Edith Pearce; Dr. Walter Seed; Messrs. Lennard Darlot, T. Miller, Ross Smith, Freedman, John Stillwell, Keith McDougall, E. Brown, Cooper, Shappere, Prevo, Draper, Brennan, George Gwynne, Nathan and Stawell.

CROWNING CEREMONY.

Repetition To-night.

Added evidence of the tremendous interest taken in the Queen of Wool contest was given yesterday, when crowds thronged to Musgrove's, Ltd., Murray-street, from early in the morning to book seats for the second performance of the ceremony of the coronation of the Queen of Wool, which will take place this evening in His Majesty's Theatre.

It was decided at a late hour on Thursday night to repeat the ceremony, and the printing of tickets was hastily done. The box plan was opened at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and by noon every seat in the dress circle and stalls had been booked. A plan of the gallery was then opened, and, when this closed at 5 p.m., only a few seats remained. It was stated that such a rush for seats was unprecedented in Perth theatrical history.

The ceremony will be given in its entirety, all those who took part, from stage hands to the Queen of Wool (Miss Lilian Coyne), having signified their desire to assist the Chandler Boys' Settlement Scheme, to which the whole proceeds will be devoted. The ceremony is being conducted on behalf of the scheme by the Perth Legacy Club. As on Thursday night, the production will be in the hands of Mr. Ernest Cuthbertson.

"Miss Westralia" and finalists in the frock competition are requested to be at the stage door (King-street) of His Majesty's Theatre at 7.45 o'clock to-night, so that arrangements for their presentation to the audience at the commencement of the programme can be facilitated. Transport will be provided at 8.15 for them to attend the function at Maylands Town Hall.

PASTORALISTS' LUNCHEON.

Committee Praised.

Appreciation of the work done for the pastoral industry by the organisers of Wool Week was shown yesterday by members of the West Australian Pastoralists' Association, when a complimentary luncheon was tendered to the Wool Week Management Committee at the Palace Hotel. Around a long table draped effectively with wool crepe de chine, and artistically decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and wattle, there was a large gathering of members of the association and of the committee. The Premier (Sir James Mitchell) was present, and Mr. A. L. B. Lefroy (vice-president of the association), presided, in the absence of Mr. Ernest Lee Steere (the president), who is seriously ill.

After the loyal toast, Mr. Lefroy outlined the history of Wool Week. The Graziers' Federal Council, he said, considered that it would be a splendid thing if Wool Weeks could be conducted in each State to bring before the public of Australia the importance of the wool industry. This idea was agreed to by the Empire Wool Conference, the ultimate object being to extend to England and, perhaps, the Continent. In this State, the Pastoralists' Association had got together a strong committee, headed by Mr. C. P. Smith, and, thereafter, the committee had done the work. Wool Week had nearly finished, and it was safe to say that it was the finest effort of all those yet held in Australia. It was only made possible, however, by the splendid work and co-operation of the committee and by the excellent support of the Press. The pastoral industry should feel proud of "The West Australian" for its work. Another debt of gratitude was due to the Returned Soldiers' League and to all others who had so willingly co-operated. He felt that there had been another side to Wool Week, however. That was the human side, and he felt sure that friendships had been formed during Wool Week which would be appreciated always.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Lefroy, on behalf of the association, presented Mr. Smith and the organiser of Wool Week (Mr. A. H. Macartney) with travelling rugs made by the Albany Woollen Mills from wool grown in Western Australia. He proposed the toast of the Wool Week Management Committee.

Responding, Mr. C. P. Smith expressed regret at the absence, through illness, of Mr. Lee Steere. It was gratifying to know, however, he said, that Mr. Lee Steere had taken a change for the better.

Speaking of the committee, Mr. Smith said that never before in his career had he worked with such a splendid committee. Ladies and gentlemen of widely varied interests, and representing widely different bodies, had met and co-operated in a remarkable manner. With such a committee, the task of the chairman was easy. He felt that he had not done anything to earn the rug which had been given to him, for it was the committee which had, by their team-work and readiness to co-operate, that had made Wool Week the success which it undoubtedly had been.

"I feel we have done something to make the people of the State think in terms of wool," Mr. Smith concluded.

"Bucked Up the People."

The Premier, proposing the toast of the pastoral industry, congratulated the committee on the result of Wool Week. A great deal had been done, he said, to interest the public in the wool industry and, also, in local production. The people of the State should realise more the need to support local production. Wool Week had had another great effect. It had bucked up the people, and had brought a greater realisation of the State's possibilities which had helped to stop some of the depression. The people were "thinking blue," and when this happened, very often things became "Blue." Wool Week had helped considerably in lightening their spirits.

Sheep, Sir James continued, had always played a prominent part in the history of the Empire. Although, since the Roman era, wool had been produced in England, Queen Elizabeth could be rightly called the first "Queen of Wool," for she it was who had lifted the export embargoes placed on wool by another misguided Sovereign and allowed production to go on on a more extensive scale. Throughout the ages, wool had been the "flower, strength, revenue and blood of England," as one writer had put it, and Australia had followed nobly the Motherland in becoming a wool producing land. In Australia, wool-producing was an exact science and Australia led the world in the scientific production of wool.

Concluding, Sir James eulogised the old pioneers of the pastoral industry, many of whom, he said, had given their health and even their lives for the sake of the industry. He urged all true West Australians to support an industry which, if properly supported, was capable of restoring the nation to prosperity.

Mr. F. F. B. Wittenoom responded on behalf of pastoralists. After mentioning that he had been actively associated with the wool industry for 58 years, he spoke about the difficulties which confronted pioneers when they attempted to take sheep into the areas which, at present, comprised the State's best wool producing districts. It had been an up-hill fight throughout, he said, and one which was responsible for the loss of much money and many lives. If the wool industry, which was at present in a very precarious position, could not be made to pay, he could not see what would happen to Australia. The committee had done a wonderful work in making people use more wool, but working expenses of the pastoralists had to be reduced, and he urged the Premier to do whatever he could to assist in this regard.

At the instance of Mr. S. Jackson, the health of Mr. Lefroy was honoured.

"MISS WESTRALIA."

Maylands Social To-night.

"Miss Westralia" (Miss Rose Lewis) and 50 of the finalists in the all-wool frock contest, which created such enthusiasm last Wednesday night when the result was announced, will be present at the Maylands Town Hall to-night at a social and dance to be conducted by the Maylands sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League. They will leave His Majesty's Theatre at 8.15 p.m., after being presented to the audience at the beginning of the coronation programme, and a 'bus will convey them to the Maylands function, where they will be introduced to the gathering at 8.45.

The Maylands sub-branch has spared no effort to make the evening a success. A good programme has been arranged, and well-known artists, Messrs. Nat Hanley, Joe Valli, W. Talbot, W. Savage, E. Maltman, T. Jones and J. Maynard, with a returned soldiers' orchestra under Mr. G. S. Mellor, will contribute items.

This function will provide the public with the last opportunity of seeing the "Miss Westralia" finalists in the costumes made and worn in a competition, which was one of the outstanding successes of Wool Week. The price of admission is 1/6.

THEATRE PRESENTATION.

At the Theatre Royal last night, the winner of the "Miss Westralia" frock competition, Miss "West Leederville" (Miss Mollie Lewis), was presented with a handsome silver cup by the leader of the Jim Gerald Company (Mr. Jim Gerald). Mr. Gerald introduced the prize winners, and a number of the other competitors were on the stage dressed in their competition frocks. In presenting Miss Lewis with the cup, Mr. Gerald congratulated her on her success, and also congratulated the other competitors on their fine efforts. He also presented Miss Lewis with a large bottle of perfume which had been donated by Madame La Reine.

Mr. Gerald introduced Mr. E. S. Watt, a member of the executive of the Returned Soldiers' League, who represented the president of the league (Colonel H. B. Collett) and the chairman of the "Miss Westralia" committee (Mr. J. H. Tozer). In a short address Mr. Watt gave an account of the "Miss Westralia" campaign, which had been conducted by the various sub-branches of the Returned Soldiers' League. Miss Lewis suitably responded, and Mr. Gerald then led the audience in singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow."

WINTHROP HALL.

Regulations for Its Use.

Some time ago a committee of the University Senate, comprising Professor A. D. Ross (chairman), the Chancellor (Sir Walter James, K.C.), the Vice-Chancellor (Professor H. E. Whitfeld), Dr. Roberta Jull, and the Rev. D. I. Freedman was appointed to make recommendations to the Senate regarding the use of Winthrop Hall.

The committee in its report recommended that the Senate should adopt the following recommendations for the use of Winthrop Hall:—(1) That the Winthrop Hall be used as a rule only for functions arranged by the University; (2) that the Hall be granted for use by other organisations only on resolution of the Senate, or of the standing committee appointed for the purpose by the Senate, such use to be subject to any conditions laid down when the grant is made. Generally such special use shall be restricted to purposes cognate to the work of the University; (3) that the Hall shall be available for dances arranged by the University; (4) that the Hall shall be available for concerts arranged by the University, the University Music Society, and the University Choral Society. A scale of charges was recommended by the committee, which also suggested that the standing committee should consist of the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor (Dr. J. S. Battye) and Professor Ross, and, or such persons as might be appointed from time to time by the Senate. The committee's recommendations were adopted by the Senate at its last meeting.

GENERAL NEWS.

A whist drive will be held at the Casino, Cremorne-arcade, to-night.

The Mount's Bay skating rink will be open this afternoon and evening.

A jumble sale will be held at 2.30 p.m. at the Perth Girls' School hall to-day.

Mr. A. S. Webb will lecture on "Religious Freedom" at Willagood House, 421 Wellington-street, to-morrow night.

The Collie and Capel Rivers are to be closed against the taking of English perch from June 1 to September 30.

The Felix Committee will hold a euchre tournament at the Dell dining rooms, at the corner of Barrack and Murray streets, to-night.

The drawing of the fifth West Australian charities consultation will take place on June 7. Tickets at 2/6 each are now on sale throughout the State.

The first of a series of addresses on "The Lord's Prayer" will be given by Mr. Hickman at the New Church, Karrakatta Club Hall, to-morrow evening.

Mrs. Woodall will deliver a spiritualistic address and delineations to-morrow night at 7.30 o'clock at the Theosophical Lodge room, over Nicholson's, Fremantle.

At 7.30 p.m. to-morrow at the Arundale Hall, under the auspices of the Theosophical Society, the Rev. Stanley Fisher will give an address on "Success and How to Attain It."

An organ recital by Mr. Malcolm Dick will be given at Christ Church, Claremont, next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The organist will be assisted by Mr. Rhys Francis.

A whist drive, under the auspices of the Parents and Citizens' Association, will be held at the East Victoria Park State School at 8.30 p.m. to-night. The proceeds will be devoted to unemployment relief.

Forthcoming Licensing Courts are to be held as follow:—Perth, Tuesday, June 7, at 11 a.m.; Fremantle, Wednesday, June 8, at 11 a.m.; and Midland Junction (Guildford and Swan), Thursday, June 9, at 10.30 a.m.

Awaiting a claimant at the Criminal Investigation Department is a square gold locket, which contains a photograph of a well-known film star and bears the initials "T.F.R." Attached to it are a metal chain and two watch swivels.

A pleasant Sunday afternoon service will be held at the Queen's Hall to-morrow commencing at 3 o'clock. A programme of high-class music will be given by the Westralian Military Band, which will also lead the community singing of the great Church hymns.

A series of revival addresses is being given at the Pentecostal Mission Hall, 23, Murray-street. The address to-night will be entitled, "Out of Egypt." To-morrow night "Building for Prosperity" will be the subject, and on Tuesday "The Secret of Miracles."

The usual bridge tournament of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League will be held at the Council Chambers, Oxford-street, Leederville, to-night at 8 o'clock, the proceeds being devoted to the relief of local distressed ex-service men.

The Victoria Park Methodist Church anniversary will be celebrated to-morrow. In the morning the Rev. H. H. Fennell will be the preacher. The evening service will be choral. The preacher will be the Rev. W. R. Lang. On Monday evening the birthday social will be held, all departments of the Church taking part.

At a meeting of the Fremantle Municipal Tramways and Electric Lighting Board yesterday it was reported that for the week which ended on May 21, traffic receipts amounted to £746, compared with £837 for the corresponding period last year. The mileage covered during the period was 11,502, as against 11,736 for the corresponding period of last year, while the respective number of passengers carried was 85,192 and 96,837.

At the monthly meeting of the Cottesloe sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, which will be held in the Council Chambers, Jarrad-street, Cottesloe, on Tuesday evening next at 9 o'clock, the Shell Oil Co. will deliver a lecture, interspersed with films, on the origin and general utility of oil. This entertainment will be of great interest and of considerable educational value, and all sub-branch members and their friends are cordially invited to be present.

The exhibition of local products which was held in the motor hall at the Claremont Show Ground during the Royal Show last year was so successful that the Chamber of Manufactures has decided to take over the hall this year and arrange another display. Applications for space have already been received and it will be necessary for exhibitors to apply early. Locally-made goods only will be displayed. Full particulars may be obtained from the secretary of the Chamber of Manufactures (Mr. T. Nisbet), E.S. and A. Bank Chambers, St. George's-terrace.

Professor A. D. Ross will deliver the first of this year's series of University extension lectures at the Fremantle Town Hall on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. The subject of the lecture will be "The World of Sound." He will deal with sounds in nature, the artificial production of sounds and notes, music and musical appreciation. The lecture will be illustrated by experiments and gramophone records, and musical items will be given by Miss Zipah Feldman, A.Mus.A. (violinist), Miss Eileen Hart, L.A.B. (contralto), and Miss Molly Malone, Dip. Mus. (pianist).

The ninth anniversary of the Fremantle Central Methodist Mission will be celebrated to-day, to-morrow and on Monday. There will be a children's rally at the Wesley Church, Fremantle, this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and a united rally, at which greetings will be extended from ministers of other churches, at 8 o'clock. To-morrow special services will be conducted at each of the Churches of the Mission, and special music will be rendered. On Monday there will be a midday service at the Wesley Church, commencing at 12.30 p.m. At 6.15 p.m. there will be an anniversary tea, followed by a household gathering of the members of all the Churches.

STEAMER RUNS AGROUND.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), May 27.—The Union Company's steamer Kaponga, when leaving Greymouth this afternoon with a full cargo of coal for Auckland, stranded on Grey Bar, where she remains hard and fast, awaiting an effort to re-float her on to-morrow morning's tide. The sea is quite moderate. It is reported that there is four feet of water in the fore and aft compartments, but the pumps are coping with it. All aboard are safe.

NURSE AND GRAZIER.

BREACH OF PROMISE ACTION.

Evidence Concluded.

Benjamin Wylie Prowse (44), grazier, of Capel, who is being sued for damages on the ground of breach of promise of marriage, was further cross-examined in the Supreme Court yesterday. Mona White (31), nurse, of Bunbury, is plaintiff against Prowse. Evidence and counsels' addresses were concluded yesterday. The trial, which is being heard by the Chief Justice (Mr Justice Northmore) and a jury of six, has been adjourned until Monday, when his Honour will sum up and ask the jury to consider its verdict. Plaintiff has not specified a particular amount of damages.

Mr. A. G. Haynes, with him Mr. H. Haynes (instructed by Messrs. R. S. Haynes and Co.), is appearing for plaintiff, and Mr. N. Keenan, K.C., with him Mr. S. Howard-Bath (instructed by Messrs. Eastman and Jenour, of Bunbury), for the defence.

When the Court resumed, the Chief Justice informed the jury that counsel for both sides had agreed to pay jury fees amounting to 25/ a day, as had been requested. The usual amount is 15/.

Continuing his evidence, Prowse referred again to the purchase of the diamond and pearl ring. He had not made a special visit to Caris Bros.' shop to inspect the ring, he said, but had chanced to be passing and had noticed it in the window. That was on November 18.

Mr. Haynes: You had no intention of buying the ring?

Defendant: That is so.

Well, why did you ask the jeweller whether he would take £40 for it?—I said that in casual conversation. I might have said the same about cattle.

Your income for the past year was more than £2,000?—Something like that. The Federal and State income tax amounted to £224.

You told Miss White's aunt that you could break the engagement off if your financial position prevented you from going on with it?—Yes.

So you were engaged to her conditionally?—Yes.

The Chief Justice: Is that correct?

Defendant: Yes.

You don't suggest that position in your defence?—I never promised to marry her.

Mr. Haynes: So you were engaged conditionally, and she was engaged absolutely?

Defendant: She was engaged conditionally, too.

You told us yesterday that you were out of the marriage market?—A woman will never get close enough to me to bamboozle me again. I am right out of the market.

If plaintiff had been a schemer with eyes on your money, she would not have signed the document saying that she would not sue you, would she?—I don't know.

When you were taking her to country shows she was wearing the ring?—Yes.

Did you buy the ring merely as a gift or as an engagement ring?—It was to represent an engagement ring.

And you carried on the pretence for nearly eight weeks?—Yes.

Biting a Cow.

Did you not tell her that you had bitten a piece out of a cow's nose because it would not do as you wanted it to?—We clip the cows to take them to the show. I told her about this and about how we had to hold them by the nose in order to keep their heads quiet. She asked me what happened if our fingers slipped, and I said that, in that case, we had to hold their noses by our teeth. It was only a joke, and my son was only enlarging on the joke when he told plaintiff that I had bitten bits off the noses of lots of cows because they would not do what I wanted them to.

What about wringing the necks of the fowls?—A wrong impression has been given about that, too. The fowls used to fly over a picket fence and roost under one of the workmen's quarters. Sometimes they used to catch their necks in the pickets, and I used to finish them off to make them good for eating.

You were very annoyed when Connell spoke to you on the telephone and told you not to keep Mona away overnight on the trip to the Karjidale show?—I naturally resented his interference.

Is it not a fact that you "roared," so much at your housekeeper that she cleared out?—No.

She's sweet on you, and you are calling her as a witness?—She's not sweet on me, but she did say that she would not keep house for a woman.

You were engaged under a condition?—Under the condition that I could break the engagement off at any time.

If plaintiff had not signed the document at Bridgetown, what would have happened?—That would have been the end of it, and I would have taken her for a dishonourable woman. I would have had nothing to show about our arrangement.

Why did you want the ring back?—Because she refused to leave Connell.

You have never told us that you asked her to leave Connell?—Yes I have; I asked her many times.

Defendant went on that he took plaintiff to the Margaret River show on December 12. She stayed at his house on the Friday night and the Sunday night. When they returned to Bunbury on December 15, Mrs. Connell greeted them with, "Are you two married? If you're not, you ought to be. All the people are talking about you." It was that night that he asked Mona to leave the Connell's house.

"Would you like to visit a house where things like that are going on, your Honour?" Prowse asked. "I broke off the conditional engagement because Miss White insisted on staying at Connell's."

Mr. Haynes: You'll acknowledge that if you were really engaged to her and threw her over you deserve to be severely punished?

Defendant: Yes.

You own property and valuable cattle?—The property is not worth half as much as what it was two or three years ago.

Housekeeper's Story.

Lily Armstrong, housekeeper, employed by Prowse at The Grange, Capel, said that she had kept house for Prowse and his two sons for two years. She had seen plaintiff on many occasions since July of last year. Plaintiff had stayed at The Grange for week-ends on at least three occasions. She and Prowse appeared to be "just friends," and witness had never seen any affectionate passages between them. Witness once chaffed her about "setting her cap at my boss." She replied that they were just good pals and no more. At Christmas time, Prowse took plaintiff to inspect some cattle. When they returned, Miss White said that she was not speaking to Prowse because he had not offered to help her out of a boat in which they had crossed the river. Witness advised her to make it up with him, and plaintiff replied, "Hang it; I'm not going to make it up. We're just friends."

Mr. Haynes: When did you first notice the ring on her engagement finger?

Witness: I'm not interested in jewellery.

The Chief Justice: Do you know which is the engagement finger?

Witness: No.

Are you serious about that?—I did not know there was a particular engagement finger.

Mr. Haynes: You've been engaged twice yourself?

Witness: Dozens of times.

You've been engaged twice?—That's nothing to do with this case.

Didn't you wear the rings on the third finger of the left hand?—Yes; but you can wear it on any finger.

You saw the ring Miss White wore?—I saw it, but I do not even know what hand she wore it on.

Were you not a bit sweet on him yourself?—I was not.

Maud May Armstrong, a resident of Greenbushes, and sister of the previous witness, said that she was a guest at the Prowse home last Christmas. Plaintiff was staying there at the time.

Mr. Haynes: You know which finger is the engagement finger?

Witness: No, I did not notice what finger it was on.

Do you know which is the engagement finger?—I do not.

You have not found out which is the engagement finger?—I have not had the opportunity.

How old were you when your sister was engaged?—Ten.

That concluded all the evidence and counsel then commenced their addresses.

"No Damage Suffered."

Presuming that a marriage contract had been entered into, Mr. Keenan said in the course of his address, plaintiff had suffered no damage. Defendant, according to plaintiff and her witnesses, was a most undesirable person and she was lucky to be saved from him. It had also been said by her witnesses that she had a better home with her sister and brother-in-law than defendant could ever give her. However, plaintiff had not proved that defendant had proposed marriage to her, and that she had accepted the proposal. In any case, there could be no legality in any contract that might have been made prior to Prowse's divorce decree being made absolute, because she knew that, at the time, he was already a married man. There appeared to be no doubt whatever that Miss White had been "on the hunt" for defendant.

Mr. Haynes said that, in modern times, it was difficult for men to know the actual date of their becoming engaged. There was no doubt that Prowse had been after a wife, and, on his own admission, he was engaged to plaintiff. He had qualified this by saying that the engagement was conditional. Prowse had already wrecked one life (his wife') and was endeavouring to wreck another. "God help the woman who gets into his cruel clutches," he said.

The Chief Justice announced that he would sum-up the evidence to the jury on Monday. The Court adjourned.

AT THE WOOL BALL.

Some of the competitors for the best headdress at the Wool Ball at Government House ballroom last night.

SOCIAL.

All social contributions should be addressed "Adrienne," "The West Australian" office, Perth, or Fremantle. Paragraphs must be signed by the sender, otherwise they will not be used.

Mrs. A. McGregor, of Claremont, is visiting her son at Carlindi station for the winter months.

Mrs. Margaret Ramsay, of Melbourne, who has been staying at the Palace Hotel, is leaving to-night for the Eastern States.

The opening meet of the Hounds at the Ascot Hotel, Belmont, should be an enjoyable social event. It is fixed for this afternoon at 2.45.

Mrs. Henry Townsend, of Fremantle, and Mrs. Kenneth Pilley, of Cottesloe, and their families are the guests of Mrs. Keith Piesse, of South Perth, at Zamia.

Mrs. Stanley, of Yandyarra station, motored to Hedland during the week to meet her mother, Mrs. Davy, who intends spending some time in the North.

The many friends of Mrs. E. A. Evans will be pleased to know that she has sufficiently recovered from her recent operation at St. John of God Hospital to return to her home in Guildford.

Mrs. Betty Oldmeadow ("Miss Southern Cross") was taken ill suddenly during her visit to Perth in connection with Wool Week and was operated upon for appendicitis at the Perth Hospital yesterday.

Among those visiting Perth for the Wool Week festivities are Miss Judy Clarkson, Mr. John Clarkson, Miss Betty Viveash, Miss Jean Cook, Miss Margaret Walsh, Mr. Justin Walsh, Mr. Vernon Humphries and Mr. Jack Parker.

Owing to the absence of their president, Miss King, the Returned Army Nurses' Club has postponed its quarterly reunion and bridge evening until Wednesday, June 8. The event will take place at 8 p.m. in the new premises in the Orient Buildings, William-street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilson and Miss Wilson returned to Port Hedland by the Koolinda from the Eastern States after five months holiday. Another resident who returned during the week was Mrs. C. Nicholson, who has been spending the summer months in Perth.

The monthly musicale of the Repertory Club will be held in the club rooms on Monday afternoon next. Miss Kitty Gillies is arranging the programme, in which the following artists will assist: Miss Irene Stancliffe, Miss Rhoda Ashe, Mr. G. Graham, Mr. Ralph and Mr. Eric Outram.

An informal dance was held at the Military Barracks on Wednesday evening. Major Meredith received the guests, and, in the absence of Mrs. Meredith, was assisted by Mrs. Nurse. Among those present were Brigadier and Mrs. Martyn, Dr. and Mrs. Martell, Captain and Mrs. Boyes, Dr. and Mrs. Percy White, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Captain and Mrs. Booker, Dr. and Mrs. Courtney, Miss Mollie Ross, Miss Joan Good, Miss Gwenyth Tebbutt, Captain and Mrs. S. Hall, Captain Wade, Lieutenants E. and L. Montefiore.

Members of the Women Writers' Club met at morning tea yesterday at Toby's Kitchen, to bid farewell to Miss Jessie Downie, who will leave shortly for a holiday in New Guinea, and to welcome Mrs. R. F. L. Glover ("Miss Mt. Barker" in the "Miss Westralia" competition) as a new member. The president (Miss D. Ferguson) welcomed members, among whom were Mrs. A. E. Joyner, Mrs. Geoffrey Drake-Brockman, Mrs. C. M. Eggleston, Mrs. Wooster Greaves, Mrs. A. G. Curthoys, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Southern and Misses Romola Teagle, Margaret Main, Noel White, Isabel Smith and Bonnie Sanderson.

PUBLIC SERVICE APPEALS.

Mining Registrar's Claim.

The first case dealt with yesterday by the Public Service Appeal Board, consisting of Mr. Justice Dwyer (chairman) and Messrs. A. B. Kidson (Government) and O'C. D. O'Mahoney, was that of Francis Fimister, the Mining Engineer at Wiluna. Mr. A. C. Muir (instructed by Messrs. Joseph, Muir and Williams) appeared for the appellant, and Mr. S. Hussey represented the Public Service Commissioner (Mr. G. W. Simpson).

The grounds stated for Fimister's appeal were increased work and responsibilities. He said he thought the position should be paid more highly than similar positions at Cue, Meekatharra, Marble Bar, Leonora and Southern Cross. He had been in similar positions at various towns throughout the State since 1912, with the exception of three years on active service. Before June 30, 1931, he had been on the £288-£336 range. This had been altered to £270-£325 after July 1. The range was now £280-£340. In addition to his duties as mining registrar, he acted as clerk of the local courts and petty sessions, coroner's clerk, registrar of births, deaths and marriages, and as agent for various Government departments. His duties had increased so much that he considered they equalled those of any two of the towns he had mentioned. He put in tables of the amount of revenue received and the work done at the other offices, in comparison with his own.

The increased value of gold, witness continued, had brought many more prospectors to the area, the population of which was growing daily. He had the assistance of one junior typist, and had applied for a counter clerk, but had received no answer. The Warden of the district (Warden Butler) who was stationed at Cue, visited the town for about ten days every month, and in the meantime, the appellant carried out the duties. He worked about three hours overtime per day, and all through the week-ends.

To Mr. Hussey. Out of the 61 mining leases in the district, 48 were held by one company. This meant less work than if all were held by separate companies.

Mr. W. Marshall, M.L.A. for the district, gave evidence for the appellant. He said that he had visited the appellant's office, and had seen crowds of people waiting at the counter to be attended to.

The Chairman: If a man in the service has to work overtime, it is not so much a reason for increasing his salary as for providing him with assistance.

Mr. Hussey called the principal registrar of the Mines Department (Mr. A. H. Telfer) who said he considered the positions of mining registrars in the country were relatively correct.

Engineering Draftsmen.

A grouped appeal was made by the engineering draftsmen of the Public Works Department, who were represented by Mr. G. B. D'Arcy. Mr. O'Mahoney was replaced by Mr. T. J. Breen for this appeal. The appellants claimed that their salaries did not come up to the average paid for similar positions all over the Commonwealth; that the term "draftsman" did not cover their positions, as some of their work consisted of original designing; that the term should be "senior engineering draftsman designing," "engineering draftsman designing," and "engineering draftsman," and that the present second and third grades of draftsmen should be merged into one grade, for the same reason as that put forward by the survey draftsmen on the previous day.

In evidence, S. R. Newsome, one of the appellants, said he had prepared tables of salaries paid in other States, compared with those paid for similar positions in this State. He produced the tables, which showed the Australian average to be a range of £384-£466, while the West Australian rate was £345-£390. Evidence was also given by Mr. E. C. Bone, who until April last was in charge of the drawing office at the Public Works Department, and by Mr. W. A. Wheeler, a draftsman in the Main Roads Department.

An Adjourned Appeal.

Concluding an adjourned appeal by the inspectors of machinery, which was commenced on Wednesday last, Mr. D'Arcy called the Chief Inspector of Machinery (Mr. A. M. Howe). Witness said he thought the claim of the appellants was reasonable. Mr. R. Nairn, works engineer of Cuming, Smith's Mt. Lyell works at Bassendean, who said that he had had 32 years' experience in general engineering, thought the appellants were fully qualified to fill positions as mechanical engineers, or to take charge of a workshop. His own salary was considerably higher than that of the appellants. He thought that their claims were very reasonable.

The Board adjourned until Monday morning.

CHILD KILLED BY CAR.

In the City Courthouse yesterday, Mr. T. Y. A. Lang, P.M. (Coroner), held an inquest into the death of Susie Andrienne Anderson (5), who was fatally injured when she was struck by a motor car in Adelaide-terrace on May 9. The car was driven by Sydney J. P. O'Halloran, of Midland Junction.

After hearing evidence from a number of witnesses, the Coroner said that it had been shown that deceased left the northern footpath of Adelaide-terrace and ran across the roadway in the direction of the southern footpath. She had passed the centre of the road when she was struck by a motor car travelling westward on the southern side. The driver stated that he did not see the child until she was next to the car. He (the Coroner) was of the opinion that the failure to see the child disclosed an absence of the strict observance required by section 266 of the Criminal Code, which was as follows:—

It is the duty of every person who has in his charge, or under his control, anything, whether living or inanimate, and whether moving or stationary, of such a nature that, in the absence of care or precaution in its use or management, the life, safety or health of any person might be endangered, to use reasonable care and take reasonable precautions to avoid such danger; and he is held to have caused any consequences to the life or health of any person by reason of any omission to perform that duty.

The Coroner said that his formal finding was that deceased came by her death from injuries received when struck by a car driven by Sydney John Patrick O'Halloran, and that such striking was caused by the driver of the car failing to exercise care. He was of the opinion, however, that this absence of care related only to the driver's failure to keep an uninterrupted lock-out on the roadway, and, in the circumstances, he would not be committed for trial.

Have you a camera? Do you ever secure "snaps" which will interest other people? If so, why not forward your photographs to "The Western Mail," which seeks to reflect the life of the community.

STORIES IN BANKRUPTCY.

Debtors' Plights Contrasted.

Adversity's sweet and bitter uses were illustrated in turn in two examinations in bankruptcy which were conducted by the Official Receiver (Mr. M. M. Moss) before the Registrar (Mr. T. F. Davies) yesterday. In one case a man's financial failure had reduced him and his family to living in abject poverty, despite his valiant struggles to avoid the necessity of accepting Government sustenance, and in the other the bankrupt's condition was one which might be regarded in some ways as verging on the idyllic. The debtor had little work to do, paid no rent, secured just enough money to satisfy his bodily needs, and a guarantor was responsible for the bulk of his indebtedness.

The first of the debtors examined, Frank Hardy Green, a carpenter, said he was born in Pinjarra and had lived in the district all his life. For 30 years he had followed his trade and had been able to meet all his obligations until four years ago, when ill-health caused him to lose employment for about 10 months. He later joined another man in an unsuccessful business venture at Mandurah, and lost all this savings. At present he owed 16 unsecured creditors £228 and had no assets save his tools of trade. For most of his working life he had been employed as a journeyman carpenter, but some years ago he had taken over several contracts for the erection of dwellings at Mandurah and for transferring buildings from the Peel Estate to Mandurah. They had proved fairly successful. When he fell ill he was confined to his bed for four months and a further six months elapsed before he was able to walk. His wife and one son also became ill and he incurred numerous domestic debts. His creditors held a meeting and decided to give him a year in which to try to pay his debts. He took further contracts which yielded fair profits and was able to save £130 in addition to paying his debts. He then joined a Mr. Tapper in a picture show and petrol service business at Mandurah, in which he invested all his savings. The business failed, and within a month he and his partner sold their shares in the business for £20 and £17 respectively. For the next six months he was out of regular employment. He engaged in further contracting work and got into debt. A further meeting of his creditors was called, when he agreed to pay £1 a week off his debts. He entered into a contract with a Mr. Cope to supply shingles for the roof of the Fairbridge Farm church, which was then in the course of erection. He only earned enough to buy food, as he found he was unable to get sufficient of the right type of timber for the work. He was forced to live in a tent with his wife and family at that time, and then for three months he was out of work. At present he was paying 8/ a week for a two-roomed shack near Pinjarra and daily he tramped many miles looking for work. So far he had been able to earn sufficient to keep him off the dole.

Mr. Moss: It is obvious that you are not getting enough food, and are carrying your principles a little too far.

Glancing towards debtor's wife, a pathetic figure, who was sitting huddled up on a chair in the Court, Mr. Moss added, "Another is also suffering, though perhaps willingly."

Debtor admitted that he was unable to send his youngest child to school because it would mean a three-mile walk for him. It had taken debtor some time to save sufficient money to pay his fare down to Perth so that he could attend his examination in bankruptcy.

Mr. Moss: That is unfortunate. We will have to see if we can refund the amount.

A Coach-Builder's Troubles.

Amos Bradshaw, a coach-builder, of Wubin, the second debtor examined, said he owed £130 to several unsecured creditors. He had borrowed £500 from the Bank of New South Wales, with which he purchased a blacksmithing and coach-building business and a dwelling at Wubin, and later £336, with which he built a boarding house at Wubin, which was run by his wife. A Mr. Syme had stood as his guarantor for the money borrowed from the bank.

Later debtor rented premises at Dalwallinu where he carried on his trade for eleven months, and then closed the premises down. Pressed by Mr. Moss to explain his business transactions at Dalwallinu and Wubin, debtor returned vague answers. He said he attributed his business failure, to the fact that he had given too much credit to farmers who were unable to pay him. He was at present living in the boarding house he had purchased at Wubin with money borrowed from the bank and which had been taken over by Mr. Syme when the bank called on Mr. Syme to meet his obligations to them as debtor's guarantor. Debtor paid no rent for the place. His wife kept only one boarder at present.

Mr. Moss: Are you the boarder?

Debtor: No.

Debtor added there was "not much work" in the blacksmithing and coach-building business at present. He earned from about £1/10/ to £2 a week.

Mr. Moss: Not too much work! Just sufficient for you I suppose. Do you give your wife any money?—Oh yes, I give her some money, like.

Money, like? Is it real money?—Of yes, its real money.

You valued your stock originally at £200, but one of your creditors estimated its value at £60 only. What do you think you could get for it?—Not too much.

I wouldn't expect you to ask too much. I am not suggesting that you try to profiteer.

Debtor admitted that he had not been able to sell any of it. No one appeared to want it. He thought if he were allowed to carry on for another year he would be able to satisfy his creditors.

Mr. Moss: You have already had a year to try to make good your losses. Perhaps you are encouraged by the fact that your overhead expenses are so slight to believe that another year of it would suit you.

Debtor: The depression has kept me back. Things will be better next year.

Mr. Moss: If you can convince your creditors of that, doubtless they will allow you to carry on.

Both examinations were adjourned.

CLAREMONT MUNICIPALITY.

Schedule of Immediate Works.

Arising out of the annual tour of inspection of the municipality, the Claremont Council, at a meeting on Monday night, passed a schedule of works to be done immediately, involving a total expenditure of £403. The works will be mainly path and road construction.

A letter was received from the Bunbury Council, indicating that all local governing bodies were to be asked to conduct simultaneous public meetings on or about June 20 on the question of reducing the cost of the State Government, and suggesting that the meetings consider proposals that the cost of legislation was excessive and more than people could pay; and that, with a view to a reduction in the cost of legislation, the number of members of Parliament be reduced by at least one-third.

It was resolved to ask the Bunbury Council to send a list of local authorities which were agreeing with the suggestion to hold the meetings, and the data which would be supplied to the speakers.

Water on a Milk Cart.

The health inspector's report stated that a milkman who had had a container of water on his milk cart had been prosecuted by the council and fined £3, with £3 costs.

Cr. Crooks expressed surprise that the Bench had not taken a more serious view of the offence. He also referred to the noise of the inspector's motor cycle acting as a warning to milkmen, and he recommended that a more silent machine should be supplied, so that milkmen could not escape inspection. He declared that a certain amount of watering of milk was going on.

The Mayor (Mr. G. Mengler) commented that the inspector had told him that he had to park his machine on private property to catch milkmen for the purpose of taking samples.

A Noisy Speed-boat.

A reply to the council's complaint about a noisy speed-boat disturbing the residents in the vicinity of Freshwater Bay was received from the Harbour and Light Department, stating that the offender had not been caught, but that an owner had been instructed to provide a more efficient silencer on his boat.

Cr. Paton complained that the speed-boat had been arousing everybody around Freshwater Bay again at 6.45 a.m. on Sunday last. He said that the departmental inspector should be there early in the morning to hear it.

At Cr. Lantzke's suggestion, it was decided to ask all yacht clubs having speed-boats on their register to help in stopping the nuisance, and to seek means of communicating with the inspector whenever the noise of the boat was being emitted.

Bright photographs, full of life, movement, and humour are sought by "The Western Mail." If you have any, send them along with titles and other descriptive matter written on the back in pencil or on an accompanying sheet.

THE WEEK IN CANBERRA.

(From a Special Correspondent.)

CANBERRA, May 27.—Mr. Lang's declaration in the course of his policy speech that if he is returned no Federal Government would dare to enforce the garnishee Act will cut no ice at Canberra. The probability of Mr. Lang's return is so remote that it is hardly worth discussing, but it might be point