

ST ALBANS

(From our correspondent)

At the Hall Piano Committee meeting on Thursday of last week it was decided to hold a jumble fair and cake stall, the latter to include a cake making competition, on Saturday afternoon, November 29, to be followed by a euchre and dance in the evening. Any gifts from a bag of cement to a packet of pins will be gladly accepted by any of the committee.

The euchre party and dance on Saturday evening last in aid of the unemployed was not very successful financially as only about 8/- profit was made. Cr. Stevens, in a brief speech, mentioned this fact to those present and said that unless the patronage increased these functions would not be worth running.

The sad news of the sudden death of Mr. Dale, of St. Albans, was received on Sunday last. Mr. Dale, it will be remembered, was for several months an inmate of Melbourne Hospital suffering from blood pressure, but recently he had been convalescing at Beechworth. On Saturday a letter was received from Mr. Dale stating that he hoped to be home very shortly, so that the news on Sunday came as a great shock to all who knew him. Much sympathy is expressed throughout the district to Mrs. Dale and family. The body was brought from Beechworth on Monday and

from Beechworth on Monday and the funeral took place on Tuesday, at which there were six car loads of mourners.

A shocking accident occurred at the quarry late on Monday afternoon when Mr. L. Self, the foreman received terrible injuries through an explosion. Mr. Self suffered a badly fractured arm and injuries to the eyes, but the latest reports we are happy to say state that Mr. Self will definitely retain his eyesight. Immediately after the explosion Doctor Byrne was summoned and was on the scene within a few minutes and Mr. Self was conveyed to the Melbourne Hospital. Much sympathy has been expressed everywhere, and all hope and trust that Mr. Self will make a speedy recovery as he was always to the front in any public effort in the town.

At a special public meeting of the Unemployed Relief Committee on Tuesday it was decided to carry on with the effort and several more members were elected to the committee in place of those who had resigned. The meeting was a record one for attendance, there being about 35 present as against about 20 when the committee was first formed. Cr. Stevens expressed the wish to resign as chairman, but after being asked to reconsider the position he agreed to carry on providing a good vice-president was appointed. Mr. Peart, a local tradesman, was then appointed as vice-president.

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A very pleasant time was enjoyed by the Mothers' Club on Friday of last week, when Mrs. Claude Cox entertained the members and acted as hostess and was incidentally responsible for the raising of £2/3/7 towards the children's Christmas treat.

On Wednesday afternoon another £1 was raised towards this effort by means of a penny concert at the school. The concert, which was given by the children, was thoroughly enjoyed by those present and reflects great credit to the teaching staff of the school.

The monthly meeting of the Progress Association will be held on Monday next.
