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Committees For Three Municipal Problems

In an effort to speed up the solution of three special community problems—shoppers' parking stations, municipal libraries and parks and playgrounds—Leichhardt Council will appoint special committees to handle them.

Last Wednesday night Council endorsed a minute from the Mayor, Ald. L. J. Rodwell, recommending their appointment.

The Mayor wants to keep the committees small, instead of having the whole Council eligible to sit on them (as with existing committees).

In his minute he said that as the matter of establishing parking areas and libraries within the Municipality had been considered by Council, and various parks and playgrounds had cost Council some concern, he recommended the appointment of special committees to

expedite further consideration.

The three committees would consider all matters in relation to:

- The establishment of parking areas throughout the municipality.
- The present Glebe library and establishment of further libraries within the municipality.
- Leasing of playing areas and the general oversight of parks and playing areas.

Council decided to set up the committees at its next meeting.

Limiting

Ald. N. Origlass (Balmain ward) objected to the proposal to limit the size of the committees.

He said it was now Council policy to allow all aldermen to sit on any committee. He feared that if the number of committeemen were limited, Balmain ward might be denied representation, and this might not be good for the area.

Later Ald. Origlass told "The Link" that he welcomed the idea of the special committees and hoped it would be a genuine move to implement the election promises of the aldermen.

However, implementation depended on finance being available. The committees could be wasting their time if they brought down schemes without knowing the financial picture.

Our representative pointed out to the Mayor that in State and Federal Government circles the reference of a particular subject to a committee was often regarded by opponents of the Government as a first-class method of "stalling".

The provision of parking stations and libraries, in particular, was an election promise by the older men who had been elected under the banner of the majority, and as nothing so far had been done the people were getting restive.

He asked the Mayor: "What would be your reply to any charge that this is a 'stalling' move?"

Ald. Rodwell answered: "My reply is that I hope the very reverse will be the case. I want the committees to act, and act quickly."

"This idea of special committees is my own. I am most anxious to implement the election planks, especially in relation to parking stations and libraries".

"Sort Out"

The Mayor said he felt his proposal to alter, in relation to the three special matters, the policy of all the aldermen being eligible to sit on committees would result in "getting things done".

"Some matters requiring attention have been

OUR PROBLEM INTERSECTION



It's just on a year since the traffic authorities descended on the Balmain peninsula, and shut off through traffic along Evans Street and put a ban on daytime right-hand turns from Darling Street into Victoria Road in the direction of Iron Cove.

They promised to introduce a system of co-ordinated traffic lights to assist motorists to leave the peninsula. Since then: deathly silence.

The intersection of most value—and of greatest difficulty—leaving the peninsula in peak periods is shown in our picture: the corner of Well-

ing Street and Victoria Road.

You've got to be quick sometimes to pick a space in the fast-moving line from Iron Cove. And in the afternoon peak, you've got to be patient—very patient.

It's all done in the interests of speeding up through traffic. That you live or work in the Balmain peninsula doesn't seem to matter much.

A traffic light here, co-ordinated with the Darling St. lights, would work wonders. And pending its installation, what about a police patrol during the afternoon peak. Mr. Traffic Superintendent?

investigated for years", he said, "and I want the committees to sort out the wheat from the chaff. A small committee would be able to do this more effectively, by devoting more time to the work".

Ald. Rodwell added that his idea was that no alderman would serve on more than one committee.

He discounted Ald. Origlass's fear that it might not be good for any one ward if the aldermen of that ward were not represented on all the committees.

They would be special committees, and he did not think every ward would be interested in representation on each.

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NURSING EXAM. SUCCESS

Sister Patricia McDonald, of the Balmain and District Hospital nursing staff, has secured a high pass in the course in ward management conducted by the N.S.W. College of Nursing.

She obtained distinction in patient care, distinction in ward management, and high distinction in practical teaching.

Sister McDonald is engaged in clinical

teaching in the wards attached to the tutorial department of the hospital. She was formerly on the general staff (maternity section).

To sit for the examination she was given six months' leave of absence from the hospital.

The matron, Miss J. MacLaren, in congratulating Sister McDonald on her success, said this was also very satisfying to the hospital.

LOST DOG Good Reward

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Column NINE

PARKING STATIONS

MR MAYOR: News this week of your intention to appoint a committee to report on and suggest steps to provide parking areas throughout the municipality will be welcomed by residents and the business community as a long overdue move.

For this, Mr. Mayor, we congratulate you and look forward to the early establishment of this greatly-needed amenity.

The mere setting up of a committee, of course, will not be good enough. The need is instant action—no red tape attached—not a moment lost in bringing parking areas to reality.

This column attempts at all times to apply its local knowledge to the most practical methods of bringing about local improvements.

Parking must be right in the shopping centres.

Balmain and Rozelle need and deserve only the best. Something along the lines of the three-tiered parking station recently built by Balmain Leagues Club is the answer to the local need.

A multiple-floor car park requires the purchase of only a small number of properties, but serves the public in a confined central position where shopping is almost outside one's car.

It is hoped that upon receipt of the committee's report, Mr Mayor, you will invite reaction from businessmen so that they will know what is in mind before action is taken.

Businessmen in this confined area are conscious of the need for parking space and of careful selection of its location.

We now look forward to an early solution of this extremely important problem.

PEACE!

The atmosphere of Leichhardt Council Chambers last Wednesday night, on the occasion of its ordinary fortnightly meeting, was calm and quiet.

This was the first regular meeting since the apologies to the Mayor by the three Balmain "rebels".

Although there was a pretty fair audience in the public gallery there was no demonstration.

Neither was any welcome home staged by the aldermanic majority.

It was all just quiet and businesslike.

Let's hope it stays that way!

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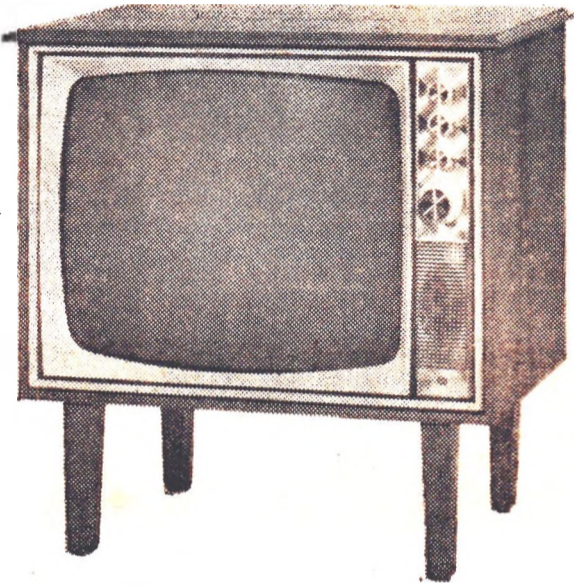
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PINK LADIES PLAN BY HOSPITAL IS SUCCESSFUL

Success of the "Pink Ladies" scheme being operated by Balmain and District Hospital is now assured. The hospital management reports that these honorary helpers are providing invaluable assistance to the regular staff.

The matron, Miss J. MacLaren, said the other day that 14 Pink Ladies had now been enrolled, and their service was contributing considerably to the welfare of the patients.

"Sisters in the wards are finding them invaluable", she said. "The little things being done by them are making patients much more comfortable".

The Pink Ladies' Auxiliary is quite different to the normal hospital auxiliary, being designed to assist in the day-by-day running of the institution.

They are provided with a special uniform in the form of a pink smock, which they wear over their ordinary clothes. This distinguishes them from the regular nursing staff.

They are given luncheon on their days of duty, and these days, and the hours they work, are arranged to fit in with their own convenience.

Duties are of many types, but associated mostly with patients' care.

These include doing patients' hair, attending to finger nails, taking patients for a walk, assist-

the ladies offering their services were of a particularly good type who would fit in admirably with the nursing image. Most applicants were in the 50's or 60's, but there were some younger ones, in their late 30's.

Miss MacLaren added that there were still some vacancies for Pink Ladies at the hospital. She would like to enroll more to enable the scheme to be even more successful.

ing them to get out of bed, and going messages for them. The matron said that

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BOYS' CLUB

In another good weekend in Rugby League, the Club had three wins, one bye, one draw and a loss. Scores were:

H grade beat Glebe Youth 25-0; G beat Ryde R.S.L. 23-2; F beat Gladsville No. 2. 27-2; E, a bye; D reserve, a draw against Leichhardt Wanderers, 5 all; C lost to Cooacks, 15-21.

The table tennis team won 25 out of the 29 games played at the City of Sydney Club. The competition was for a perpetual trophy and was conducted between four clubs.

The ladies' auxiliary will conduct its bi-weekly Houseie afternoon at the club premises at 1.30 p.m.

This week's winners in the club's 200 Club were Miss C. Dee and Mrs J. Johnson, c/- Ampol, Balmain.

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RETIREMENT OF BALMAIN'S MAGISTRATE

Fellow magistrates, members of the legal profession and representatives of the police gathered in force at Balmain Police Court last Friday to show their respect for Mr A. O. R. Chick, Balmain Stipendiary Magistrate, on his retirement after 46 years in the N.S.W. Public Service.

Mr Chick, who has been local magistrate for 6½ years, retires by statutory requirement, having reached the age of 65.

He joined the Public Service in 1923 as junior clerk at Maitland, became Clerk of Petty Sessions at Cobar in 1927, and was deposition clerk for ten years. In 1953 he was appointed magistrate of the Fair Rents Court, then served as Stipendiary Magistrate for Broken Hill and various other country circuits, and was transferred to Balmain in December, 1962.

Last Friday at Balmain Police Court Mr Chick was on the Bench

for the last time. With him were two fellow magistrates, Messrs Letts and Meehan.

Mr Letts, who is Acting Chief Stipendiary Magistrate, said Mr Chick had displayed sterling qualities and humanities in his term as magistrate.

Inspector Taylor, of the Police Prosecuting Branch, who was the first police prosecutor to work with Mr Chick when he was appointed S.M. for the Broken Hill district, spoke of the loss to the Bench from Mr Chick's retirement.

He was supported by Inspector Rasmussen (officer in charge of Balmain police station), and Messrs Brierly and Miles (solicitors), Mr Scarlett (retired S.M.), and Mr Berryman (C.P.S., Balmain).

Mr Miles said Mr Chick's retirement was a loss not only to the

Bench but also to the community. He had never had a client leave Balmain Court who had said he was dissatisfied with the justice he had received from Mr Chick.

Replying to the tributes, Mr Chick said fairness was the main attribute of a magistrate. In his life he had tried to deal out justice as fairly as possible.

Among those present at the farewell were past and present magistrates and members of the police prosecuting staff (with their chief, Inspector Lucas).

Mr Chick's wife was also present, seated at the witnesses' table.

After Mr Chick had responded, the court was adjourned, then reopened by Mr Meehan to deal with the current cases.

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Tigers Finish Too Strongly For Newtown

In perfect weather at Leichhardt Oval last Saturday, Balmain's Tigers overwhelmed a determined Newtown team in the second half to run out easy 29-19 winners.

Balmain, though, paid dearly for their win, losing both David Bolton and Olaf Pratl with injuries early in the first half.

Terry Parker was also off having stitches inserted in his hand, but returned to figure prominently in the Tigers' second half recovery.

Down 9-7 at half time, the Tigers revealed flashes of their best form in the second term and added 6 tries and 2 goals to put paid to Newtown's plucky challenge.

Our prolific try-scoring machine, Paul Cross, again had a big day with 3 great tries. He has now scored 8 tries in only 2½ first grade games this season. I should imagine this would be some sort of record.

Attacking

Full-back Bob Smithies was again responsible for some great attacking play, and must surely be rated one of the best attacking full-backs in the game.

Another solid display by Joe Walsh further emphasised the improve-

ment he has made this season, and again augurs well for himself—and Balmain—in the future.

Peter Provan lacked his usual speed, but this was due mainly to a heavy cold which has dogged him recently. Once he shakes off the effects you'll see him return quickly to his best form.

Artie Beetson and Gary Leo both had good games and tried hard to give their backs plenty of openings. Their defence was very solid, particularly in the second half.

Once again Len Killeen had an unhappy day with his boot, landing only four goals from numerous attempts.

It's quite possible Len is carrying an injury. He may be well advised to miss a match or two to give the injury time to mend properly. His very best form is going to be needed around semi-final time.

"Chicka" Outten had his usual very strong game, and promises to play an important part

TIGERS' CORNER

By "Black Eye"

in Balmain's efforts to win the premiership from Souths.

David Bolton should be fit for the clash with Wests next week-end, but it appears we'll be without Olaf Pratl for the rest of the season with a fractured main leg bone. He has been one of the Tigers' best players in recent games.

With the defeat of Norths and Parramatta at the week-end it now appears certain that Souths, Balmain, St. George and Manly will be the four to battle for the premiership.

The most important job ahead of Balmain right now is to maintain first or second spot on the table so as to have two bites at the cherry.

Our reserve grade team still have a chance of reaching the four, although they'll need to win every game now.

Third grade are in danger of dropping out of the four unless they can find their early season form.

Awards

Bennett's Electrical Best and Fairest awards were:

First grade: 3. J. Walsh; 2. R. Smithies; 1. P. Cross. **Reserves:** 3. K. Bowrey; 2. V. Querin; 1. S. Stanton. **Thirds:** 3. G. Barnes; 2. P. Boulton; 1. J. McGeehan.

Progress points are:—

Firsts: 14, K. Outten; 12, G. Leo; 11, P. Provan; 10, J. Spencer; 8, R. Smithies. **Reserves:** 17, J. Walsh; 12, K. Bowrey; 9, J. McCathy; 8, G. Fryer. **Thirds:** 16, M. Ross; 11, A. Fogg, R. Loomes; 10, G. Barnes; 9, J. McGeehan.

Despite Wests' impressive win against Norths last week-end it's hard to imagine their lowering Balmain's colours next weekend at Leichhardt, especially if we have Dave Bolton and Jack Spencer back.

As from now Bennett's Electrical Centre has grand final tickets for sale. Don't wait too long or you could be disappointed.

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Father's Day Campaign

"First Sunday of September—a day to remember". This slogan has been coined by the Father's Day Council this year to promote Father's Day, which focusses attention on the "man of the house".

This year is the 34th anniversary of Father's Day in Australia, and it promises to be one of the most successful ever.

Backbone of the campaign will be the "Father of the Year" award, which began in Sydney

in 1957. Last year the recipient was Lord Casey, then Governor-General. Another suitable man has been chosen for this year's honour.

The Father's Day Council is active in N.S.W., Victoria, Queensland and South Australia. Its principal aims are to:

Place greater stress on the role of the father in family affairs; increase family ties; show where strong parental control can reduce delinquency and create a sense of social responsibility in young people; assist organisations which provide young people with ethical guidance outside the family circle; and help impress on fathers themselves the need for stronger parental disciplines in an urge of heavy personal stresses.

R.S.L. News

Winners of the knock-out euchre tournament last Thursday night were Phil (Baldy) Curle and George (Possum) Young. This Friday night the prize will be back to \$40.

Last week was another black week, with two of the oldest residents and one of the club's members passing away.

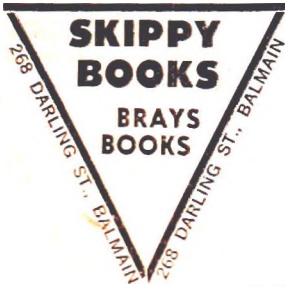
The old identities were Arthur (Sparrow) Buttle's wife, and Jimmie McGlinn (one of nature's gentlemen, who has been sick for many years).

The member was Frank Riley. All of his friends from the Exchange Hotel will be paying their last respects to him.

The club and sub-branch offer their deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

Pleased to see Mrs Valerie Sanderson after her stay in Sydney Hospital. Her friend Shirley took her home early, but she will be back for the next two Sundays to see the musical films.

The Monte Carlo on Sunday night was won by Joy and Norm Hoole. Joy drew a king, so they collected the \$30. This week it will be worth \$10.



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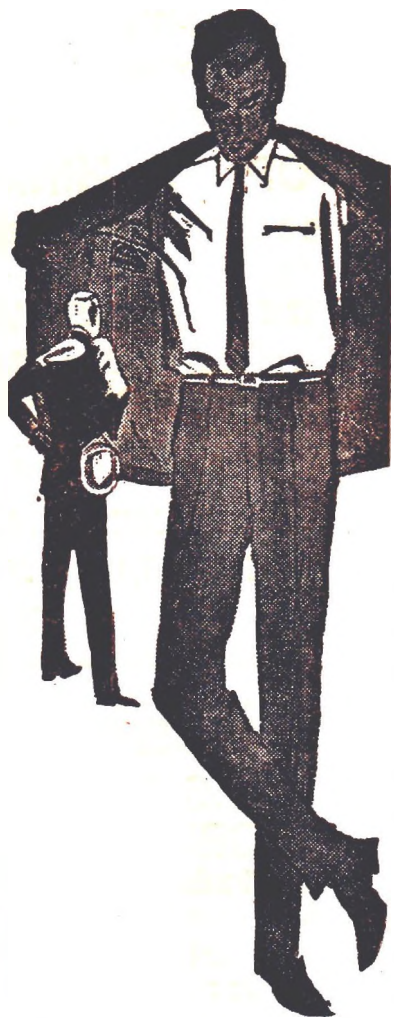
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Elizabeth Davis, N.S.W. Department of Public Health Dietitian, says that the truth is that most of the so-called "acid" foods actually have the opposite effect.

Fruits and vegetables, she says, produce an alkaline residue in the body, even though they contain a variety of organic acids.

The intake of these organic acids, even from large quantities of fruits and vegetables, is easily dealt with by the body and will not cause acidosis.

One cannot predict that a food will have an acid effect just because it tastes sour. Foods such as cereals and meat, which are not at all acid in taste, actually give rise to products which are acidic.

People are sometimes warned about the sup-

posedly harmful effects of "acid" foods. However, the digestive juice normally found in the stomach is more acid than any food; this is essential for the proper digestion of foods in the stomach.

"There is no reason for the normal individual to be concerned about the acid or alkaline nature of foods," she adds. "The usual mixed diet contains a good balance of acid and alkaline factors, and regulation of this balance in the body is an automatic function of the kidney."

"So if you get indigestion after eating large quantities of fruits and vegetables, it is unlikely that this has been caused by the "acid" in these foods. It is probably due to the large amount of indigestible cellulose you have eaten."

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