUS FREAK.

This curious freak is a member of our community, and is almost invariably to be seen at our club house on all occasions, and is always "jolly good company."

Of course he doesn't ordinarily look like this, he is just one of the best to be with, and go anywhere with. If he can smile like this when so reduced in appearance, you can imagine what a great smile he has when he is normal in height and appearance. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to tell us what has happened to him.

WOMEN'S GUILD PICNIC TO WARRANDYTE.

On Eight Hours' Day, in accordance with their usual custom, the Women's Guild held their Annual Picnic, this time to Pound Bend, near Warrandyte. Round about 9 o'clock, the Deaf began to put in an appearance in ones and twos at the rendezvous, outside Ball & Welch in Flinders Street. There were numerous other groups of picnickers standing around, and when at 9.30 our two big charabancs arrived, a horde of strangers descended on them by mistake, much to the alarm of the Hon. Secretary of the Women's Guild, who evidently thought they had done it on purpose, and was having visions of a pitched battle for the possession of the charabancs.

However the mistake was quickly put to rights and the strangers evacuated their position and retired in disorder without firing a shot, so we took triumphant possession.

We waited for a while for the late comers—have some people no clocks?—then, finally rolled off in triumph. We proceeded through Camberwell and Deepdene (where we picked up Mr. and Mrs. T. Petera and Miss D. Hickey) to Box Hill (where Mrs. Holmes joined the party) then turning off White Horse Road, proceeded through Doncaster and Templestowe till, after about two hours drive, arrived at Pound Bend. Piling out of the cars we stretched our legs, then, proceeded by one of our number who had been before, set off for the river and tunnel. We started together but were quickly strung out into a long ant-like file, winding up and down a steep rocky path that followed the winding of the River. After quite a while of hard going, we arrived at a spot where a jagged hole marked the entrance to a tunnel, through which an overflow from the river murmured and splashed over tumbled rocks. The adventurous leaders decided to wade through to the farther opening which could be seen down the tunnel. Soon most of the younger set, boys and girls alike, were clambering and wading barefoot into the deepening gloom of the tunnel, and there was a straggling procession clinging to the side of the tunnel, while they groped with bare feet for footholds beneath the water. Bangs and bumps were not uncommon for the walls bulged and receded in a most disconcerting fashion, and stubbed toes were practically general, the rocks beneath the rushing stream of all shapes and sizes, the great majority having sharp edges, while all were hard—decidedly so! However the farther opening loomed larger and larger and brighter and brighter till the blue sky was above us once more. We sat down and proceeded to examine our bumps and bruises. The unluckiest of the explorers was Dot Johnston who sustained a cut toe and a scratched arm.

A nearby house provided first aid and soon Det was limping about with a bandaged foot, like a retired colonel with the gout. It was then lunch-time, and soon the picnickers were scattered about on the grass in various groups.

After lunch the charabancs came up and we moved off to the township of Warrandyte. Here, close beside the river, we established our camp.

The afternoon was given over to further exploration of the surrounding heights and riverside. A few who preferred to remain at the camp passed the afternoon playing cards. By 5 p.m. the explorers had returned and were ready for tea. When tea was over it was well past six and the first hint of dusk had appeared as we packed up our various packages for the return journey. At 7 o'clock, through the rapidly gathering darkness, we moved off on our return journey, after a most enjoyable day.

Thanks are due to the Women's Guild for this well organised and most successful picnic.



Once the home of a Deaf Man named George Parker

During the Women's Guild Picnic at Warrandyte on Eight Hours' Day, we met Mr. Hutchinson, who ran a kiosk at the Pound Bend, and he was able to talk to us on his fingers. He pointed out to us a lonely bark hut some distance away, stating that it was once the home of a deaf man named George Parker, who used to be employed by Mr. Hutchinson as a woodcutter. It was through Mr. Parker that he was able to talk on his fingers. Not one of the deaf

seemed to know that name of the deaf man until Mr. Mortimer came along, and he instantly remembered the name as his old school mate. The hut is well preserved and is open to public inspection. Mr. Mortimer had the hut photographed with himself standing beside it. Mr. Parker died some 10 years ago.

CRICKET CLUB.

The cricket season has just ended and our team finished with four wins out of ten matches to its credit. The following are the results of matches played since 27th November, 1937. South Melbourne Hibernians won outright by 9 wickets and 2 runs. South Melbourne A.N.A. also won, on 1st innings by 25 runs. Our team struck its best form in a match against Endeavour Socials in which we won on 1st innings by 43 runs. Our team scored 4 wickets for 282 runs, W. Ashby made 111 runs and F. Williams 91 runs. Our opponents were all out for 239 runs. We had another win, this time against Albert Park Old Boys by 47 runs on 1st innings. R. Chaundy 95 runs, W. Ashby 72, and F. Williams 35, were the run-getters. We went down to Bridge United by 17 runs, and then won the last match of the season by 143 runs on the 1st innings against Melbourne Motors, W. Anderson with 39 not out was the top scorer, W. Ashby 32, and J. Phillips 28, also helped with the bat.

The Club held its picture nights on 19th February and 9th April, when bumper houses were registered. The pictures shown on 19th February were: "Son of Tarzan," "The Champion" featuring Charlie Chaplin and "The Submarine Pirate," and on 9th April: "Where the North Begins" featuring Rin-tin-tin, "The Wonderful Chance" and "Dunces and Dangers," featuring Larry Semmons.

References were made about the Adult Deaf's play in the Melbourne "Sporting Globe" on Wednesday, 2nd February, on previous Saturday's play. This play was written by Harry W. Francis, former secretary, player, selector for Hawthorn-East Melbourne Club, in which he said:—

"Watching the finish of the Albert Park Old Boys versus Adult Deaf contest, I saw Dick Chaundy, a tall lad of 20, make the last 50 of his 91, which undoubtedly pulled the game out of the fire for the Adult Deaf Team.

The Old Boys' side scored 198, the top scorer being Len Considine with 47. He too, is in the early twenties, a tall righthander of the aggressive type. He is also a useful change bowler and sends them along at medium pace.

The Adult Deaf team which has been playing cricket for more than 50 years, is now captained by Warwick Ashby, who had scored 61 not out when Chaundy lost his wicket. Frank Williams, a former Tasmanian, who was Badcock's partner for the

Esk Club, Launceston, in 1929, gave the Adults' team a fine start scoring 35.

Dick Chaundy, however, impressed me as a lad likely to reach the pennant grade. He stands close on 6ft. high, and for a lad of 20 years, looks like developing into a fine athlete. He made his runs in 118 minutes, and scored two sixers and nine fours. He was unfortunate to miss the century, being out to a freakish catch low down at second slip. Dick was taught cricket at the Victorian Deaf School, St. Kilda Road, and was a useful all-rounder for the school team."

Socials.

The Deaf Committee ran three social nights in aid of a fund to cover cost of printing the Victorian Deaf Magazines. One was a Picture Night held on 5th February, when "The General Died at Dawn," with two comedies supporting were shown. The second social was held on 5th March in the form of a Euchre Tournament. Mrs. T. Peters and Mr. J. Retallick were the winners. For non-card players, there was a table tennis tournament which was won by Miss E. O'Hagan and Mr. A. Bately. Social Games were played on the 19th March. In all cases the attendances were good.

Thursday Nights.

"Thursday Nights" continue to draw big audiences. Perhaps it is the varied nature of the programme that makes this feature of our centre so popular and the surprises. There is always a Divine Service in the Church at 8 p.m. and likewise always a lecturette at 8.20 p.m.; for what follows at nine one mostly has to wait and see. The evening is presided over by our Principal who, more often than not, gives the lecturette. Since the last issue of "The News," Mr. Louis McCubbin, director of the South Australian Art Gallery, gave us an illustrated talk on "Art" (17th February). Mrs. McCubbin and Pat Jackson were also our guests that evening. Mr. Hughes secretary of the Y.M.C.A., was our guest on the 24th March, and gave us a "double dose" lecture, his subject being "Two Eyes and Two Ears in India." That same night was screened some magnificent travel films loaned by the N.Z. Government. Both the lecture and the scenic programme were exceedingly interesting. A new form of projector, exhibiting "still life" pictures was experimented with on the 31st March and 7th April, but found little or no favour, some commenting that a lecture by finger spelling, illustrated, by gesture, was infinitely more enjoyable.

Amongst the many other talks were: "Silk—Real and Artificial," "Vegetables," "The Situation in Europe" (illustrated by maps), "The Most Important Sense," Topical Talks. Amongst the films shown:

"Courting Wild Cats," "Corporal Jim's Ward," Charlie Chaplin in "A Night Out," "Felix Strikes it Rich," "The Happy Duffer," "Mama, Behave," "Flaming Father," "Hold your Breath," "Ship Ahoy," "The Rent-Taker."

One evening, Miss C. Derbyshire's brother-in-law Mr. Newton, lent us quite an array of films showing places he had visited including the South Sea Islands, America, Niagara Falls, London, Europe, etc., also scenes on the passenger vessel by which he travelled and we were all "absolutely sure" that amongst the other passengers "screened" was Mr. T. J. Lonsdale of Sydney. On other evenings, after lecture, we have played Housey Housey and taken part in competitions.

Basketball Club.

Owing to the inability of the Chairwoman and Hon. Secretary to be present, the Annual Meeting of the Basketball club fixed for 26th February was postponed to 5th March, when 14 members attended. After the usual procedure of reading the Annual Report and Balance sheet, the election of Officers took place and resulted as follows:—President, Miss A. Graham; Vice-President, Miss E. Lloyd; Hon. Treasurer, Miss F. Peters; Hon. Secretary, Miss D. Johnston; Committee, Misses J. Woolhouse, M. Marley, A. Bentley, G. Kinsella and G. Howe. Delegate to Victorian Women's Basketball Association, Miss G. Hunter.

The Club is in receipt of a trophy from Mr. W. A. Ross, to be awarded to the best and fairest player for the coming season. Mr. Ross has our sincere thanks.

The season will open on 23rd April and our ground will, as usual, be at Albert Park. Players began their practices early, and are showing ready aptitude and should do well in the coming season.

Tennis Club.

Our position in the Southern District Tennis Association competition during the summer season was far down on the list. There is much need for improvement in our play and system of team work. The Women's Section of the team was extremely weak, and needs strengthening if we are to enter again the coming season.

There was some suggestion that we enter a team for the winter competition, with a still more weaker team, but, in the end, the wiser council of the Committee prevailed and the idea was abandoned.

Founder's Trophies and Club's Tournaments were played up to the end of March, which resulted as follows.—Men's Singles, won by Bob Conacher; Ladies Singles, Betty Doyle, Mixed Doubles on American System, Fred Sandon and Betty Doyle.

During the winter months, opportunity should be made by beginners to improve themselves, whilst the more experienced ones are busy in other spheres of sports.

Lacrosse Club.

On the 15th February, 1938, the Lacrosse Club held its Annual Meeting in the Assembly Hall. Mr. J. M. Johnston presided. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and confirmed. After a short discussion, it was moved and seconded that the club terminate itself without electing any new committeemen, and the funds transferred to a Trust composed of Messrs. J. O'Gorman, A. Stephens, and W. A. Ross.

In view of the termination of the above club, many of our players are signing up with hearing clubs and it is sincerely hoped that they will do well.

Only recently Caulfield Lacrosse Club had its Annual Meeting and we noted in its report that the three deaf players who played for Caulfield in different grades, received distinctions. Warrie Ashby was voted the best and fairest player in their "A" section team, Dick Chaundy the same in the "B" section, and Bob Conacher as the most consistent junior in the "E" section.

Complimentary remarks were made upon the play of Les Sutton and Vincent Buttacavoli at Sunshine Club's meeting, and upon Harry Puddy's play at Coburg's meeting.

J. McLEAN AND THE SPARROW.

An amusing incident occurred one day when Mr. Jack McLean was travelling out Preston way by tram. A sparrow flew in and made vain attempts to fly off again. The conductor tried to catch it so that it could be put out, but the sparrow eluded him. It flew about the passenger's legs and suddenly dived up the leg of Mr. McLean's trousers and remained there. Mr. McLean stood up and managed to rescue the sparrow right up near his waistline line, much to the amusement of the passengers. The sparrow was none the worse for its adventure.

Annual Bay Trip.

This year the Annual Bay Trip was held on Thursday, 27th January, 1938, and in all 51 went, including the staff and friends. Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham and his wife were absent from this trip. After a good dinner on board, the party landed at Queenscliff and pitched "camp" under the shady pines in the picnic reserve nearby. Half an hour after landing, sack races were held, two heats and a final for gentlemen, and the like number for ladies, and the results were wins for George Russell and "Ettie" respectively. A Boot and Shoe scramble followed, and Reggie Thaw breasted the tape first.

Then came a cricket match between sides picked by two inmates of the Blackburn Home. It was a splendid and exciting match, three or four inmates showed wonderful aptitude in the game, and scored freely. The most outstanding players were G. Russell and W. Littlewood. Fruit and swimming capped off the happy sojourn on the shore. By 4.30 p.m., the "Weeroona" was boarded again for the homeward journey, and with the help of the following wind, Port Melbourne was reached in good time, 10 minutes to 7 p.m., from where a charabanc took the inmates back to our Home at Blackburn.

Thanks are again due to Mr. Evans, of the Bay Steamers Ltd., and the many friends who donated towards the cost of dinner on board.

MEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS DINNER.

The Annual Christmas Dinner of the Men's Guild, held on 14th December, was an extremely successful affair. Although, as is usual at Guild functions, the attendance was not large, the small number present (15) lent the dinner a cosy intimate air. Nearly all present made speeches, some long, some short. Most were amusing and all were interesting, which is worth comment. Not many groups can boast of a dinner at which there were no boring speeches! Our President, Mr. J. Phillips being, to his great regret, absent, our old friend, J. M. Johnston, took the chair.

The table was marvellously set out, showing an astonishing variety of edibles, vases of flowers, colored streamers, crackers and paper hats added to the gaiety of the scene. The arrangements were in the hands of those extremely efficient workers, J. M. Johnston the Vice President, and J. McLaurin, our hard-working Hon. Secretary, ably assisted by Eric Johnston, who was clearly enjoying himself immensely, dashing about with a tea cloth over his arm like any Parisian waiter.

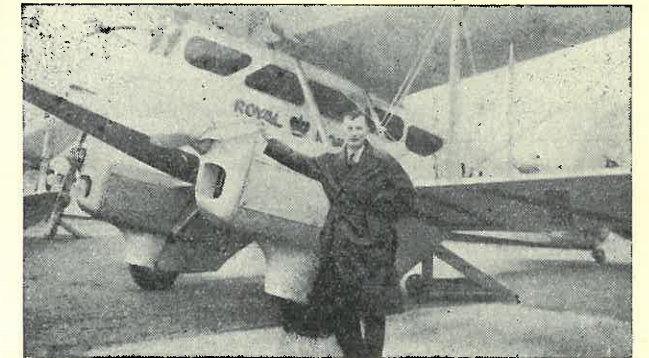
The delightful evening passed at a surprising speed and there was a general murmur of astonishment when it was announced that it was past ten. It was announced, amid acclamation, that the dinner would be repeated the following Christmas.

BY AIR TO BROKEN HILL AND BACK.

By J. McLAURIN

Long before Christmas I decided upon taking the novel experience of travelling by air for my holidays, and thereupon I booked passages on airliners for Mildura, Broken Hill, and return. It was the most wonderful experience I have ever had and I enjoyed every minute of it. On 20th December, I left Essendon at 7.30 a.m. per "R.M.A. Marika," and flew via Bendigo (at which we did not land), Kerang

where we stopped for 15 minutes, and Mildura, where half an hour was allowed for refuelling, and arrived at Broken Hill at 11.45 the same morning.



I remained at Broken Hill three days visiting my relatives and sight-seeing. Returning to Mildura I stayed there four days. After making enquiries as to the location of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt's home, I paid them a surprise visit and they immediately took me sight-seeing in their car, for which I thank them very much. We went to Red Cliffs, visiting the Pumping Station and the Vineyards, and on another day we went to Merbein and saw its packing sheds and the pumping station, and on to Wentworth, in New South Wales across the River Murray. There we saw the old jail which was once a busy place, but now is not used. We then visited a vineyard belonging to Mr. Hunt's brother-in-law, where we saw the plantations and the racks.

One day was spent looking over Mildura town and its surrounding district. On 2nd January, I bade Mr. Hunt, his family and Mildura, farewell, leaving that city at 2.30 p.m. and flew to Kerang where we had refreshments. We, at times, flew as high as 10,000 feet and the scenes below were peculiar, more like a patchwork quilt, and I was unable to perceive any moving objects on the ground.

Essendon was reached at 5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt send their kind remembrances to their many Melbourne friends and suggest that others should take the same opportunity as myself in visiting Mildura.

I so enjoyed my air trip that I have decided to book another air trip for next Christmas, this time it will be to Hobart.

Easter Rally.

The Easter Rally, held on 16th April was probably the quietest one we have had for many a year. The evening was given up entirely to games. Speech making was absent this time. Messrs. E. R. Noble

and H. Greensmith were in charge of the games and they did their part well, keeping up the merriment all the while until supper time. Approximately 130 turned up.

Our Little World.

Two more newcomers who have made their homes in Melbourne are brothers, Ronnie and Albert Devine. They came over from Perth, West Australia. Ronnie has secured a situation as a button dyer, and we hope he will like his new work. They are at present living at Altona Bay, which is a good way out of Melbourne.

Miss Norma Rawlins, of Kaniva, was in town again for some time and was at our Blackburn Home for a while.

Mr. A. Salmon was down for a while from the Goulburn Valley before the fruit picking season called him home again.

Mr. Arthur Hatley, of Camperdown, was here for an extended holiday, and during that time he went over to the Apple Isle for a week and states that the Tassies have made a start for the forthcoming Carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnston recently had their annual holiday. They took a house at Beaumaris and had Misses R. & M. Dow, D. Hickey, G. Howe, D. Johnston and Messrs. F. E. Frewin, H. Howe and E. Johnston with them.

Miss Betty Preece was also holidaying at the same time at Mentone with her parents.

Rosebud had its share of deaf holiday-makers during Christmas. Mr. J. Leber and his family, Mr. W. Chapman and others were there.

Messrs. R. White, C. Lyfield and A. Collins, of Neerim Junction; J. O'Grady of Myrtleford; J. Gibson and J. Stewart of Geelong and Inverleigh; Miss E. Moore, Geelong; Mrs. S. Ferguson, Bowman's Forest; and Mrs. J. E. Muir, Warburton, called in at different times.

During the Foundation Day week end, Messrs. W. Hatley and W. A. Ross spent their time travelling along the Great Ocean Road by motor cycle, and reported wonderful times there.

Recently Len Treffene reached his 21st birthday, and to mark the occasion, Mr. T. Beard got up a party for him and 50 guests were invited. A very happy evening was spent and Mr. Treffene was in receipt of many useful gifts and congratulatory messages.

Mr. H. Williamson, of Tasmania, is at present in Melbourne, trying his luck re employment. He follows the tinsmithing trade.

During the Christmas holidays our centre was very quiet, except for several visitors at different times.

Mr. Percy Smith, of Adelaide, passed through Melbourne on his way to join in Sydney's 150th year celebrations. It was his intention to make a lengthy stay, probably three months, and so far we have not seen him pass on his return journey yet.

Mr. Andrew Rankine, also of Adelaide, called both on his way to and from Sydney. He called in again sometime later when he was on a cruise to New Zealand with his sister. He was loud in his praise of the beauties of New Zealand.

Mr. and Mrs. Juncken, also dropped in to see us on their return from Sydney.

Messrs. Paqualin and J. Williams, of Perth, West Australia, called in, too. They were on a cruise to Queensland and, like many others, reported grand times.

Miss Alice Smith, after eight months' sojourn in New South Wales, much to our surprise, returned home. She was in employment for a time there.

Mr. L. Treffene, of Mildura, came down to Melbourne again after the Royal Show visit, and he immediately obtained employment as a box maker in the Australian Glass Works at Spotswood.

Miss Evelyn Lloyd went over to Sydney for her Christmas holidays and stayed there for five weeks. She enjoyed herself immensely. She confessed that she liked the Melbourne Deaf much better.

Still another deaf young lady planned to stay in Sydney for possibly three months, but before half the period had passed, Miss Joy Tampion was back in Melbourne again.

Mr. F. Kendall was most fortunate to purchase a ticket at a vastly cheaper rate through the unfortunate sickness of the intending traveller. He went for a cruise to the South Sea Islands per the S.S. Katoomba. It was a sudden arrangement, and we were not informed of it until he returned home. He was full of praise of the trip and the places he saw, and suggested that anyone desirous of a genuine holiday should take this sort of cruise. It is the ideal way to relax.

Miss Gertie Kinsella, of Sydney, has made her home in Melbourne, having secured employment at Brockhoff's Biscuit Factory, and is popular amongst our girls. She has joined the Basketball team and we hope her inclusion will improve our strength.

An unfortunate accident befel two of our deaf friends, Willie Elwin (driver) and George McGuinness both of Melbourne, on the night of 14th April, when they were involved in a motor cycle collision on the Calder Highway, near Keilor. They were on the way to Daylesford to spend the Easter holidays. At a spot near the 15 mile post, between Keilor and Digger's

Rest, a motor cycle outfit travelling towards Melbourne, tried to pass two motor cars which were at that time running abreast, making that cycle the third abreast, the cyclist found himself facing another outfit, and crashed into it. G. McGuinness received the full force of the impact, the nose of the side car was smashed in, fracturing his legs. W. Elwin received injuries to his hand and arm. G. McGuinness is at present a patient in Alfred Hospital.

Mr. Ken Peters also had the misfortune to be injured in a peculiar accident. By some mischance he, on his push bike, rode into the back of a stationery motor car, his face hitting against the rear window, resulting in gashes to his face, necessitating some 6 stitches.

Mrs. A. W. Sutherland was recently a patient at Hamilton Russell House, where she underwent a grafting operation to her upper lip. She is home again and as cheerful as ever.

Mr. Ernest A. Reynolds has been appointed an honorary interpreter to our Society by the Board of Management. Ernest has a business of his own, which eats well into most of his time, but he is always ready to come along and give a helping hand. Good interpreters like him are extremely scarce, hence his services are greatly appreciated; perhaps our Principal is the most glad, for he now gets resting time at big functions, where the interpreter is in constant demand.

Misses Monahan spent their short Easter Holidays in Sydney and Newcastle, and to avail themselves of more time for sight-seeing, they went over and returned home by Air. They say the Air trip was so pleasant and enjoyable that they intend to make all their trips to distant parts by Air in future. They passed through stormy weather on the return journey, and one of the sisters said she was almost "seasick," and that it was fortunate for her that the Airliner came to land.

George Boyce, after about six months on a Gippsland Farm, has returned to Melbourne. He has now been placed by Our Society with a Radio Firm in South Melbourne, and we trust he will like his new position.

Births.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William O'Keeffe, of Richmond, on 10th February, 1938.

A Son to Mr. and Mrs. T. Newton, of Footscray, on 29th April, 1938.

Deaths.

Mrs. M. Briner, of Hawthorn, passed away suddenly at her home on 22nd January, 1938, and was buried at Box Hill Cemetery.

Marriages.

Mr. Egbert Pallott, of Oakleigh, was married to Miss Thelma Darragh, of Ormond, at the Ormond Presbyterian Church, on the afternoon of Easter Saturday, 16th April, 1938. Our principal interpreted.

Mr. James Walters, of Leitchville, was married to Miss Mona Stevens, of Warburton, on Saturday, 30th April, 1938. Miss Phyllis Johnstone, of Kew, was one of the Bridesmaids, and Mr. Cliff Ellwood the Groomsman.

Interstate News.

The N.S.W. "Silent Messenger" is a bright little paper, and one can easily believe that the N.S.W. Deaf read every line of it, notwithstanding the printed statement in the number before us that at a meeting of the deaf one member was seen to say that the "Messenger" was of no value, as the deaf do not read it. Our opinion is, if the deaf do not read it, they ought to, and our belief is they do read it.

We see by the "Queensland Monthly News" that the Brisbane Deaf are preparing to hold a Fete on 9th July in aid of the trip to Hobart next Christmas.

DEAF MUTES IN THE FAR EAST.

According to the Salvation Army Year Book for 1938, the Army has established religious services for the deaf in London, and speaks of Mrs. Lieut-Commissioner Toft, O.F.

Mrs. Lieut-Commissioner Toft, O.F., one of the pioneers of this work, who now lives in retirement, took a keen interest in the many deaf-mutes she found years ago, in different parts of India and in Korea, where her husband, the late Commissioner, was Territorial Commander. Mrs. Toft has described as one of her sweetest memories a Christmas festivity she attended in Seoul with groups of deaf and dumb Koreans gathered round the Christmas tree eagerly following in the soft light of its flickering candles the story of the coming of the Son of God, as told by swift fingers and rhythmic hands.

Mrs. Lieut-Commissioner Toft was led into the Army's ranks through a deaf and dumb relative, and when The Salvation Army commenced its work for these people she was already equipped by contact from earliest childhood with many acquaintances, to take a leading share in the development of this specialised work.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DEAF CONGREGATION

The Annual Meeting of the Deaf Congregation was held on the Evening of Thursday, 28th April, and there was a good attendance. Our Principal, Mr. E. J. D. Abraham, presided. The Annual Report,

read by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. O'Gorman, and the financial statement, read by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. R. Noble, were adopted on motion of Mr. F. E. Frewin, seconded by Mr. G. B. Mortimer. The Chairman, in his address, said that it had been a very successful and delightful year, and had been noted for remarkable attendances. He paid tribute to the good work done by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. O'Gorman, referring to him as a Minature Mr. John Muir, and regretting his withdrawal from office through force of circumstances. The good services of other members were also gratefully acknowledged. As there were just sufficient nominations received to fill the nine seats on the Committee an election was not necessary, so the names submitted were approved. The new Committee is:— Mrs. A. W. Sutherland, Miss R. Dow, Miss D. Hickey, Mr. E. R. Noble, Mr. M. Dyson, Mr. H. Greensmith, Mr. J. McLaurin, Mr. D. Johnston and Mr. W. A. Ross, with the Principal and Mr. Bremner representing the General Board, and Mr. J. M. Johnston, (Welfare Officer).

The evening ended with thanks to the retiring office-bearers, Hon. Auditor and Chairman for presiding. Supper and a few games followed until closing time.

Christmas Carnival.

Christmas is only seven months ahead, and what are we doing to prepare for Our holidays? Have you decided on a place to visit? Well, Hobart is to be the focal point of the Deaf of Australia this coming Christmas. Arrangements are being made for Inter-State Cricket and Tennis Matches to be played there.

The New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australian Deaf are pushing ahead with their preparations for this trip. What of Victoria? We hardly hear of any activity yet, an Awakening is about due.

The Victorians seem to sleep until the last lap, then tear ahead at mighty speed; we look like doing the same this year, but we suppose, as on previous occasions, when the time comes we will be well represented.

There is talk of arrangements for a Fancy Fair sometime in November. We will appreciate any new suggestions that will help to make it a success.

A fuller Announcement will be made in our Next Issue.

Many Happy Returns of the Day to —

Enid Peters, Joseph Retallick, Edward Roxburgh, 1st May; Vincent Bragg, Clifford Bragg, 3rd May; Frederick Johnson, 4th May; Raymond Cornell, Alice C. Ashby, George Oakley, Robert Conacher, 5th May; Timothy Curtain, 8th May; Rose Dow,

Norman May, 9th May; William Donnolly, 11th May; Benjamin Davies, 18th May; Samuel Ferguson, 21st May; Lyle Robertson, Herbert K. Robinson 24th May; Byron A. A. Taylor, 25th May; Alfred Purver, 26th May; Laurie Walsh, 27th May; Joseph W. Hunter, 28th May; John Anderson, 31st May.

Announcements—

**ADULT DEAF CENTRE,
JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST.**

Thursday Nights (special) 19th May.

Speaker:— Mr. McCaskill.

Followed by Social and Supper

Tuesday, 24th May, 8 p.m.

Lecture on—

“CENTRAL AUSTRALIA”

By the Rev. Mr. Harland,

Under the Auspices of Deaf Men's Guild

All Welcome. — Ladies Too.

AT OUR CLUB HOUSE,

in aid of

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GRAND DANCE

— Modern and Old Time —

Saturday, 28th May, 1938, 8 p.m.

Good Prizes Euchre Good Music

Tickets 2/- (including supper)

H. L. Greensmith,

Hon. Secretary to Organising Committee

Our next number's Big Feature will be

“The Deaf News of the World.”

The Night of Nights to the Deaf of Victoria

YOU must not miss this :

RE-UNION DINNER of the Deaf of this State. Smoke and Reminiscence Night.

Show Day, September, 1938.

in the

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(LT. COLLINS STREET)

Open to All Ex-Pupils of all
Schools for the Deaf.

Tickets - - Three Shillings and Sixpence,

*Obtainable at the Adult Deaf Centre,
Jolimont Square, Melbourne East.*

Early Reservations essential, as seating accommodation is limited.

Our Next Rally :

KING'S BIRTHDAY, MONDAY, 13th JUNE.

Hearty Welcome to all Deaf.

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