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GARBAGE; STREET CLEANING

Leichhardt Council last week decided to save \$10,000 a year by adjusting its system of garbage and refuse collections.

Opposition by Balmain ward aldermen, who claimed it would have a detrimental effect on the service, was unsuccessful.

The adjustment was one of those necessitated by the decision to maintain the Council's property rate at its former figure, which involved the cutting down of the year's works estimates by \$383,000.

The decision was made following receipt of a recommendation from the Council's Health Surveyor and Building Inspector, Mr R. S. Williams.

This pointed out that it had been the practice for years for the Council's garbage men to work on public holidays (except Christmas Day and Good Friday. That involved payment of overtime.

Garbage was removed twice a week from all

premises in the municipality, the staff being employed for that purpose four days a week—Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

In addition, there was a "clean-up" each Wednesday, when, by notification to the Council, citizens could have household refuse (other than normal garbage) removed by the garbage trucks.

Mr. Williams suggested that, in order to effect a saving of \$10,000 a year, the system be adjusted by cancelling the Wednesday "clean-up" in those weeks in which public holidays fell—about eight a year.

In those weeks, Wednesday would be an ordi-

nary garbage collection day. That would permit the ordinary twice-a-week garbage collection to be maintained.

At those periods, the "clean-up" would be postponed for one week.

The recommendation was opposed by Aldermen A. C. C. Graham and N. Origlass, who considered it would have a detrimental effect on present service.

Ald. Graham said that there was already quite a time lag before the garbage trucks were sent in the clean-up in response to residents' notification to the Council.

Council, however, adopted the recommendation.

Complaint About Litter

Complaints have been made to "The Link" that insufficient attention is being given to street cleaning in the suburb.

The most recent was from a visitor to the suburb (who asked to remain anonymous, since he had business associations here).

He said: "I like the look of Balmain—that is, many parts of it. There's an atmosphere that is reminiscent of early days. The people are generally quiet, well behaved and dignified.

"The architecture gives me the impression of a mid-Victorian dowager holding up her dignified head, horrified at the increasing industrialisation of the area.

"Mostly the streets appear clean, and well swept. But every now and then I am astounded to see both footpaths and gutters littered with refuse, which appears to have been there for some time.

"Outside some professional premises in Darling Street last week the footpath was disgraceful.

"I would have thought that, even if the Council staff had fallen down on its street-cleaning job, at least the businessmen concerned would have sent out somebody to sweep the trash into the gutter.

"Haven't they pride in the appearance of the approach to their premises?"

"Naturally, it's the Council's duty to keep the streets clean. That's one of the jobs ratepayers pay through the nose for. However, a little self-help surely wouldn't have been out of place!

"Of course, these businessmen are in the hands of the passing public, and an educative effort by the Council should pay dividends. The public should be forced to comply with common-sense litter laws.

"Just a little walk away from the spot that offended me, I noticed the gutter outside a hotel which appeared as though street cleaners hadn't been there for a long time. This also was a bad show."

"The Link" considers that more attention to street cleaning in Balmain is essential.

Some main streets, such as Darling Street, are booked for flushing and sweeping every night by the Council staff.

Side streets are handled by horse-draw team, using brooms, and we understand that minor streets are swept once a week.

But is that sufficient? We have watched the operations of the dray team sweeping gutters in side streets, and note that their work is made difficult at times by extensive car-parking.

Here at least is an avenue for the self-help suggested by our critic.

Police Inspector Old Balmain Boy

The new officer in charge of the Balmain Police District — Inspector Malcolm Keith McGill — is so well known to Balmain people that it is almost a case of his "coming home".

Inspector McGill, who lives at Five Dock, succeeded Inspector Picard in December last. His previous post was inspector in charge of No. 27 Division (Blacktown).

Balmain has thus seen three generations of the McGill family in police service, his father, William, holding the rank of sergeant at his death, while his son (now at Wollongong) was stationed here as a constable in 1963-64.

And the new "chief" also has a famous daughter — Linda McGill, Olympic record holder and holder of the English Channel women's swimming record.

Inspector McGill was educated at Gladesville Primary School and Rozelle Junior Technical

School, and joined the Police Force in 1935.

He commenced his first spell of duty in Balmain in 1938, when he helped found the Balmain Police and Citizens' Boys Club (of which, incidentally, he is now president), being its first physical culture instructor.

He also controlled the club's activities in basketball, water polo, hockey, baseball and swimming, especially the last-named, this being the best of all the Boys' Clubs in that respect.

He was then a member of the School Lecturing Squad, and visited almost every school in N.S.W., lecturing on road safety (a most successful and worthy public effort, as road safety workers will testify).

The lecturing squad was incorporated into a special section at the Police Traffic Office at Redfern in 1951.

In 1957 he was transferred back to Balmain, as sergeant, on general duties, spending two years here. Then he successively occupied posts at Liverpool, Bankstown, Regent St., and Blacktown.

Inspector McGill told "The Link": "As my duties with the Boys' Club brought me very close to the youth of this district, who are now grown up, I feel I am back amongst my old friends.

"In those days every boy in Balmain knew me.

"I feel my experience will be of value to this district."

Birchgrove School

The annual meeting and election of officers of Birchgrove School Parents and Citizens' Association will be held at the school on Wednesday, March 19, at 8 p.m.

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FOOTPATH DRINKING

Footpath drinking outside hotels is a public nuisance, sometimes vicious, demanding strong preventive police action.

It is generally caused by conditions in bars, such as lack of space and stuffy atmosphere. Licensees' responsibility is obvious, although they are probably as anxious as anyone to keep clients inside, as this means more business.

Footpath drinking in itself breaks no law. Only when it creates obstruction to pedestrians or involves offensive behaviour can the police lay any charge.

However, police duty is greater than merely seeing that no law is broken. Many people's susceptibilities are offended by the practice, and the police should prevent it at all times.

This week "The Link" passed on to the Balmain police an observer's report that one recent Saturday 31 men were seen drinking on the footpath outside a Darling Street hotel; also a young lady had been subjected to indecent language by footpath drinkers.

This, we said, amounted to a public nuisance, and we sought an assurance that officers would patrol the suburb more efficiently to stamp out the practice.

We were given an assurance that greater attention would be paid to the problem.

We are not convinced by the police claim that they have insufficient men to patrol on foot at any time, and feel that residents' complaint that they never see the uniform in the streets is justified.

This complaint gathers force when there is such evidence of lack of supervision of public behaviour as that outlined. Hence we look forward to evidence that the conditions complained of have been corrected.

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who once was the ban-
tamweight champion of
N.S.W.

Second, Billy Jobson,
who at the old Amusu
was one of the crowd-
pleasers.

Third, Sammy Bell,
affectionately known as
the House Detective.

Fourth, Sammy Hawke,
who used to have his
little sleep on Sunday
afternoon, with instruc-
tions to wake him up
when the artist was on.

And fifth, May Good-
all, a very good helper
in the kitchen.

That was a very black
week. After four years,
these people are still re-
membered.

Club members are asked
to make a special
effort to attend the film
night this Friday. The
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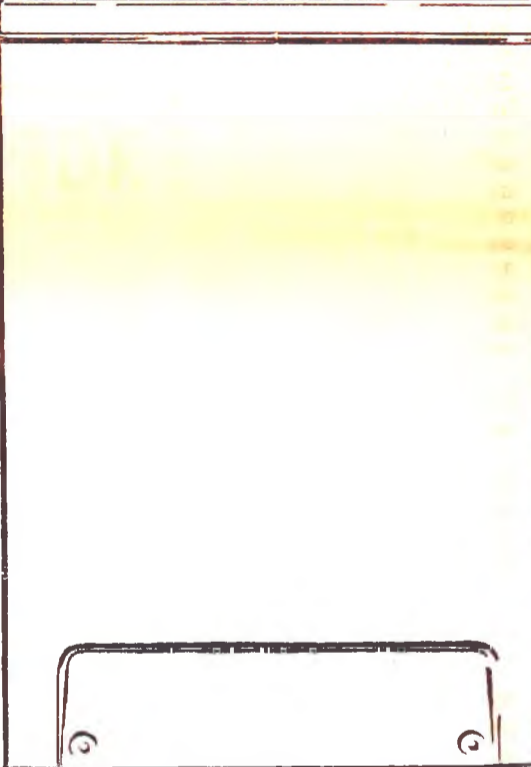
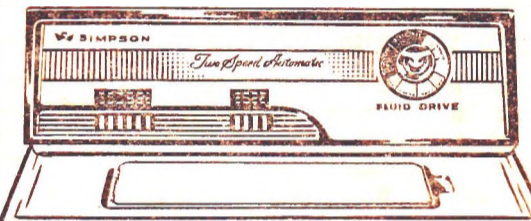
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Applicants will be subject to terms and conditions, copies
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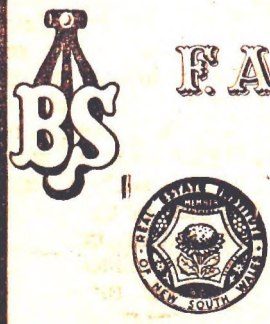
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An invitation is extended to parents, friends and interested citizens in the areas from which the students come to join in the raising of school funds.

There were 41 people present at the meeting called by the headmistress, Miss Robbins, for the purpose of forming the association. The Member for Fuller, Mr. Peter Coleman, was chairman.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. N. Henderson; Vice-presidents, Mrs. J. Lockyer and Mr. G. Lambert; Secretary, Mr. J. Tatham; Treasurer, Mrs. V. Dymond; Executive Committee, officers of P. & C. and Ladies' Auxiliary, also Mr. J. Pendleton and Mrs. L. Burge.

The Mothers' Club will now be called the Ladies' Auxiliary. Offi-

cers recently elected are: President, Mrs. V. Drayton; Vice-presidents, Mrs. A. Crosskill and Mrs. Y. Kirby; Secretary, Mrs. J. Crawford; Treasurer, Mrs. V. Dymond.

Postponed because of inclement weather, the school swimming carnival will be held tomorrow (March 13) at Drummoyn Swimming Pool. Mothers are preparing salad and sandwiches for the staff and students, and donations of these are sought. They may be sent to the school or taken to the pool.

Next Ladies' Auxiliary meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18, at 1.30 p.m. (room 27).

Before pitching the tent or parking the caravan, make sure there is a safe supply of drinking water. Never depend on springs and streams; they could be polluted.

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CODOCKS NEWS

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Many thanks are extended to officials of the Guildford Junior Football Club for hospitality to players and officials of Codocks.

This week's trial matches will be against the St. Marys Junior Football Club at St. Marys. Buses will leave Balmain Post Office at 9.15 a.m.

All grades will be catered for, from G (under 13 years) to B (under 23 years).

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SCHOOL SPORTS

In one of the most outstanding individual performances ever seen at Rozelle Boys' Junior High School swimming championships, 15-year-old swimmer, Ken Gordon, broke every record in his age group.

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Over 100 events were contested at the carnival. Evatt House won the championships with 785 points from Elliot 608, Mort 601, and Balmain 498.

Age champions were: 13, Victor Parr; 14, Wayne Baker; 15, Ken Gordon; 16, Barry Monte.

The school swimming team will compete at the

mid-western metropolitan combined High Schools' championships at Drummoyne Olympic Pool this Friday, March 14.

Eight of the school's 14 teams were successful in their games last week. The 16 years and 15 years water polo are still undefeated. Results were:

Water polo—16 years, beat Drummoyne, 7-1; 15 years, beat Ibrox Park, 5-0; 14 years, beat Ibrox Park, 3-1.

Basketball—15 years, beat Ibrox Park, 82-8; 14 years, beat Ibrox Park, 28-18.

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MALE CLERK

GENERAL SCALE

Applications, suitably endorsed, are invited and will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th March, 1969, for the appointment of Male Clerk, General Scale in the Council's service. Applicants must hold the New South Wales Leaving Certificate or equivalent, with passes in English and Mathematics, and will be required to undertake a course of study for the Town Clerk's Certificate. The salary payable in accordance with the Municipal and Shire Council Administrative and Clerical Staff Award, is as follows:—

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If further information is required, phone 56-6311.

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