

ST ALBANS

(From our correspondent)

On Monday night last, at the Mechanics Hall, a very fine entertainment was rendered by "Knut-crackers" and supporting artists. They kindly gave their service to assist the funds of the school committee in conducting the annual shire picnic which is to take place shortly. The highly creditable performance of these artists was fully appreciated by a good audience.

Mr A. Clarke, as chairman of the evening, particularly stressed the amount of energy that Mr T. Toby put into the good work and said that he was the backbone of the company.

The evening concluded with a dance, and patrons went home feeling that their visit to the hall had been well worth while.

The monthly meeting of the Progress Association was held on Tuesday evening, when the president of the shire (Cr Davis) and also Mr Woods (shire secretary) were present. The election of officers took place at this meeting, when all retiring members were re-elected.

Cr Davis explained that the council, in conjunction with Bulla and Broadmeadows, had established a strong-post on St. Kilda Road for the convenience of ratepayers who wished to welcome the Duke when he arrived. All councillors had tickets, which could be obtained by any resident ratepayers.

A number of unemployed throughout the district have obtained about two months' work. Some are work-

two months' work. Some are working on the railway tracks at St. Albans.

Mr E. Roberts, who recently suffered a bereavement by the death of his father, wishes to convey his thanks to the Mothers' Club members, as through a misunderstanding this was not done.

Another accident occurred at the quarry at the beginning of the week, when a truck was being pulled under the hoppers. A man apparently went to look over the side of the truck, with the result that, owing to there being very little room between the top of the truck and the hoppers, his head became caught, inflicting a badly torn scalp.

A further meeting of the Keilor Shire picnic committee was held on Wednesday at Keilor, when final arrangements were made for the picnic on October 20. Tullamarine had since the last meeting decided to take part in the picnic.

It was decided to engage a merry-go-round for the day; in fact, practically all of last year's arrangements were agreed to for this year.

Through the Centenary Council, Centenary medals will be issued to all children attending that day, the only proviso being that they be worn on November 19. The president said that no cricket or other sport would be played on the reserve on that day.

Although good rain has fallen this week, which was welcomed by most farmers, Mr P. Hill only last week cut a paddock of hay, which is by far the earliest in the district.

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On Saturday next the gymnasium girls will give their annual display, after which a dance will be held.

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The St. Albans Tennis Club will hold their third Five Hundred tournament and dance in the local hall on Wednesday next, the eve of the Duke's arrival in Melbourne. Mr Powell Baker's orchestra has been engaged and the usual novelties and cash prizes will be features of what promises to be one of the most successful entertainments to be held by the club to date. Patrons are reminded that a special feature in the form of a snow storm will be presented at the dance to be held on October 27.