

GENERAL NEWS.

State Relief Appeals.

The State Relief Committee acknowledges the following donations towards appeals for cases of distress:—John K. Adey, £3; H. Green, 10/; "H.L.B.", 10/; C. Shawley, £1.

Centenary Club Lunch.

At the monthly luncheon of the Centenary Club on Tuesday next, the speaker will be Mr. H. I. Cohen, M.L.C., who will address members on the subject of "Youth Unemployment." The Minister is charge of Sustenance (Mr. Mackrell) is also expected to attend the luncheon.

Labor Papers' Ltd.

In an endeavor to secure the compulsory winding up of Labor Papers Ltd., a committee, representing the Victorian shareholding unions, is seeking the co-operation of the shareholding unions in New South Wales. The principal shareholder is the Australian Workers' Union, and it is opposed to voluntary liquidation. Legal advice is that an application for the compulsory winding up of the company would be successful.

Control of Parks.

An Order in Council has been passed, adopting regulations to provide that, except with the permission of the City Council, no fete, picnic or concert shall be held at Yarra, Princes, Flinders and Fawkner parks. The regulation also bans public worship, preaching or public speaking and meetings. A reservation, however, is made in the case of Flinders Park, in Batman-avenue, which includes the Yarra bank. The site permitted here for public speaking is just past the morgue.

Pioneer Day.

The first anniversary observed during the Centenary celebrations was that of the arrival of Edward Henty, the first permanent settler in Victoria. This year that event will be celebrated by an entertainment in the Masonic hall on the exact date, 19th November, and with it the Tasman anniversary, as Abel Tasman in 1642 was on the same day of the year off the coast of Australia. On the following Friday the day will be observed in the schools and 5000 children will be taken to the Zoological Gardens.

Road Risks.

It has been decided by the National Safety Council in conjunction with the Royal Automobile Club, the Automobile Chamber of Commerce, the Police department and the Melbourne City Council, to conduct another Safety Lane in Lansdown-street, East Melbourne, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on 25th, 26th and 27th November. The object of the plan is to enable motorists to have their cars

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Distribution to Charities.

As executor of the will of the late Mrs. L. E. Cowell, the Perpetual Executors and Trustees Association is making the usual half-yearly distribution of income from the fund constituted by the will, and which is known as the Thomas and Louisa Cowell Memorial Fund. The amount available for distribution is £107 and is equally divisible between the following:—The Foundling Hospital and Infants' Home, East Melbourne; the Church of England Home for Children, with babies, Brighton; the Methodist Homes for Children, East Malvern; the Melbourne Orphan Asylum, Brighton; the Children's Hospital, Carlton; the Sutherland Homes for Orphans, Carlton.

Missing Schoolboy.

There is still no trace of the twelve-year-old schoolboy, John Foreman, who has now been missing from the convent school, "Padua," at Mornington, for over a fortnight. His mother can throw no light on his disappearance, other than his vivid imagination and love of adventure. It is considered that quite probably he has made up some story and got a lift on a passing truck or car. The original description given of the boy's clothing was somewhat incorrect. The following is now found to be what he was wearing:—Navy blue trousers and navy blue knitted cardigan with a green stripe. He was also wearing black lace-up boots, and was without a cap.

Anti-War Meeting.

Speakers at the Town Hall meeting on Monday evening next, which is being arranged by Labor's anti-war committee, will be Mr. J. Curtin, leader of the Labor party in the Federal Parliament; Mr. A. E. Monk, president of the A.C.T.U., and Miss Jean Daly, secretary of the women's organising committee; Mr. J. Cain, deputy leader of the State Labor party in the Victorian Assembly; Mr. G. Hayes, vice-chairman of Labor's anti-war committee; Mr. P. J. Clarey, president of the Trades Hall Council, and Mr. J. Holland, M.L.A.

Ex-Councillor Entertained.

Ex-Cr. G. Farnsworth, of Footscray, was tendered a complimentary smoke social by about 250 ratepayers. Among public men present were Messrs. J. H. Disney, M.L.C., and G. M. Pendergast, M.L.A., Ex-Cr. T. B. Drew presided. An illuminated address was presented to the guest, together with a smoker's outfit. References were made by speakers to Ex-Cr. Farnsworth's public services during the fourteen years that he was a member of Footscray municipal council. He was also presented with crystal ware and a hand bag for Mrs. Farnsworth.