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IN MEMORIAM. KAY.—In sad and loving memory of my dear father and dear mother, Andrew, who passed away on the 4th Dec. 1917.

Cricket Match Lapses. The Skipton cricketers visited Beaufort on Saturday afternoon to play a match with the local club.

Passing Aeroplane. On Tuesday morning at about 7.30 an aeroplane passed over Beaufort.

Police Court. There was a clean charge-sheet at the Beaufort police court on Monday.

The Month's Rainfall. The rainfall for November amounted to 34.9 points, against 68 points for the same month last year.

Working Bees. Eighteen residents took part in a working-bee at the Ripon War Memorial Park on Saturday afternoon.

Beaufort's War Trophy. The German machine gun allotted to Beaufort by the war trophy committee has been temporarily stored in the hall.

Children's Picnic. To celebrate the birthday of her little niece, Olive Anderson, Miss Olive Patterson entertained a party of 50 children and adults at a picnic at "Roughberry."

Waterloo War Trophy Unveiled. There was a large attendance of residents of Waterloo and district at the unveiling of the Waterloo War Trophy.

BEAUFORT A.N.A. Twelve members of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., met for a meeting on Tuesday night.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' LEAGUE. Seventeen members of the Ripon branch of the Returned Soldiers' League were present at the monthly meeting, held at the Shire Hall.

WEDDING. A quiet but pretty wedding took place at "Mena," Beaufort, on Wednesday.

ACRES OBJECTED TO. The president said that since last meeting the committee had discussed the matter of arranging a syllabus for the matter of land.

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It would tend to make the whole thing more valuable than it is. The soldiers had the very fact that the Government was asking too much for the land... Mr. Young - They must put the papers before the House if they fixed the price at £6. The soldiers would be charged above the value of the price.

Rev. A. H. Ross said that personally he did not see the object or purpose of this resolution. In the first place he does not know what effect it was going to have. Was it going to carry any weight with anyone at all? The president pointed out that until such time as the whole of the valuations were passed the Government were powerless to act.

Rev. A. H. Ross - The members had put up a fight and beaten the present Government, and were going on the place at their own price. It was said at last meeting that if the Government gave more than £6 per acre the extra money should come out of the consolidated funds.

Rev. A. H. Ross - As far as he could see they had got what they were after. Thirty thousand acres were more land than they wanted and they had got the price they wanted. If they made too much fuss about it now it would be thought that they were more anxious to break up estates than to get settled on land.

Rev. A. H. Ross - The amendment lapsed for want of a seconder. Mr. Young - There was one point that might be considered. If a man were ready to give £9 an acre for land worth £6, it could only be met this way. Because a man had a house worth £400 and sold it for £200 to a man who had plenty of money, he did not think that he was limited to £200.

The motion was carried by an overwhelming majority. Rev. A. H. Ross being the only dissentient. Rev. A. H. Ross then moved - "That in the event of portion of Trawalla Estate being sold by public auction, the sale be limited to returned soldier or sailor. After all this talk and struggle they would not like to see someone come in and buy it who was neither a soldier nor a sailor."

Mr. Young - That would not be public auction. Mr. Young - A soldier might buy it and transfer it after. There was nothing in the motion in that respect. The president - He differed from Mr. Young for once. Three thousand acres with such a valuable homestead was very little, and they would not get competitors for it.



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WOODCUTTERS wanted. Splendid maiden paddock. Also Horse Driver and Carters. J. T. GOOD, Wal Wal.

LEXTON STOCK SALE. MONDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1920. 1500 CROSSBRED, COMEBACK AND MERINO SHEEP. 10 HEAD CATTLE. 2 DRAUGHT HORSES.

BEAUFORT STOCK SALE. THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 1920. 3000 CROSSBRED, COMEBACK AND MERINO SHEEP. 20 HEAD MIXED CATTLE.

BEAUFORT CROQUET CLUB. GRAND OPENING OF Beaufort Croquet Club on SATURDAY Afternoon, 11th Decr. Gynkhana, Jumble Stall, and Refreshments. Proceeds to be divided between Mechanics' Institute and Croquet Club. Admission free.

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB. A GENERAL MEETING of the above club will be held at the Mechanics' Institute on TUESDAY evening, 7th inst., at 8 o'clock. Business - Arrange Entertainment, appoint sports officials, and General. A full attendance of members and intending members is requested.

SALE BY AUCTION. WEDNESDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1920. AT COMMERCIAL HOTEL, BEAUFORT. BUILDINGS FOR REMOVAL, BILLIARD TABLE.

THEO. W. SCHLICHT having been favored with instructions from Mrs. W. P. SCHLICHT, will sell the following - BILLIARD TABLE - 10 feet 6 in. by 5 feet 6 in. in good order.

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Hawkes Bros., BEAUFORT. SEASONABLE GOODS. We desire to bring under your notice a few lines we have that are specially suitable for this season of the year. E.P. WARE, CARVERS, * CLOCKS, etc., * GLASSWARE & CROCKERY, BRUSHWARE (LADIES' & GENTS'), TOBACCO POUCHES, LETTER WALLETS, SCENTS & SOAPS, WATCHES, ENAMEL BROOCHES, and PHOTO. FRAMES. Orders taken for Gold or Silver Watches and all classes of Jewellery. AGENTS FOR COOPER'S SHEEP DIPS, "JONES" SEWING MACHINE, ROYAL INSURANCE CO., HUPMOBILE CARS, BARNET GLASS TYRES.

CONFESSIONS OF A HYPNOTIST.

By ALLEN CARTER.

AT THE DEVIL'S BRIDGE.

One of the most popular places of resort of visitors staying in the neighbourhood of Aberystwyth is the delightful spot known to the natives as Pont-y-Mynach, and to the barba...

After dinner, which we took at the table d'hotel, Frank Seymour suggested a stroll on the terrace and we walked, Mrs. Seymour, complaining of a slight headache, preferring to retire to her room. The young fellow was full of his good fortune, as he considered it, in having secured so incomparably lovely a woman for his wife. We had not been chatting in the garden for more than ten minutes when a chance word started him in to a narration of how he had wooed and won the lady.

carries on after she has robbed me and left me in the lurch. Ah, you may frown, my lady. Looks won't kill, or I should have been done for long ago. Now, then, who is he?" "I decline to tell you," she repeated defiantly. "At any rate, he is a gentleman, and not a brute."

Forbes, stockman, Ballarat" were the only means of identification afforded. So far there was nothing to remove the case out of the category of accident or suicide. But at the inquest...

the attitude described by Mr. Seymour, and I could see by the fixity of her gaze that my work was done before I attempted it. She was in a state of self-imposed hypnosis. I touched her eyes and forehead and brought her out of the lethargic condition in which she was plunged, into the somnambulistic state, which was more favourable for the object...

Nothing Serious. She: "Why did you lose your temper so unfortunately at that game of cards?" He: "It was the only thing I had left to lose!"

Old Lady (to policeman at the corner): "I want the Bank of England." Police Policeman: "I'm afraid I can't let you have it, mum."

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Benefit by Experienced Dentist's Visit. Arrange Fees for Artificial Teeth, Etc.

W.E. THOMAS. Still in stock, strongest, nicest looking teeth, bought before the one hundred per cent. rise in price.

CALL FIRST VISIT.—Result satisfaction. RECENT TESTIMONIALS.—(Many Others) Also Regards Painless Extractions.

Twenty sets teeth my home, by South Australian, Victorian and English. Besides plates breaking, could not eat. Several months ago Mr. Thomas made an upper and lower; can masticate anything.

(Signed) G. GRAHAM, Mount Gambier. 4/11/1919.

Full plates you made for me can get on well with. Couldn't with others, which cost me ten guineas. (Signed) J. H. ERVIN, Woorok, Vic. 1/11/1919.

Two supplied me sets of teeth; discarded them. One set fitted satisfaction. From the other I was disappointed. (Signed) A. SMITH, Miram. 2/10/1919.

Three sets of teeth, but could not eat. Cost several pounds. Plates from W. E. Thomas chew any food. (Signed) J. E. FARMER, Narrieroote. 7/11/1919.

Two full upper and lower sets some miles from Nhil. Cost ten guineas. Could not masticate. W. E. Thomas made new plates. Can manage any food. (Signed) J. J. RILEY, 7/11/1919.

Full sets your system. Can chew anything from start; others cost me ten guineas. (Signed) G. HOFFMAN, Vic. 18/11/1919.

Plates made England; couldn't wear them. By W. E. Thomas' New System, can eat as well as with natural teeth. (Signed) S.J.H., Kanara. November 13, 1919.

Full upper lower plates constructed your new system. Masticate well from commencement. Others paid ten guineas elsewhere; no use. (Signed) R. RULE, Dimboola. 19/9/19.

Four plates, could not wear them. Broke and hurt. Yours, more than satisfied from the start. (Signed) A. G. HAYDEN, Border Town. 11/25/1919.

I and members my family teeth from you. Your system different. We were able at our own. No trouble as in other cases. (Signed) G. H. EVANS, Netherby, Nhil. 28/11/1919.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE. Address: W. E. THOMAS, Box G.P.O., Adelaide, Box G.P.O., Melbourne.

TESTIMONIAL.—Several people here told me to go to Thomas if I wanted good teeth with new method suction; so strong in full upper and lower that a direct pull my hardest hardly move them. They are just like my natural ones were. Would not take five thousand pounds to be without teeth now. Can eat and enjoy life, before could not. —Signed, J. Patterson, Kadina, July 14 1920.

"I see," said Ethel; "he was caught in the rain."

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BEREAVEMENT CARD. Mrs. Wm. Sutherland and family.

RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL. MONDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1920.

IN MEMORIAM. PANTHER.—In loving memory of our dear cousin.

The Riponshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1920.

Country Townspeople's League meet on Monday evening. Mr. O'Brien, motor engineer.

From Electricity Commissioners, forwarding under Electric Light and Power Act granted to Council.

From Public Health Department, regarding the health of the town.

road, and also the dangerous state of the culvert, and stating he would hold the council responsible.

The engineer (Mr. E. J. Muntz, B.C.E.) reported as follows:—The balance-sheet of the shire for the year ended 30th Sept., 1920, showed receipts amounting to £11,157/10/0.

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secretary, who had taken the books to the auditor's room and got them signed.

The books and accounts were finally settled and allowed as just and true, on motion of Cr. Stewart.

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PURCHASE OF SOCIETIES' HALL. COUNCILLORS DIVIDED IN OPINION.

The question of sanctioning the purchase by the North Riding of the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, was considered by the Council on Monday.

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Australian Natives' Association. THE FORTNIGHTLY MEETING of the Branch, N.A., will be held in the MCGEAN.

From City of Bendigo, thanking Council for supporting candidature of Andrew for Country Fire Brigades.

From Senior-constable J. T. Ellis, health inspector, Beaufort, reporting that he interviewed Mr. Turner, husband of licensee of Golden Age hotel.

From Beaufort Athletic Club, applying for use of Park, with right of admission to sports on Boxing Day.

From Victoria Railways (per Hon. Commissioner, M.A.), intimating that provision of cattle trucking facilities at Beaufort railway station.

From Mr. F. L. Wright, Snake Valley, applying, on behalf of Carrington Widows' and Orphans' Fund, for a grant to hold a race meeting at Carrington on 1st January.

From Mr. F. L. Wright, Snake Valley, asking for a culvert to be erected over the front of Royal Hotel.

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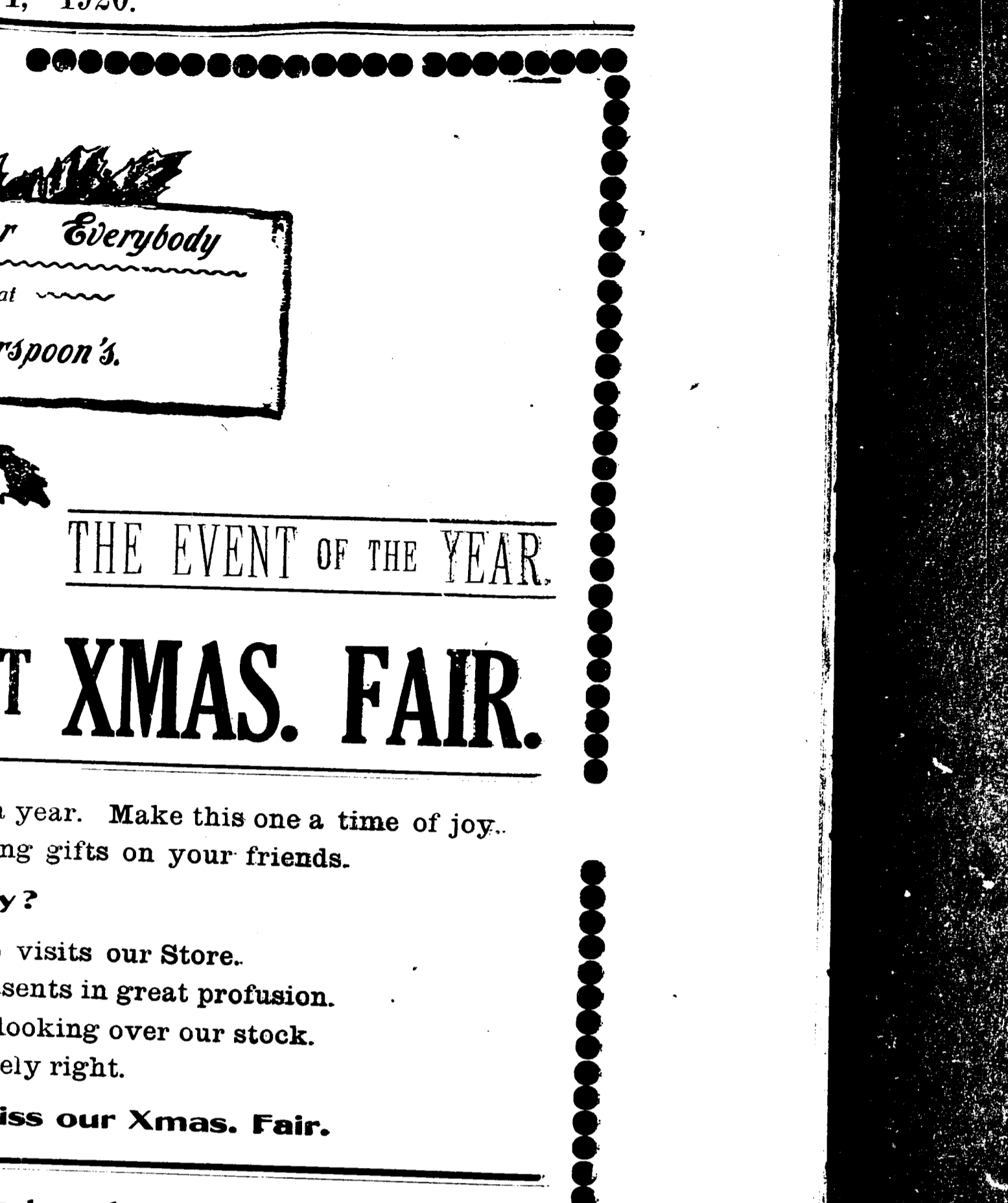
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He moved an amendment that it be not bought. Cr. R. Russell—It was very wide. According to that they had to pay their proportion. He wanted to know if the East Riding had paid for their proportion in connection with the purchase of this building. According to the way Cr. Halpin said it, he wanted to come with that point. Cr. Halpin—You are one of the wisest men of the East. You ought to know better than that. Cr. R. Russell—He agreed with Cr. Elder. The East Riding had a Mechanics' Hall and Sipton had one, and they did not come to the council asking for help. He thought that, if it were going to be a great paying proposition, there were a lot of very wealthy Beaufort people who could form a syndicate and take it. Cr. Sinclair—I would buy it myself tomorrow. Cr. R. Russell—Then buy it. Cr. Sinclair—They will not sell it to me. They are keeping it for the ratepayers. Cr. R. Russell—It was not fair to come here and ask the shire to purchase it, knowing that these buildings were in every little place in the riding, and the people had to maintain them. It seemed as if the Beaufort people were coming to the council for everything. As far as being concerned with Cr. McDonald, who was not present was of the same opinion—he was not favorable to any money from the East Riding being given them. The President—They did not want the East Riding money. It took them 12 months to convince Cr. R. Russell that they were not taking his riding's money for the electric light. Cr. Sinclair—They did not ask for a penny. The hall could be made to pay, and pay well. All they asked for was to be allowed to borrow £450. They had not asked them to pay for their sanitary service, water supply, or electric light. Plenty of individuals would give that money for the hall. If the council turned it down, then the trustees would do it on behalf of the Country Townspeople's League, to be converted into a factory. If it were to be turned into a factory, it would be turned into a factory. He believed there was a gentleman here who had people prepared to come straight into it and start a factory, almost at once, and a big proposition, too. They asked for leave to borrow the money and nothing more. Cr. Elder—You are asking us to back the bill. We are carrying the responsibility the same as you are. Cr. Sinclair—Have we ever asked you to pay for sanitary or water rates? Cr. Elder—He did not know whether they had or not, but the inhabitants of Beaufort were asking them to commit themselves to over £6000 a day. Cr. Halpin—You will not have to pay that. Cr. Elder—It had been suggested that the hall would return the council 6 per cent. If anyone considered that a paying proposition, he could not understand it. They could not borrow the money at 6 per cent. Cr. R. Russell—Cr. Sinclair had said they were not asking the council to pay their water rates. It was not until the last year or two that the water commission had to pay for it. He could not really agree with him. Cr. Halpin—He was a point of order. The water commission had nothing to do with the hall. Cr. R. Russell—He was here to represent the people and protect their interests. Cr. Halpin—You have not helped us to pay the interest on the overdraft. Cr. Sinclair—The Beaufort water supply had paid its own interest, and never got a penny from the East. Cr. Halpin—He suggested that the resolution was not worded quite in accordance with Cr. R. Russell's desire. The next time he gave notice of motion he would ask Cr. R. Russell to word it for him. The President—Cr. Elder had said that Mr. Pringle, speaking at the meeting, had said the hall was a white elephant. That was not the meaning here. It was a matter of something like £700 on the hall, as they had to raise the interest on that amount. The council would only have to pay interest on £450. The cost of the hall, as he believed, was something like £800. Cr. Halpin—They could buy the hall for £40 and repair it for £200. Six per cent would be £30. The hall was leased for £50 a year. It was bringing in £50 per cent. The President—They could let it for £50 a year for one night in the week to a picture show. Cr. Halpin—They would not be business men if they turned it down. Cr. Elder—He had always been under the impression that the North Riding was in a bad financial position. Two meetings ago they asked the West Riding for assistance out of a special rate, if they were not in a good financial position, why was it they opposed the rate at that time? Cr. Halpin—It was a good business proposition at 8 1/2 per cent. Cr. Elder—If they spent more money on that hall he doubted if they would get that. According to a gentleman on the deputation the only part of the hall that was much good was the floor. Cr. Halpin—The deputation was formed of business men, who were the influential men of Beaufort, or the brains. Cr. Sinclair—They and others in the council. (Laughter.) Cr. Halpin—You and I. (Laughter.) Cr. Sinclair—Cr. Elder said that the West Riding being used for the North Riding had not gone into the electric light, but was for the maintenance of roads to assist West Riding people to get to the railway station. The West should always help them, as they had not the drain on their funds the North had, which was the poorest.

The president—You are getting very wide. Cr. Sinclair—The money was to be put on roads leading from the West to Beaufort. He made bold to say that by far the greater proportion of the people who attended the hall came from outside. Frequently they had people there from Sipton, but perhaps not so many from Snake Valley. It was a great public convenience. If it were put on the light, they might perhaps give their sanction to the North Riding taking it on. He thought it a good idea that the North Riding members should be responsible, but it was hardly fair that these gentlemen should look what was, from a business point of view, a good proposition for the shire. Cr. Stewart—The whole trouble was that the whole shire was responsible. The president—Mr. Munniz had mentioned the fact that the three North Riding members and the other councillors, if they put it on the light, they would not be in a paying position and going back every year would strike an extra rate for the North Riding to make the proposition pay. They had the power to do that. Cr. Elder—It would be hardly fair to be particular case to other North Riding ratepayers outside Beaufort. The president—The people outside Beaufort use the hall as much as the townpeople. Cr. Halpin—In the case of the figures, they would not have an occasion for an extra rate. After further discussion of a conversational nature, the president said it was rather an awkward position he was placed in, but he had decided on a certain line of action. He felt that if the proposition were turned down to-day, there would be no guarantee that Cr. Sinclair or anyone else would buy the hall and keep it in Beaufort. He had been considering the matter very seriously, and he saw that there was a big chance of the public losing the hall, and he was going to take the responsibility of giving his casting vote in favor of purchasing the hall. (Hear, hear.) The matter would be further considered by the council, and he felt sure that anything further they did in the matter they would endeavor to serve the best interests of the ratepayers. He felt sure that if giving this vote he had done the right thing. He knew it would not meet with favor from everyone, but before bringing the matter up he convened a public meeting. This meeting was well attended, and he was very pleased that it was so representative. A motion being unanimously carried asking the council to purchase the hall. Since the meeting, as they always did, a few know-all had been saying he made a mistake, but these same people were not seen enough to do so. The public every day expressed their opinion. They stayed away, as they always did, and went round the town talking about what Cr. Halpin had said and did. He was quite prepared to take the responsibility of seeing that the hall was going to be kept in Beaufort for the ratepayers, and he also said that if, on further consideration, a better proposition could be put freeing the council, they would have no difficulty in getting rid of it at the purchase money they were paying to-day. They must grasp the opportunity. The trustees were to be congratulated for giving the public an opportunity of purchasing the hall, and they would be praising in their duty, not only as councillors, but as citizens, if they did not avail themselves of that opportunity. (Hear, hear.) The motion was therefore carried that the North Riding be empowered to purchase the hall. Cr. Stewart—It was a good thing Cr. McDonald was away. Mr. Wotherspoon, on behalf of the deputationists, thanked the council for their kindly consideration, and trusted that it would be a good thing. Cr. Sinclair—If any difficulty arose regarding the North Riding, the council would not be out of pocket, because he would give them £250. (Hear, hear.) Cr. Elder—If the public wanted to pay for the hall now? Cr. Sinclair—If the public came in, there would be no difficulty in handling over. Cr. Elder—He understood the North Riding had taken the financial responsibility. Mr. W. E. Thomas, the well-known dentist, may personally be consulted. Good staff of assistants. Thousands of the most beautiful artificial teeth brought before the rise in prices. Painless extraction. 11, New Street, Beaufort. Wednesday, 22nd Decr.—Advt. Messrs Crawford, Dowling & Seymour and W. H. Halpin & Son (in conjunction) will offer for sale by public auction, on Friday afternoon, at Messrs Halpin & Son's rooms, Beaufort, 37 1/2 acres of Stockyard Hill land, on a/c of executors of late Mr James Hannah.

RIPON WAR MEMORIAL. A WORKING BEE will be held at the Ripon War Memorial Park on TUESDAY EVENING, 13th inst., from 6.30 to 8 p.m. W. J. BRUCE JOHNSON, Hon. Secy. BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB. A GENERAL MEETING of the above club will be held at the Mechanics' Institute (billiard room) on TUESDAY night at 9 p.m. A PARKER, Secretary. LEXTON STOCK SALE. MONDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1920. At 2 p.m. 1500 CROSSBRED, COMEBACK, AND MERINO SHEEP. 10 HEAD CATTLE. 2 DRAUGHT HORSES. BEAUFORT STOCK SALE. THURSDAY, 16th DECR., 1920. At 2 p.m. 3000 CROSSBRED, COMEBACK, MERINO SHEEP. 20 HEAD MIXED CATTLE. KELLY & McDONALD will offer by Auction as above. Full particulars, KELLY & McDONALD, Auctioneers, Beaufort. BUANGOR STOCK SALE. WEDNESDAY, 22nd DECR., 1920. At 2 p.m. 1000 CROSSBRED, COMEBACK, MERINO SHEEP, CATTLE AND HORSES. KELLY & McDONALD will offer by Auction as above. Full particulars, KELLY & McDONALD, Auctioneers, Beaufort. SALE BY AUCTION. WEDNESDAY, 15th DECR., 1920. At 3 p.m. AT COMMERCIAL HOTEL, BEAUFORT. BUILDINGS FOR REMOVAL, BILLIARD TABLE. THEO. W. SCHLICHT having been favored with instructions from Mr. W. P. SCHLICHT, owing to the license of the Commercial Hotel having been surrendered, will sell the following: BILLIARD-ROOM AND BEDROOMS, 42 feet by 15 feet, pine weatherboards, pine floor, pine-lined throughout, galvanised iron roof (gable). This building is nearly new. OUTSIDE BEDROOMS—39 feet by 12 feet, with verandah, pine-lined, pine floor, iron roof (gable). BILLiARD TABLE—10 feet 6 in. by 5 feet 6 in. In good order. All these buildings are in splendid order, and are being sold on account of not being required after the license has been surrendered. Buildings may be removed after 1st January, 1921. For further particulars, apply to Auctioneer.



Country Townspeople's League. BEAUFORT BRANCH. A MEETING of the above Branch will be held in the Shire Hall, on MONDAY, December 13th, at 8 p.m. R. A. D. SINCLAIR, President, W. J. BRUCE JOHNSON, Secy.

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CHAPTER I—HIS FIRST HOUR IN AMERICA.

Among the first passengers to hurry down the gang-plank from the steamship Umbria when she arrived in New York was a young gentleman whose nationality could not have been mistaken by even the most unobservant. It was as plain as if the word "Englishman" had been stamped upon his ruddy cheeks. He carried in one hand a Gladstone bag, which seemed to give him no trouble of anxiety, and in the other a large canvas extension bag that pulled his shoulder for down by its weight, and carried his hat to be something between a hat and a stanger. "I say, my man," he cried, briskly as he approached a line of uniformed customs officials, "give a look at my luggage, quickly, will you? I haven't anything to spend in your country, and I want to be about my business."

"By all means, Mr. Tweed," responded the short man, hastily. "I am Nathaniel B. Meeker, and this is my partner, William Philbrick. We are the parties you expect to meet. I think you had better understand the thing in my partner's hand. It is a Gladstone bag. We have had to express it as so young a gentleman did we, but..." "I certainly didn't," responded Philbrick, emphatically. "I tell you frankly, Mr. Tweed, I'm more than half inclined to wish you good morning and a pleasant voyage home."

"I can give you some of the stun to sample at once. Shall we?" "By all means," answered Tweed, his eyes glowing with interest. Philbrick touched the bell-pull, and a moment later, the uniformed colored man opened the door. "Take this check to the parcel room," said Philbrick, "and bring up my bag."

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Nothing Serious. In spite of the fact that there was a notice on the gate—"No Admittance Except on Business"—a boy one day entered a timber yard and stood gazing around him. The foreman approached and asked what he was doing there. The youth replied, "I'm just looking round."

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MIDDLE CREEK.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A representative gathering assembled at the Middle Creek Public Hall on Tuesday evening, 30th ult., the occasion being a presentation and social evening tendered to Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Pickford and family, prior to their departure from the district to Ballarat, where they intend residing. Mr. H. Dunn, secretary of the hall, and after several gentlemen present had spoken very highly of the esteem in which the departing guests were held in the district. The chairman called on the Rev. W. C. Wood to present to Mr. and Mrs. Pickford, on behalf of the residents, a case of silver spoons and cake forks, and to Miss Mary Pickford, on behalf of the members of the local Church of England (for which Miss Pickford has acted as organist for some time), a copy of prayer books. The Rev. Mr. Wood, in making the presentation, referred to the good work that the Pickford family had done for the church at Middle Creek for many years. Mr. S. S. Pickford, on behalf of his wife, family, and himself, suitably responded, thanking the people for the social evening tendered to them and for the presentations, and also thanking the Rev. Mr. Wood and other speakers for the kind sentiments expressed. Songs were contributed by Messrs Boyd, Green, and J. McDonald and recitations by Miss Meek. Supper was served by the ladies present, and dancing was indulged in until about 2 a.m., the music being supplied by Messrs H. L. Perry (accordion) and H. Dunn (violin); several ladies assisting at the piano.

Haycutting is about completed in the district, and there are some very fine crops of hay. Oats also promise well, but prices ruling for these at present are not remunerative, considering the high cost of production, and any farmers having barns to store in, will hold them for some time.

Mr. W. P. Edward's late residence in Neill street, Beaufort, which was recently purchased by the Education Department for a teacher's residence, was shifted to the Departmental site in Sturt street during last week. Ex. Cr. and Mrs. W. H. Hedge, who are removing to Melbourne, were farewelled by the Lexton people on Monday night, 6th inst., and were the recipients of presentations from the residents, the returned soldiers, and the A.N.Z. Mr. Percy Kelly, of Beaufort, was among the speakers, and Mrs. Kelly, Miss A. Harris, and Mr. J. F. Watherspoon (Beaufort) contributed to the musical programme.

Two fine enlarged photographs have been on view in Mr. G. C. Bennett's window, and have been much admired. One is a view of Lawrence street from the south end looking towards Camp hill, and the other is of the local bowling green with the State school in the background.

The grounds of the Waterloo Mechanics' Hall, which are well sheltered by large pine trees, were utilised by the Beaufort troop of Boy Scouts on 4th and 5th insts. for a week-end bivouac. The boys marched the five miles out and home, but Mr. W. Bennett kindly took the heavier part of their camping-out equipment to Waterloo in a vehicle. Scoutmaster T. F. Grantley was in charge of the boys, who went through a course of physical and field training during their stay at Waterloo.

The following district sales were effected at the Ballarat stock market on Tuesday, 7th inst.—8 bullocks, Mr. R. Roberts, Skipton, £15/15/ to £19/10/; 20 crossbred and comback ewes 29/1 to 22/4; 40 lambs (shorn), averaging 27/4; 39 crossbred ewes, Mr. J. Lane, Beaufort, to 24/7.

The results of the annual examinations again reflect great credit upon the head teacher of the Beaufort State school (Mr. W. H. Evans) and his staff. The merit certificate examination the following passed fully—Marjorie Fullerton, Olive Hawkins, Gladys McCaughey, Ernest East, Alan Vowles, John Pearce, failed in one subject and allowed further trial—Alma Holdsworth, Gerty Holdsworth, Eileen O'Sullivan, Nora Lynch, Mary Kerrigan, Honora Lanning. There were 13 candidates. Qualifying certificate examination—Passed fully—William Hill, Blanche Williams, Eric Wilson, Lindsay Watherspoon, William Day, Clive Noble, Mollie Glover, Frank Ellis, Reginald Pringle, William Watkins, Fred Haines, Edward Roberts, Lavenia Vowles. There were 21 candidates. This qualifying examination establishes another record for the school. List of prize winners in the different grades.—All pupils who gain a merit certificate are presented with a 5/- book by the members of the School Committee. This year other gentlemen have kindly come forward and offered prizes in other grades as follows: Grade VI—William Hill, 1st prize (the gift of Mr. G. C. Bennett); grade V—William Glover, 1st prize (the gift of Cr. W. H. Dunn); grade IV—Boysie Hall, 1st prize (the gift of Cr. D. R. Hannah, shir-president); grade III—Elsie Morvell, 1st prize (the gift of Cr. D. R. Hannah); grade II—Marjorie Norman and Jean Glover, equal 1st prize (gift of Cr. Hannah); grade I—Edna Hobson, 1st prize (the gift of staff); grade VII—Kathleen Murphy, 1st prize (gift of staff). The prizes were presented at the annual break-up concert at the Parish Hall on Friday, 17th inst. A geography excursion to Lake Wendouree took place on Friday, 18th inst. The successful candidates for merit and qualifying certificates took part.

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The appointment of Mr. Sinclair as referee at the Beaufort Athletic Club's Boxing Day sports was inadvertently omitted from the list of sports officials published in our last issue.
Mr. W. H. Halpin, honorary auctioneer, conducted the sale of the rights to the boxing of the Beaufort Athletic Club's Boxing Day sports on Saturday afternoon. The luncheon booth was purchased by Mr. Les. Miles for £1, and £3. The public's booth had been disposed of privately to Mr. Robt. Taylor, of Ballarat, but owing to some unpleasantness arising therefrom, and two local residents (who claimed to be buyers, although not holding a publican's license), objecting to its not being submitted to public auction, Mr. Halpin phoned Mr. Taylor, who generously consented to its being offered to public competition. It was put up by auction and bought by Mr. Taylor for £16.
A well-attended public meeting convened by the Ballarat Progress Association, was held at Lexton on Saturday, 4th inst., to advocate an extension of the railway, which now terminates at Waubra, through Lexton to connect with the Ararat-Avon-Maryborough line. Messrs Gilbert Smith and James Grant, of Chure (soldier settlers) were among the speakers who emphasised the advantages of such an extension.

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT. MONDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1920. (Before Messrs D. P. Troy and A. H. Sands, J's.P.) LICENSING PROSECUTION. Constable A. G. Evans charged Marie Anne Halpin, licensee of the Camphill Hotel, Beaufort, with having her bar open on Sunday, 31st October, at 10:30 a.m.

VISIT OF FORESTS COMMISSION. REQUESTS FOR MILL SITES. The Forests Commission visited Beaufort on Wednesday, 8th inst., in company with Mr. T. D. Bailes (Crown Land Bailiff) inspected the forests on Mt. Cole and tablelands in the area...

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Mr Seager—He was rather inclined to think that it would be difficult for a small mill to supply it cheaply...

Mr Deblee—In the event of my going along with Mr Bailes and seeing sufficient timber there to encourage me...

Mr Bailes—If they cut that timber from land under his control, he would not have allowed it to go.

Mr Bailes—He would make him determined as to what he was going to do in future. A man had to take on a license, which cost...

Mr Jones—What would be the largest continuous area of that country? Were there any rabbits there that might get on to 12 acres...

Mr Bailes—The Commission wished him to go there to confirm their statement that on the Mount and tablelands there were utterly unripe forests...

Mr Bailes—He had noticed a reference to stringy bark saplings being cut for damage poles, and that the Shire Council had asked the Government not to specify stringy bark...

Mr Bailes—It was not a pity to see it when applejack was just as good for that purpose, and there was no need to use stringy bark.

Mr Bailes—Which one are you going for, Mrs Wetherston? (Laughter.) Mrs Wetherston—Will you tell your afterwards. (Laughter.)

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BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB.

BOMBING DAY SPORTS' HANDICAPS.

The following are the handicaps for the above Club's Boxing Day sports...

Table with columns for Name, Yds., and Odds. Includes names like F. E. Field, North Melbourne...

Flery Creek Handicap, 220 yds., £8; acceptance, 1/6. Beaufort Handicap, 440 yds., £8; acceptance, 1/6.

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One-mile Bicycle Race, £8; acceptance, 2/7. Half-mile Bicycle Race, £5; acceptance, 1/4.

AGRIAN PUBLIC HALL.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the above hall on TUESDAY, 22nd inst., at 8.30 o'clock...

Advertisement for J. R. WOTHERSPOON & CO., BEAUFORT (ALSO AT BANGOR). Includes 'Presents for Everybody' and 'OUR GREAT XMAS FAIR'.

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THE Unveiling Ceremony of the late Rev. Alexander Adam, M.A., will take place at the Beaufort Presbyterian Church...

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BY MORRIS COLBORN.

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Mr. Knagg: "I don't see what you had to complain of. Haven't you been married?" His Wife: "Well, I didn't marry the best man at our wedding."

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SHIRE OF RIPON.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 30th September, 1920.

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, Total Accounts, Receipts, and Balance. Includes sub-sections for RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE with various categories like Rates, Taxes, and Salaries.

Supplement to 'The Riponshire Advocate', Saturday, 18th December, 1920. Includes various notices, testimonials, and advertisements.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 30th September, 1920.

RECEIPTS.	Total of Accounts.	North Riding.	East Riding.	West Riding.	Beaufort Water Supply.	Trust Accounts.	EXPENDITURE.	Total of Accounts.	North Riding.	East Riding.	West Riding.	Beaufort Water Supply.	Trust Accounts.
To Balances, October 1, 1919	£4 10 6				£268 9 7	£333 4 3	By Balances, October 1, 1919	£1963 1 2	£1131 19 6	£665 10 4	£762 14 8		
Contractors' Deposits	58 10 0					58 10 0	Audit Fees	15 4 6	4 11 4	3 19 2	6 14 0		
Dog Fees	170 2 6	149 17 6	£55 0 0	£65 5 0	59 12 6		Advertising	39 11 8	11 17 7	10 5 9	17 8 4		
Repatriation Grant	380 15 0	29 12 0	134 15 3	156 15 3			Contracts	1086 6 10	182 14 0	91 2 3	279 12 9	£532 17 10	
Joint Works—Araaral Shire	64 17 3	2 5 0		62 12 3			Contractors' Deposits	195 5 0					195 5 0
" Grenville Shire	2 7 0		2 7 0				Charities	156 0 0	46 16 0	40 11 2	68 12 10		68 12 10
" Lexton Shire	8 8 0	8 8 0					Dog Fees' Commission	83 12 6	23 12 6	27 10 0	32 10 0		32 10 0
Court Fines	17 5 0	5 3 6	4 9 9	7 11 9			Deputation and Travelling Expenses	22 12 6	6 15 9	5 17 5	9 19 4		9 19 4
Influenza Receipts	51 17 6	18 4 2	19 6 3	14 7 1	1 9 0		Electric Light Expenses	10 12 0	3 4 0	2 15 2	4 12 10		4 12 10
Interest on Rates	17 9 6	4 16 3	4 3 3	7 1 0	152 17 9		Influenza Expenses	14 9 4	14 9 4				
Joint Water Supply Receipts	152 17 9						Health Act	38 9 5	7 2 1	28 2 2	3 5 2		3 5 2
Licenses	158 0 0	103 0 0	50 0 0	5 0 0			Interest on Overdraft	65 5 8	19 11 9	16 19 8	28 14 3		28 14 3
Lake Goldsmith Fees	119 15 0			119 15 0			Joint Works—Hampden Shire, £15 18 4	130 7 3	36 2 2	31 5 11	52 19 2	10 0 0	
Miscellaneous Receipts (including hire of plant)	£332/2/6 649 8 1	195 19 6	168 6 4	284 1 3	1 1 0		" Grenville Shire, 1 9 4	17 7 8		9 8 6	7 19 2		
Endowment on Rates	221 0 0	126 0 0	37 5 0	57 15 0			Lake Goldsmith Expenses	82 7 6			7 19 2		
Pound Fees	27 1 2	8 2 4	7 0 10	11 18 0			Miscellaneous	147 5 11	44 17 8	38 0 11	64 7 4		
Pound Trust	13 6 6					13 6 6	Office Cleaning	26 10 0	7 19 0	6 17 11	11 13 1		
General Rates—Current	5488 0 3	1666 18 3	1420 6 9	2400 15 3			Pound Expenses	5 19 4	1 15 9	1 11 1	2 12 6		
Arrears	123 10 0	49 1 0	23 16 6	50 12 6	492 2 9		President's Allowance	85 0 0	25 10 0	22 2 0	37 8 0		
Water Rates—Current	524 17 3		32 14 6	3 5 0	62 8 9		Petty Cash	47 6 8	14 4 0	12 6 2	20 16 6		
Arrears	65 13 9		3 5 0				Printing	45 4 6	13 11 4	11 15 4	19 17 10		
Sanitary Fees—Current	240 2 6	196 10 0	21 16 3	21 16 3			Overpaid Rates	1 2 6	0 6 3	0 16 3			
Arrears	71 13 6	47 6 6	12 3 6	12 3 6			Reserves	192 7 1	127 13 11	0 16 3	63 16 11		
Reserves	61 19 3	37 18 8	5 1 3	18 19 4			Road Rolling	16 10 0	9 0 0	9 0 0	7 10 0		
Weighbridge Fees	45 3 6	18 19 6	7 4 6	18 19 6			Salaries	732 10 0	219 11 0	179 5 0	333 14 0		
Wire Netting Refund	30 0 0	30 0 0					Sanitary Expenses	281 3 6	257 15 6	11 14 0	11 14 0		
Sheep Dipping Fees	56 6 7			56 6 7			Snake Valley Water Supply	3 0 0	3 0 0				
Bank Overdraft	£2355 15 2				1038 1 4	405 0 9	Street Lighting	96 5 10	79 13 4	12 18 4	3 14 2		
Cheques outstanding	7 2 8						Weighbridge Fees' Commission	22 17 6	9 11 8	3 14 3	9 11 7		
Cash in hand	2362 17 10						Water Loan and Interest	77 10 8					
Transfer Pound Trust to Municipal Fund	11,187 8 2	8 0 2	6 18 9	11 14 10	40 0 0	26 13 9	Government Municipal Loan and Interest	126 3 2	51 17 0	27 12 0	46 14 2	77 10 8	
Transfer a/c.—General Expenses		12 0 0	10 8 0	17 12 0			Sheep Dipping Expenses	39 0 9			39 0 9		
Ridings' Balances		2618 2 4	2026 8 8	3401 1 4	998 1 4	378 7 0	Maintenance Works, Country Roads Board	904 15 11	271 8 9	235 4 11	398 2 3		
		1112 7 8	363 3 0	357 19 4	704 8 1		Permanent Works, Country Roads Board	310 3 3	93 1 0	80 12 10	136 9 5		
	£11,187 8 2	£3,730 10 0	£2,389 11 8	£3,759 0 8	£1,702 9 5	£378 7 0	Joint Water Supply	616 12 11	415 4 3	437 1 5	345 11 9	616 12 11	
							Maintenance	1420 19 2	600 10 8	355 11 4	838 6 9	223 1 9	
							Repatriation Grant Works	59 12 6			59 12 6	59 12 6	
							Day Labor	1977 2 6	7 2 11	6 4 2	10 9 8	182 13 9	7 14 9
							Pound Trust	7 14 9					
							Stationery	23 16 9					
							Balances						
								11187 8 2	3730 10 0	2389 11 8	3759 0 8	1702 9 5	202 19 9
								£11,187 8 2	£3,730 10 0	£2,389 11 8	£3,759 0 8	£1,702 9 5	£378 7 0

1st October, 1920.

NORMAN B. ACTON, Shire Secretary.

THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS, SHIRE OF RIPON.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to report the completion of the audit of the books and accounts of the Shire for the year ended 30th September, 1920, and to my having certified to the correctness of same. The rates uncollected at the close of the financial year amounted to £797/7/3, which, compared with the previous year, viz., £179/2/9, show a considerable reduction, for which the Rate Collector is to be commended. The estimate of expenditure has been reasonably adhered to. The books and accounts were presented to me by your Secretary in excellent order.

Yours faithfully,

E. SHATTOCK, Govt. Municipal Auditor.

Finally examined, settled, and allowed as just and true, by a resolution of the Council, this 6th day of December, 1920.

D. R. HANNAH, President.

BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute met on Monday evening. Present—Messrs D. Stevenson (vice-president), Acton (secretary), Cogle, A. L. Wotherspoon, Sinclair, Parker, J. A. Harris, and Dr. G. A. Eadie. David F. Troy, Beaufort, wrote as follows:—"I notice by report in our local press that you have expended about £22 in making a croquet lawn, which I doubt very much will return interest, let alone principal, to the Institute. The object of the lawn is a good one, but you did wrong in making use of the subscribers' money without their permission. That section of your members who are readers all have the same complaint, that you do not purchase sufficient new books, and, in fact, many are getting tired of paying, and you will be wise if you speed up the purchasing of books. The building is getting into bad repair, and the inside is very shabby, and before long will need a lot of expenditure. Trusting to see an improvement in the new book supply very shortly,—Yours faithfully, David F. Troy."

Mr Wotherspoon thought that was hot. In answer to Mr Sinclair, he explained how the croquet lawn came to be formed. The estimated cost was £15, but the actual cost was £26 or £27, which was reduced to £22 by the sale and use of firewood. Mr Sinclair said there was some argument in what Mr Troy said about the books, but the very fine effort made by the ladies on Saturday would practically wipe the debt out, which should satisfy Mr Troy. It was decided to receive the letter and inform Mr Troy that the ladies had wiped the debt out. Mr Wotherspoon expressed surprise at such a letter being sent to the committee, which, to some extent, was a slur upon them. He was quite sure there was not one member of the committee who desired to waste the Institute's money. Their idea was to get a return for the outlay. He did not know whether it was intended as a set at him or the committee. As the mover of the idea, he would have planked down the money himself, if there had been a loss, rather than see the Institute suffer. The idea was to provide recreation for the ladies who did not play tennis, and he maintained that they had gained a valuable asset by getting the

ladies interested in the Institute. The ladies deeply appreciated the efforts of the committee in forming a club, and were prepared at any time to assist the Institute in return. The proceeds of the ladies' effort on Saturday afternoon amounted to £21, which had been made up to £22, and in handing over a cheque for that amount, Mr Wotherspoon asked that the ladies be credited with paying off the cost of the croquet lawn, and, at the same time, that their suggestion that £10 be spent in new books be given effect to. He moved accordingly. Seconded by Mr Sinclair, and carried; Mr Cogle remarking that he thought Mr Troy would be sorry that he had written the letter.

Mr Sinclair then moved that the best thanks of the committee be tendered to the ladies, that they be congratulated upon forming a croquet club, and that this committee join in wishing them every success. Seconded by Mr Cogle, and carried.

It was decided, on motion of Messrs Wotherspoon and Parker, to allow the ladies the free use of a room once a month for their meetings.

Mr Stevenson undertook to attend to the water-taps.

The secretary was empowered, on motion of Dr. Eadie and Mr Wotherspoon, to pay the January accounts.

The secretary's financial statement showed that the receipts for the past month amounted to £15 8/9 and that the debit balance was £28 10/.

Accounts amounting to £15/8/9 were passed for payment.

The chairman and secretary were empowered to get the yard cleaned up and gates fixed, on motion of Dr. Eadie and Mr Harris.

The chairman offered an equivalent in hardwood for a pine ping-pong board to make a screen for an outbuilding, which was accepted.

The chairman wished members the compliments of the season, and these good wishes were reciprocated.

Mr Les Stevenson, of Beaufort, underwent an operation in Melbourne last week for nasal trouble. He is employed at the local State Savings Bank. Mr Ellis, son of Senior-constable Ellis, of Beaufort, is acting as relieving official.

Mr V. J. Parson, of Raglan, was attending to some chickens in his poultry yard at Raglan on Tuesday, when he disturbed a tiger snake, which passed his arm like a flash without striking him. Mr Parson, who had been missing chickens for some time, afterwards killed the reptile.

The Lake Goldsmith and Stockyard Hill district honor board was unveiled at the Lake Goldsmith State school yesterday (Friday). The ceremony took place in the presence of a large gathering of residents. The principal speaker was Mr W. Brazenor, of Bal-larat (an ex-colonel of the A.I.F.).

Eleven members of the Beaufort Football Club attended the wind-up meeting on Tuesday night, Mr Percy Kelly (president) presiding. Routine correspondence was received. The general balance-sheet, which was adopted and regarded as highly satisfactory, showed receipts amounting to £69/7/ and expenditure to £63/15/, leaving a Cr. balance of £5/12/. The

balance-sheet of the conveyance committee showed liabilities amounting to £11/8/. It was estimated that the collection of travelling expenses owing by several members and £1/10/ due for outstanding members' tickets would practically wipe out this debt. It is worthy of note that debts amounting to £7/9/9 taken over from the previous year were wiped out early in the season. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the secretary (Mr A. J. Saph, whose fine work for the club received well deserved praise), the enthusiastic president, and Mrs Miles, Mr McCaughey, and other supporters. As the club will have the use of the Park next winter, a very successful season is anticipated, in view of the fact that the one just closed was the best for many years, in spite of the inconvenient situation of the football ground.

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I and members my family teeth from you. Your system different. We were able fit our own. No trouble as in other cases. G. H. EVANS, 28/11/19. Netherby, Nhili.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE. Address: W. E. THOMAS, Box G.P.O., Adelaide, Box G.P.O., Melbourne.

BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB. BOXING DAY SPORTS' HANDICAPS.

The following are the handicaps for the above Club's Boxing Day sports. Acceptances close with the secretary (Mr A. Parker, Beaufort), on Tuesday, 22nd inst. Pen fees must be paid. Interested competitors are requested to notify their acceptance as early as possible, so that their names may be included in the official programme. The Sheffield starts at 10.30 a.m.

Sprint Handicap, 75yds., £8. acceptance, 1/6. Sheffield Handicap, 130yds., £27. acceptance, 2/.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Yds., and Acceptance. Includes names like F. E. Field, North Melbourne, G. H. Goonan, Carlton, etc.

Fiery Creek Handicap, 220yds., £8. acceptance, 1/6. Beaufort Handicap, 440yds., £8. acceptance, 1/6. 220yds. Yds. Yds.

Handicaps of J. L. Milburn (Albert Park) and A. C. Phillips (Albert Park) withheld until conditions are complied with.

Handicaps declared 3 p.m. Monday, 13/12/20. ARTHUR JAMES, V.A.L. Handicapper, Geelong (late of Kyneton).

Notice to Ladies. If your hair is falling do not neglect it, for delay often proves disastrous. Call and receive expert advice free from M. PATERSON, HAIR SPECIALIST AND HAIR WORKER.

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Mr. GEORGE GONG TONG, JUNIOR, Chinese Herbalist, of 23 Peel St. Ballarat, has just returned after an absence of 2 years in China, and desires to notify the public that he may be consulted at Halpin's Camp Hotel on Thursday, January 6th.

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COUNTRY TOWN PEOPLE'S LEAGUE. The third round of wool sales was completed in Geelong on Thursday, 16th inst., the total offering of the brokers amounting to 11,000 bales.

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT. MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 1920. (Before Messrs W. Harris, P. and D. F. Troy, J.P.)

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Advertisers, correspondents, and subscribers are requested to note that, in the holidays, there will be no issue of 'The Riponshire Advocate' on Saturday, 1st January.

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For the past few years the Beaufort railway station has been undermanned. Some members of the staff being called on to work 12-hour shifts.

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Fatty's Ghost.

It was Christmas Eve. The church clock had struck the hour of nine, and the streets of North Shields appeared to be nearly deserted. And no wonder for it was a bitter cold, cheerless night—a cutting east wind blowing in fitful gusts, accompanied by a dreary fall of snow which was fast covering the earth with a mantle of white.

that you were one of the crew. Ch. Fatty, my heart is so full of joy at your return! And this morning I should have just opened the purse, and fifty bright golden guineas had rolled into her lap—"this money, Fatty—all this gold! I never saw so much Fatty—take it. I could not think of depriving you of your hard earnings. Here—" "Keep it, Nan; it is for you. Heaven be praised, I have plenty more. I am rich, my lass. If you only knew the amount of gold and precious stones I have upon me, you would call me a Nabob! There, lass, keep what you have got; you shall have more when that's done. I was not in India nearly ten years for nothing. I worked hard, and Fortune smiled upon me. It's no good crying, Nan. Dry up your tears, look up your gold, and we'll have a jolly Christmas—"

then he would go off to bed, and leave them in wonderment. He put his hand into his breast pocket, and pulled out a leather bag, securely fastened with a string, and exhibited to the wondering gaze of his parents over two hundred bright golden guineas. "Laws-a-me!" ejaculated the old man. "Gracious me, what a sight!" "The eyes of the old man twinkled as he gazed glottingly upon the heap of gold, and his nether lip twitched nervously. "You appear surprised," said Fatty, with a happy smile, "but what do you think of this?"

As he spoke he took from the same pocket a roll of bank-notes, and exhibited them to the eager gaze of his parents. The breath seemed to be entirely taken out of the old lady, and she sat in the corner, lifting up her arms in amazement, utterly unable to say a word. A sickly, deathly pallor stole for a moment over the old man's countenance, as he murmured, in a choking voice: "And have you brought all that from India?" "Well, not this exactly, but its equivalent. My treasures were chiefly in precious stones; but I disposed of a great number of them on my arrival in Liverpool to a lapidary there."

"Precious stones!" echoed the old man. "Precious stones!" repeated the old woman, now recovering from her bewilderment. "Ay," rejoined Fatty, putting his notes and gold back into his pocket. "Ay, you shall just see a few." He took from his pocket a ponderous clasp-knife, opened the keen blade, and then, unbuttoning his waistcoat, cut an opening in a leather belt that was around his waist, and took therefrom a small packet. This he opened, and now the bewilderment of the old couple reached its climax. The packet contained diamonds and rubies, and emeralds, hundreds of pounds, and they sparkled and flashed their divers brilliant lights in such marvellous combinations of colour that one might almost have thought some kind fairy had suddenly entered the room, and with her magic wand changed it into a dazzling world of splendour.

Again that deathly pallor settled upon the old man's face, but Fatty noticed it not. He closed his case of precious stones, replaced the packet in his belt, drank off another glass of toddy, and requested the old woman to show him to his room. She obeyed mechanically, for she was so amazed at the vast amount of wealth she had seen that she could not find words to express her thoughts. The old man appeared to be in the same state, so without comment he gave his guest a hearty grip of the hand, and bade him good night. The next instant Fatty ascended the stairs, followed by the old dame. When the old man was left alone, his countenance became almost ghastly in expression. His face was ashy pale, his lips white, his jaws clenched, and his eyes glaring with a very strange light. When his wife returned with the light and saw his countenance, she first gave a sudden start. Her first thoughts were that the sight of the wealth had turned his brain.

"Hist!" he muttered. "Come here," and he clutched her wrist nervously. "Betty," he whispered in her ear, as he drew her to a seat beside him, "sit there, now, quiet as a mouse, and don't breathe a word for half an hour. There's the Betty—for such a name—obeyed tremblingly. His looks terrified her, and all manner of strange and dreadful thoughts passed through her mind, as she watched her husband zazing intently upon the clock. Minutes seemed to be with excitement as they passed slowly away. At last the old man gave his wife's wrist another nervous clank. "Hark!" he whispered. "What's that?" "Why, it is our lodger snoring," replied the wife, as calmly as her excitement would allow her—"he sleeps soundly, and soundly, too."

"That's well," muttered the old man, with that same demon light gleaming in his eyes. "Now we can talk, Betty; but, mind, not above your breath." "Go on," replied the wife, anxious to ascertain the cause of her husband's strange conduct. "Look you here, Betty," he said, "we have been poor all our lives, and we've worked as hard as anybody." "Well?" exclaimed Betty, excitedly. "Well," echoed the tempter, in a low sinister voice, "haven't we a wealth within our grasp?" "What! what!" muttered the excited woman. "You would have said, 'Hush!' exclaimed the tempter, putting his finger to his lips. "Listen to me. Our lodger doesn't know the amount of his wealth, and we must have some of it?"

The wife caught eagerly at the words of the tempter, for in her nature she was as covetous as her husband. She had feared that his head had been turned, and that he contemplated foul play; but these last words assured her, and she lent herself a willing victim to his proposals. "You are sure that he would not miss it?" "Not he," muttered the old man; "I would only just take a little," and he gave her an assuring grip of his hand. He took off his heavy boots and his coat, and then glided stealthily upstairs to the room of the sleeping man. He found the bedroom door ajar, and could hear that his guest slept soundly. "Tis well," he muttered. "I must honour our guest with the best bed-room."

NOTHING SERIOUS.

Old Ebenezer was whitewashing his barn one morning with a brush that contained very few bristles. The squire happened to pass, and said: "Why don't you get a brush with more bristles in it, Ebenezer?" "What for, squire?" asked the old man. "What for?" shouted the squire. "Why, man, if you had a brush with more bristles in it you could do twice as much work."

"Henry," said Mrs. Style, "I must have a new motor-car." "Good heavens, woman!" exclaimed Mr. Style. "What's the matter with the car I bought you six months ago? Didn't you choose the upholstery yourself? And didn't you have every contrivance you could think of put into it, by which you added nearly six hundred pounds to the original price?"

In a club one evening a well-known actor was telling a story to a number of fellow-players, and there was also present a novelist who suffered from insomnia. The company, with the exception of the writer, roared at the story. "What's the matter?" one of the other men asked him. "Nothing." "Why don't you laugh at that good story?" "Well, it's this way. I am going to save it until I get home. I find that I can always sleep better when I go to bed laughing."

Pushing his broken-down handcart in front of him, the man made the sweet suburban air hideous with his howls. "Any rags!" he shrieked. "Any old iron!" Stopping before the door of the neat little house, he knocked and waited till a careworn man answered his summons. "Go away!" he snapped. "There's nothing for you; my wife is away." The merchant, of cast-iron property looked at his victim and noted the tired lines round the eyes and mouth, and the trembling hands. Then he asked meekly: "Any old bottles, guv'nor?"

The charge was one of being drunk and disorderly. The prisoner was a stout young man in a well-cut but polished evening-dress suit. The policeman who made the arrest was giving evidence, and the magistrate began asking some very searching questions. "What did the prisoner do that made him guilty of disorderly behaviour?" he demanded. "Well, your honour," replied the constable, "he was arguing at the top of his voice with a taxi-driver."

YOU AND YOUR MOTOR-BIKE.

According to experts, thousands of gallons of petrol are wasted annually by inefficient engines in cars and aeroplanes, while lack of attention on the part of drivers accounts for further loss of fuel. The average motor cyclist obtains so many miles to the gallon of fuel compared with the consumption of a car that he does not realize that, in all probability, he can effect a saving. Petrol is more useful when turned into gas to drive the engine than when running to waste down a leaking pipe.

Soap is cheaper than petrol to clean one's hands. When filling a bucket from a tap it does not matter if it overflows; but when a pint of petrol is spilled while filling the tank of a motor cycle, it has gone as expensively! The laws of the country do not permit unlimited speeds, and so the average man "fifty-five" is as good as "sixty," especially if he has a speedometer that slightly exaggerates his speed—as most of them do. In many cases a smaller jet can be used, which will make the difference in speed referred to, but it requires also the petrol bill, and the difference between fifty miles per gallon and even fifty-five miles per gallon in a season's running is considerable.

If the carburettor drips when standing—stop it! Either lower the level or make a habit of turning off the petrol at every stop. It is a good practice in any case, for there are such things as leaking unions. If such leaks are discovered, tighten up the unions: it takes but a minute. There is no need to run the engine when the machine is stationary and the rider is engaged in conversation with a friend. Benzole is cheaper than petrol and quite as good. It not only wastes fuel to accelerate in starting away, but the rate of tyre is shortened. A rider should also drive on his throttle, and not merely cut out by raising his exhaust valve. He should use as much air as possible—it costs nothing.

Keep his tyres hard, and free from oil and needless exposure to the sun. High speeds are expensive. Fifty miles at twenty-five miles per hour cost a great deal more than the same distance at twenty miles per hour. To climb hills on top gear with a labouring engine uses more fuel and sets up more wear than if the gradient is taken easily on second speed. An engine running slowly on a rich mixture takes more from the tank than when the engine is working at a higher speed but on a lighter load. A considerable saving can be effected by "free" running down long gradients with the engine disengaged, and either stationary or just ticking over.

If this is done when the gear level is in neutral, the rider should remember to wait until the speed has dropped to a "crawl" before engaging the gear. Then the top gear should be used, care being taken to hold the clutch right out until the gear is in, and then apply gently, when the momentum of the machine acting through the clutch will start the engine if the carburettor levers are set for starting. The compressed gas on the upper side of the piston should not be allowed to escape past the valves if they require grinding in, or past the piston rings if these are gummed up. It is important that lubrication should not be neglected. The gearbox and wheel bearings should receive frequent attention.

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Christmas-midnight! The father and mother of Fatty were in the house where the treasure had been concealed. The old woman mounted a stool and peered behind a beam in the roof where she had placed it; but the treasure was gone. She gave a sharp terrified cry, and leaped from the stool with the agility of a young woman, and then, clutching to her husband's arm as if for protection, she shrieked: "murdered your own son—Fatty!"