

THE LIFE OF MELBOURNE

"Meet the Next of Kin"

A SOCIAL evening with the unusual name "Meet the Next of Kin" has been planned by the women's auxiliary to the United A.I.F. Signals Welfare Association. At this party to be held in the Centenary Hall, Exhibition st., on Tuesday next, next of kin of signalers now serving abroad will be guests of honour, and all those interested who desire to be present should communicate with Miss D. Eckart, hon. secretary, 190 Amesia st., North Carlton (J3529) as early as possible. Mrs. C. H. Simpson, president of the auxiliary, is directing arrangements for the evening.

For Comforts Fund

BOWLS of mixed flowers decorated the auxiliary-room at Caulfield Convalescent Hospital yesterday afternoon, when the first of a series of monthly card parties was held in aid of the Comforts Fund.

Hostesses were Mesdames T. Wilks, F. Sinclair, W. Vine, F. Post, R. N. Kerr, A. Reynolds. Members of the committee present included Mrs. G. Burman, president; Mrs. N. Kelly, vice-president; Mrs. J. A. Brady, secretary; Mesdames D. Jackson, G. Duxbury, R. Hillas, A. Hibbins, Sister Nicholls.

"Pucka Pagans"

THE first meeting of the year of the "Pucka Pagans" will be held at the home of Miss A. Campbell, president, 3 Myrning cres., Toorak, to-morrow at 8.

The Pucka Pagans work for comforts of the soldiers, mostly at Puckapunyal, and are a younger set of the 22 Pioneer Battalion.

New members are welcome, and may obtain particulars from Miss Campbell (U1410).

Heidelberg Golf Associates

ABOUT 100 guests were entertained yesterday by Mrs. R. Dowell, president of the Heidelberg Golf Club associates, at the opening day for associates.

A Canadian foursome competition and a competition for putting on the round were held.

Mrs. Dowell was assisted by Miss I. Bond, captain; Mrs. E. Matson, hon. secretary; and members of the committee, including Mesdames A. Connolly, W. Ferguson, D. Ross, R. Stanes.

Afternoon tea was held in the clubhouse, which was decorated with mixed bowls of flowers.

Kitchen Cupboard Afternoon

THE first meeting of the Brighton auxiliary for the R.V.I.B., held yesterday afternoon, took the form of a kitchen cupboard afternoon.

Mrs. D. Granter, Mayoress of Brighton, was present, and afternoon tea was served in the garden.

Malvern Branch of A.C.F.

SINCE its inception, Malvern branch of the Australian Comforts Fund has sent more than 22,934 garments to A.C.F. headquarters.

These garments include 5,531 pairs of socks, 344 pairs of stockings, 2,224 scarves, 1,210 pullovers, 82 neck muffs, 2,197 pairs of mittens, 3,165 helmets, 30 pairs

pairs of mittens, 3,165 helmets, 30 pairs of knee-caps, 2,156 caps, 2,900 short-sleeved flannels, 242 shirts, 458 pairs flannel pants, 236 pairs khaki shorts, 216 pairs pyjamas, 209 pairs spiral socks, 46 pairs gloves, 1,396 khaki handkerchiefs, and 272 face washers.

Most of the money was raised by the branch at two entertainments, a bridge party at which £150 was raised, and a three-day carnival, from which £1,115 resulted. To replenish funds, the branch is preparing for a day and night bridge party to be held on May 8.

Welfare Association

MANY new members were enrolled yesterday at a meeting of the Army Medical Corps Welfare Association, held at 56 Russell st.

Members brought in their knitted garments, and carried away more wool. A musical programme was given by conservatorium students.

Mrs. C. Gordon Shaw is president, Mrs. H. G. Furnell hon. secretary, and Mrs. F. K. Norris hon. treasurer.

The monthly meeting is held on the second Tuesday of the month, and anyone interested is asked to attend.