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APPRENTICESHIP BENEFITS ARE STRESSED

A strong appeal has been made to school leavers, parents and employers to consider the mutual benefits from apprenticeship.

The Minister for Labor and Industry, Mr E. A. Willis, said that N.S.W. provided one of the finest apprenticeship systems in Australia and it was up to industry, parents and school leavers to take full advantage of it.

"School leavers", he said, "Are now offered apprenticeships of not more than four years.

"This means that a boy who commences an apprenticeship at 15 or 16 will be a craftsman and receiving full adult rates of pay by the time he is 19 or 20".

Mr Willis said that those who had just completed fifth or sixth forms should seriously consider this avenue of employment.

Over 30 per cent of technical executives in the engineering and electrical industries were former apprentices.

There were many apprentices who were promoted to responsible positions shortly after completing their term.

Some young persons with higher educational attainments had also found apprenticeship an interesting and useful introduction to subsequent professional technological courses, he said.

These young men also had the satisfaction of saving their parents the financial burden of payment for their university education.

Pop Star At Balmain Leagues Club

Special booking arrangements have been made to allow Balmain League Club members and their guests to see Lorne Lesley, described as "the high priestess of modern pop".

Her show is timed for 3.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. this Sunday — January 11—and will be staged also on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week.

Tickets, to be secured from the club, will be necessary for all her performances.

Tall, dark and dynamic Lorne Lesley grew up in Cardiff's tough Tiger Bay area to become one of the world's sensational performers.

She received rave reviews from critics when she appeared at Chequers last year with Rolf Harris.

One critic described her as an excellent singer and an outstanding comedienne, at times like a nightmare version of Shirley Bassey, several of whose songs she sings.

The London Observer hailed her as a "singing dynamo" after a highly successful tour of Europe.

Danger In Beating The Lights

To N.R.M.A. observers it has appeared that more and more drivers have been taking advantage of the amber period to "beat the lights" at intersections.

Either through ignorance or disregard for the law more motorists appear to be falling into the habit of driving through intersections right up to the time the red light appears.

This is not only illegal, but has many obvious dangers.

The N.R.M.A. Legal section says it seems to be a widespread misconception that the amber light is a warning signal only. This is not true.

When the amber light appears a motorist legally must stop unless he has crossed the stop line or is so close to it that his vehicle cannot safely be stopped before reaching the lights.

The onus generally will be on him to show that he was unable to stop because of his position and speed at the time.

The N.R.M.A. says it is obviously dangerous for drivers to try to

beat traffic about to cross the intersection, from either the left or right.

Where there is any doubt at all, drivers should do their best to stop even when their vehicles are likely to finish a few feet across the stop line.

The traffic light system has become a much more sophisticated instrument in controlling traffic in recent years, particularly where a heavy volume of vehicles changes direction. This is occurring not only in the metropolitan areas but in the larger country areas as well.

Sydney, in particular, has many intersections which, apart from the usual red, amber and green traffic lights have additional arrow signals to allow or prohibit turns to be made.

The relatively new system of turning arrows still can confuse

BREAKAGE OF WINDSCREENS

The N.R.M.A. advises motorists travelling on newly surfaced roads, and those with a loose surface, to drive slowly when passing approaching traffic.

This will reduce the risk of having your windscreen broken.

some motorists, particularly those who are travelling on an unfamiliar route.

The N.R.M.A. Legal section explains the meaning of each light:

RED CIRCLE—Stop before the stop line (or if there is no stop line don't enter the intersection).

AMBER CIRCLE—A change to red is imminent and it should be regarded as a stop signal. The amber arrow has the same meaning.

GREEN CIRCLE—A vehicle may proceed straight through, or turn right or left into a street showing a red circle provided the turn can be made safely.

GREEN ARROW—A vehicle may turn in the direction of the arrow even though straight through traffic may be facing a red signal.

RED ARROW—A vehicle must not turn in the direction of the arrow even though a green signal may be operating as well.

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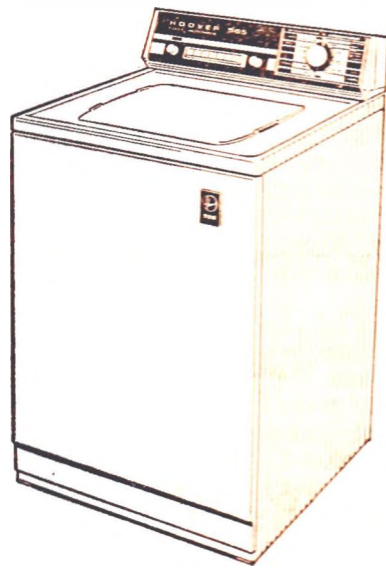
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Footpath Drinking At Hotels: More Complaints

Apart from a few brawls, the Balmain peninsula was quiet over Christmas and New Year, according to the Balmain police. Residents, however, continued to complain about drinking on footpaths outside some Balmain hotels.

There was one alleged stabbing reported to the Balmain police, but the victim claimed he had cut himself with a bottle.

Following the receipt of a complaint by a prominent citizen about footpath drinking at one hotel—the subject of repeated complaints—the police patrol was called upon to make an immediate inspection.

By the time the patrol reached the spot the drinkers had vanished, no doubt back into the bar.

Apparently the drinkers had kept a good

Salvation Army Cadets To Graduate

Two Balmain residents are among the 37 graduating Salvation Army cadets, who will be advised of their appointment at Sydney Town Hall next Monday.

They are Valerie Porter and Tom Ellis. The cadets may be sent anywhere in Australia, Papua/New Guinea, or perhaps overseas.

The cadets have completed a two-year intensive study and practical work course at the Army's training college, Petersham.

All will hold the rank of lieutenant.

lookout for the approach of the law.

Inspector Rasmussen, officer in charge of the Balmain Police district, said this was a problem generally met by the police in their supervision of drinking conditions at hotels.

He said it was difficult to secure evidence of such a nature that could result in successful prosecutions.

Before a prosecution could be successfully initiated, there had to be evidence of offensive behaviour, since the actual act of drinking on the footpath outside a hotel bar was not in itself a breach of the law.

The police, of course, did their best to discourage the habit.

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ticed mainly in the cases of hotels with very small bars, which became uncomfortable for drinkers on hot days.

While the hotel licensees themselves were anxious to improve the comfort of their clients, they were in the hands of hotel owners in respect to bar accommodation improvement.

Generally, little could be done in the case of the small, older establishment.

Some of these had become outmoded in today's living conditions, but their owners did not appear to be interested in improving the drinking accommodation.

These were the conditions which were resulting in hotels losing so many of their clients to the clubs.

Principle Of Party Rebellion

The Balmain "Rebels"—Aldermen Origlass and Wange—have tried blue Labor aldermen of Leichhardt Council that their voting against the Caucus decision was not such a heinous offence after all.

It worked all right at Drummoyne, they indicated. Why not at Leichhardt?

At last meeting of

Leichhardt Council Ald. Origlass submitted the Council commends the action of the Labor Party's central executive in upholding the opposition by Ald. (Mrs) Armitage to alienation of park lands, and endorsing her stand against the Caucus majority on the issue.

"Council considers the executive action is valid and reasonable and in striking contrast to the expulsion of two aldermen and suspension of 19 party members only two years ago for opposing the siting of a chemical tank farm in a living area underneath the Balmain Hospital".

The incident at Drummoyne referred to was the action by Mrs Armitage in voting against the Labor Caucus decision so as to keep Campbell Park as a children's playing area.

The "Rebels" motion, however, fell on deaf ears, and was defeated.

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TAKE CARE DURING HEATWAVES

Serious effects could result from over-exposure to the sun during summer heatwaves, according to Dr. W. A. Lopez, Deputy Director, Division of Epidemiology, N.S.W. Health Department.

Stroke and heat are the same thing now properly called heatstroke. It is a condition in which the body temperature control system breaks down abruptly, causing the body temperature to rise alarmingly. It happens suddenly, and coma and death can result as a patient is rapidly cooled. Heat exhaustion is a condition with symptoms of disturbance of semi-collapsing disturbance. Symptoms of heat are severe headache, mental confusion, dizziness, thirst and weakness. The face becomes flushed, the patient's

skin becomes very hot and dry, and the pulse becomes rapid and full. Breathing is rapid, almost like snoring, and the body temperature soars to as high as 107 degrees and more.

As the condition becomes worse the patient may pass into a coma.

Call a doctor at once. Move the patient to a cool shady place with ample air.

Reducing the patient's temperature is the main object.

Remove all unnecessary clothing and replace with a wet sheet.

Create an air draught over the patient and wet the sheet again as it dries out.

Interrupt the treatment when the body

temperature falls to about 102 degrees, as too rapid a drop in temperature can cause shock.

Once the temperature has begun to fall, normal body heat control usually resumes automatically.

Heat exhaustion is a state of semi-collapse which occurs when the circulatory systems fails to pump blood fast enough to cool the body in warm conditions.

Babies, elderly people or people with heart complaints are most affected.

Fit young people can suffer from heat exhaustion after physical exertion in hot weather if they are short of salt and water.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion are a weak and irregular pulse, cold and clammy skin and low temperature.

Breathing becomes shallow and faint and the patient may lose consciousness.

The face becomes pale, eye pupils enlarge and nausea and restlessness are common.

Headaches may be severe.

A cold collapsed person who is sweating

freely in a heatwave could be suffering from heat exhaustion.

The patient should be placed in a lying position with feet slightly elevated and tight clothing loosened or removed.

Give lightly salted fluids by mouth if conscious.

Medical assistance should be obtained if the patient is unconscious or fails to recover in a short time.

Prevention

Both heatstroke and heat exhaustion can be avoided to a great extent by taking simple precautions.

People who have to work at heavy tasks in hot environments should have frequent short rest periods and drink plenty of water.

About six pints per day, or more, may be needed if sweating is excessive.

At the same time extra salt should be taken, say a pinch to a glass.

And, of course, keep out of the sun. Over-exposure is only asking for trouble, Dr. Lopez added.

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NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 1919, as amended by subsequent Acts, the Council of the Municipality of Leichhardt, at a duly convened meeting, has adopted the following estimates of Income and Expenditure in respect of the General Fund in the year 1970.

1. Amount of proposed expenditure from the fund to which the proceeds of the rate will be carried, \$3,045,336.
2. Amount in hand available for such expenditure. Nil.
3. Amount of Income other than rates expected to be available, \$407,330.
4. Amount required to be raised by way of rating to meet the above expenditure, \$2,638,006 after allowing for estimated reductions of such unimproved Capital Value on Appeals, etc., and allowing for a rebate for persons in receipt of various Pensions.

The Unimproved Capital Value of all ratable land in the Municipality is \$93,799,300, which is estimated to yield \$2,638,006, after allowing for estimated reduction of such Unimproved Capital Value on Appeals, etc., and allowing for a rebate for persons in receipt of various pensions.

The proposed rate to be made and levied is a general rate of three (3) Cents in the Dollar on the Unimproved Capital Value of all ratable land within the Municipality.

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These tips from the Australian Paint Manufacturers' Federation will help you select "topnotch" workmen, or do-it-yourself with ease.

The first step toward a successful job is preparing the surface for painting.

The surface on which the new paint is to be applied must be sound, smooth and dry. All loose dirt should be brushed away. All rust on metal surfaces should be eliminated with the aid of a wire brush and steel wool.

Roughened surfaces should be sanded smooth and all cracks or holes filled with putty or similar material.

Remove scaled, cracked or blistered paint with a paint remover and subsequent scraping with a broad knife. Burning off the old paint is the most effective way, but leave this to the professionals. It is too hazardous for the amateur.

Replace rotted wood or moisture-damaged

areas. Under eaves, around window heads and sills, on posts and steps are logical moisture hideouts.

Where wood replacements are required, apply a priming coat to the new wood as soon as possible.

Seal knots or sappy streaks with a special knot sealer before the prime coat is applied.

Red lead or zinc chromate should be used for all metal; outside house primer for wood.

Mildewed surfaces should be thoroughly washed with a hypochlorite bleach solution.

Before you start painting, be sure the surface is dry, unless you are using plastic paint, and that all tools and materials needed are at hand.

Start by selecting a quality paint and quality applicators, suited to the surface to be covered.

A quality exterior house paint is suitable for wood, masonry and some metal surfaces. For the latter, however, especially metal railings, exterior enamel is preferred. For the brick, stone or stucco structure, masonry paint is recommended.

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