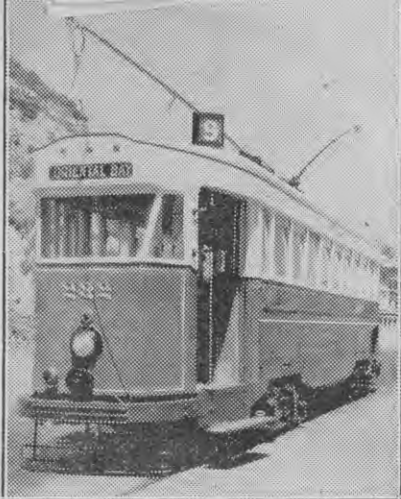


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### HELLO FELLOWS—

**W**ELL, here we are once again to give you all the news about ourselves. Our boys did not do so well with the cricket, as you will read in this issue, but that is cricket. One minute you look set, and then something goes wrong, and what a vast change comes over it all. That is what makes it so interesting. Our bus drivers have had to forgo their picnic. The last two Sundays selected for the occasion have not been too good early in the morning, and the weather forecast gloomy, so it was decided to postpone it; but unluckily for the bus drivers, both days bloomed perfectly. To be up with the latest doings on the job we have enclosed some of our election results for the year 1945. Well, chaps, I am pleased to say our erstwhile secretary, Alf Burns, is now back at work, but he has to take things very easy. No doubt it won't be long before he will again be in top gear and writing to you all. Our under-study for Alf's job has been Motorman Dick Gadd, and he has been making a grand job of it. Don't forget to write and tell us if you have any complaints about our issues. We welcome your letters.—Editor.

### Rugby

**A**N annual general meeting for the first time since 1940 took place recently at Kilmuirie Sheds. There was quite a good attendance and it was the wish of one and all to see what arrangements could be made to resume the Kohn Shield games this year. Dunedin cricketers who had visited us recently seemed to think that they could possibly muster up a team, and Christchurch has hopes. So far we have had no intimation from Auckland, but we hope they, as holders of the Kohn Shield, could see their way clear to put a team in.

The secretary of the Wellington Trammies Rugby Club reported on our finances and we are in a fairly healthy position with £11/11/7 in the bank.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Patron, Inspector H. Andersen; president, the Mayor, Mr. W. Appleton; chairman, Mr. James Maher; auditor, Mr. Thurston; club captain and selector, Mr. W. Malin; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. C. Kelly; coach, Mr. T. Russell; manager, Mr. S. A. Vine; committee, Messrs. Russell, O'Sullivan, Guise, Mitchell and Malin.

The club has started practices each Tuesday and Thursday at Lyvall Bay Beach. I would like to mention the services given to the club by Darby Kelly and Bill Malin, who have held their positions since 1930—15 years.

Both shifts have been turning out fairly regular on the beach and by all accounts we should be able to put a good side in the field. Our forwards seem a good solid fast type, with Ewart, Mitchell, Cliff Wilson, Don Beaton, Mawson, McIvor, Williamson and Ward to mention a few, and we have hopes the sheds may come to light as we have our old friend Lon Ladbroke back with us. Lon played with us in the last Kohn Shield games played at Dunedin and we will say he was one, if not our best, young forward, but unfortunately while on Army duty in Australia he severely injured his foot, but he intends giving it a try out. Also new to the team is Vic Calcanei, who needs no mention. Vic, who was captain of the Wellington Rugby representative side, will be a wonderful help to our pack. Also from this same source is a player by the name of Tonks, who is another good senior club forward, so I am sure what with Vic Calcanei and Tom Russell putting the polish on the pack it should be a very good one. Vic is a wonderful leader and is always getting the best out of his team and knows how to get that "now or never" effort which clinches the game in the last few minutes. Now for the backs. We have no actually new players, but with Don McLellan, Stewie Anderson and Vin Maher to clap the pace on, we should be able to give a good account of ourselves. In Jamieson and Evans we should have two good five-eights. Our main problem will be a half-back, but we hope with the new lads starting on the trams that we will unearth some new talent. So far we do not know what Les Elliott and Jim Maher intend to do. Les is evergreen as ever and can always be relied upon. Jim played in our only game last year and went very well. Bas Beauchamp has been out jogging along the beach, but we do not know if he has any serious ideas. Tom Russell is out training, but does not intend to play and has put his gear away for keeps, but is coaching the boys.

Although we have only done about four or five practices, I am sure we will have more players turning out, as quite a few cannot attend for a while on account of doing training for their motorman's ticket, and this takes all their spare time up. One or two new faces have been seen out, Donaldson, Adamson, Aitken and a few others, and once we start really seriously on the Hataitai ground the selection will present Bill Malin with a few headaches, but Bill knows his job.

We heard that Jack Young will be home any day and we hope Jack will not be long getting back in harness with us. He was one of our fast hustling forwards and had plenty of speed and will be a good help to us if he decides to turn out once again.

## Request Stops

THE Thorndon boys of late have all been rushing to join the ranks of the benedicts. The latest recruits are Conductor Ted Bradnock, Motormen Fred Fishenden and Percy Hull. To you all and your wives we extend our congratulations. Kibirmie sheds too have not been outdone, as they too have their quota, but the only male is our old friend Merv. Williamson, who recently one Saturday afternoon tripped along to St. Giles's Church to say "I will." Merv. is to be seen any morning when on p.m. shift at work on his section at Lyall Bay. The quickest way to get it done, Merv., is to get a five gallon keg and ask a few of us boys down one Sunday morning. The three lady conductors of Kibirmie to say "I promise to obey" are Jean Connors, Iris Shepherd and Jean Kasper. To you all we again wish you all the very best for the future.

Motorman Bill Marshment is again away ill. We hope, Bill, you will soon be back with us.

The Public Hospital of late always seems to have visits from our ranks, and at present we have Motormen Erroi McCourtie, Geo. Mitchell, Geo. Fowler and Charlie Sutherland as inmates. We are pleased to state that all of them are showing decided improvement, so let's hope they won't be there much longer.

We omitted to mention in our last issue that we had received some wonderful gifts donated to the Social Club for their picnic. Amongst those not mentioned were prizes by Mrs. D. King, Mrs. Barron and Mr. B. Tickner, who gave a beautiful cut glass mirror, and from an old tramwayman, Mr. Beaver, a donation of £3/3/-. Mr. Beaver stated in his letter why he wished to give to our club was for the noble gesture in which three of our tramwaymen had turned out to the funeral of Mrs. Harry Russell, whose husband had worked on the trams years ago. It was a wonderful kindness on Mr. Beaver and his wife's part, and most appreciated. The motormen concerned were Jack Thompson, Jim Crowley and Terry O'Sullivan.

To Motorman Bill Slater and Lady Conductor Shirley Bailie, of Kibirmie Sheds, we offer you our heartiest con-

gratulations as Mrs. Burns is one of our (if not the best) silent workers for you boys, but we are pleased to say that the latest news bulletin is that Mrs Alf Burns was making excellent progress. So let's hope it won't be long before we have these two wonderful workers back here working for you again.

One of our popular lady conductors from Thorndon sheds was all smiles last week whilst working her p.m. shift. This was Miss Edna Davis-Goff, who was wearing a lovely brand new engagement ring. To Edna and her fiancée we bestow our very best wishes for the future.

Another to be wearing a big beaming smile was Conductor Bill Newton, of Newtown sheds. Bill had just learnt that he was a granddaddy. His daughter, who has been living in the United States for the past two years, had just had a baby daughter. Bill's daughter is now living in Los Angeles, and likes living in the States and says the people over there are wonderful to her and she is very happy. Her husband is in the Navy and she was one of the first Wellington girls to leave here.

## Cricket

### Lauchlan Cup

#### FIRST DAY'S PLAY

**Wellington Fails Against Christchurch**  
THE tramwaymen's triangular cricket tournament, in which teams from Dunedin, Christchurch and Wellington competed for the Lauchlan Cup on the Basin Reserve, Wellington, when Christchurch overwhelmed Wellington by an innings and 83 runs.

Wellington had first use of the wicket, and thought conditions were in favour of run-getting. Good bowling by H. Davis, the Christchurch captain, and R. Downing saw Wellington dismissed for 92 in their first innings, Beaton being top scorer with 24. Canterbury fared little better in the early stages of their first innings, and, with six wickets down for 49, it appeared doubtful whether Wellington's modest score would be reached. C. Wilkie and B. Commons then saved the day for Christchurch by making a stand which put on 56 for the seventh wicket. With the total at 105, Commons, who had reached 34, fell l.b.w. to McIvor. After the partnership had been severed, Wilkie went on to score freely with well-placed shots to all parts of the field. His was the last wicket to fall when the innings closed at 3.37 p.m. for a total of 198. In Wilkie's score of 82 three sixes and 10 fours figured.

Requiring 106 to save an innings defeat, Wellington collapsed disastrously in their second innings, and were all out in about an hour for the lulliputian total of 23. Davis, who represented Canterbury in the 1938-39 and 1939-40 season, when he was a regular member of the East Christchurch Club's first eleven, played havoc with his fast-medium right-hand deliveries, with which he took six wickets for eight runs off seven overs, four of which were maidens. He made the ball swing from the off and also break back sharply at times, and hit the stumps four times. He was well supported by L. Smith, who took four wickets for 13 runs off 6.5 overs, three of which were maidens.

The tournament was decided on a points basis—eight points being allowed for a win

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outright, four for a win on the first innings, and two for a draw.

The Wellington tramwaymen are at a disadvantage this year, as they have been unable to field a team in any competition since the war started. Regret was widespread among the 200 spectators present that Auckland had been unable to be represented at the tournament.

Following are the scores:—

Wellington.—First innings: L. Elliot, c. and b. Smith, 20; B. Maher, b. Davis, 7; B. Wylie, run out, 4; B. Clothier, c. Smith, b. Downing, 10; D. Beaton, b. Davis, 24; A. Mullins, c. McCormick, b. Downing, 0; W. McIvor, b. Davis, 6; T. Russell, c. Downing, b. Davis, 0; D. McLennan, c. Hammett, b. Downing, 0; G. Dumbleton, not out, 8; W. Gwyne, run out, 0; extras, 13; total, 92.

Bowling: Davis, 11.5 overs, 1 maiden, 24 runs, 4 wickets; L. Smith, 7, 0, 30, 1; R. Downing, 4, 0, 25, 3.

Second innings: Wylie, c. Pethig, b. Smith, 9; Clothier, b. Davis, 8; Elliot, c. Smith, b. Davis, 0; Beaton, b. Davis, 0; McIvor, b. Smith, 0; Mullins, l.b.w., b. Davis, 0; Maher, b. Davis, 0; Russell, c. Downing, b. Smith, 4; McLennan, b. Davis, 0; Dumbleton, not out, 0; Gwyne, b. Smith, 0; extras, 2; total, 23.

Bowling: Davis, 7 overs, 4 maidens, 8 runs, 6 wickets; Smith, 6.5, 3, 13, 4.

Christchurch.—First innings: L. Smith, l.b.w., b. Dumbleton, 6; D. Lutkie, c. Wylie, b. Elliot, 0; D. Pethig, run out, 10; S. Poulston, run out, 5; H. Davis, l.b.w., b. Gwyne, 21; B. Downing, c. Gwyne, b. Elliot, 4; C. Wilkie, b. Elliot, 82; B. Commons, l.b.w., b. McIvor, 34; J. Hammett, l.b.w., b. McIvor, 1; P. Cormick, c. McLennan, b. Elliot, 14; G. Parke, not out, 9; extras, 12; total, 195.

Bowling: Elliot, 12.2 overs, 1 maiden, 46 runs, 4 wickets; Dumbleton, 8, 2, 41, 1; Gwyne, 4, 0, 26, 1; Maher, 2, 0, 10, 0; McIvor, 5, 0, 35, 2; Russell, 2, 1, 10, 0; McLennan, 4, 0, 18, 0.

Umpires: Messrs. Watts and Dennison.

### SECOND DAY

#### Christchurch Wins Lauchlan Cup

By following their innings win over Wellington, the Christchurch team assured themselves of the Lauchlan Cup by beating Dunedin by 35 runs on the first innings at the Basin Reserve, in the tramwaymen's triangular cricket tournament.

The Dunedin team had first use of a fiery wicket, and could only total 113 against deadly bowling by H. Davis, the Christchurch captain and former Canterbury representative player, who took six wickets for 32 runs off 13 overs. Downing, a tall left-hander, also did well in taking three for 24 off 7.1 overs. Davis made his fast-medium deliveries lift in such aggressive fashion that the game was held up on four occasions for a time while batsmen recovered from bruises. The Christchurch captain even knocked his own wicket-keeper out for a short spell with a rising ball which rapped the stumper on the cheek-bone. Three wickets were down for 45, when A. Campbell, captain of the Dunedin team, and W. Campbell, no relation to the skipper, made a stand which put on 51 runs for the fourth wicket. With the total at 96, W. Campbell, who had batted stubbornly for an hour and a-half for eight singles, was stumped by Hammett off Downing. The captain went on to score 54, in which six fours figured. The Dunedin innings closed at 12.30 p.m., and Davis and Smith had put on 30 runs without loss when the luncheon adjournment was taken at 1 p.m.

On resuming, Davis hit 21 off the only over bowled by Reid—five fours and a single. He reached 37 in quick time, including seven fours, before falling l.b.w. to Dixon. Dunedin had two good stock bowlers in Paterson and Dixon, and for a time it looked as if the modest Dunedin

total might not be reached. Downing, however, came in when seven wickets had fallen, and hit resolutely to give Christchurch the lead. Downing went on to reach 40, which included a six and seven fours, and the Christchurch innings closed for a total of 148. Dixon and Paterson bowled well for Dunedin.

Dunedin fared badly in their second knock, which was all over at 5.15 p.m. for the modest total of 63. Davis again bowled well for Christchurch in taking four wickets for 15 runs off seven overs. Wilkie and Parke also did well with the ball.

Though they only required 29 runs for an outright win, the Christchurch captain contented himself with a win on the first innings, and stumps were drawn at the conclusion of the Dunedin innings. As Christchurch scored an eight-point win over Wellington, and a five-point win over Dunedin, they have 13 points on for the Lauchlan Cup, while Wellington and Dunedin have so far failed to score a point. This assures Christchurch of the tramwaymen's championship for 1944-45.

### THIRD DAY

The Lauchlan Cup having been won by the Christchurch tramways team, Wellington and Otago met at the Basin Reserve to decide who should be runners-up in the tramwaymen's cricket tournament. After an exciting game, Wellington won by two wickets.

Dunedin in their first innings totalled 140, and Wellington replied with 143 for eight wickets. Elliot bowled well for Wellington in taking seven wickets for 43 runs off 19.7 overs, and Beaton hit eight fours in playing a chanceless innings for 69 for Wellington. Details:—

Dunedin.—First innings: Paterson, l.b.w., b. Tester, 31; Reid, b. Elliot, 6; A. Campbell, run out, 32; W. Campbell, c. Clothier, b. Tester, 0; Braithwaite, b. Elliot, 20; Dixon, b. Elliot, 0; Hollander, l.b.w., b. Elliot, 9; Comer, c. Mullins, b. Elliot, 8; Silver, c. Clothier, b. Elliot, 10; Jordan, not out, 11; Halliday, l.b.w., b. Elliot, 0; extras, 13; total, 140.

Bowling: Elliot, 19.7 overs, 5 maidens, 43 runs, 27 wickets; McLennan, 5, 0, 20, 0; Gwyne, 18, 2, 39, 0; Tester, 4, 1, 25, 2.

Wellington.—First innings: Wylie, b. Paterson, 2; Clothier, l.b.w., b. Dixon, 17; Beaton, c. Dixon, b. Silver, 69; Maher, l.b.w., b. Reid, 19; Elliot, b. A. Campbell, 18; McIvor, c. Jordan, b. A. Campbell, 0; Tester, b. Silver, 0; Russell, c. W. Campbell, b. Silver, 0; Mullins, not out, 6; McLennan, not out, 1; extras, 11; total for eight wickets, 143.

Bowling: Dixon, 11 overs, 2 maidens, 43 runs, 1 wicket; Paterson, 8, 0, 30, 1; A. Campbell, 1.3, 0, 12, 2; Silver, 7, 3, 19, 3; Halliday, 4, 1, 9, 0; Braithwaite, 2, 0, 8, 0; Reid, 2, 0, 12, 1.

During the tournament a meeting of delegates from the three competing teams held a conference, at which a New Zealand Tramways Cricket Council was set up. Mr. W. D. Richards, acting manager of Dunedin tramways, was elected patron, and Mr. W. Mitchell (Wellington) hon. secretary.

Rules were drawn up for the Lauchlan Cup cricket contest, which it was agreed should be open for competition between the municipal tramway teams of the Dominion. It was decided to hold the next contest for the cup at Dunedin in 1946. Mr. Braithwaite (Dunedin) was elected chairman of the council. All tournament games in future will be held under control of the council.

Judge: "I see you're mistreating your wife. Liquor again?"

Prisoner: No, your Honor, she licked me this time.

## Union Election Results

OUR recent elections saw one or two surprises. Our president is still George Amos, who defeated Tom Bradley by 14 votes. The vice-presidency was contested between Arch Muir and Bill Munro, and Bill got in by quite a large majority. The motormen's representative saw a field of eight starters, and Frank Hargrave and Bob Gurr led the field home, both getting home with plenty in hand. The conductors' race resulted in wins for W. H. Chase and J. C. (Darby) Kelly. This race saw seven starters go to the barrier, and it was quite an interesting event, as both these winners are new to Tramway Union meetings, even if one (should I say grey horse) has been on the job for nearly twenty-five years and has suddenly got really interested in union matters. No doubt Uncle Percy will soon lick these colts into shape.

The bus drivers did not elect to put any other starter alongside Paddy Carroll. He must be the kindergarten of the busses.

Percy Hansen, Tom Bradley and Frank Hargraves secured the placings in the national council, the surprise defeat being Geo. Amos, who looked a certainty to be in a place.

The delegates to the Trades Council are T. Bradley, F. Hargraves, P. A. Hansen and W. Munro.

So you can see it had plenty of upsets, just like one of those bad days at Trentham.

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## Obituary

IT is with deepest regret that we record the death of one of our workmates, Motorman Roy Parkin, of Kilbirnie Sheds. Roy was one of our ardent unionists and a great believer in the Labour Government, and was for many years secretary of the Miramar Branch of the Labour Party. After a sudden illness Roy was taken to the Public Hospital, where he died on March 18. To his wife and family we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss.

To Motorman Tom West, of Newtown Sheds, we extend to you our deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear beloved wife.

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### "Let Them Stand Like Men"

A TRAM from Lambton to Island Bay was crowded, and young women were hanging to the straps. A middle-aged couple occupied a seat, and the wife suggested that her husband should give up his seat to one of the standing women. "Not on your life," he said. "They smoke like men, they drink like men, let them stand like men."

### The Seven Mistakes

There are seven mistakes of life that many of us make, said a famous writer, and then he gave the following list:—

The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others down.

The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.

Insisting that a thing is impossible because we ourselves cannot accomplish it.

Refusing to set aside trivial preferences, in order that important things may be accomplished.

Neglecting development and refinement of the mind and not acquiring the habit of reading and study.

Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.

The failure to establish the habit of saving money.

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### Outnumbered

"Did any man ever kiss you before I did?" he asked.

"Yes, dear."

"Tell me his name, that I may thrash him."

"I'm afraid, Algernon, that he might be too many for you."

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### No Superman

Sweet Young Thing: What shall I do? I am engaged to a man who just simply cannot bear children.

Kindly Old Lady: Well, you mustn't expect too much of a husband.

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Pete: "What are you doing now, Freda?"

Freda: "I am a tram conductress."

Pete: "How do you like the job?"

Freda: "Oh, I'm doing fine, only some of the men try to go too far for their money."

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New Circus Actress: "You know, sir, this is my first job in a circus. You'd better tell me what to do to keep from making mistakes."

Manager: "Well, don't ever address before the bearded lady."

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Drunk (to bartender): "Hey, gimme a horse's neck."

Second Drunk: "I'll have a horse's tail. There's no use killing two horses."

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Maiden's Prayer: Please bring him back, safe, sound and single.

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Girls parked in cars often fall by the wayside.