

This Meant A Living To Two Men—But Nothing To City Council!

WHY THE LORD MAYOR SLOWED DOWN

Because aldermen of the Brisbane City Council gave themselves a two months' holiday at Christmas, Mr. John Trinkoon and his brother, of McConnell-street, Bulimba, are unable to earn a living!

BACK in November last the Trinkoons acquired a property in Kelvin Grove, and sought the Council's permission to establish a motor body building workshop and garage there.

The Council courteously replied—after a month's delay—that, as part of the site was likely to be required for an extension of Tait-street, it could not approve the application.

The Trinkoons replied to this, and told the Council it could have the part of the land it required, and they would build on the other portion, subject to the Council's approval.

The signatory to this letter was Mr. John Trinkoon, who added the postscript:

"As I have been burnt out, and am absolutely stumped, I need something fixed up to carry on, as at the present time we are only living in a garage and must have something done immediately, as I am absolutely up against it."

This letter was dated December 22, two days later than the Council's. But a month's delay had occurred even before this, for the Trinkoons' application had been dated November 24!

One would have thought that the postscript appeal would have been enough to move anybody into action, but this is the end of January, and the Trinkoons are still waiting for the Council to make up its mind whether it wants the land—it's not even certain of that!—and let the owners get on with the business of earning a livelihood.

Before it went into recess, the Coun-



Glamorous Virginia Crawford gets off a nice punt after expert tuition by Chief West, of the University of Oklahoma grid squad. Chief sure got a kick out of Virginia's kick.

cil authorised the Lord Mayor to carry on the city's business, and he has made many important decisions, and done many important things while aldermen "laid off."

The Trinkoons' problem, however, was not one of the important jobs attended to, and although "Truth" has sought an official explanation, the one forthcoming is far from satisfactory.

It appears from the explanation that the Lord Mayor has worked so hard that he has outdistanced the typists, who have not caught up with the work of typing his memoranda in readiness for the Council, which resumes sittings next Tuesday.

And, so that they could catch up, the Lord Mayor gave up making decisions, except in "very important" matters!

All this may sound like a joke, but it is the effect of the very serious explanation made to "Truth."

Nevertheless, the solid fact remains that the Trinkoons have been trying to get something done since last November, and have been precluded from working by their failure to get any sense out of the Council.

