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BOWLS.
REDS SUFFER REVERSE.
On Thursday night the Reds suffered a reverse in a four-rink match...

OBITUARY.
MRS. ALMA R. V. CROCKER.
The death of Mrs. Alma Ruth Victoria Crocker, wife of Mr. John Alfred Crocker...

THE ROOSTER BADGE.
Help in the matter of the rooster badge, and subsequent beat...

IN MEMORIAM.
A well-attended funeral service was held at the Baptist Church last afternoon...

THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.
Published every Saturday morning.
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SAURON'S REPORT.
The following report by the engineer of the Beaufort Thistle Club...

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CRICKET.

RIPON COMPETITION. WATERLOO V. BEAUFORT.

A highly-contested match was played between Waterloo and Beaufort on Tuesday, 17th inst. The Waterloo team, captained by Mr. J. J. Fitzpatrick, defeated the Beaufort team, captained by Mr. W. Fitzpatrick, by 12 runs.

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DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

MEETING OF BEAUFORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

There was an attendance of six members of the Beaufort school committee at a meeting on Monday, 15th inst., presided over by Mr. W. Fitzpatrick, chairman.

Mr. J. J. Fitzpatrick, B.M., presiding. The car was a 1928 Buick, and was found in the possession of the defendant at his home on the 21st of January, 1931. The defendant was charged with stealing the car from the garage of the late Mrs. Green, 21, 1st St., Beaufort, on the 21st of January, 1931.

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SWIMMING.

MEETING OF BEAUFORT CLUB.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Swimming Club was held at the Shire Hall on Wednesday night, 17th inst., presided over by Mr. W. Fitzpatrick, chairman.

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MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The adjourned annual meeting of subscribers to the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute was held on Friday evening, 13th inst. Mr R. A. D. Sinclair (president) presided, and there were seven other members present.

Mr H. V. Martin (secretary) presented the balance-sheet for the past year; the receipts amounting to £246/11/11, and the expenditure to £245/12/9, thus leaving a Cr. balance of 19/2. Assets amounted to £1140/13/2, and liabilities nil. Mr T. M. Bove certified to the correctness of the accounts.

The secretary read the following annual report:—

"It is with extreme pleasure that I am able to submit to you the statement of receipts and expenditure of the Institute showing a credit balance, which, though only small, is the first credit balance that has been shown since the installation of the second billiard table and the extensions made to the club room. In 1923, my first year as secretary, we finished the year owing £310/11/7, which amount has been reduced yearly, until to-day we are free from debt. This result is due to the loyal members and committeemen, who have during these seven years, and particularly the first four years, worked hard and liberally subscribed to the funds. We must look into the receipts and expenditure of the last few years, and in doing so, we find that many changes have taken place, particularly in the receipts. Our revenue has fallen from £370 in 1924 to £205 in 1930; while in 1924 our expenditure (which included an amount of £57 for club room improvements) was £214/8/11, and has increased to £245/12/9; so, while we have lost in revenue, we have increased our expenditure. Therefore it seems certain that we will have to take extreme measures in the near future; otherwise we will find our finances drifting, which we must avoid at all costs. Our membership is almost the same as last year, but the billiard table receipts are a little less. Our Government grant is £5 less than in 1929; nevertheless, it is still above our usual amount. The card receipts are about £4 less, and the hall rent also shows a decrease of about £6. In 1929 we had an entertainment given by the Dramatic Club, which netted us £45/0/6, against which we had a flower show last year, bringing in a profit of £21/12/3. Altogether, our receipts for 1930 were £51/9/4 less than in 1929; while our expenditure was only £20/10/7 less. Although we made the small profit of £10/4/3 on the year's transactions, this was made only at the expense of the library, which has not been entered for as we would have liked. We know subscribers are asking for new books, but as we were asked to pay off our liability, it made it impossible to purchase new books. We also found difficulty in obtaining books for readers, as a number of books sought were not obtainable, and it has also been noticeable that readers have such a variety of taste for reading matter that it is difficult to cater for everybody. Perhaps this can be overcome, but it is up to the members to give their assistance, and not criticism. Now we have settled our debts, it is up to the subscribers to get the treatment they have so patiently waited for, and we hope the new committee will be able to make the library a centre of attraction. I would also like to thank the librarian for her loyal support during the year, as I know she has worked hard under difficulties, and has made every endeavor to please the many

dissatisfied readers with the limited supply of books.—H. V. MARTIN, Hon. Secy.

The president, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said that only £11/18/ had been spent in books last year, which was not 5/ a week, and was the weak spot in regard to the Mechanics' Institute at the present time. It was disheartening to see so poor an attendance. Subscribers seemed to have lost interest in the Institute. They would not get more books, unless they could get more subscribers. In other respects the balance-sheet was very satisfactory. The club room was holding its own. Mr Williams, in seconding the motion, said he thought the balance-sheet spoke well for the secretary.

During a discussion that followed, the opinion was expressed that, to improve matters, the club room should be closed in the daytime, excepting on Thursdays, and only opened at night; but as this involved a reduction in the librarian's salary, which the committee were reluctant to impose, it was considered that it would be better to call a general meeting of subscribers to consider the matter. Dr. Humphreys moved accordingly; the date being fixed for Monday night, 23rd inst. This was seconded by Mr Martin, and carried.

No other business was transacted. The president, in thanking the "committee" for their attendance (only one subscriber outside the committee being present) hoped that at next meeting the attendance would be so large that the room would not hold them.

SWIMMING.

MEETING OF BEAUFORT CLUB.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Swimming Club was held at the Shire Hall on Wednesday night, 11th inst. Mr A. L. Witherspoon (vice-president) occupied the chair until the arrival of the president (Dr. S. E. Humphreys). An apology was received for the absence of Mr P. T. Stevenson.

Accounts amounting to £2/11/7 were passed for payment.

The secretary (Mr J. J. Fitzpatrick) said he had called a meeting because he had been asked about a carnival, and the spring-board was beyond repair. He desired to have the promised seats and the refreshment booth erected. The working bees were a failure, and the committee put on men to do it at a cost of £13/10/. They received £30 from the Dramatic Club. There was now a Cr. balance of £21/10/5. They also owed Messrs Stevenson Bros. an account. When to-night's accounts were paid, they would be about £30 behind.

Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson said if the school committee were running a swimming carnival, they should be prepared to go 50-50 with the club.

Mr W. R. Glover said that the profit on the school carnival would not be £2, and they would not make that but for the Mothers' Guild. He applied for the use of the baths on Thursday, 26th February, for the use of the baths for the school swimming carnival.

This was granted, on the motion of Mrs R. T. Macdonald and Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson.

It was decided to pay £15/0/ Messrs Stevenson Bros' account.

Mr Johnson moved that the secretary write and thank the Dramatic Club for what they had done. Seconded by the president, and carried.

It was resolved to proceed with the erection of the five seats, the cost of which had been promised by members.

Mr Johnson said the council had given splendid assistance by cutting all the tailing and loads of filling.

It was decided to get a new spring-board, on the motion of Messrs Webster and Johnson; the building committee to make arrangements for the erection of same.

Mr J. J. Fitzpatrick (secretary) said that fresh water was running in every week.

A lady member said that people should be made to keep their dogs out of the baths.

It was resolved to write to the owners, drawing their attention to a by-law prohibiting dogs from entering the enclosure.

The secretary mentioned that many members' subscriptions were overdue.

Mr Johnson suggested that the children be made to keep out of the adult dressing sheds, and that two new lifebelts be procured and fixed so that something would have to be broken in the event of their being required for use.

Mr Glover said that the secretary had done more than all of them put together for the baths, and had made a regular hobby of them. He deserved a pat on the back and their sincere thanks. He moved a hearty vote of thanks to him.

Dr. Humphreys heartily supported these remarks, and seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried.

Mr Fitzpatrick briefly responded.

Mrs Macdonald moved that an old-time and modern dance night be held on Wednesday, 11th March. Seconded by Mrs Webster, and carried.

It was decided to charge 3/ for a double ticket and 2/ for a single lady.

The secretary was authorised to make arrangements for the music.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

MEETING OF BEAUFORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

There was an attendance of six members of the Beaufort school committee at a meeting on Monday night, 9th inst., presided over by Mr W. R. Glover (chairman).

A letter was read from Sir A. J. Peacock, M.L.A., stating that Chief Inspector MacRae would be pleased to attend the opening of the new school playground, and if it were held on a Friday, he would come up and give a lecture on the Thursday night.

Mr J. Kirkpatrick said the Ripon Shire Council had decided to hold the opening of the water supply scheme on the second Monday in April, when Sir Alexander Peacock and Major Currie would be present, and would be entertained by the council. It was considered to be a good idea to hold the opening of the school playground the same day. He moved that the opening of the school playground be arranged to coincide with the opening of the water supply. Seconded by Mr H. J. Buchanan, and carried.

An account for 15/6 was passed for payment.

The annual school swimming carnival was fixed for Thursday, Feb. 26th; the programme to be drafted later.

The chairman welcomed Mr Manley, a new member of the school staff, and hoped that he would become as popular as Mr Jenkin.

Mr Kirkpatrick said that this was the last meeting of the old committee. He moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and correspondent, who had done their work very well, and worked harder than the rest of the committee. During

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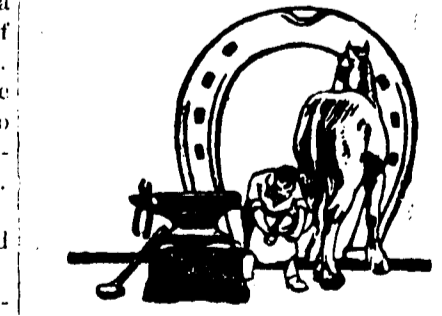
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DISTRICT SCHOOLS.
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the term of the committee, the Mothers' Guild had done wonderful work by raising £1000 for the Higher Elementary School, and the school committee had done their part. The Education Department had not done their share, and had been changing the teachers too frequently. They had got one intermediate pass in two years, and he did not think they were getting the results they should. He was not hitting at all the teachers, but was disappointed with the results in Beaufort.

Mr H. J. Buchanan seconded the motion (which was carried), and said the mover voiced his own sentiments in regard to the results at the school. There had been six intermediate certificates in four years. He was intensely pleased with the improvement in the school last year, and hoped it would continue. They could not blame individuals, but if the Director himself came here, he would say to him that his Department had broken faith with this school. Until last year they had not had a satisfactory staff in the school, but he dissociated himself from any comment on the present staff of the school.

Mr Glover said the trouble had been the changes of staff during the year. They had every confidence in the present staff, and hoped they would end the year by gaining four or five intermediates. But for the Mothers' Guild, the school committee could never have done what it had.

Mr Saph spoke in a similar strain in regard to the work of the Mothers' Guild.

Mr Jenkin took exception to the general condemnatory nature of Mr Kirkpatrick's remarks.

Mr Kirkpatrick said Mr Jenkin had been doing excellent work. They were quite satisfied with that.

Mr Jenkin said that Mr Kirkpatrick's first speech made a false impression. The fault was last year that there were too many temporary teachers, who were unable to do their work thoroughly through inexperience. If the three children going up for their intermediate certificates in the supplementary examinations got them, that would be four this year. He was sent here to improve the school, and felt that he had done it. He felt that Mr Kirkpatrick had not given recognition to the work of the two senior teachers.

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COMBINED SCHOOLS' PICNIC.

About 32 ladies and gentlemen gathered at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Monday night, 9th inst., to consider the advisability of holding a combined schools' picnic this year. Mr W. R. Glover was voted to the chair.

A letter was read from the correspondent of the Mt. Emu school committee, stating that the committee would co-operate if the picnic were to Melbourne on a Friday, and would devote part of the proceeds of a social to the funds of the picnic.

The Railway Department wrote, forwarding particulars of fares and the guarantee required.

Mr F. Thorpe said that Eurambien favored a picnic in the vicinity of Melbourne.

Mr J. Kirkpatrick said that if they could find the guarantee it was alright, and personally he favored Melbourne. They did not want to be at a loss.

Mr Saph—Last year they had a profit of £51, but Beaufort raised £76. Beaufort actually fitted the bill

RIFLE SHOOTING.

On Saturday afternoon the Beaufort Rifle Club held a match at 800 yds. (8 shots) for a turkey (donated by Mr F. R. Lofts). The conditions were difficult; there being a frontal fish-tail wind and a varying light. The winner was Roy Dunn, 38-3-40 (who saved 33 per cent. of his handicap); Gil Lofts, 35-5-3-40 (who saved 84 per cent. of his handicap) being second. Other scores were:—C. McCook, 34-4-38; F. R. Lofts, 32-5-6-37-6; J. Fraser, 34-3-37; D. F. Troy, 31-5-3-36-3; T. G. Beggs, 32-3-35; W. J. B. Johnson, 32-3-35; S. George, 27-7-34; G. Wilson, 29-4-6-33-6; M. Crick, 25-8-33; E. Lightfoot, 26-6-6-32-6.

In the ladder competition, T. G. Beggs (32) unsuccessfully challenged Roy Dunn (38) for first place. W. J. B. Johnson (32) secured third place from E. Lightfoot (30). W. J. B. Johnson (33) obtained second position on the count back from T. G. Beggs (33).

for £25 out of their effort.

Cr. Troy said that he had heard there was a doubt about a picnic being held, and so he desired to draw attention to the queen carnival for the Ballarat Hospital. If they decided not to hold a picnic, they might get them interested in this noble work for the Hospital.

Cr. Sinclair spoke in a similar strain in regard to the effort for the Hospital. In commenting upon suitable places for a picnic, he said it was astounding how they had improved the beach at Geelong.

Mr Saph—How about their beer? (Laughter).

Mr H. Dunn said that the Middle Creek school committee favored the Geelong beach.

Mr Dawson—The committee need not worry about the guarantee till the money was in from the sale of tickets.

Mrs J. R. Hughes said that times were hard, but they must not be too severe on the children. There was no shelter at Geelong, and diphtheria was prevalent there this year.

Mr J. T. Glover moved that the picnic be allowed to lapse this year. Seconded by Mr J. Kirkpatrick, who said they could not count on the same outside help this year.

Mr T. Williams supported the motion. The ladies and other residents of Beaufort had done a tremendous amount for the children, but there was no doubt about the depression affecting them even in the country.

Mrs Cole—Could it not be run to Ballarat this year, as the guarantee would not be so large?

Cr. Kirkpatrick said most of the children going to Ballarat would go by car.

Mr Dawson said that no guarantee would be required to Ballarat.

Mrs Cole moved, as an amendment, that the picnic be held at Ballarat.

This was not seconded.

The motion that there be no picnic was carried by a large majority.

Crs. Sinclair, Kirkpatrick, and Troy then addressed the meeting on the matter of the queen carnival for the Ballarat Hospital, and asked the public to assist the council in the matter.

Cr. Troy pointed out that the Hospital did not receive a penny of the shire funds.

Cr. Troy moved that a meeting be held on the following Monday night in the Picture Theatre, when Mr Davey would attend and explain the whole movement.

Cr. Kirkpatrick said Cr. Elder had been undertaken to call meetings at Skipton and Carranballac.

Mr Ron Dunn said that the Brewster people, he thought, would assist.

Mr H. Dunn said that part of Middle Creek was in Ararat Shire, and the people were supporting the Ararat Hospital.

Cr. Sinclair thanked those present, on behalf of the council, for their hearing.

On Thursday, 21st Feb., Messrs Kelly & McDonald Pty. Ltd. will hold an auction sale of household furniture and effects, at Mr Hill's residence, Pratt Street, Beaufort.

The Beaufort Methodist Tennis Club will hold a ping pong tournament and social in the Methodist School Hall on Monday evening, 23rd inst.

The usual sports meeting will be held by the Stawell Athlete's Club on Easter Saturday and Monday.

The Beaufort in Melbourne Club will hold a reunion at the Fitzroy Gardens, East Melbourne, on Saturday afternoon, 7th March.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute will be held on Monday, February 23rd, to elect the officers and decide the hours the library will remain open.

Next Friday, 27th inst., in the Beaufort Picture Theatre, a grand variety entertainment will be given by leading Melbourne artists, in aid of the Unemployed Relief Fund. Mr Alex. Wotherspoon, of Melbourne, is the organiser, assisted by a strong local committee. The performance will be one of a high order of merit, and as the cause is a deserving one, there should be a bumper house. The programme will be by outstanding metropolitan artists.

A meeting of the Beaufort Jockey Club will be held on Monday night at Bates' corner shop.

On Thursday next, the Rev. Dr. Borland, Moderator of the Presbyterian State Assembly, will visit Beaufort. He will conduct divine service at the Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m., and afterwards hold a reception at the Sunday School Hall.

PERSONAL.

Mr H. Bremner Lewis, solicitor, and president of the Melbourne Hospital, who has been on a tour of Britain and Europe for about a year, accompanied by Mrs Lewis, returned to Melbourne by the Narkunda on Monday morning. During his holiday Mr Lewis inquired into hospital management abroad, and visited some of the principal medical charities of the Old World. He also made inquiries in Scotland with the object of assisting to select the next Turnbull Trust lecturer for the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. After inspecting the leading hospitals in Great Britain, Mr Lewis says that, making allowance for its limitations in space, the Melbourne Hospital compares very favourably with those which he visited. Mr Lewis also announced that under the terms of the Turnbull Trust, he had arranged for the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Lauchlan MacLean Watt to Scots Church for four months in 1932.

Mr Don Laney, of Waterloo, is spending his annual holidays at Melbourne and Lorne.

Mrs R. McCormick, of Beaufort, has been called away to Geelong several times recently, owing to the serious illness of her mother.

Mr Ivan Cheeseman, of Lake Goldsmith, who is a well-known Beaufort footballer, was operated on for appendicitis at a private hospital at Ballarat early in the week.

Mrs N. Lyons, of Beaufort, has returned to the town after a fortnight's absence.

At a meeting at Leongatha, convened by Mrs C. R. McCall, formerly of Beaufort, a new branch of the Country Women's Association was formed, and she was elected president.

Mrs George Taylor, of Beaufort, has had as her guest her sister, Mrs Jacobs, and her small daughter June.

Miss Lewis has returned to Stoneleigh after going to Melbourne to meet Mr and Mrs Bremner Lewis, who returned from abroad on Monday. Miss Lewis stayed at the Quamy Club.

Miss Jean Glover, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. T. Glover, of

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Field Demonstration.

Messrs May & Millar, of Horsham, gave field trials of their famous "Wimmera" scarifier on Mr John Ellis' property, Trawalia, on Tuesday, 10th inst., and on Wednesday, 11th inst., on Mrs M. Dobson's property at Burrumbuck. At both trials the land worked was hard fallow, which, due to heavy summer rains, had run together, and become set. On these fields there was a heavy growth of Scotch thistles. First a rigid tynes machine was used, and then a Bridle drought stump jump scarifier. Both machines worked the hard land easily, and cut out the thistles. There was a good attendance of farmers present. All were satisfied that the machines did really good work. Mr S. May (principal of the firm of May & Millar) was present, and personally explained the many advantages of the machines. The Victorian representative, Mr J. R. Thomson, conducted the trials. The firm expresses thanks to Mr Ellis for use of teams and assistance given; also to Mrs Dobson, who supplied teams for the trial at Burrumbuck. Direct sales resulted from the trials.

Beaufort, has been appointed to the staff of the Rupanyup school. She was one of the most successful students this year at the Ballarat High School.

Mrs W. J. Millar, of Lake Goldsmith, returned on Saturday from a holiday in Gippsland, and Mr W. J. Millar left for a holiday at Apollo Bay.

Mr and Mrs L. Wyatt, of Melbourne, have been visiting Beaufort.

Mr P. T. Stevenson, of Beaufort, has gone for a trip to Western Australia.

Miss Jean Stevenson, of Beaufort, has returned from a holiday at Queenscliff.

Mr Hector Carmichael, of Middle Creek, has been holidaying at Queenscliff.

Miss Evelyn Morvell, of Beaufort, recently celebrated her 21st birthday by holding a party, which was attended by many of the young people of the town and district.

Mr E. H. Russell, now traffic superintendent at Maryborough and formerly S.M. at Beaufort, has been spending a few days in the town as the guest of Mr J. R. Wotherspoon.

The Beaufort Thistle Club has appointed Mr P. D. Stuart, of Maryborough, as judge of the dancing events at the Easter Monday sports.

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W. J. BRUCE JOHNSON, Secretary.

Prospectors at Work.
A number of prospectors are at work in old diggings around Beaufort, and some of them are winning a little gold.
Clear View Needed.
Our attention has been drawn to a danger spot near the intersection of Livingstone and Havelock Streets, Beaufort. If a motorist is travelling east along Havelock street, his view of other cars or pedestrians proceeding in a southerly direction along Livingstone street is obscured by the hedge at the eastern end of the Ripon War Memorial Park. It is considered that this hedge should be removed, or trimmed to a height that would enable a clear view to be obtained over the top of it.

NOTICE.
Casual Advertisements.
PERSONS not having a Regular Account with this Office are hereby notified that Casual Advertisements MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE, as the booking and collection of small amounts entails much labor and expense.
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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"Whoever desires that his intellect will grow up to healthy vigor, must begin with moral discipline."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1931.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

AS there is grave danger that the facilities provided for the reading public at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute may be curtailed owing to the shrinkage of revenue, all residents who are interested in the Institute should make a special effort to attend the general meeting of subscribers, called for Monday night. If the co-operation of the public is not forthcoming, the committee may be compelled to close the Institute every day excepting Thursday, and only keep it open at night. That this would be a retrograde step to take in regard to one of the oldest and most useful institutions in the town is admitted, but facts, and particularly financial facts, are stubborn things. We sincerely hope that the residents of Beaufort and district will plainly show that they do not desire such drastic action to be taken by turning out in such numbers that, to borrow the words of the president (Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair), "the meeting-room will not be large enough to hold them."

SWIMMING BATHS.

Great improvements to the local swimming baths have recently been effected by the Beaufort Swimming Club, to which body this useful public convenience has been handed over by the Ripon Shire Council. Owing to the unsettled weather, the club has been unable to hold a swimming carnival to raise funds, and is in debt to the extent of about £30. A new spring board had also recently to be procured at a cost of over £2. The club would be very grateful for any assistance the public might feel disposed to give in the way of donations, and as the subscription is only 2/6, it is within the means of everyone to help by becoming a member. That the club is doing good work by providing the means for children to learn to swim must be admitted by all right-thinking persons, and it is incumbent on all who have the welfare of the children at heart to help the club to liquidate the debt on the baths as soon as possible.

The Duck Season.

A number of Beaufort sportsmen went out for the opening of the duck season, but found the birds rather scarce.

Frosts in Midsummer.

Very severe frosts occurred in Beaufort on Monday and Tuesday mornings, and vegetable gardens suffered; beans and melons especially being blackened.

"The Riponshire Advocate."

For greater convenience in printing and folding, we have altered the size of "The Riponshire Advocate" to an eight-page demy folio, and it will still contain the same amount of reading matter as before.

Croquet Club.

In the Beaufort Croquet Club's color competition, the Golds are leading the Greens by 1500 points.

Tenders.

Tenders are invited for painting the Anglican Vicarage at Beaufort, and for ornamental rough masonry at Trawalla.

Police Court.

Mr L. Smith, J.P., was in attendance at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday, and there was a clean charge-sheet.

A Cool Change.

After several warm days, a cool change, followed by nine points of rain, was experienced at Beaufort on Thursday. The temperature fell from 90 to 70.

A Correction.

In the report of the annual meeting of the Waterloo Sports Club in our last issue, a typographical error made it appear that Mr H. Smith had been elected a vice-president of the club. The name given should have been that of Mr H. Stewart.

Donations Acknowledged.

The secretary of the Beaufort Jockey Club (Mr W. A. Skene) acknowledged, with thanks, receipt of the following donations:—Mr Phil Russell, £1; Mr G. H. Crago, trophy; Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., trophy; Mr A. Grace, trophy.

Electrical Engineer Appointed.

At a meeting on Friday, 13th inst., the North Riding members of the Ripon Shire Council, who act as a committee of managers of the Beaufort electric lighting scheme, appointed Mr John B. Roderick, of Hawthorn East, as engineer in charge, in succession to Mr M. Hill, who has resigned. There were 126 applicants for the position, and at a previous meeting the choice had been reduced to seven.

Cricket.

The following teams have been chosen to represent the Beaufort Cricket Club in to-day's (Saturday's) matches:—Beaufort Country v. Waterloo, at Waterloo—G. Beggs, H. Collins, L. Collins, W. Chibnall, R. Davis, R. Hodgkiss, K. Hyde, L. James, N. Oddie, T. Stewart, J. Yawkins; emergencies, T. Gibson and J. Hunt. Beaufort Town v. Mt. Lonarch, at Beaufort—J. Cole, H. O. Collier, V. Jenkin, L. Lowe, C. Morvell, H. V. Martin, R. Nicol, W. Pascoe, C. Pringle, R. Pringle, and A. J. Saph.

Methodist Social and Presentation.

On Monday evening a social was held in the Beaufort Methodist Sunday school, in order to obtain funds for the produce stall at the forthcoming fair. It was well attended, and under the leadership of the Rev. James Mellor was a great success. Various games kept the ball rolling, and a song was rendered by Mrs L. Dawson, who was accompanied by Mrs Mellor. After a novel supper, the function ended with a presentation by Rev. J. Mellor, on behalf of the Beaufort Methodist Church, of a bronze fruit dish and stand, to Mrs M. Hill. He thanked her for the unflagging interest she had taken in the Church and Sunday School, and expressed the general regret felt at the fact that she was about to leave the town. Mrs Hill, in responding, thanked the members of the church for their gift.

Firemen's Social.

Despite the hot weather, there was a good attendance at the Beaufort firemen's fortnightly social, held at the Fire station on Tuesday night. Mrs G. Wilson won the ladies' prize in the euchre tournament and also the prize at the secret table. Mr F. Topp was the winner of the men's prizes for euchre and at the secret table. The dance music was supplied by Mrs R. Grant, Miss M. McCormick, and Mr E. Wilson. The winners of the spot dance were Miss M. McIneny and Mr J. J. Fitzpatrick. Supper was provided. Mr J. J. Duke acted as secretary.

Jockey Club.

The secretary of the Beaufort Jockey Club (Mr W. A. Skene) reports that good entries are assured for the race meeting on Saturday, 28th inst.

Top of Finger Severed.

Mr Ben Trowell, who is employed as a butcher at Beaufort, unfortunately to R. Glover, had the top of one of his fingers when cutting meat with a knife early in the week.

Staging Collapses.

On Thursday afternoon about 25 feet of staging at the goods shed at the Beaufort railway station collapsed. It is estimated that from 8 to 10 tons of oats were on the staging at the time.

Severe Facial Cuts.

Mrs Mellor, wife of the Rev. Jas. Mellor, of Beaufort, met with a nasty accident on Wednesday night. She tripped and fell, receiving painful and very severe cuts about the face.

Motoring Mishap.

When returning to St. Marnock's from Beaufort on Saturday night in his car, Mr Theo. G. Beggs met with an accident. The car swerved sharply owing to one of the wheels striking a hole in a culvert. He was thrown out, but escaped injury. The car was badly damaged.

Man of Second Choice.

One of 126 applicants an electrical engineer in Melbourne was the Ripon Shire Council's second choice for the position of engineer-in-charge of the Beaufort electric lighting plant, and a few days after another engineer was appointed, the man who was second on the list died.

Fire Extinguished.

On Wednesday Mr W. Bridges, of Beaufort, was travelling along the Main Road, when he noticed a fire near the Common paddock, in the vicinity of Mr G. McCracken's residence. Mr Bridges promptly extinguished the flames, which by this time had burnt about 20 sq. ft.

Memorial Trough.

A concrete water trough, to be placed near the band rotunda at Beaufort, has been received by the Ripon Shire Council. It bears the inscription, "Annis and George Bills, Australia. Purple Cross Service." The cost of the trough was defrayed out of a memorial fund left in trust by the two philanthropists named.

Earthquake Experiences in New Zealand.

A sister of Messrs L. and H. Smith, of Trawalla, who lives at Gisborne, in the Hawkes Bay district, New Zealand, had some unpleasant experiences during the recent earthquake. In the store in which she worked, £2000 worth of damage was done by the earthquake. Her house was undamaged, but all the chimneys fell down at a house across the street.

The Beaufort Pictures.

There will be a good programme at the Beaufort Picture Theatre to-night (Saturday), and the principal film will be "The Mississippi Gambler" (featuring Joseph Schildkraut and Joan Bennett). Edgar Wallace's thrilling mystery drama, "The Forger" will also be shown, together with the ninth episode of "The Diamond Master."

School Swimming Carnival.

The Beaufort school's annual swimming carnival will be held on Thursday next. The secretary (Mr A. J. Saph) has received from Mr W. Liston a blue ribbon for the already been ordered for the girls' championship. Will anyone donate some? Mr H. Collier has donated a silver egg cup and spoon for competition. Donations of trophies will be very acceptable, as the school funds are exhausted.

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BOWLS.

THE COLOR COMPETITION.

BLUES HAVE ANOTHER WIN.

In the color competition between the Reds and Blues on the Beaufort Bowling Club's green on Saturday, Blues won a four and an odd rink match by 1—82 to 81, and reduced the Reds' lead from 57 to 56. Scores (Blues 1—5 mentioned first):

Scores:— Dr. Humphreys lost to Webster, 21—23; Laird beat Stevenson, 35—12; Bove lost to Acton, 14—22; Hosking lost to Harris, 10—24; odd rink, Blues, 2. Totals, Blues, 82; Reds, 81.

REDS WIN AGAIN.

On Tuesday night Reds were 17 up, and increased their lead of 56 to 73. Scores (Reds being mentioned first):—Acton lost to Bove, 8—10; Stevenson beat Laird, 21—7; Harris beat Dr. Humphreys, 14—9; Webster beat Troy, 17—11. Totals: Reds, 60; Blues, 43.

THE ROOSTER BADGE.

CUTHBERTSON RULES THE ROOST.

Halpin challenged Cuthbertson for the rooster badge, but Cuthbertson won by 15 to 9.

Owing to the wet weather, no match was played on Thursday night.

To-day (Saturday) Beaufort play the Ballarat Central Club at Ballarat—a seven-rink match.

SCOTTISH DELEGATION.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT IN 1932 TO BEAUFORT.

A delegation from Scotland is to visit Australia in January, 1932, and Beaufort is to be included in the itinerary. It is expected that about 250 ladies and gentlemen will make the trip.

On Thursday evening Mr Bromley, an organiser from the Railways Department, met representatives of the Ripon Shire Council, Thistle Club and the local hotelkeepers at the Shire Hall, to make arrangements in connection with the one-day trip of the delegation to Beaufort on January 2nd, 1932. Cr. D. F. Troy presided.

After Mr Bromley had addressed the meeting, a general discussion of details ensued.

Eventually Cr. H. P. Mackenzie moved that the delegation be invited to Beaufort. Seconded by Cr. R. T. Macdonald (chief of the Thistle Club), and carried.

Various means of entertaining the visitors during their stay here, and of showing them round the town and district and local beauty spots were suggested.

It was resolved to leave the matter of arranging for motor transport in the hands of the Thistle Club. After the hotelkeepers had discussed the matter between themselves, Mr A. R. Luker announced that they had come to the conclusion that it would be awkward for them to provide lunch for the visitors at three different centres, and thought it would be more satisfactory to employ one caterer. The name of Mr Glover was suggested.

It was understood that lunch would be provided for the visitors at the Picture Theatre at a cost of about 3/, but not to exceed 3/6, and that the Shire President (Cr. Roddis) would extend a welcome to them on behalf of the municipality.

Cr. Troy informed Mr Bromley that the only cost, as far as Beaufort was concerned, would be the lunch. The visitors would be transported free.

Mr Bromley said that further information and particulars of the personnel of the delegation would be sent along as soon as available. In thanking those present for their attendance, he said he felt confident that the Beaufort people, whether they were members of the Thistle Club or not, would do all in their power to make the trip of the Scottish delegation to this town a happy and memorable one.

Cr. Troy said they would give these people a hearty welcome, and do their utmost for them.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

MIDDLE CREEK.

Wheat sowing is nearing completion at the Middle Creek railway station; about 10,000 bags of wheat and 4,000 bags of oats having been consigned. Yields were fair, while in isolated cases up to 16 bags per acre were reported, the average would be about 8 bags. Prices received are very disappointing. About 80 per cent. of the wheat was delivered to the pool, owing to contracts being signed early in the season to deliver all their wheat, under the impression that they were to receive 3/ per bushel. Now they find this to have been a delusion. The Wheat Advances Act has been a failure, ocean freights have gone up, and wheat prices have come down. Now an internal loan is proposed to assist farmers to receive 6d per bushel bounty on their wheat, which, if it be successful, would, on present prices, be only equal to what they would have received in the market early in the season. As an instance of the low prices ruling, one farmer here states that it would take 700 bags of wheat to pay rates and taxes on his land. Another, with a horse-team, says it would take a full load to pay for a suit of clothes. Notwithstanding the low prices ruling this season, a larger area is to be placed under cultivation during the coming year, and given an average season, 20,000 bags of wheat should be raised from here next year.

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Obituary.

Mr and Mrs A. Morcombe, of "Rockbank," Trawalla, suffered a sad bereavement on Thursday by the death at the Ballarat Hospital of their son, Arthur Lewis, aged 5 years and 11 months. The child had been ill for some time. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

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VISIT OF THE MODERATOR.

PREBYTERIANS of the Town and District are invited to meet the Moderator of the State Assembly, Dr. BORLAND, on THURSDAY, the 26th inst. The Moderator will conduct worship in the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BEAUFORT, at 8 p.m., and afterwards hold a reception in the Sunday School Hall.

RE JOHN BAIN, late of St. Enoch's, Stockyard Hill, in the State of Victoria, Grazier, deceased, who died on the second day of January, 1931. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JEMIMA McDONALD, of Croghan, Ararat, in the said State, Married Woman, and DAVID FREDERICK TROY, of Bona Vista, Beaufort, in the said State, Grazier, the Executors and Executor of the Will of the said JOHN BAIN, deceased, intend to convey or distribute the Estate of the said deceased to or among the persons entitled thereto, and require all persons interested to send to the said Executrix and Executor at the offices of Messrs. NEVETT & NEVETT, of Number 11, Lydiard Street South, Ballarat, Barristers and Solicitors, within two months from the date of publication hereof, particulars of their claims against the said estate; and at the expiration of the said two months the said Executrix and Executor may convey or distribute the said estate to or among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims, whether formal or not, of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated, the 18th day of FEBRUARY, 1931.

NEVETT & NEVETT, 11 Lydiard Street, Ballarat, Proctors for the said Executrix and Executor.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE.

WITHIN twelve days from the SIXTEENTH day of FEBRUARY, 1931, I shall lodge with the SECRETARY FOR MINES, MELBOURNE, an application for a Lease, the particulars of which are—

Name (in full) and address of each applicant—Richard Fitzpatrick, Contractor, Nerring, via Beaufort.

Name by which mine will be known—The Lone Hand Gold Mining Company.

Area—About 120 acres.

Whether on or below the surface, or both—Both.

Full description and precise locality of the land—Parts of Allotments 31, 32, 33, and 34, Parish of Trawalla, County of Ripon, known as Brick Kiln Gully.

Name of each owner and each occupier of the land, so far as applicant has been able to learn—Owner and Occupier, Harry Ponsoshy Mackenzie, of Trawalla, Grazier.

Whether the boundaries of the land include any river, creek, deposit or permanent water, spring, or artificial reservoir—Dam.

Nature of proposed mining operations—Boring and Sinking.

Term required—15 years.

Estimated expenditure—£500.

Metal or mineral to be worked—Gold.

Quartz or alluvium—Alluvium.

Where it is private land, state whether a prospecting area is required—No.

General remarks—Nil.

Signature of Applicant—R. FITZPATRICK.

Place and Date—Beaufort, 17th February, 1931.

SAMUEL YOUNG, Beaufort, Solicitor for the Applicant.

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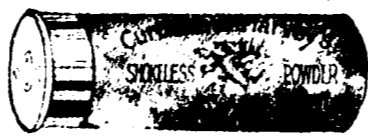
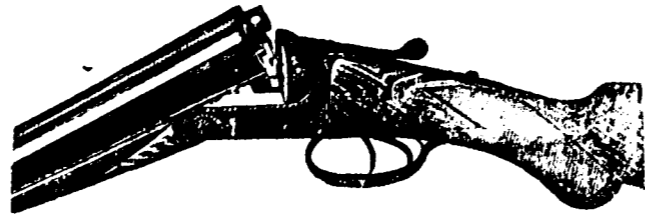
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pressure had been brought to bear upon him); auditor, Mr T. M. Bove; committee, Messrs C. McKay, R. A. D. Sinclair, A. Parker, and H. E. Cuthbertson; social committee, Mesdames Hughes and DeBaer, and Misses Pollock, Bywater, Lewis, and Witherspoon; book committee, Messrs W. W. Ashley and D. F. Troy, and Mrs N. B. Acton.

Miss Pollock moved that not less than 50 per cent. of the proceeds of the flower show be spent on new books. Seconded by Miss Bywater, and carried.

Miss Bywater said a fine should be inflicted for not returning books within a certain time.

Mr McKay supported that suggestion.

Mr T. Williams moved that a £10 bonus be voted to the secretary for his valuable services, and another of £10 to the librarian. They all appreciated Mr Martin's worth as secretary. No library was better looked after than the Beaufort one, due to the splendid services of Miss McNamee. Seconded by Mr H. E. Cuthbertson, and carried.

Mr Martin returned thanks, and said he would make a final effort to brighten things up.

Mr Martin said that in 1923 they owed £310/11/. Their revenue in 1924 was £370, and now it was £205.

Mr Sinclair said that something should be done to make the billiard-room more attractive.

Mr Ashley suggested that a small circular be sent out to members, asking if they had any books to donate to the library.

Mr Sinclair—That might be brought up at the committee meeting.

Mr Sinclair said that the flower show, to be held on 26th March, had been advertised well ahead, so that people could get flowers ready. The committee and the ladies should meet and discuss the arrangements for same.

It was decided that the ladies and the committee meet on Wednesday, 18th March, to discuss the arrangements for the flower show.

Mr Williams urged the members generally to give the committee all the support they could during the forthcoming year. He felt that the attendance to-night showed that the interest in the Mechanics' was reviving. He moved a vote of thanks to the retiring president for his services during the year.

Mr Martin seconded the motion, which was carried, and paid a high tribute to what Mr Sinclair had done for the flower show.

Mr Sinclair returned thanks. In closing the meeting, he thanked the members for their attendance.

Travellers' Huts.

So many homeless and unemployed persons are at present travelling on the roads, that it is time a movement was started in country towns to provide a "travellers' hut" for these unfortunates, who have no place to camp. Some of them make use of buildings in parks and reserves, if they get half-a-chance, and the buildings suffer considerable damage, as a matter of course, not to mention the risk of their being burnt down. They also go into barns and sheds, without permission, and the owners have considerable trouble in turning out the undesirable occupants. The old-time landholders had to solve this problem for themselves by providing "travellers' huts," and were also generous enough to feed the occupants for a few days. A galvanised iron building in a spot well removed from any house would serve the purpose, and with the rather dismal prospect ahead for the coming winter, there will be need of such places of refuge for the unfortunate wayfarer in every country town in the State.

We do not in any way identify ourselves with opinions expressed by our correspondents.

Editor "Riponshire Advocate."

Dear Sir,—It has come to my knowledge that a report is in circulation to the effect that the recent change in the personnel of the laying-out gang was at the Council's request. This is correct. The facts are as follow:—When the Council accepted my company's tender for the pipe line from Jonathan's to Beaufort, a request was made by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, and conveyed by Cr. Troy, that I should employ a different gang of men from those employed on the first contract, in order to distribute the work among the unemployed in the district. To this I readily agreed, and, with the exception of staff hands, employed an entirely new gang at the factory at Raglan. I also picked new men for two laying gangs, as it was anticipated at that time that at least two laying gangs would be employed at the same time. However, it was found impossible to employ two gangs at the same time, and, in order to keep faith with the men whom I had promised work in the second gang, I decided to change the personnel of the one laying gang (with the exception of staff hands). It might be pointed out that the men lately put off, and the new men engaged, will have had just as much work as if the two gangs had been employed at the same time. I should be pleased if you would publish this letter in order to correct an erroneous impression that has got abroad.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE E. BRAIN, Foreman,
Hume Pipe Co.
Raglan, 23/2/1931.

Prospectors Note.

Colonel R. A. Crouch, M.P., desires to point out that, as there are so many gold prospectors in the district, if they wish to later obtain the advantage of the Gold Bounty Act, they must register as gold producers with the Customs Department at once. A letter to the Collector of Customs at Melbourne will bring the application form and information.



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