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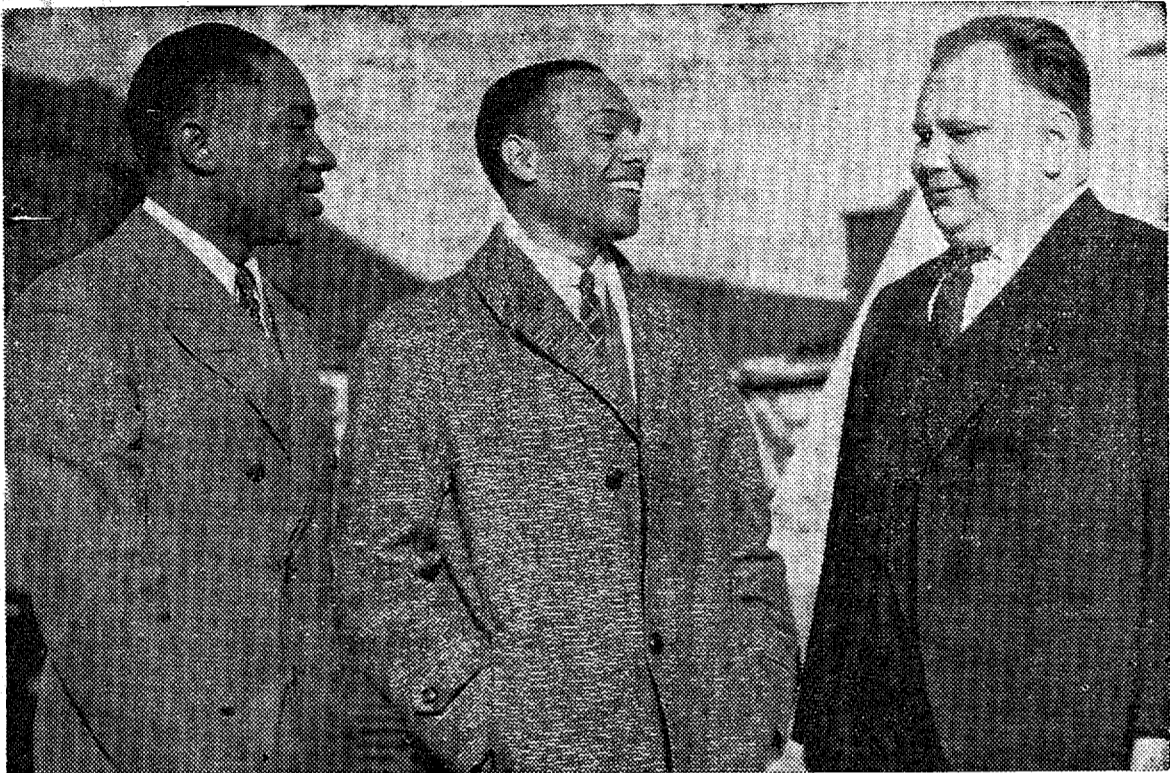
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LE MOYNE DEBATERS LAND

IN ADELAIDE, AUG. 29-SEPT. 5

BILLETS WANTED

The negro debaters from Le Moyne College, Memphis, Tennessee, arrived in Sydney from New Zealand on Monday, July 25. They were met by Mr. Alan Crawford, Vice-President of the National Union, under whose auspices the tour is being conducted, and proceeded to Brisbane.

At the time of going to print they are about to return to Sydney. They will be in Melbourne during the second week of vac. together with the inter-Varsity debaters, and will be in Adelaide from August 29 to September 5. The team consists of Mr. James Byas and Mr. Charles Gilton, with Professor Boris Alexander as coach and manager.

DEBATES IN ADELAIDE.

While in Adelaide they will debate a team nominated by the Debating Union of South Australia (against whom an inter-Varsity team will debate on Wednesday night in the George Murray), and on the first Wednesday of term they will compete against a Varsity team. We understand that for both of these debates the teams will be three a side, the Le Moyne men including their coach.

Anyone who would be willing to billet one or more of the three during their week in Adelaide is asked to hand his name to Messrs. Hamilton or Bridgland as soon as possible.

Their tour of New Zealand was one continuous triumph, both from the point of view of debating success and of popularity achieved. The student newspapers which have been arriving latterly from that country have been giving them headlines and space-filled with praise. "Honi Soit" (Sydney) reports Mr. Byas as saying: "To our minds, debating serves as a good means of establishing inter-racial and international goodwill, and this is the work we are now doing."

We repeat that if you desire to billet one of these men from August 29 to September 5 let the Union officials have your name without delay.

NEW BOTANY BUILDING

PLANS AND SITE FIXED

Arrangements for the Botany Building, for which Dr. G. R. Wood has been so vigorously agitating, are, at last, beginning to take shape, and actual plans for the outlay of the building are now posted up in the University Council room.

Various pegs are now sprouting like celery around the relics of the Jubilee Oval grandstand, and Professor Wood proudly informs us that the blue ones are the first tangible beginnings of his Botany Building. It was proposed originally to build on the site of the late pavilion, but these pegs indicate that the new building will be almost symmetrically opposite across the drive to the George Murray Building.

It is being planned on very much the same lines as the two Union Buildings. There will be three floors; a semi-basement, a ground floor, and a first floor. The basement will be

reserved mainly for work in physiology and biochemistry. On the ground floor there will be a lecture theatre, the professor's room, the offices and the cloak rooms. Laboratories and museums will occupy most of the top floor.

After the discomfort in which the Botany Department has been accustomed to work, these new surroundings will appear the epitome of luxury. The Waite Institute has, in the last few years, broadened its bounds considerably, and it is necessary for the University Botany Department to do likewise.

Although the plans and site are now definitely decided upon, all other arrangements are still very vague. Tenders will probably be called for early in October, and perhaps soon after that the Professor will see his pet castle in the air coming into existence, brick by brick.

MARIESTOPICS

A Renaissance is at hand; Australian poetry is reborn as the great Poet Nauseate once more tunes his lyre. And this time it is a Psychology question which has aided the victory of Calliope: "What part does reproduction by association play in the first stages of learning by experience?" ... Psychology paper, 28/7/38. And thus the bard:—
Should such an unwelcome effluxion

Attend the first stage of instruction,
The results would conspire
To promote a desire
For experience without reproduction.

THE SHOW BEGINS

Cheers, the University is waking up at last! Recovering from what seemed to be its death blow, dealt by the departure of Mr. Keith Macdonald, and that famous pair of fools, John Duncan and Wacker Dawe, the revue committee actually organised its first rehearsal last Wednesday, for another bright performance at the end of the year.

FIRST STEPS.

Grimly determined effort characterised the atmosphere, and though the general effect of much stamping and clapping may have been slightly overwhelming, everything must be forgiven at a first practice. Enthusiasm was not wanting, however, and everyone was much cheered to see some of the old hands at the game returning to lend their weight—figuratively speaking, of course—and to star once more at the end of the year. Miss Maryin Beale, who from all accounts should help the show quite a lot, was there, while such a shining light as Miss Jean Bedford, whose former indisputable success has proved her an expert at the game, is once again giving her valuable assistance in training the ballet, and Mr. Bob Stokes, who has made his reputation as regards the ballet, is going to lend a helping hand as a general M.C.

QUESTION OF PRODUCER.

It was exceedingly unfortunate that Mr. Dean Hay, who was going to produce the revue, chose a most inopportune time for a trip abroad, and therefore left this most important role unfilled, but there is a suggestion in the air that Mr. John Duncan might do so. Well, what more could we ask!

'VARSITY AND THE PUBLIC

ANOTHER CONVERSAZIONE

Most readers probably remember the University Conversazione of 1936—it was held as a centenary gesture and was a marked success. As a means of bringing the public in contact with the Varsity it was unique. Why not have a similar show more often?

For those who don't remember we can briefly say that the 1936 conversazione was held at the end of second term, and that for two days (including a Saturday) the University and all its works were open to the public. The Science school turned on all its wonders and the Anatomy building was crowded with exhibits. Both the Arts school and the Music students produced plays, and the French club staged some motive. The Barr-Smith produced all its best exhibits, both ancient and modern, and there was an art display in the Elder Hall. The Law and Commerce students alone were unrepresented. Several of the teaching staff gave lectures.

GREAT SUCCESS.

Most people were amazed at the number of citizens totally unconnected with the Varsity who came along and who, furthermore, showed a very lively and intelligent interest. This was a healthy sign. It showed that people were interested in their Varsity and looked on it as a communal asset and not as a pseudo-intellectual monastery; that the Varsity was building up that "sympathetic environment favorable to its growth," which Sir Robert Chapman wrote of in his

article in the Graduates' Number of this year.

We ought to make every effort to preserve and extend this favorable public opinion. The best way to do it is to let the public know and see our activities by means of such a show as the conversazione. There seems to be no reason at all why the standard of the 1936 effort should not be maintained; and, indeed, raised by the introduction of contributions from the Law and Commerce schools, nor do we see any good reason why such student organisations as the Arts Association, Science Club, P. & I.R.C., S.C.M., and Peace Group should not be responsible for showing to the world the nature of the purely student activities.

Third term being so close at hand it is obviously impossible to do anything further for this year. But we should like to see the Council give the idea serious consideration in 1939—an annual conversazione might be a good idea. There can be no denying that our University has fared well at the hands of the general population, and it befits us to make some good return.

M.U. DINNER

It is announced that, owing to lack of support, it has been found necessary to cancel the Men's Union Dinner.

And so the last justification for the existence of the Men's Union, its committee and powers has passed gently out of sight, beyond the ken of man. Apart from looking after the George Murray Building, which could better be done by the House Committee of the Union, the Men's Union Committee with all its nine members seems a complete waste of time and organising energy. Except, of course, for

THE LIBRARY—

the birth of which we are pleased to announce. Ladies, we now have a few choice volumes which are at your disposal. You have only to speak to the Lady Symon librarian, who will approach the George Murray librarian (Mr. Wighton). Mr. Wighton will attend to your needs in due course, and will hand the book to the L.S. librarian, from whom you can obtain it on application. As there are only five days to end of term it will, of course, be impossible to complete this process before vac.; and you don't read in third term. But set the machine in movement now and we confidently expect that you will collect your wants on March 15 of next year.

FENNER HIGHLY HONORED CONGRATULATIONS!

See Story, page 3.

DENTAL DINNER

The annual Dental students' dinner was held last Thursday at the Napoleon, and was very successful, except for Mr. Willoughby's fighting policy speech that dinners should be abolished. He advocated a looser system of functions, which could, if necessary, be changed every year, to allow of more spontaneity, and to increase their popularity to 100 per cent. among both students and graduates. He even went so far, after fumbling and dropping his notes, to suggest a sherry party, on the grounds that the D.S.S. attended in full the sherry party at Mr. Malcolm Joyner's earlier in the year, and also that such functions were far less formal, and allowed for greater social contact with professors and lecturers, whom, by the way, he was supposed to be toasting.

UNION DEBATING NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, at 8 p.m.

To-morrow night at 8 p.m. in the Union Buildings three of the four debaters comprising the inter-Varsity team will oppose a team representing the Debating Union of South Australia. The subject is:—

"That Democratic Ideals are Incompatible with 20th Century Conditions"

'VARSITY v. DEBATING UNION

(Pro.)	(Con.)
L. F. Crisp	Mr. McDonald
V. C. Mafison	Mr. Butler
E. F. Johnston	Mr. Davies

Adelaide (who drew a bye in the first round) will propose this motion in the semi-final of the inter-Varsity contest in Melbourne.

TO-MORROW NIGHT

COMING EVENTS

- August 8, Tuesday.—Mr. Tony McGillick, on "My Visit to Russia This Year," 1.20 p.m., in George Murray Building.
- August 10, Wednesday.—Inter-Faculty Semi-finals, Conservatorium v. Law II, in George Murray Hall, at 1.30.
- Debate: University v. S.A. Literary Societies' Union, at 8 p.m., in George Murray Hall.
- August 12, Friday.—Inter-Faculty Debating Semi-finals, Medicine v. Law, at 1.20 p.m., in George Murray Hall.
- August 14, Sunday.—Car Picnic.
- August 16, Tuesday.—Inter-Varsity Dance, at 8.30 p.m., in Refectory.
- August 18, Thursday.—Pharmacy Students' Ball.

MUSIC HATH CHARMS

CONSERV. GAINS PALMS.

On Wednesday the Conserv. and Dental Students met in wordy strife, the subject being, "That we have more to gain from the cinema than from wireless." The dentists supported the motion. Professor Kerr Grant adjudicated and confessed that he was like the ass in Holy Writ—in that he did not know which way to turn. Being in a dilemma, he felt it wise to garland the Conserv. team, for they were all women, and the Professor ever loses when he attempts to argue with his wife. He recognised that Miss Wagner was also of the feminine persuasion, but felt the law of physical dimensions justified his disregarding her, since her bulk was less than that of the three Conserv. students in combination.

Mr. Eckersley dealt with the matter from the educational, technical and above all, the moral aspects. He detailed the horrible effects of wireless propaganda, especially in relation to the problem of war. Wireless, he said, is the handmaid of Mars. In support of the cinema he stressed the surprising (we agree) accuracy of detail achieved by film producers.

Miss Jacobs arose to deal with wireless in relation to the individual, the community, and to commercial, national, and international affairs. The radio brings us into direct and thrilling contact with the events of the moment. Here she recalled her intense feelings as she listened to a broadcast of the Coronation Service. Wireless programmes aid in the development of our faculties—herein lies the only hope of democracy. They foster our natural tastes for music and literature—witness the broadcasting of plays (Henry VIII). The cinema, on the other hand, since it leaves nothing unsaid and little unseen, cannot fertilise our creative and imaginative powers. Like religion of old it has become the opium of the people who, accordingly, place their faith in Bidomak.

Miss Wagner expressed deep sorrow for the drab life of the average man, but was relieved to reflect that this was cured by the cinema. Wireless did not in any way help to mitigate this intolerable tedium, the usual programme being addressed to a person having the intelligence of a child of twelve. Television would not aid the matter. What would we see? Tauber's tongue. Films can attack ignorance much more strongly than the mere spoken word.

Miss Sampson regarded wireless as the union of education with entertainment, and the results of such a union could not but be beneficial. Everyone now has the opportunity of hearing celebrities from overseas, whereas if there were no wireless this would be possible only for the comparatively wealthy. Musical programmes, which are of a high standard are of great value in developing the appreciative faculty of the child. Moreover, one can determine the length of the entertainment—remember that Marconi invented the nob. The wireless fosters home life, and the family, you will recall, is the nucleus of the State.

Mr. Willoughby proceeded to draw an illogical distinction between passive hearing and active seeing. The illustration seems to be (it was all rather vague) that Eve did not surrender to the serpent (this is a new one) until she saw the apple.

Miss Upton dealt with the value of the wireless in transmitting an S.O.S., and in aiding the police in the detection of crime. The radio is a guide to the man on the land, with its grain reports, etc. Miss Upton sees, as she looks at a wireless, a vision of the world as one large family at peace.

"On Dit"

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This issue of "On Dit" brings us to the end of second term—that easily best part of the University year—and face to face with examinations. As Mr. Chamberlain said in the House the other day, and not for the first time: "We must face realities." Before this, however, there is a whole series of inter-Varsity sporting contests to be played, both here and in other States. We wish the participants good holidays and good matches, and if the presiding deity of sport sees fit to bestow victory, then be joyful while we may, and then to work.

Third term, in our experience, is a peculiar sensation. You begin with fierce efforts to settle down into the work routine, and strikingly little success attends your incipient efforts. But gradually, and by an almost unrecognisable process, you settle down, and work without difficulty, and with no passing feelings of revolt. You work because it does not occur to you to do otherwise.

The following period is, of course, that of heavy grind and colossal labor. You master the dry and uninteresting—and often most important—portions which occur in every course. You gradually find new meaning in the subject; isolated facts and theories link up together in a most surprising manner. You begin to see the more subtle connections between various divisions of the subject, which were not apparent earlier in the year, and connections between the particular subject and allied courses.

From then on you just fly along. Because you are now working with clock-like precision, and because you understand, things are grasped and learned twice as quickly as at any other stage. And the more that is learnt, the greater becomes that understanding: and interest grows with understanding. Interest and efficiency being thus wed together, are likely to produce over-work and a feeling of acute gloom. We pass on for your consideration an idea which we can recommend as having dispersed such gloom, and left, strangely enough, a certain exhilaration. Adjourn to the Refectory with another, take tea for two, and have a debate on the utility of third term as a social institution. It matters not who takes which side, and the results are amazing (it costs less than Bidomak).

At this stage swot vac. makes its customary appearance, heralded by a whole host of messages of hope and goodwill from professors and lecturers. This, we find, makes little or no difference to the general conduct of the campaign, for the subject by now is, with luck, fully grasped in outline at least, and the polishing only remains to be done. As a matter of fact, swot vac. is probably the most interesting part of the year, because the mind is devoted the whole time to something interesting and understood. The examination, it may be unequivocally stated, combines all the worst features of Heaven and Hell.

On which cheerful note, ladies and gentlemen, we once more will upon you good fortune for the coming games, and promise to see you with all the results on the first Tuesday of term.

THE FOREIGN EDITOR

THE NAZI CREED: CHINESE OPINION

One of the most distressing results of rule by dictators is the intellectual torpor which it apparently induces in its devotees. As a result, judgement vanishes, and outbursts of hysterical intensity but complete incoherence appear. Tolerance is one of the first victims of oppression, and however tragic the results may be to the inhabitants of the country, the ravings and rantings of the new faithful appear to those outside as ludicrous but at the same time profoundly disturbing. The cult of the nation as a god to be worshipped, although prevalent to a certain degree throughout the civilised (?) world, has reached the peak of its triumph in Germany, and to a lesser degree in Italy and other countries. Germany under Hitler is a profoundly depressing sight for those who believe in the essential sanity and unity of mankind; and one is forced to doubt if the unbroken facade presented to world opinion is not in reality shabby and cracked, and if the bulk of the German people do not in fact still retain a certain capacity for laughter at the fanatical zeal of the prophets of the new religion, but remain silent until laughter once more becomes common and safe.

A NAZI CREED.

The "Manchester Guardian Weekly" prints in a recent article a new version of the Apostles Creed, as included in the Catechism taught by two pastors in Mecklenburg. The following points are included:

(1) We believe in the eternal God who reveals Himself in creation and history. We do not believe in Jehovah, the national God of the Jews.

(2) We believe in the Saviour Jesus Christ, the great warrior, who was crucified by the Jews. We do not believe in the Jewish Messiah, a butchered victim of Jehovah.

(3) We believe in our German nation created by God. We do not believe in the Jews as the chosen people.

(4) We believe in our Holy Motherland, which is called Germany. We do not believe in the promised land

of Palestine with its Jerusalem.

(5) We believe in the unwritten divine rules and laws. We do not believe in documents, confessions and holy letters.

(6) We do not believe in the Pope at Rome nor in the Evangelical Pope. But we do believe in our Leader, Adolf Hitler, and in the victory of his battle desired by God and blessed by God, and in the future welfare of our Fatherland.

(7) We do not believe in the power of the keys and the spiritual authority of the priests. But we do believe in the liberating power of submission and sacrifice of the German people and in the power of true comradeship.

(8) We do not believe in the churches, confessions and sects claiming the monopoly of all means of grace. But we do believe in religious liberation, the renewal and union of our belief in a positive Christian community of faith for all Germans.

"When war is declared, truth is the first victim." And when free speech and free thought are ruthlessly suppressed, narrow mindedness, bigotry and a zealous and totally misguided enthusiasm spring up. Intolerance begets an unquestioned belief, and their child is hate for all foreign ideas and for the people holding them.

And with this hate there grows up an amazing capability of twisting and distorting facts, of discriminating selection and omission, with the result that in time the distortion of truth is forgotten, and the new warped ideas are taken as the truth. A vicious circle, from which the only escape is by the way of tolerance.

CHINESE STUDENTS.

It may sound fantastic, but there is at least one country in the world where the opinion of the student is respected, and that country is China. We are so accustomed to hearing the opinions of undergraduates treated with good natured but pitying contempt—usually accompanied by the remark, "They're still very young," as

CORRESPONDENCE

FLASH!

On Tuesday, August 2, the Member for Chaffey in the House of Assembly made an excellent speech regarding loan and budget matters. He emphasised the fact that it is no use discussing details until the wrong basis of the system as a whole has received attention.

Even the Commissioner of Public Works in an interjection admitted that we are not poverty stricken. Why then is it that the only overall record which each and every Government attains to is that of an ever increasing load of debt, with sooner or later ruination staring us in the face? Mr. Macgillivray says that the adoption of such a policy is insane finance, when it is not high treason; the only debatable point is:—Who is the treasonable person? Another question suggested was:—Which is the more difficult to find words to describe, the effrontery of those who impose this debt system on us, or the simplicity of the victims in allowing it?

The full Hansard report will be worth studying, for in it will be found an array of quotations supporting Mr. Macgillivray's contentions all from orthodox authorities; and not the least interesting is the sentence from the Australian Banking Commission that the Commonwealth Bank "can even make money available to Governments free of charge."

DYNAMICS.

EDITORIAL STOPS ONE

The Editors,—We (speaking editorially) were very uplifted by the extremely moral trend of the editorial last week, and we are henceforth resolved on being a stern trappist now, never, never, never to gossip again.

But do you, O Editors, realise that while pointing out the evils and pernicious ills which this sweet society, viz. the Varsity, is prey to, there is on your own body, speaking literally (not literally) a putrid festering sore

of unbridled gossip? We trust that you have by now gathered that this tirade is directed against that ill conceived product of misplaced journalistic enthusiasm, and a perverted sense of humor, namely the useless (but at the same time most widely read) column, "Private Faces in Public Places."

If "On Dit" must descend to low and vulgar gossip, why can it not do so decently and openly, printing its thinly veiled innuendoes with full names and capital letters, so that the people thus indirectly mentioned can be given a chance to refute any lying rumors or too truthful truths?

Here, if there ever was, is a case of physician, heal thyself, and although being far from wishing you any actual bodily harm, we think it a pity, dear Editors, living in a glass house as you do, that some of these indiscriminately cast stones do not contact very heavily—with their caster.

More in sorrow, than in anger, we remain,

THE HONEY BUNCH.

[We can take it if you can—Eds.]

PICKLED

To the Editors,—

Each year at Commemoration candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Music and for the diploma of Associate in Music are presented to the Chancellor together with candidates in other Faculties. As this is the case, surely undergraduates in the Faculty of Music are entitled to be described as such, and not to be referred to merely as "Conserv. students." The Conservatorium happens to be the building which is set aside at the University of Adelaide for the study of music, and there is no such Faculty as "Conserv." as is so often erroneously stated in your columns. Such a designation savors rather of workers in a pickle factory than of students of music.

DOREEN JACOBS,

Hon. Sec. Music Students' Association.

THEATRE GUILD

Dear Sirs,—

The Adelaide University Theatre Guild needs actors. It has a theatre; it has an experienced producer and technical staff; it has not at present a sufficient number of active undergraduate members—particularly men—who will learn and rehearse parts. Without these the theatre as a University effort will fail. Anyone who is inclined to respond to this appeal should see Mr. Frank Johnstone. He is in the Hut every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Yours, etc.,

J. I. M. STEWART.

GOWNS

The Editors "On Dit,"—

May I, sir, at the risk of wasting my own valuable time and your valueless space protest against the semi-naked state in which the members of the University parade the public places.

It is, of course, patent to the capacity of even your enlightened readers that the main responsibility for the departure from the ancient Varsity practice of wearing gowns rests not with the undergraduates but with the staff, whose manner of dressing is, like their manner of addressing, both bald and bad.

If it grieves me, sir, to see a refectory full of ungowned students, the pain is as nothing compared with that occasioned by seeing a table full of ungowned, uncrowned professors and lecturers. And if the exertion of eating be put forward as an argument in their support, at least there can be no excuse for lecturing in the habit of the herd, since it is axiomatic that lecturing demands no exertion either mental or physical.

My proposal is that a small society should be formed at the beginning of next year, composed of people prepared to wear the toga of learning both in and about the Varsity and in the city. From this society, sir, may spring a movement which will convert Adelaide into the University City of Australia.

JULIAN.

INTER-VARSITY SPORT FOR THE VACATION

The second vacation is the time for the holding of most sporting inter-Varsitys, and this year is no exception. We are to be represented in no fewer than seven sports in contests with the other Universities. Adelaide, moreover, is to have the lion's share of the entertainment, for hockey players, lacrosseurs, boxers and wrestlers are coming here from other States. In the first week of the vacation the hockey and lacrosse will be played, and also the boxing and wrestling, which at first was to have taken place in the second week. We are sending two teams to Tasmania. The women's hockey arranged to go there long ago, and by a coincidence the footballers have decided to make the trip there at the same time.

Adelaide is usually a little weaker in sport than Melbourne and Sydney. At this time last year we won only the baseball, but we hope to improve on our previous record this year.

The footballers are taking a good team to Tasmania. Only Elix (capt.), Playford and Brown are unable to go, and so we should be able to give a good account of ourselves. Last year we were easily beaten by Melbourne over there, but the year before we were at home and managed to win a hard-fought game.

Our women have not had much success in their hockey inter-Varsitys in the past few years, but have been rather overshadowed by Melbourne. But they are taking their full A team to Tasmania, and if they are not unsettled by the long journey they should be able to play well.

Our basketball women are going to Sydney. They were just unable to win when the inter-Varsity was here, and as they have their full team available and Areta Rix has withdrawn from the State side to play for them, they stand quite a chance.

The hockey men have a chance this year as they have never had before. They have a fine combination, and they are playing at home. If their duties as hosts to some 60 visitors do not overpower them they should be able to do the right thing.

We lost the lacrosse last year in Melbourne, but won the two years before that. We have quite a good side which has been playing erratically, but which appears to be getting better. Melbourne do not seem strong, so with luck we should win.

We will be fortunate to retain the baseball honors this year as we have lost last year's stars. But our team has improved out of sight, and anything might happen. The games will be played in Melbourne.

We have always fared badly in boxing and wrestling, but we are now at home for the first time and it is up to us to win.

"On Dit" bestows its benedictions on all our sporting representatives and wishes them all success.

To those who will be in Adelaide during the vacation it urges the necessity for support of and attendance at the matches and other features.

UNION AT SCOTCH

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Gent, Miss Viner-Smith and Mr. Kerr prepared to speak in support of the motion that "Jazz is the negro's revenge for slavery."

The debate was held at Scotch College, and the University were condemned to eat haggis by the narrow margin of two points.

In Mr. Gent's words, he "slaved, Miss Viner-Smith jazzed, and Mr. Kerr synthesised."

Mr. Gent's subtle humor completely shattered the illusions of those Scotch supporters who could see the point of his remarks. Miss Viner-Smith's speech was misinterpreted by the opposition, who denounced her as a chronic drunkard. Mr. Kerr in true parliamentary style and in truly bloody words described the agonies of slaves.

Mr. Jacobs, the leader for Scotch, proved that the subject was meaningless, and, judging by their speeches, the other two members must have agreed with him. Mr. Jacob's summary showed that he will be a useful addition to Varsity debating circles next year.

Provocations

FREEDOM FOR SPEECH

Thought which is not divided against itself cannot develop. Therefore, a necessity for development is certainly freedom of speech; and man should go on by argument to increase knowledge, correct opinion and tighten up judgement. As John Bailey says, "In this useful and necessary business our generation is very actively engaged. And we may welcome its activity; with only one caution. The fashionable but quite false and even absurd doctrine of equality leads people to suppose that everybody has a right to an opinion on every subject."

Nowhere is the doctrine of equality more rampant than in America. It produces, no doubt, a happy ease of intercourse, but it produces also a quite incredible number of fantastic cocks all crowing on their own half-baked intellectual dung-hills. Examples of the sort of things they say have been collected by Mr. Mencker into his farrago, "Americana." As Mr. Mencker says in his introduction, "Those who see only humor in these fantastic paragraphs see only half that is in them. Fundamentally, nine-tenths of these are serious in intent, and they are all presented here for a quite serious purpose. That purpose . . . is to make the enlightened minority of Americans familiar, by documentary evidence, with what is going on in the minds of the masses—the great herd of undifferentiated, good humored, goose-stepping, superstitious, sentimental, credulous, striving, romantic American people."

Here are some astonishing gems hand-picked by Mencker from the presses of America.

First, a rousing literary note from a critical reader of the Chicago "Tribune": "Michael Arlen . . . is greater than Shakespeare, greater than all—and the greatest goes unnoticed. Wake up, you would-be intellectuals, and strain your throats in demand for the genius of all the ages."

In the Legislature of the State of Georgia, a measure was introduced for the establishment of public libraries. Representative Hal Wimberley made a speech against the Bill, in which he maintained that there were only three books in the world worth reading: the Bible, the hymn-book, and the almanack. "These three are enough for anyone; read the Bible—it teaches you how to act. Read the hymn-book—it contains the finest poetry ever written. Read the almanack—it shows you how to figure out what the weather will be. There isn't another book that is necessary for anyone to read, and therefore I am opposed to all libraries."

The following are remarks credited to the Rev. Dr. James Thomas, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Detroit, "The Man of Galilee should be pictured as a cowboy, ruddy of face, and with a hand like a Swift premium ham, rather than with feminine features, as some artists have painted Him."

Patriotic reflections of the Hon. Darwin P. Kingsley, A.B., A.M., LL.D., L.A.D., president of the New York Life Insurance Company, "We were under the impression that Europe had reached a stage of civilization similar to that of this country . . . but we have learned that Europe is not simply one century but two centuries behind our civilisation."

Perhaps best of all is this contribution to science by the Rev. Alfred E. Seddon, D.D., a distinguished Presbyterian divine of El Paso, "Electricity as a force of nature has existed ever since man has been upon the earth—6,000 years about . . . Under God's tuition I see no reason why Adam might not have had a radio in his house, through which he might have listened to the anthems of the angels."

Finally, the mellow reflections of the gifted chief editorial writer of the Becklev "Post," "Why write books? Everybody reads the newspapers . . . and the papers are giving the public what is worth reading and knowing along almost every line imaginable."

FRESH HONORS FOR FENNER

ANTHROPOLOGIST OF LEICHHARDT TRIP

After a particularly brilliant course in Medicine, Frank Fenner, who is now in his final year, has been appointed as the anthropologist to accompany the party, who are leaving on the 18th of this month to examine the skeletons, which, it is believed, may be the remains of the ill-fated Leichhardt expedition. Probably never before has any Adelaide student, while still engaged in his University course, been singled out for such a high honor. "On Dit" also congratulates Dr. A. Grenfell Price, Master of St. Mark's, on being appointed as the leader of the party.

After a brilliant career at the Adelaide High School, Fenner began his Medical course at the Varsity on a

sixth year, he has gained top credit in every year but one.

In 1935 he won the Dr. Davies-Thomas scholarship, and in 1937 he won the Lister Prize, and was proxime accessit for the Archibald Watson Prize.

Besides his actual course he has done a great deal of research, and is at present writing a thesis on the aboriginal skulls of Australia. He is a past president of the University Science Association, and is now honorary craniologist to the South Australian Museum, a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Australia, and a member of the Anthropological and Royal Geographic Societies.

Not only has he been successful in the realm of science but he has played inter-Varsity hockey for four years and inter-State hockey for one.

It was a peculiar coincidence that on the night before the finding of the skeletons was announced the Arts Association was addressed by Capt. Parker on the mystery of the fate of the Leichhardt expedition. It may well be that Fenner's decision will nip in the bud the projected trip of 2 young Art-ites to a cave 200 miles from Broken Hill, where another batch of skeletons are to be found.

"On Dit" joins with the rest of the Varsity in heartily congratulating Fenner on his achievement.



(Block by courtesy "The News.")

Leaving Honors Bursary. Since then his career has been a progression from one success to another. Now in

ABOUT IT

AND

ABOUT

By Omar Khayyam

Advertisers, in trying to sell their wares, appeal, of course, to many different aspects of the human character of prospective victims, but seldom do they appeal to the snobbish side of one's nature quite so blatantly as does the cigarette advertisement that declares that "It's smart to smoke —." The cad who smokes any other brand is simply not a person one can mix with socially, although perhaps one might just tolerate his presence for the joy of occasionally humiliating him by offering him an —. One could produce the packet casually (no need for a case), extend it towards him between finger and thumb with the label conspicuously displayed, and enjoy his deference and eager, trembling hand . . . A happy picture . . . But, strictly between ourselves, I am really rather sorry that they advertise that slogan because now I'll no more be able to ask for — in a shop than I am able to ask for lifebuoy.

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I am glad to see that the French Government took my hint and showed in little ways as well as big ones that the Royal visit has made the Entente Cordiale more cordial than ever. Various "elegant gestures" have been made. All prosecutions against motorists who broke traffic regulations during the time of the visit have been dropped; and a mirror broken by two sailors was paid for by France to avoid a claim on a British insurance company.

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"Cricket is a very peculiar game."
M. A. Noble.

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Mr. Thorby considered that a few of the Opposition Leader's comments on the national defence measures showed "regrettable temerity." Before daring criticise the work of the Government, Mr. Curtin, of course, should have obtained official, or even reliable, information on the subject and then he could have spoken with authority, dignity, and restraint—as Mr. Thorby himself did, for instance, in the so-called "Darwin flying-boat bungle."

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It is alleged that Germany contemplates the absorption of Liechtenstein. A speaker over the air the other night said that the loss of independence by this little country, even if regretted by no one else, would be regretted by all the stamp collectors of the world.

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It is not my intention to discuss anti-Semitism in any of its aspects. I was rather interested, however, to hear the other day that this particular form of insanity has been going on in Italy for at least 15 months in spite of the fact that the newspapers have only just discovered it. The possible reasons for this are, no doubt, complex, but it does rather remind me of a short poem by W. N. Ewer entitled "The Chosen People," which goes:—

How odd
Of God
To choose
The Jews.
And the reply by Cecil Browne:—
But not so odd
As those who choose
A Jewish God
Yet spurn the Jews.
(A further answer is:—
Why not?
God wot
What? —Eds.)

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The Governor paid us the honor of dining in Hall on August 2, and after dinner very kindly granted us a half holiday, to be spent on some future date on the Mount Lofty golf course, a repetition of the last orgy. We can only hope that the weather will be a little kinder to us than last time, and express our most sincere devotion to the Crown and all it means to us, in spite of the efforts of some of our more radical members.

We must next congratulate Dr. Price on being chosen to lead the party which is to examine the eight skeletons grouped gracefully in a circle somewhere in Central Australia.

This is one of the few times in the history of these notes that the writer is in the enviable position of really having something to write about. The college golf is now a distant and muddy memory of mud, rain, and lunch; lunch being not the least of these. Tregonning with 97 off the stick and 40 handicap won this event with a net 57—a surprising performance. Rowe won the bogey competition in the afternoon, and Mc-Askill and Crisp still have to settle the fate of the championship.

The college plays are scheduled to be unleashed on a startled world on Wednesday. A complete break with tradition has been made by including two women—the vivacious Molly McLachlan and the talented Edith Irwin—in one of the plays, and so a fine time should be had by all.

Another event of overwhelming importance which is to appear in the near future is the college dance. To use a wisecrack(?) which has been worked to death recently: the college is divided into two sections—those who do, and those who don't. The latter section is in a strong minority, but no outward signs of disturbance mar the usual deathly calm of a working college, to whom the slight respite provided by the vacation comes as a welcome relief between the steady toil of the second term, and the frenzied rush of the last—the last two weeks of it, anyway.

GET YOUR TICKET NOW
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THOSE DENTAL REDS

An inter-Faculty debate between Conservatives and Dentistry will take place on Wednesday, August 3rd, in the George Murray Hall.
"Advertiser," July 30.

'VARSITY SUCCESSFUL IN ADVERSE CONDITIONS

D. C. MENZIES, EDITOR.
MARGARET COWELL,
REPORTER.

For the first time for quite a while we have no A Grade losses to report. That is, of course, excepting our Soccer team, which has yet to record a win. Another exception is the Rugby team, but this was not an ordinary match, for we were playing the rest of the State and the loss is therefore excusable. Our hockey women won again, as did our footballers. Our basketballers and hockey men did not play, and the baseballers drew. The stars, however, are the lacrosse team, who, without four of their best men, defeated, in a well-fought match, East Torrens, a team which is second on the premierships list. At present, however, the only teams with a real chance of participating in the finals are Rugby, football, and baseball.

LACROSSE

'VARSITY DEFEATS EAST TORRENS AGAIN.

'Varsity caused a major surprise in the lacrosse world by defeating East Torrens for the second time this year. East Torrens is at present second team (due to our defeats), but was minor premiers last year, and a byword for invincibility in lacrosse. Torrens were without a number of stars, but we played without Nicholson, Laycock, Taylor, and Nairn, all of them consistent performers, the last two being interstate players.

The game was played in pouring rain, but was nevertheless of a fair standard and quite exciting. The progressive scores were 2-2, 4-3, 5-3, 5-4. The teamwork was much better than in previous matches and the forwards played a good, open game and passed well across the goal. Bonnin, recently from C Grade, and Porter played hard and effective games around centre, while Menzies and Cottle kept the backlines intact with good body checking and well-judged interceptions. Barnfield and Martin played together well in the forward lines, and secured two goals each, Barnfield being unlucky with his shooting several times.

The B's had four of their best players in the A's, while about the same number had colds and other such excuses. Consequently they had difficulty in getting a team and lost very badly. Boucaut, acting captain, was our best, but even he could not prevent a huge score being registered against us.

A's defeated East Torrens, 5-4. Goals: Barnfield, Martin 2, Porter. Best Players: Menzies; Bonnin, Barnfield, Cottle, Duffield. B's lost to West Torrens, 33-1. Goal: Taylor. Best Players: Boucaut, O'Toole, Buick.

Congratulations are due to Max Nairn for winning the cup for the fairest and best member of the State side which recently visited West Australia. He has been our outstanding player for the past two years, and this recognition of his ability is well merited.

WHAT A GAME.

Our sympathy goes out to G. W. Bunday, who is now suffering from a compound fracture of the left leg. It appears that George was hit by a ball while playing hockey for the B team on Saturday week. The force was sufficient to break his leg through a solid shin pad. We draw our own conclusion of the game, and also of those advanced Medical students who diagnosed the injury as a broken blood vessel, thus delaying treatment for a few very painful hours.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY WIN

The A's beat Teachers' College 4-2 in a most unsatisfactory match on Saturday. The field was exceedingly wet and mucky, and consequently the play was of poor standard.

The B1's, in spite of the rain, played well and beat Shellton 5-1, thus getting into the semi-finals for next Saturday. Combination was good, especially among the forwards. Best players were Rhonda Donaldson and Jean Menzies.

The B2's were meant to play Sans Souci, but only about five Varsity players thought fit to brave the elements, and so we had to forfeit the match.

HOCKEY

'VARSITY OUT OF FINAL FOUR.

The position of the premierships list before last Saturday's match was very interesting. The first two teams were sure of a place in the four, but after they came four teams all on the same level (of these 'Varsity led on percentage), and the seventh team was only a point behind. It was our misfortune to have to play Grange, the top team, yet in spite of that we ran them very close and lost only 1-nil. This goal was scored about ten minutes before the end. Our forwards had most of the play for the match, but once again suffered from their fatal inability to score—it must be admitted, however, that they had less than their share of luck and were seriously handicapped by Hargrave's absence with a ricked ankle. Hargrave has been one of the most consistent forwards all the year, and we should very probably have won if he had played.

Motteram and Newland were a strong defence combination on the left, and Close and Forbes played their usual sound games, Forbes without much assistance.

B's Lost to Grange, 2-nil.

The B's had the joy of travelling all the way to Grange, with the additional pleasure of playing on the much-admired Grange ground, and the further delight of being put out of the four as the result of their defeat. Captain Irwin was accordingly a very disgruntled man on his return. Irwin, Hutton, and Clarke (all members of the 16 practising for inter-'Varsity) were the best players.

C Lost to Largs, 5-2.

Before this great achievement of scoring two goals, the A's and B's must hang their heads in shame, having none between them. And both from Partridge, who when we last heard was a half. Scoring halves in D Grade are rare monsters. Partridge, Milne, and Lloyd were the best players.

As a result of these matches all the 'Varsity teams are in the lower four. They will now have to play three further matches to decide which team will be bottom, the bottom team then playing a relegation match with the top team of the lower grade. Our A's and B's are fairly safe from this, but the C's have a possibility of finding themselves next year in D2, than which they can go no lower.

The only interest of the A's now is the inter-'Varsity, from August 15 to 19, and we certainly have a lot of improvement to make in the next fortnight.

[Editorial comment: There were no hockey matches on Saturday, so we publish the above—a belated report of the matches on the previous Saturday.]

INTER-'VARSITIES PROGRAMME

The following is a programme of inter-'Varsity events. Every student who is able should support them. We omit those events which are arranged purely for members of the teams:—
Monday, August 15:

- Inter-'Varsity Hockey, 'Varsity Oval.
- Tuesday, August 16:
- Inter-'Varsity Hockey, 'Varsity Oval.
- Inter-'Varsity Lacrosse, 'Varsity Oval.
- Lacrosse Ball—Hotel Richmond.
- Hockey Inter-'Varsity Ball, Rectory.
- Inter-'Varsity Boxing, City Baths.
- Wednesday, August 17:
- Inter-'Varsity Hockey, 'Varsity Oval.
- Lacrosse Ball, Palais Royal.
- Thursday, August 18:
- Inter-'Varsity Hockey, 'Varsity Oval.
- Lacrosse, Combined 'Varsities v. State, 'Varsity Oval.
- Inter-'Varsity Boxing, City Baths.
- Friday, August 19:
- Inter-'Varsity Hockey, 'Varsity Oval.
- Saturday, August 20:
- Hockey, Combined 'Varsities v. State, Birkalla Polo Ground.

GOLF

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The club championships will be held at Kooyonga links on Friday, August 26, which is the last Friday of the vacation. There are four events:—

- 1—36-hole championship.
 - 2—36-hole handicap.
 - 3—18-hole handicap.
 - 4—18-hole bogey handicap.
- Entries are cheap and any golfer is welcome to take part.

Interstate Representatives.

The two South Australian teams chosen for the State Hockey Carnival (to be held the week after the inter-'Varsity) contain an unusually large number of 'Varsity players. Eight of our eleven have been picked in one or other of the teams. The first team will be picked from 18 players, of whom we have four—Reg. Motteram (full back), Malcolm Newland (half-back), Neil Hargrave and Bill Forbes (forwards). Motteram and Newland were in the State side last year. The centre forward and captain is Jimmy Allen, who played with us for a number of years.

A second team has been picked to play the combined 'Varsities team on August 20, and four of our players were chosen—Cocks (goals), Close (centre half), Kelly (right half), and Fenner (centre forward).

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RUGBY

There was no A Grade fixture on Saturday, but there was a trial match for the State team. 'Varsity was represented in this by Reilly, Neuenkirchen, Edwards, Fairweather, Freeman, Jeffries, Lindsay, and Taylor. Lindsay scored three tries and Freeman one.

B's v. Woodville B's.

The B's once more, in spite of the wet conditions, easily beat their opponents. At half-time they led 18 to nil, and finished with a final score of 28 to 3. Scorers: Tries—Napier 4, Martin and Kerr. Osman converted 5 tries.

Inter-Faculty.

The Law-cum-Arts-cum-Science-cum-Commerce (hereinafter called the Rest) were defeated last Wednesday, because of great odds, by the Engineers. The Rest played three men short, and at half-time the scores were even, 5-5. During the second half the Engineers just managed to score another three tries to win, 14-5. We must congratulate the Rest on their fine effort. Scorers: Engineers—Tries, Hamilton, Espie, King, Stewart. Tregonning, 1 convert. Rest—Tries, Lindsay, Osman, 1 convert.

P.S.: Wallman was unfortunate not to have had his shorts pulled right off.

FOOTBALL

Fine Win.

The A's had a decisive win against Kenilworth on Saturday—15.14 to 2.5. As big a win as this still has not given us a better percentage than Underdale, and besides winning our last match against this team, the scoring will have to be heavy to enable us to reach the four.

The game on Saturday was played in most unsatisfactory conditions, rain falling for the greater part of the match. Dawkins and LeMessurier were again our two best. These two have been playing remarkably good football over the last month or so, Dawkins, in particular, having improved out of all knowledge.

Bob Elix played well at centre, while Geoff. Page gave a sound display and kicked some good goals considering the state of the ground. Of the rest, Masters, Tregonning and Turner were outstanding.

Only one more Amateur League match remains to be played, but this is four weeks off. Between now and then we will do our best to win the inter-'Varsity, which will be played in Hobart.

Goalkickers.—Page (6), South (3), Elix, Betts, Gurner, Tregonning, W. P. Goode, White (each 1).

Best players.—Dawkins, LeMessurier, Elix, Page, Masters, Tregonning, and Gurner.

The B's were up against a tough proposition in the second team, Railways Institute, and we lost 3.12 to 20.12.

Goalkickers.—Cherry (2), Parker. Best players.—Mueller, Palmer, Hammatt, Hutton, Homburg, King.

The C's played hard to win a losing match by 5.8 to 2.5 from Muirden Old Scholars.

Goalkickers.—Ambrose (2), Gordon, Thornton, Ifould.

Best players.—Ambrose, Newland, Wallman, and Hannon.

The football team for the inter-'Varsity in Tasmania comprises the A team except Brown, Playford, and Elix, and in addition Hammatt, Michaels, R. T. Steele, Hutton, Tregonning, and J. C. King.

RE THE SHOP

MR. HAMILTON IS ANXIOUS THAT ALL STUDENTS SHOULD OBTAIN CARDS AT ONCE.

PRIVATE FACES

When passing through recently, Mr. Alan Benjamin, of Melbourne, dropped one of the irresistible stories collected by the University debating team that toured China, Japan and America. It appears that Mr. Chester Wilnot will always remember Japan for its infringement of civil liberties, for interfering with the private and personal pleasures of visitors. Since the opening of hostilities with China, some precautions in the cities have been strictly observed. All lights over seats in public parks, secluded corners and inside automobiles must be kept on after dark. Mr. Wilnot, however, preferred to take a chance, and when escorting a fairy some place in a taxi, failed to keep the light on. The authorities caught him and accused him of consorting with a White Russian—anathema, of course, to the Japs. Faced with threatened imprisonment, it took a good deal of explaining on the part of Mr. Wilnot and the other delegates to assure their hosts that she was a pink European, not a White Russian.

Some people get all the publicity. Many members couldn't help feeling indignant at the words printed last week: "Another minor triumph over the week-end was P. W. Verco's victory in the club championship at Mt. Osmond." Even the daily papers did not give this important feat its due.

SONGS TO NUTS

To assign Verco's victory to the status of an also ran was short-sighted in failing to recognise the strength of one of our coming boy golfers.

If the ticket-sellers for the inter-'Varsity hockey dance on August 16 become more rapacious than they are already, there should be a record sale, and, we hope, record attendance on that night. Mr. Roger Angove was one of the most active cloister-foisters last week, distributing sheaves of tickets to unsuspecting susceptibles.

The lion's share of current sympathy usually goes to the men after each week-end has taken its toll of wounded at matches, and other games. However, last week the halt and the lame were mostly women. Joan Cleland's rainbow optic, collected when she stopped a hockey ball with her right eye, looked very painful, and Edith Irwin's big toe trouble had numerous people interested. Joy Tassie was temporarily maimed when nursing a hot-water bottle in the week-end. It perished on her and caused some most uncomfortable scalding.

More chocolate frog and eclair eating contests are swelling the holders of mid-winter avoidupois. One of the competitors was forced to visit a doctor, who diagnosed his complaint as "acute indiscretion." Cries of shame!

PUBLIC PLACES

It is a pity that the notice in the refectory about the car picnic for the inter-'Varsity boxers and wrestlers was removed—for it was so delightfully worded that we hate to think of anyone missing it. In effect it stated that anyone who found himself unable to turn on a car and the required number of dolls for the said picnic could communicate with Messrs. Roberts and Parkhouse, who would fix everything. We wonder where these citizens keep their seemingly inexhaustible supply. Is it a bureau—or what?

Members of the University Sporting Car Club who are taking part in an inter-'Varsity contest in Melbourne are having lie down seats and special foot petrol taps for running out of petrol.

BOXING BILLETS.

Billets are still required for a number of interstate boxers and wrestlers. It will entail no responsibility for entertainment, but merely for providing a home. Anyone offering should see Mr. Hamilton.



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