

Art Exhibition

FREE TECHNIQUE

By JOHN HARCOURT

A technique so free and easy that it is almost careless is the most striking quality of the work of Frank R. Crozier, whose exhibition will be opened at the Velasquez Gallery at 3 p.m. to-day by Mr. Harold Herbert.

As a water-colour technique, it seems almost ideal, and should be applicable to a wider range of subjects than the exhibition provides. Mr. Crozier is fascinated by horses; horses at water, horses at work, horses at exercise, horses at grass. He paints them with tender certainty in the careless way of his, but perhaps a little too often. After so many horses, the simple landscape, "War-randyte" (No. 1), would come as something of a relief even if it were not one of the best things in the show.

When he uses oils Mr. Crozier feels freer in his choice of subject matter, but in oils his technique is less successful, and the most pleasing of them is not as good as the least of the water-colours.

SALVATION ARMY WORK

In addition to its many activities in connection with military camps in Victoria, the Salvation Army, through its Melbourne headquarters, is carrying out service abroad.

Entertainment is being provided each week in London for 500 Australian soldiers on leave, and 21 crates containing more than 1,500 garments are being sent abroad for distribution among the needy refugees of Europe and in England.

A message received at Melbourne headquarters tells of excellent work being carried out by British Salvationists caring for sufferers in bombed areas.

In Victoria the Salvation Army has arranged for huts and Red Shield centres to be opened immediately at Bacchus Marsh, Bonegilla, and Werribee, as well as extending its accommodation in the existing camps of all States.

TOC H WANTS HELP

Essendon Toc H is appealing for help in purchasing the property in Willow street, Essendon, in which it has been carrying on valuable community service work.

During the infantile paralysis epidemic two years ago the rooms were a centre for constructing prams, for the Victorian Society for Crippled Children. In about eight months 200 of these prams were made without cost to the society.

Thousands of articles have been made since activities of the branch have been turned to Red Cross work.

Since March, on Monday and Tuesday nights working bees have been engaged in the production of special Red Cross foods.

Of the £400 needed to purchase the property, £55 has been raised, and an effort is being made to obtain the balance in three weeks. Mr. A. Edwards, 9 Hollywood av., Essendon North, W.6, is secretary.

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MISSIONARIES TO CHINA

Appeals for interest in the work of the China Inland Mission were made at a gathering held at Collins st. Baptist church last night to say farewell to missionaries who will leave shortly for China.

Mr. H. J. Hannah, chairman of the China Inland Mission Council in Victoria, presided, and the farewell address was given by Archdeacon G. T. Denham, who is on furlough from China. The missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Moore and Mrs. D. M. Williams, who will re-urn after furlough, and Misses R. C. Porteous, C. E. Swanton, G. R. Langstreth, and I. I. Whitlock, and Mr. G. F. Tarrant, who are new missionaries.

FLAG FOR BATTALION

One of the last official acts of Cr. W. L. Lewellin as Mayor of Essendon was to visit Puckapunyal on Sunday and present an Australian flag on behalf of the City of Essendon to the 2nd/2nd Pioneer Battalion. The battalion is commanded by Lieut.-Colonel N. F. Wellington, town clerk of Essendon, who is on leave. Crs. Salmon and Gyles accompanied Cr. Lewellin.

In the mayoral year of Cr. W. L. Lewellin £2,122 was raised for patriotic purposes. At the meeting of the council last night Cr. Lewellin said that about £400 had still to be collected.