

Ripunshire Advorate.

ams (president), R. A.

H. V. Martin (secretary).

£10 each to the secretary and librar-

ian, payable when funds are avail-

able. The secretary reported that the

receipts for January were £20/3/1,

and for February £12/11. The lib-

rarian's salary was fixed (it being

opening the Institute were fixed

from 7 to 9 p.m., and from 2 till 5

p.m. on Thursday afternoons, and

it was left to the president to convey

this to the librarian. It was resolved

that the new arrangements be ad-

vertised, and that they commence on

Monday, 9th inst. Notwithstanding

that the Mechanics' annual flower

show was advertised in October for

Thursday, March 26th, the Method-

ist Church fixed their bazaar for the

same date, and the Swimming Club

arranged a dance for the night before. The secretary was instruct-

ed to write to both bodies, asking

them to postpone their functions till

a later date, so as not to clash with

ming Club (Dr. Humphreys), who

said that the date had been fixed for

the 18th, but altered by the secre-

tary, and he promised to do his best.

It was decided to ask Mrs H. P.

Mackenzie, of Trawalla Estate, to

open the flower show. Mr L. Sieve-

wright was appointed judge of flow-

ers, with Mr H. V. Martin as stew-

ard: Mr T. Williams judge of fruit

R. F. Roberts (of "Baangal," Skip-

ton), judges of cookery, with Mrs

A. M. Parker as steward. The lad-

class; Mr W. W. Ashley, 10/6 for

champion dahlia, amateur class; Mr

H. V. Martin, 10/6 for champion

each section (other than those in

A. A. GRACE (late Sack's), Watch-

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maker and Jeweller, Beaufort.

which special prizes are offered) was

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE RETURNED SOLDIERS' PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. LEAGUE.

VISIT OF MODERATOR.

sisted the Moderator in conducting

the service. The choir rendered the

anthem, "Sun of My Soul" (Miss

Nellie Anderson and Mr A. L. Wo-

therspoon each taking a solo part).

text of his address, "I am the way."

He said that they were all wayfar-

the people of the way. Paul said,

was the life for them all. Were they

that led out of the present straitness

learn to be good neighbors. How-

ever good neighbors they might

think themselves, or others think them, there were always splendid

tinctive he had seen since he came

to Melbourne. These men were on

were trying to save them. The

great number of them were keen to

get work and could not get it.

These men in future would be a

could not provide Kirk and school

other wayfarer they could not be

real Christians without making the

(Continued on Page 2.)

Rev. Dr. Borland chose as the

S. R. Pascoe, vice-president of Willi- the Beaufort sub-branch of the Re-urned Soldiers' League, was in the chair at the month. There was a fairly large congregation, representative of all parts of the charge, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, on Thurs-

chair at the monthly meeting of that ker, and W. W. Ashley. Accounts body, held at Mena Park on Monday, amounting to £39/6/11 were passed 23rd ult. Ten members were preday night, 26th ult., when the Right for payment, including bonuses of sent. Rev. Dr. W. Borland, Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly of Vic-

From Victorian Branch, forwarding copy of final determination of district, and an impressive service Discharged Soldiers' Settlement In- was held. The Ripon Shire Counquiry Board, re home maintenance cil was represented by Crs. A C. area for a farm for grazing sheep Roddis (president) and H. P. Macin Victoria-775 acres of grazing kenzie. The Church of England land of the value of £4650; where vicar (Rev. A. Talbot) was also prethe land is of lighter quality, the sent. Suitable hymns were sung by area to be correspondingly greater. the choir and congregation. Miss H. From 5th Battalion Welfare As-Wotherspoon presided at the organ. sociation, asking for names of any Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., asex-members of the 5th who might be members of the sub-branch.

From Victorian branch, forwarding gist of Goulburn Valley group manifesto, which was adopted by conference, and stating that every protection would be afforded settlers against prejudicial action, pending the operation of the Home Maintenance Scheme, in all cases, excepting where culpability is proved

From committee Warracknabeal the flower show. Mr. Sinclair inter- Diggers' Anzac carnival, to be held viewed the president of the Swim- on 11th April, asking sub-branch to

> From Victorian branch, re payment of capitation fees, soldier settlers' conference, and honary services by metropoliton members in

From same, re inviting of applications by Shire of Ripon for position of electrical engineer, and urging and vegetables, with Mr Sinclair as league to make representations with steward; Mrs R. G. Beggs and Mrs a view to securing appointment of a returned soldier possessing the neessary qualifications.

opportunities of being better. They From same, forwarding annual reies meet on 18th inst. to arrange port of president (Mr G. W. Hollmight take more interest in the afabout stalls. The following special and), touching on soldier settlement, fairs of the congregation, and those prizes were promised:-Mr T. Willi- unemployment, relief of distressed wider in their scope of Christian inams, 10/6 for champion gladiolus, soldiers, hospital work, preference to Union, for instance. Their church amateur class; Mr R. A. D. Sin-soldiers, and several minor matters. showed them how they could have a clair, 10/6 for three varieties roses, The correspondence was received new conception of what neighboropen class; Mr A. Parker, 10/6 for on the motion of Messrs J. Ellis and lines meant. Their Home Mi

sion could teach country folk to be On the motion of Messrs A. Ring-neighborly by looking into the work in and Brown, the expenses of the in the congested areas in the city. gladiolus in show. The first prize in (25/) were passed for payment. delegates to the recent conference The church could introduce them through this society to quite differ-

ent problems to their own. They The action of the secretary in forwould see how their church had been fixed at 2/6. The secretary reported warding a letter of sympathy to Mr led by the spirit of the living God that Miss Lewis had donated 10 and Mrs A. Morcombe in their to do these things. Then there books to the Institute. Mr Sinclair recent bereavement was endorsed, on moved that Miss Lewis be thanked the motion of Messrs Ellis and was the difficult work for unemployed men in the City of Melbourne. for her generous donation, which Sutherland. The work there was the most dis-

was seconded by the president (who Mr J. Ellis moved, and Mr W. said it was very good of Miss Lewis, Scott seconded, that the attention of and might be an inducement to oththe Ripon Shire Council be called to
the point of being lost, and they ers to give books to the Institute), the bad state of the road between and carried. Mr Sinclair moved, the Trawalla Lodge and the Trawalla and Mr Ashley seconded, that £5 be railway station, and especially at spent in new books. Carried. The Vowles' Hill. secretary said that Mrs Hughes sugThe matter of fixing the date for strength to the organisation that

gested that they hold a bridge eventhe Brewster meeting was left in the had saved them. Had they ever been ing the next night, as the Fire Bri- hands of the committee, on the mo- on the starvation line, or had one of gade euchre and dance had been postponed, but it was considered that

On the motion of Messrs Pascoe out of work? They should not let the notice was too short. The date and Campbell, it was decided that any small and narrow prejudices of closing entries for the flower show the district railways superintendent deter them from the work that was was fixed for Monday, 23rd March. be written to, and asked to thank being done there in the name of The president thanked the members the Trawalla railway staff for the God. The Home Mission could incourteous and efficient manner in terest city people in the work done which they had discharged their duties during the grain-carting sea- the New Mallee, where the people

Mr J. Ellis gave a report of the themselves. These were the things Leather Goods, Xylo. Ware, E.P. deputation to the Minister of Lands, their church could show them-Ware, Crystal Ware, Brassware, held during the recent soldier set- playing the good Samaritan. An-Cutlery. Ladies' Wrist Watches, tlers' conference. 17/6 to £10/10/. Gent's. Wrist Wat-Mr Pascoe reported on the soldier

ches, 12/6 to £10/10/. Engagement settlers' conference.

acquaintance of was Paul of Tarsus, who would put the missionary spirit Rings. £2/10/ to £20. All Repairs The delegates were thanked for their reports, and the meeting closed.

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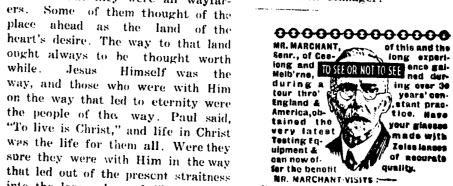
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(Continued from Page 1.) into them to seek the large place of Christian opportunity. Paul was a wonderful and a restless man. Through his initiative the gospel went to Asia Minor and Europe, and though he died in Rome, it went on throughout the world. Where would they have been in Australia if it had not been for Paul of Tarsur? They would certainly not have been worshipping as a Christian congregation. He also referred to the missionary work among the aboriginies in the North by the flying padres and doctors. There was no dead heart of Australia, when their church and other churches were doing their best to keep the people alive spiritually. They would not have been in this present straitness if their people had kept in mind that this country was God's gift to them to develop for the common weal of humanity. They would have 'o get back to that, if they were to emerge from their present state of economic trouble and distress. It was only through the spiritual life that they could solv these difficulties. When they a moned a dead end, they turned to the Church for help, and that "gave them furiously to think." The sense of their forefathers and the pioneers guided them always in the way of being true custodians of God's kingdom on earth. The speaker also drew attention to the difficult missionary work in the romantic isles of the South Seas, and in Korea. How could they regard the work of helping those Christ sought to save as helping foreigners? He had become far more intimate with foreign mission problems since his boy had been in Korea. They could all become interested in distant places if they tried, through the Church and missionary magazines. What they needed was greater interest and sympathy for the Church in that work. They must not be merely nominal Christians in rela-

RECEPTION.

tion to that work of the Saviour for

the uplifting of humanity.

A reception in the Sunday School Hall was also well attended. Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., presided, and especially welcomed Cr. A. C. Roddis (shire president) and Rev. the absence of the Rev. James Mellor, of the Methodist Church.

Cr. Roddis expressed pleasure at being present. He was delighted that they had the head of their Church with them. He had previously met Dr. Borland at Skipton. On behalf of the people of the shire, he extended a hearty welcome to Dr. and Mrs Borland, and hoped their visit would be of some value, and that they would have a pleasant

Rev. A. Talbot (Church of England) said that it was the first time he had had an opportunity of attending a reception to the Presbyterian "bishop." One thought of the more brotherly Christian spirit between the churches to-day. There was throughout the world and in Australia a desire for closer union between the churches. He was pleased to have happy fellowship with them, and sympathised with them in their great work for the extension of the kingdom of God. He hoped the Moderator's vear of office would be fraught with great blessing to Dr. Borland and his church .

Mr A. L. Wotherspoon, who spoke on behalf of the Beaufort congregation, said that they thoroughly enjoyed Dr. Borland's address, which should be very helpful indeed. He extended a hearty welcome to Dr. and Mrs Borland, and hoped they would look back on their little trip to Beaufort with pleasure. Rev. J. P. MacDougall, on behalf

of the people of the parish, express-

ed pleasure at the visit of Dr and

Mrs Borland. He had been here

eight years, and no State Moderator

had been here in that time other than the present one. He also spoke a few words of welcome for the ladies of the congregation. Miss Margaret MacDougall then

handed Mrs Borland a pretty bou-

Mrs Borland made a very neat response. It was a great pleasure to meet here relatives of their friends in Scotland.

Rev. Dr. Borland humorously said it was rather a dangerous thing to speak after his good lady. The people of the Ballarat Presbytery were very kind, but were rather exacting in what they required of a Moderator. A lady, after he had shaken hands with 100 people, had said, "You may be thankful you are not one of the unemployed." (Laughter). The Moderator referred to the great service in Melbourne that day, and the great national expression of feeling and prayer on the occasion of the death of the late Dame Melha. He was glad to get back to Beaufort and meet them. They were a long-suffering people, and he was pleased to see how virile their church life was. They had links with Beaufort, and it was a great pleasure to renew these contacts. They were all face to face with very difficult problems in the community and national life. It would be by their faithfulness as Christians and the discharge of their duties to the kingdom of God that they would win through their present troubles. Any kind of selfishness, whether party or personal, was detrimental to the kingdom of God. They had not yet a leader who could give them confidence that he was facing the present problems successfully. They must have faith in God, and respond to calls for hard work and sacrifice. They should be harmonius and purposeful in their prayers to God for confidence in the human leadership. He had experienced depression in the old land. Scotland had not passed a single generation without difficult national problems. His father told him that was nothing to what he had experienced in England. There had been hard times in the past, and if the Scottish people had achieved any place in the sun, it was due to the character bred in the nation by the hard experiences in the past. What they had now to face in Australia was nothing to what the pioneers had to face. The nation had won through harder times than these. The staying power of the people in the past had been prayer and religious conviction. He thanked them for the patient hearing of his rambling remarks, and their reception of his wife and himself. He hoped the visit would be for their good, and that they had given some stimulus to that inner life that must never fade. Youth's opportunities were in the times of depression and seeming defeat, when whatever spark of manliness and womanliness there was in them would be ignited for the benefit of the community

of an archbishop. (Laughter). Supper, provided by the ladies, was handed round.

Had he appeared in his full Moder-

torial garb, it would have impressed

the Anglican minister with the fact

that his position was not the equiv-

alent of that of a bishop, but of that

The Moderator and Mrs Borland spent the night at Trawalla Estate as the guests of Engineer-commander and Mrs Mackenzie.

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PHENOMENAL HAIL-STORM.

> Shortly after 4.30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon and again at 6.30 p.m. phenomenal hail storms were experienced at Beaufort. The hail was preceded by thunder and exceptionally heavy rain. In less than an hour, 126 points of rain fell, and drains and creeks were soon flowing strongly, and parts of the roads were flooded. The hailstones were as large as small plums, and made a great din on the iron roofs; the noise indoors being like heavy rifle fire. Mr Geo. Nothnagel, who was out in the storm, had his nose cut by a hailstone. Mr and Mrs A. Parker and Miss T. Parker, of Beaufort, had an unpleasant experience. They were driving home from Bald Hill, when the second hailstorm occurred. The horse took fright and bolted for two miles, and it was only when the hail ceased to fail that Mr Parker was able to pull the horse into a trot. It was afterwards discovered that the reins had held by a few stitches. The hailstones broke a number of skylights in the town. At Chute the creek flooded, and the waters came down for a width of 100 yds., carrying fences, logs, and small trees with it. Between 3 and 4 inches of rain fell near Buangor, and the flood waters carried away fences, etc. A motorist near Challicum is stated to have tried to cross a flooded stream in his motor car, and the water overturned the car and washed it away for some distance. At Raglan there was also a considerable flood, but no serious damage was done. In the western part of the town

on Sunday evening, 242 points of rain was registered. Six points of rain fell at Beaufort on Monday night.

FREE DRINKS FOR ALL.

The erection of a trough for horses in the heart of Beaufort, and a drinking fountain, has inspired the following verses:-

The heat of day was blazing fast, As through the town of Beaufort passed,
A team of horses hauling wheat,

Excelsior! "Oh, stay," the driver said, "and There is no need to be distressed;

For George and Annia Bills have trough that's free from A water

Excelsior !" There, made of concrete cold and grey,
The glittering waters o'er them play; The trough and drinking fountain For man and beast, from near and

Excelsior! The touring motorist, passing by, Oft' finds his radiator dry;

He pauses, while he draws and fills, And offers prayers for Annis Bills. Excelsion And children coming home from

Will drink the mountain water cool: Or drench the scholar as he drank, With boyish glee and foolish prank. Excelsior! Soon, when the day of the car has

And the gee-gee comes back to his

They'll offer up a silent prayer, For George and Annis, who placed them there. Excelsior!

A Correction.

It was stated in a previous issue that Mr A. Grace had donated a trophy to the Beaufort Jockey Club, whereas he donated it to the Waterloo Sports Club. Farewell Social.

On Saturday evening the young friends of Miss Jean Glover were invited to her home, in order to bid her farewell before she set out for the Melbourne University. The time was pleasantly spent in dancing; the music being kindly supplied by • Mrs R. Grant and McCormick. During the evening an initialled Onoto fountain pen was presented to Miss Glover by Allan Day, as a farewell gift from her former schoolmates of the Beaufort

Higher Elementary School.

MR. SCULLIN'S RISE.

FROM TRAWALLA STATE SCHOOLBOY TO PRIME MINISTER.

An interesting function took place at the Trawalla State School on Saturday night, when the photograph of a former scholar, in the person of the Prime Minister (Mr J. H. Scullin), was unveiled. Mr Tolliday acted as chairman. The ceremony was performed by Mr R. A. Crouch, M.P. Three old scholars (Mrs S. Baldwin, Mr G. Baldwin, and Mr T. Rodgers), who went to school at Trawalla with Mr Scullin

Mr Crouch made an impressive address, and promised to donate a plate to put underneath the picture of the Prime Minister, stating that Mr Scullin received his early education at Trawalla from 1881 to 1887. This picture, Mr Crouch pointed out, showed how boys in a country like Australia could rise to the top of the tree with a State school education. Mr Crouch added, "Over 50 years ago a little lad called Jim Scullin. the son of a railway ganger, of Trawalla, was a scholar in this school. A month ago, I saw the Right. Hon. James Henry Scullin, Prime Minis ter, countersigning the oath which the Governor-General of Australia had taken. It was the same lad. Four months ago, he interviewed the King of England, and advised him in most momentous matters. If thou seest a man diligent in his business. he shall stand before kings,' says the Old Book. A poor lad born near this place, afterwards a grocery boy, a journalist, an organiser to a Shearers' Union, through ability, determination, and integrity, is now first citizen in the Commonwealth. And that is Australia. We have had Prime Ministers in the past-Deakin, the son of a bookkeeper; Watson, the son of a printer; Hughes, an umbrella repairer; and Cook and Fisher. sons of miners-who have been Prime Ministers through the grace of God and by their own ability and efforts. And that is Australia-every man with With sweating sides and aching feet. an equal opportunity. To all of you it is a lesson and an inspiration. I

remember the words-Good old Professor Gregorious, Followed this principle glorious-

He made it a rule. To bow to his school; For there might be a great man be-

fore us. Said good old Professor Gregorious, Who followed this principle glorious. That is why I bow to you all. Napoleon used to say that every soldier had a field marshal's baton in his knapsack. To every lad in Australia there is a possibility of becoming Prime Minister of his own country. Remember that no Australian boy started further behind scratch than Jim Scullin. And that is the hope of youth. All of us set out with high ambitions, and intend to make our lives useful and great. Most of us suffer disappointment and disillusionment, and fall by the way. But in each man's heart is the desire that, although he has failed, his children will do what he could not

hope. That is Australia." Messrs Rutherford and T. Rodgers also spoke; the latter giving a few reminiscences of his school life with Jimmy Scullin, who used to divide his lunch with anyone, and always behaved in a straight and honest way.

do. And that is what our great

State school system does for us. I

represents opportunity and eternal

Mr Tolliday thanked the retiring school committee, on behalf of the parents, for the way they had carried out their duties during their term of office, and also the head teacher (Mr Rutherford), and Mr C. Vowles (chairman).

Mr C. Vowles responded, on half of the committee. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

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who acted as chairman, referred to tainment amounted to £10. the great work the company were New Zealand Relief Fund. doing, and to the splendid concert A retiring collection recently they had given. The stage manager taken at the Beaufort Presbyterian (Mr Alex. Wotherspoon) thanked Church for the New Zealand Relief the following local residents for Fund realised £4/9/6; 18/ of which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for which was contributed by the following local residents for the following

Sinclair, Mr W. Manson, French, Ladies' Benevolent Society, There was a fair attendance at the Mr T. Williams, Mr L. Dawson, Mr Beaufort Picture Theatre on Friday W. H. Williams, Mr A. R. Luker, night, 27th ult., when a very enjoy- Mr W. Liston, Mrs D. Sievewright, able concert was given in aid of the Senior-constable R. McCormick, Unemployment Relief Fund, by Mr Constable J. J. Duke, Mr A. Par-Alex. Wotherspoon and a company of ker, and Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon metropolitan artists. The pro- & Co. He pointed out that the gramme was an excellent one, and money raised was used not only for the various artists were well received the relief of metropolitan unemployand the items given by them greatly cd. but unemployed throughout the appreciated. Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair, State. The proceeds of the enter-

the following local residents for was contributed by the Sunday their assistance:—Cr. R. A. D. School children.

BEREAVEMENT CARD.

MRS. W. NIXON and Family desire to sincerely thank their many kind friends for sympathy, floral tributes, and help during their recent sad bereavement, especially thanking Mrs. J. Frusher, Mr. T. Jones, and Mrs. Dromey.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"Contempt is the proper punishment of affectation."

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1931.

Social Evening.

At a social, held at the Aussie Cafe on Wednesday night, competitions were held and community singing indulged in. The winners of the competitions were Miss D. Ward and Mr W. Thompson. A tasty supper was provided by the ladies.

Month's Rainfall.

During the month of February, 29 points of rain were recorded at Beaufort, as compared with 293 refor the corresponding gistered for the corresponding month of 1930. The rainfall for the past two months is 92 points, and that for the first two months of 1930 was 307 points.

Date of Methodist Fair Altered. The committee of the Beaufort Methodist Church, who had fixed their fair for the same date as the Mechanics flower show, promptly and justly recognised the prior elaim of the Mechanics' committee, and to avoid a clash, altered the date of the fair from the 26th to the 19th March.

Trough and Drinking Fountain. Two useful public utilities-a con-

crete horse trough and a neat drinking fountain — have been erected near the band rotunda at Beaufort. The work was done by the Ripon Shire Council, with money granted from the estate of the late Annis and George Bills, two great supporters of the Purple Cross Society.

Cricket Teams.

The following teams will represent the Beaufort Cricket Club in tomatch:-Beaufort Town-J. Cole, H. O. Collier, J. B. Hall, C. Jenkin, C. Morvell, H. V. Mar-tin, R. Nichol, W. Pascoe, R. Pring-Pringle, and A. Beaufort Country-G. Beggs, Collins, R. Davis, R. Hodgetts, Hancock, J. Hunt, K. Hyde, L. James, N. Oddie, T. Stewart, J. Yawkins; emergencies T. Gibson,

Beaufort Swimming Club.

A special meeting of the Beaufort Swimming Club was held at the Shire Hall on Thursday night; Mr W. R. Glover presiding. There was a good attendance of members. vas decided to carry on with the cance arranged for 25th March, and not to postpone it on account of the Aechanics' flower show being held next day. It was pointed out that the workers for the flower show could decorate the hall on the Thursday morning, and that the Swimming Club had already circulated the advertising and printing for the dance, that tickets had also been sold, and it was impossible to recall them

C.F.B. Demonstration. At the Country Fire Brigades' de-monstration in Ballarat on Wednes-Beaufort defeated Rupanyup in the hose event for four men, class C, and also defeated Coleraine (who won the champion fours last year). In the final run-off, Beaufort missed. They put up a splendid run, but the washer fell off the hydrant into the plug, thus putting them out of a Their time was 19 sec., and Kingston won in 19 2-5 sec. At the demonstration dinner at night, "Municipal Bodies" was honored at the instance of Mr R. A. D. Sinclair (Beaufort), who himself is a councillor of 35 years' experience, and who heartily complimented Mayor Stewart on the fine work he was doing for the Base Hospital. All wished him the greatest possible success. He himself hoped to see the time when the present municipal councils would develop into provincial counrils, carrying and exercising more powers than they did at present. On Thursday, in the C class sixes, Heathcote defeated Beaufort.

TRAWALLA.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Tennis Club. For some time past the members of the Trawalla Tennis Club have been working enthusiastically and energetically in constructing a new Their endeavours have now been successful, and to mark the opening of it, a mixed doubles tournament has been arranged for this month. Full particulars are obtainable from any member, or the secretary (Mr P. Rutherford).

School Committee. Saturday last saw the end of the term of the Trawalla School Committee. During their three years of office they have been most energetic, and can look back and say that they have well and worthily carried out their duties. During this period a sum of over £70 has been raised in connection with the school. Included in this is a piano purchased seven months ago, and handed over to the incoming committee, free of debt. Two treats per year have been given the children, in addition to the special pienic trips. Should they be re-elected, they have other works in view, including a school endowment plantation and a swim-

ming pool. Railway Traffic. There were 1351 tons of produce, representing £605 in revenue, des patche from Trawalla during Feb runry. Seventeen thousand bags of oats and 3000 bags of eat were despatched. This exceed the total for last year, and there are about

3000 bags of oats still to come in. Mr. Scullin's Photo. Unveiled. On Saturday evening last a very pleasant function took place in the school. The evening was Trawalla arranged for the purpose of unveiling an enlarged photograph of Mr J. H. Scullin, M.H.R., Prime Minister of Australia, presented to the school by Mr Crouch, M.H.R. L. H. Tolliday occupied the chair, and there was a large gathering of parents, scholars, and district resi-In his introductory remarks, the chairman mentioned that the occasion was not without parallel, as recently a similar function had been in the Yackandandah State school, where a photograph of the Governor-General, Sir Isaac Isaacs, was unveiled. He looked upon it as honor to stand in the school in which Mr Scullin received his early education, and to think that his children were attending the same Mr Crouch briefly outlined the rise of Mr Scullin from the days of his attendance at this school to the present day. He pointed out how each pupil now in attendance had an equal opportunity of rising to high positions in the land. He hoped that when the looked at the photograph before them, that it would be an incentive to them to make the most of their opportunities. Among those present were several schoolmates of Mr Scullin. Mr Tom Rodgers, on behalf of these, expressed his pleasure at being able to attend and witness this honor conferred on the old school The head teacher (Mr Rutherford) apologised for the absence of Mr V. Heathcote and Sir Alexander Peacock, who were unable to be present. On behalf of the Education Department, the parents, and scholars, he thanked Mr Crouch for the very fine photo. He hoped that it would be an incentive to the present generation, and the generations to come, to do something for themselves when they grew up. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Crouch for his donation, and for the inconvenience he had put himself to that he might be present. An enjoyable evening of dancing was indulged in by all present

RAGLAN.

The Tennis Club. The Raglan Tennis Club has become more active of late, and now has a scheme for raising enough funds to lay down an asphalt court early next season, similar to those laid down lately for the Beaufort Methodist and the Middle Creek clubs. A meeting was held on Sat-February 28th, to consider urday. ways and means of doing this, and was fairly well attended. It was dehold a ball in March cided to and to endeavor to use every Saturday for the rest of the season in tournament or match play. A gencrous donation of £1 was received from Mr J. Tiley, to purchase trophies for a tournament among local players. It was decided to hold same Saturday, and ther meeting was arranged for Fri-

day, 6th inst., to complete the arrangements for both these functions. Heavy Rainstorm. Last Sunday, March 1st, a heavy rainstorm broke, accompanied by

some thunder and lightning. hundred and seventy-eight points fell in about 50 minutes, and the existing culverts and drains were entirely inadequate to deal with such a torrential downpour. The creek was soon running a banker, and for a time flowed over the decking of the bridge near the Church, and spread out in the paddocks along its course. From all the rising ground to the north of the main road the water flowed in large streams, and the road was under water in several places. Near the school, a great body of water came down from the hills near the Chute road, and filling the culvert, rose until it spread across the road in a cataract about three chains long, and in places over ix feet high. The pipe drain was washed out, exposing the wood pipes for about two chains. Much fencing was washed away. Two panels of the school plantation fence were laid flat, and about six posts of the strongly-built school rence were loosened. The rain ceased as suddenly as it began, and in an hour or two the only signs of it were the rubbish caught in every fence along the watercourses, and spread along the road. Further showers brought the total for the week-end

to 216 poin'

ocial Evening. Friday evening, February 27, a social evening was tendered by the people of Ragian to Mr G. Brain, of the Hume Pipe Co., and the men who had worked with him in the manufacture and laying of the pipe from Mt. Cole to Beaufort. The function, with its combination of a short pragramme of musical and elocutionary items, dancing, and community singing, was one of the most successful held in the district for some time, and reflected great credit on the organisers. Mr F. Thorpe made a good chairman, and further, shared the duties of M.C. with Mr Tucker. Those who gave items on programme were Mrs A. E. Panther, Miss Lucardie, Messrs A. Panther, Tucker, Lewis, and The accompaniments were played by Miss D. Tucker and Mr H. D. Panther, who also gave general satisfaction with their dance music, in which Mr G. Gillingham and his violin were also prominent. Community singing, accompanied by Mr Panther, was also greatly enjoyed. A very tasty supper was arranged by the ladies, and was served about midnight. During an interval at supper time, Messrs Thorpe and Lewis each made a short speech, complimenting Mr Brain and his men on the way in which they had identified themselves with the activities of the district during their stay, and ation of the Raglan people in the great blessing of a good water supply, which they had been instrumental in bringing to them. company sang "For They are Jolly Good Fellows" with great gusto. In reply, Mr Brain expressed his appreciation of the compliment to himself and those who had worked with him in tendering to them the social evening. He had enjoyed his stay in Raglan, and he and his men had made some very good friends, especially one of his men. (Laughter). He said that everybody in Raglan should take advantage of the water flowing past their doors. His observations had led him to believe that there was great talent in Raglan, as evinced by the fine community singing, and he hoped that by such social evenings, and by other means, those talents would be brought out. He hoped to be able to visit the district again, and renew acquaintanceship with his various friends. Dancing was continued

evening terminated about 2 a.m. WATERLOO.

after supper, and an enjoyable

The Sports Club. A meeting of the Waterloo Sports Club was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday, 3rd March. Mr Stewart (vice-president) was voted to the chair, in the absence of Mr J. J. Dunn (president). enteen members were present. It was decided to send an advertisement to the Avoca paper. Several enquiries for programmes were re-Tenders are to be called ceived. for the work of putting the running and cycle tracks in order. On the motion of Messrs N. Dromey and J. Bates, it was decided that if there were 10 or more in the 220 yds. footrace, it would have to be run in It was resolved to invite heats. tenders for the supply of logs, and to have them trimmed to size and mounted on chocks in heats. Messrs and inspection committee.

COMING EVENTS

Of Special Interest to Preshyterians. On Sunday next, the 8th March, special services for the children will be conducted in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beaufort. For some weeks the children have been practising hymns for the occasion, inder the capable leadership of Mr Arthur Grace, and on Sunday, at the morning and evening services, these hymns will be sung by the children, aided by the members of the church choir. A apporary platform has been erected by a good friend of the church for the accommodation of the choir. Both teachers and children are looking forward to a pleasant and profitable day. The address at the morning service will be for the children, and the Minister hopes that an opportunity will be given him in the evening of speaking specially to parents and teachers. On Monday evening there will be a Young People's Social in the School Hall, when prizes will be distributed to the successful scholars.

Primary Producers' Restoration of Industry Movement. As a result of deliberations of pri-

mary producers' organisations throughout the various States, a movement has been inaugurated with a view to drastic reductions in Governmental expenditure and taxation, and alleviation of other factors contributing to the high production costs of primary producers. The movement in Victoria has the support of the Graziers' Association of Victoria, the Melbourne Woolbrokers' Association, the Geelong Woolbrokers' Associa-tion, the Victorian Dairymen's Association, the Victorian Country Party, the Victorian Wheat Corporation, the Victorian Meat Exporters' Association, the Victorian Apiarists' Association, the National Utility Poultry Breeders' Association, the Victorian Country Stock Agents' Asociation, the Southern Fruitgrowrs' Association, the Victorian Fruit Marketing Association, the Victorian Chamber of Agriculture, the Northern Fruit Growers' Association, and the Australian Mines and Metals Association. It is absolutely imperative to the welfare of the man on the land that production costs must be reduced, but to get this done, to make Governments realise that primary producers are determined it shall be done, needs concerted and sustained effort. Attention is drawn in our advertising columns to a meeting, to be held at the Mechanics' Hall, Skipton, on Tuesday, March 10th, at 3 p.m., for purposes of supporting the movement, and all interested in the rehabilitation of the primary industries are urgently desired to attend such meeting.

The Methodist Autumn Fair will be held in the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Thursday, 19th inst., afternoon and evening. There will be cake, produce, needlewodk, confectionery, ice-cream, children's, and refreshment stalls, besides sideshows and other attractions.

To-morrow or to-might, maybe, you will lose something you priize highly Everybody loses something at one time or other, but in Beaufert few things are lost that cannot be recovered through a small ad. in the Riponshire Advocate." It's eary to mail an ad. to the "Advocate," or just eat at the office and tell as year troubles

STOCKYARD HILL.

The P.W.M.U. At the quarterly meeting of the Stockyard Hill branch of the P.W.M.U., which was well attended, all the office-bearers were re-elected. Miss Ward kindly consented to be president for the tenth year of office, with Miss J. Hannah as vicepresident, Miss Lewis as secretary and treasurer, and Miss D. Ward as secretary of "The Chronicle." Miss Ward expressed the sympathy of the members with the Bain family and Mrs Troy in their loss. Members' subscriptions were given in; 18/ being sent to the presbyterial treasurer, Mrs Cumming. Fifty-two tins of jam were brought in for the Erscine Mission, and dripping, clothes, and goods are to be sent later. Miss Dorris Ward gave Miss Lewis a fine bouquet of asters, grown by herself, and which was much appreciated, and admired by all. A pleasant tea followed, after a short meeting of the Presbyterian Hospital Auxiliary; £3/11/ being collected and sent Mrs Lyall at the Assembly Hall, Melbourne. Rev. A. and Mrs Houston, with the men of the congrega-J. McErvale, H. Stewart, and Geo. tion (who did splendid work in the Vowles were appointed as a tender grounds), joined the members at

PERSONAL.

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Mrs Murray Exell, of Stockyard Hill, and her brother, Mr J. Gibbs. are at Queenscliff for a few weeks. Morrie, the little son of Mr and Mrs E. Vowles, of Trawalla, has been

Mrs E. Dawson and Mr H. Dawson, senr., of Trawalla, have been on the sick list. Mr A. Ramsay, of Ararat, spent

the week-end in Beaufort.
Constable J. J. Duke, of Beaufort, is on holiday leave. Mr H. A. Stowell, who was in charge of the Brewster state school. has been appointed head teacher of the Bingalbert South school, near Goroke, on the South Australian border.

Mrs J. O'Brien, sen., of Middle Creek, is spending a holiday with her sister, Mrs J. Halpin, " Yarradale," Toorak. Among the visitors to Beaufort

on Saturday for the races were Messrs Jack and Jim McCurdy, of Melbourne, and Mr and Mrs S. Lynch, of Ballarat. During the Country Women's As-

sociation's annual meeting week in Melbourne, from April 13 to April 19. Mrs R. G. Beggs, of Beaufort, will be in charge of the thrift articles. Mrs R. Kirkpatrick, of Melbourne.

who has just returned from a trip to W.A., has been visiting friends and relatives in Beaufort and district. Miss Olive Weiss, of Minyip, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs L. R. Scott, of Trawalla.

The Ripon Shire engineer, Mr E. Crouch, has been away from Beaufort on holiday leave. Mrs M. Dames, of Beaufort, is go-

ing away for a holiday. Mrs Thompson, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Waldron, of Beaufort, who is a missionary attached to the Methodist Mission at Tonga, is home on extended furlough.

Misses Elsie Morvell and Sylvia Hancock, of Beaufort, are going to Queenscliff for a holday trip, and will leave to-day (Saturday). Mrs J. McMahon, sister of Messrs J. P. and H. Rogers and Miss B.

Rogers, of Beaufort, is coming home for a holiday next week with her They will arrive in Australia by the Nieu Zealand on Thursday. Mrs McMahon has been residing i Rangoon, Burma, for a number of years, and has been away from Australia for seven years. Prior to her marriage, she was an army nursing

SHOPPING BENEFITS.

PRESENT TIME CONDITIONS THURSDAY at WOTHERSPOON'S. SPECIALS, as featured by this tions will also be welcomed. Firm, is becoming more pronounced, as shoppers are realising that the Savings are POSITIVE and GENU- it in. INE; making the spending power greater than ever. The weekly Thursday Special Circular is continually freely distributed throughout the district, and gives full details of these amazing price cuts.

"STA-BRITE."

A Wonderful Varnish.

The best varnish and stain that has appeared lately is a line called "Set-This has been perfected to wear, and last a considerable time, and is the aeme of perfection for all kinds of furniture, and without a peer for floor staining. It dries with a smooth, glassy finish in five minutes. "Sta-Black" is a stove polish that will be much appreciated by all housewives. It wants applying only every four weeks, and has no offensive smell. Another household commodity that will be a favorite is a lino. polish called "Lino-Brite." This is a liquid, and requires applying once every six months. It may be washed, scrubbed, or walked on without showing the slightest boot mark, and dries in ten minutes, guaranteed non-slippery. "Hood-rite," the famous black motor hood dressing, is an up-to-date dressing, used only for black motor hoods, and dries in ten minutes; keeps the leather pliable, and is thoroughly water-proof. "Never-Stick" is sold with an absolute guarantee that it will cure the stickiest leather or oilskin available. Sold by all stores,

New Hours at Mechanics'. From Monday, March 9th, the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute will be closed every afternoon, excepting Thursdays, when it will be open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

BOWLS. THE FORD IS THE CAR

THE COLOR COMPETITION.

Reds and Blues continued the color competition on Saturday afternoon at the Beaufort green, when the Reds were 5 up in a three-rink and a pairs Scores (Reds being named first):-Harris (23) beat Bowe (20); Acton (29) beat Dr. Humphreys (14); Stevenson (11) lost to Laird (26); pairs -Reds. 2. Totals:-Reds, 65; Blues 60. Reds increased their lead of 65

On Thursday night the color competition was continued on the Beaufort Bowling Club's green, when the Reds won a four-rink match against the Blues by 61 to 51, and increased their lead from 72 to 82. Scores (Reds being mentioned first):-Acton (15) beat Laird (13); Stevenson (13) beat Bowe (8); Webster (23) beat Troy (7); Harris (10) lost to Humphreys (23). Totals:-Reds .61; Blues, 51.

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday. Messrs D. R. Hannah & Co. report:—Sheep—171 wethers, Mr F. M. Hovey, Minersrest, to 13/7; 57 cwes, Mr H. Birkett, Windermere, at 10/4; 33 ewes from Ross' Creek: 20 ewes, Mr Geo. McKay, Newlyn. to 11/1. Lambs—100. McKay, Newlyn, to 12/10; 77, Mr J. Thomas, Ascot, to 12/10, averaging 12/7; 40, Mr D. McCallum, Blowhard, to 10/11; 9, Mr. H. Birkett,

Windermeme. Lambs for Mr M. Welsh, Raglan, were sold by another auctioneer

PUT YOUR DISTRICT ON THE MAP.

Correspondence upon all subjects of local and district interest is soli cited. Copy (written on one side of the paper only) should reach the printer as early as possible, at least by Wednesdays at noon. If not received by that time, every effort will be made to insert, but there is of course, always the possibility of publication being deferred until a later issue. Clubs and societies generally are asked to appoint a Press correspondent, and thus ensure rerender it advisable that full ad- gular reports of their doings. Covantage should be taken of the Su- operation in this way will be much perlative Values offering EVERY appreciated. Give Facts, but let Criticism alone. Social notes, re-The popularity of the THURSDAY ports of weddings and other func-

> Anyone having an item for the personal column is invited to send

There is no charge for news items.

Mining Lease.

Messrs R. Gardiner (Waterloo) and N. S. Smith (Richmond) are applying for a mining lease of 50 acres on the Lexton Creek, about two miles north of the township of Lexton.

Country Women's Association.

There was an attendance of 80 members of the Beaufort branch of the Country Women's Association, held at the Club-rooms on Thursday afternoon. Mrs R. G. Beggs (president) presided. After routine business had been dealt with, Mrs Beggs introduced Mrs Guyatt, who gave a very able demonstration on scaling wax craft, in which the members took a keen interest. Mrs Guyatt handed over the money she had received for the various articles she had sold during the afternoon to the Queen of Charity (Miss E. Lewis). The president thanked Mrs Guyatt most heartily for her able demonstration and generous gift, and formally moved a vote of thanks to her. This was seconded by Mrs Talbot, and carried. Miss S. Dowie then gave an unusual demonstration of lacquer work, and showed methods of making ordinary household and plain articles into things of beauty. She was also accorded a vote of thanks. A competition for the best tea dish, in which there was a good number of entries, was won by Miss Beggs, with Miss Muntz second. and Mrs Miller third. The opportunity shop is to be opened in April, and demonstration of shortbread-making is to be given by Mrs J. Exell. It was decided to hold a cooking class about the end of May. Afternoon tea was served by the hostesses appointed for the day.

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MR. ERIC THOMAS, Dentist, of Ballarat, will visit Mr. Ashley's Pharmacy on THURSDAY NEXT. MARCH 12th, and then EVERY ALTERNATE THURSDAY.

Australian Natives' Association

THE Fortnightly MEETING of the Beaufort Branch, A.N.A., will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTI-TUTE on TUESDAY Evening next, at 8 o'clock sharp. W. J. BRUCE JOHNSON, Secretary.

METHODIST AUTUMN FAIR. MARCH 19th, 1931.

IN THE PICTURE THEATRE. BEAUFORT

STALLS,-Cakes, Produce, Needlework, Confectionery, Ice-cream, Children's, and Refreshments.

SIDE SHOWS AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Afternoon and Evening at 3 and 7.30. Admission, 6d each session, NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE.

WITHIN twelve days from the 23rd day of FEBRUARY, 1931, we shall lodge with the Secretary for Mines. Melbourne, an application for a Lease, the particulars of which

Name (in full) and address of each applicant--Robin Gardiner, of Waterloo; Norman Stanley Smith, of 419 Bridge Rd., Richmond. Name by which mine will

known-Red, White, and Blue. Area-About 50 acres. Whether on or below the surface, both—Both. Full description and precise local-

ity of the land-Land situate on Lexton Creek, about 2 miles north of township of Lexton. Name of each owner and each occupier of the land, so far as applicant has been able to learn-Owner,

cupier, owners. Whether the boundaries land include any river, creek, deposit or permanent water, spring, or artificial reservoir-Part of Lexton Creek

S. G. Miles and H.

Nature of proposed mining operations-Alluvial. Term required-Fifteen years Estimated expenditure-£500.

Metal or mineral to be worked-Quartz or alluviums-Alluviums. Where it is private land, state whether a prospecting area is re-

auired-No. General remarks-Signature of Applicant—R. GAR-DINER and N. S. SMITH, per R. G.

Place and Date--Lexton, 23/2/31. PRIMARY PRODUCERS

RESTORATION OF INDUSTRY MOVEMENT.

MONSTER MEETING

WILL BE HELD AT THE MECHANICS' HALL. SKIPTON. ON 10th MARCH AT 3 P.M.

Speaker: COMMANDER H. P. MACKENZIE. THE HON. H. A. CURRIE IN THE CHAIR.

LL interested in the Welfare of Primary Producers are urgently requested to be present to support solutions urging Drastic Reductions in Governmental Expenditure and Taxation, and Alleviation of Other Factors contributing to High Production Costs.

R'. C. GUTHRIE, Local Secretary, The Graziers' Association of Victoria.

OST, Cheque drawn by N. S. Dowie. Payment stopped, Finder FROM MONDAY, MARCH 9th, the BEAUFORT MECHANICS' IN-STITUTE will be closed EVERY AFTERNOON, EXCEPT THURS-

DAY, when it will be open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. THOS, WILLI-AMS, President; H. V. MARTIN, Hon. Secretary QPECIAL SERVICES for the Children will be conducted in BEAUFORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH on SUNDAY NEXT, 8th inst., at 11 and 7 p.m. Hymns will

be sung by the children, assisted by the Church Choir, under the leader ship of Mr. A. Grace, On MONDAY EVENING, a YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIAL will be held in the SCHOOL HALL, when prizes will be distributed to the successful scholars.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 8th MARCH, 1931

Church of England.-Beaufort, 11 and 7; Middle Creek, 3-Rev. A. Talbot.

Methodist Church.-Chute, 11: Raglan, 3; Beaufort, 7—Rev. T. F. Stanley, M.A., B.D. Beaufort, 11; Waterloo, 3.30-Mr. C. Waldron. Presbyterian Church. - Beaufort, 11 and 7; Buangor, 3-Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

REGISTRATION OF DOGS.

MOTICE is hereby given that all Dogs within the Shire, over the age of six months, must be Registered between the 1st and 15th of

MARCH, 1931. Owners whose dogs

are unregistered by the 15th

MARCH, 1931, are liable to prose cution NORMAN B. ACTON, Shire Sec

retary. Beaufort, 28/2/31.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited, and will be received up to 11 o'clock on MONDAY, 9th MARCH, 1931, for the undermentioned works:-

Country Roads Board. Contract No. 141D/-.-Metalling 2000 feet, Trawalla West Road. Shire Contracts.

Contract No. 11/31.—Supply of name plate standards, in mild steel, and fitting to plates for Honor Avnuc, Beaufort—Trawalla

Contract No. 13/31,-Erection of name plates and standards in Honor Avenue, Beaufort-Trawalla. Contract No. 12/31.—Supply, etc., of 230 cub. yds. quartz gravel,

Jonathan's Reservoir. Specifications may be seen at Mechanics' Institutes, Snake Valley and Skipton; and at Shire Offices, Beau-

Deposit of 5 per cent. to accompany each tender for Shire Contracts, and a preliminary deposit of 2½ per cent. on C.R.B. contract. The lowest or any tender not ne-

cessarily accepted. E. S. CROUCH, C.E., L.S., Shire Engineer. Beaufort, 27/2/31.

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minutes.
"LINO-BRITE" A wonderful labor saver for polishing Linos.; wants applying only every six months. Stands washing as required. and is not slippery.

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lutely waterproof.

Officials:-President, Mr C. Vowles; vice-presidents, Messrs D. McCallum and W. R. Glover; committee, Messrs J. H. George, H. Smith, D. McCallum, W. McCurdy, W. Ellis, G. Foreman, J. L. McErvale, R. A. D. Sinclair, W. R. Glover, W. Goodie, J. J. Dunn, J. T. Glover, A. J. Saph, J. Sievewright, W. O'Sullivan, F. A. Laird, H. McCracken, F. Brown, D. Ringin, and S. Pascoe; judge, Mr J. T. Glover; starter, Mr H. Smith; assistant-starter, Mr J. J. Dunn; clerk of course, Mr N. Smith; clerk of scales, Mr W. O'Sullivan; saddlecloth steward, Mr W. Ellis; scratching steward, Mr T. Rodgers; pony measurers, Messrs G. Vowles and H. Smith; timekeeper, Mr W. R. Glover; auditor, Mr A. J. Saph; secretary and treasurer, Mr W. A. Skene; race stewards, Messrs H. Smith, W. O'Sullivan, D. McCallum, W. Elfis, F. Laird, and W. McCurdy: gatekeepers, Messrs J. T. Parker, L. Jarvis, and H. Featherstone; handicappers, Messrs W. R. Glover, G. Foreman, and H. Smith (trots), and W. Connor (woodchops).

Ideal weather was experienced on Saturday, on the occasion of the Beaufort Jockey Club's gymkhana, held at the racecourse at Waterloo Flat. There was a fairly good attendance of the public, and an interesting afternoon's sport was enjoyed. Half the proceeds are to be devoted to the fund for improving the Avenue of Honor. The gate receipts were £13/18/. The programme consisted of three trots, a pony race, a woodchop, and a bending race. There were several close finishes, and punters got a good run for their money. Half-a-dozen bookmakers were present, and a fair amount of betting was done. Mr A. Petrie, of Buangor, conducted the publican's booth, and Mr J. A. Bates the fruit and sweets stall. The latter had to contend with unfair competition from a fruit hawker with a cart on the road. Mr C. R. Vowles was a hardworking and enthusiastic president, and the secretarial duties were in the hands of Mr W. A. Skene who discharged them in his usual capable, systematic, and tactful way. All the officials worked well, and a special word of praise is due to the starter (Cr. H. Smith), his assistant (Mr J. J. Dunn), and the clerk of scales (Mr W. O'Sullivan). Mr J. T. Glover occupied the judge's box, and his decisions gave every satisfaction. Sir Alexander Peacock was among the visitors, and he was given the honor of starting the first trot. Constable J. J. Duke, of Beaufort, was in attendance as the representative of law and order, and his duties were light. Several small improvements have been made to the course by the club since last year, and as the trees are now beginning to show good growth, there is plenty of shade and shelter for the spectators. The stewards were only called together once during the afternoon, and that was in order to grant a local equestrienne, Miss Jean Smith, a permit to ride in the pony race.

Starting at even money, Mr J. I. McErvale's Sea Plane comfortably won the mile trot by about eight lengths; there being about a length between the second and third horses (Mr F. Brown's Little Abbey and Mr W. McCurdy's Vasco). The Pony Race was won by Mr T. Lakey's Toowong (3 to 1 on) by the narrow margin of a neck from Mr. W. Simpson's Bob Star; Mr G. Coster's Lord Stanley being six lengths away third. The Bending Race resulted in a win for Miss Jean Smith's Waterloo; and Mr A. Wangler's Daisy was second. Mr S. R. Pascoe's Grattalene (3 to 2) got home with a length and a half to spare in the mile and a quarter trot,

and there was only a head between BEAUFORT JOCKEY CLUB the second and third horses (Mr F. Brown's Little Abbey and Mr W. SUCCESSFUL GYMKHANA. McCurdy's Vasco: the latter putting in a great finish). The winner of the Underhand Woodchop, E. Glenister, had but a blow to spare at the finish, and two blows separated the second and third men (W. L. and J. H. Connor). Starting at

3 to 1, Mr W. Corbett's Pinion won the mile and a half trot seven lengths ahead of Mr J. L. McErvale's Sea Plane; Mr W. Goodie, senr's. Somerset being ten lengths Appended are details:-

J. L. McErvale's br. m. SEA PLANE (W. Goodie, junr), 30 yds. bhd. ser. 1 F. Brown's ch. h. LITTLE AB-BEY (owner), 20 yds. bhd. .. 2

W. McCurdy's b. g. VASCO

OPEN HANDICAP TROT, of £6.

One mile. First, £5; second, £1.

There were nine starters, and Grattalene got away late; the driver being out of his jinker when the flag was waved. Half-way round, Sea Plane and Ginger were in front, and at the turn the order of the leading horses was Sea Plane, Ginger, Elre o. In the straight, Ginger and Elreus, were displaced by Little Abbey and Vasco, but Sea Plane was still making the running. Sea Plane won comfortably by about eight lengths, and about a length separated the second and third hor-

No time taken. Betting: Evens Sea Plane, Mac, Billy, and Adeline, 2 to 1 Little Abbey, 6 to 4 Vasco, 3 to 1 Grattalene, Elretso, and Ginger.

Other starters: F. Brown's Billy 120 yds. bhd.; G. George's Ginger. 60 yds. bhd.; S. R. Pascoe's Grattalene, 50 yds. bhd.; G. McVicar's Elretso, 50 yds. bhd.; W. Goodie, junr's. Adeline, 50 yds. bhd.; Alf Nunn's Mac, 30 yds. bhd.

HANDICAP PONY RACE, of £5. Four furlongs, 14.2 a.u. First, £4: second. £1. T. Lakey's b. g. TOOWONG (Men-

W. Simpson's b. g. BOB STAR (Lanigan), 9.0, ed. 9.4 2 G. Coster's b. g. LORD STAN-

LEY (G. Brown), 8.0, cd. 8.2, 3 The scratching pen was freely used in this event, and out of 14 nominations, five faced the starter. Toowong took the lead early in the race, and was followed by Bob Star and Lord Stanley. The same order was preserved at the turn and in the straight. There was a great finish; Toowong only gaining the judge's verdict by a neck from Bob Star. About six lengths separated second and third. Time, 51 sec. Betting: 4 to 1 Meath, 5 to 1 Lord Stanley and Stella, 4 to 1 Bob Star, 3 to 1 on Toowong.

Other starters: R. A. Kavanagh's Meath, 8.0, cd. 9.0; S. George's Stella, 7.7, cd. 9.7. BENDING RACE.

First, £1; second, 10/. Miss Jean Smith's WATERLOO (owner), 1 min. 15 sec. .. . 1 A. Wangler's DAISY (owner). 1 min. 20 sec. 2 This proved an interesting event,

and there were 14 competitors. The heats resulted as follow:-Miss Jean Smith (1 min. 15 sec.) d. G. Anderson, L. Kelly (1 min 27 sec.) d. E. Bennett. Gillingham (1 min. 32 sec.) d. Drew. A. Wangler (1 min. 20 sec.) d. O. R. Lowe (1 min. 25 sec.) d. W. McKenzie. N. Smith (1 min. 28 sec.) d. L. McCormick. S. George (1 min 22 sec.) A. Cameron (1 min. 30 sec.)

BEAUFORT HANDICAP TROT, Lightfoot, 31.

One and a quarter miles First, £7; second, £1. S. R. Pascoe's ch. g. GRATTA-LENE (owner), 60 yds. bhd.

F. Brown's ch. h. LITTLE AB-BEY (owner), 25 yds. bhd., .. 2 third position. J. P. Fraser (33) W. McCurdy's b. g. VASCO (owner), 100 yds. bhd. .. . 3 foot (35) for the fourth rung.

The excellent field of ten faced the starter. W. McKenzie parted company with his mount, Ginger, soon after the start. The first time past the stand Little Abbey was leading, with Grattalene and Sea Plane next in order. Half-way round Little Abbey was still in front, with Sea Plane, Grattalene, and Adeline following in that sequence. This order was preserved till the turn was reached, but after entering the straight, Vasco came into the picture, and displaced Adeline. Grattalene won by a length and a half, and only about a head separated the other placed horses; Vasco making a great run into third position when nearing the post, almost wresting

Betting: Evens Adeline, 2 to 1 Vasco, 3 to 2 Grattalene, 10 to

second place from Little Abbey, and

finishing strongly. Time, 3 min. 15

Other starters: F. Brown's Billy, (owner), 80 yds. bhd. 3 150 yds. bhd.; G. George's Ginger, 75 yds. bhd.; G. McVicar's Elretso, 60 yds. bhd.; W. Goodie, junr's. Adeline, 60 yds. bhd.: W. Corbett's Pinion, 50 yds. bhd.; Alf. Nunn's Mac. 40 vds. bhd.; J. L. McErvale's S a Plane, 75 yds. bhd. CADERHAND WOODCHOP.

> 38 in. girth logs. First, £5; second. £1; third, 10/. First heat-T. PEARCE, 12 sec. bhd. scr., 1; J. H. CONNOR, 7 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 45 sec. Won by a blow. Three competitors.

Second heat—E. GLENISTER,

sec. bld. ser., 1; W. L. CONNOR, 2 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 50 sec. Won by Final-E. GLENISTER, 1; W. L. CONNOR, 2; J. H. CONNOR, 3. Time, 48 sec. A close finish; won by

second and third. Four competi-Betting: Evens Pearce, J. H. and W. L. Connor, and Glenister.

a blow, with two blows separating

TRAWALLA HANDICAP TROT of £6. One and a half miles, First, £5; second, £1.

Ringin), 60 yds. bhd. 1 J. L. McErvale's br. m. SEA PLANE (W. Goodie, junr.) 45 yds. bhd. 2 W. Goodie, senr's, sk. g. SOMER-

W. Corbett's bk. g. PINION (W

There were six starters out of the horses nominated. took the lead from the start, and when the field first passed the stewards' stand, was still ahead, with Sea Plane, Pinion, and Adeline next. Half-way round, the order was Sea Plane, Pinion, and Somerset, and at the turn, Sea Plane, Pinion, Somerset, and Adeline. Sea Plane was still leading in the straight, but was soon challenged by Pinion, who won comfortably by seven lengths, with ten lengths separating second and third. Time, 3

Betting: 2 to 1 Sea Plane, Adeline, and Billy, 3 to 1 Pinion, 4 to 1 Elretso, evens Somerset. Other starters: F. Brown's Billy, 180 vds. bhd.; G. McVicar's Elretso, 75 vds. bhd.; W. Goodie. junr's. Adeline, 75 yds. bhd.

min. 56 sec.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Under fair conditions, with a slight variation in wind and light, the Beaufort Rifle Club held a couple of practice matches on Saturday afternoon. Following are the leading scores off the rifle:--500 vds. (8 shots).—W. J. B.

Johnson, 40; J. P. Fraser, 37; T. G. Bergs, 37; R. Lightfoot 36; E. 600 yds. (8 shots).—T. G. Beggs.

Fraser, 36; E. Lightfoot, 35; R. com., Lightfoot, 35. In the ladder competition, E. scr. 1 Lightfoot (31) unsuccessfully challenged T. G. Beggs (39) for the

unsuccessfully challenged E. Light-

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October 18th.-Waterloo v. Beaufort Town; Warrak v. Mt. Lonarch; Beaufort Country v. Buangor. October 25th .- Beaufort Town v. Warrak; Mt. Lonarch v. Beaufort Country; Buangor v. Waterloo.

November 1st.—Mt. Lonarch v. Beaufort Town; Warrak v. Buangor;

Beaufort Country v. Waterloo. November 8th.—Beaufort Town Buangor; Warrak v. Beaufort Country; Waterloo v. Mt. Lonarch. November 15th.—Beaufort Coun-Country v. Beaufort Town; Waterloo Warrak; Buangor v. Lonarch. Second Round.

November 22nd.—Beaufort Town SET (owner), scr. 3 v. Waterloo; Mt. Lonarch v. Warrak; Buangar v. Beaufort Country. 29th.—Warrak v. Beau fort Town; Beaufort Country v. Mt. Lonarch; Waterloo v. Buangor. December 6th.—Beaufort Town v. . Lonarch; Buangor v. Warrak; Vaterloo v. Beaufort Country. December 13th.—Buangor

Beaufort Town; Beaufort Country v. Warrak; Mt. Lonarch v. Waterloo. December 20th.—Beaufort Town Beaufort Country; Warrak v. Waterloo; Mt. Lonarch v. Buangor. The matches for the third round will be the same as the first round, and played on the following dates:-Jany. 3rd, Jany. 10th, Jany. 17th, Jany. 24th, and Jany. 31st. The matches for the fourth round shall be the same as the second round, and played on the following dates:-Feby. 7th, Feby. 14th, Feby. 21st, Feby. 28th, and March 28th. All matches will be played on the

WOOL SALES.

ground of the first-named club.

At the Geelong wool sales on Thursday, 26th ult., district clips sold as follow :- Merinos-Lightwood Park/CW (Carngham), extra sup., 211d, sup. 191d, bls. 11d; Eyebrow/N/Skipton, sup. H 16ad, sup. com. 16ld; CMC/Skipton, AAA, 161d; R/Carngham, 1st com., 161d; PC/AC (in box). Moorallah (Streatham), A com 153d, 1st com. 151d, bkn. 14d, bls. 10d; R/Skipton, 1st com., 151d: AW/Skipton, sup. com., 15d; MM/C (Beaufort), AA, 15d; Eyebrow/S (Skipton), 144d. Lambs -ALG / Skipton, sup. lms'., 161d. At the Victorian March series of sales in Melbourne on Monday, M/ Yalong (Beaufort), mer. brought 39; W. J. B. Johnson, 36; J. P. 15d; WAS/Campsie (Beaufort), sup. 141d; JW/Trawalla (Chepstowe), fice., 151d.

> An Omission. The name of Mrs W. Holdsworth was omitted from the list of lady workers at the Beaufort School Swimming Carnival, held on Thurs-

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Editor "Riponshire Advocate." Dear Sir,-I must join with Mr V. C. Jenkin in protest against the nature of the remarks passed at the recent meeting of the school committee by Messrs Kirkpatrick and Buchanan. As a member of the staff for over two years, I deplore with them the frequent change of staff, with its attendant break of work, but I cannot view with equanimity the condemnatory remarks on the members of the staff. I should be gratified to learn by what authority or experience these gentlemen feel themselves qualified to criticise members of a profession, concerning which, pardon me, they can know very little. It appears to me that any such condemnation is entirely outside the scope of their business or their ability. Whilst agreeing that D. McDonald, b C. Morvell .. examination results have been very poor, I should like very much to point out that judgment by results in scholastic matters is not invariably satisfactory. If G. S. Gilbert will allow the misquotation, "The teacher's lot is not a happy one." If the child succeeds he is brilliant, but J. Clough, c C. Pringle, b Jenkin, 0 if he fails the teacher is at fault. In conclusion, I would recommend for consideration the old adage that "no

faithfully, J. W. KERSHAW, B. Sc. (Hons.), Dip. Ed. Numurkah, March 1st, 1931.

CRICKET.

RIPON COMPETITION.

Beaufort Town visited Buangor on

Saturday, and defeated the local

team. H. V. Martin was the Town daptain. J. Murray, who captained the home team in the absence of W. Bossence, won the toss, and sent Beaufort to the wickets. Cole and C. Pringle opened the batting to W. Murray, whose first over was sensational, as Cole was dropped off the third ball, and Pringle was bowled with the last. Hall was next, but did not last, and Beaufort had made a poor start with 2 for 7. Manley was next, and with Cole, soon put a respectable total on the board, and when Cole was bowled for 24, the total was 3 for 52. Jenkin followed, and quickly added to the total, but at 82. Manley was bowled by Mathews, after a splendid innings for 43. Martin was bowled first ball, and Pascoe failed to stay, and with R. Pringle in, Jenkin hit out, and at the call of time, was responsible for making top score with 49: the juniors, R. Pringle and L. Lowe, lending a helping hand. At the call of time, Beaufort had lost 9 wickets for 131. W. Murray was the most successful bowler; getting 5 for 45; and was supported by E. Mathews (3 for 38). The Buangor batsmen failed to get going against the bowling of Cole (4 for 5) and Morvell (5 for 15), and were out for 26. Following on, they did much better, and were able to save an outright defeat, as at 7 p.m. they had lost only 9 wickets for 75. H. Green was top scorer with 24, including one six and three fours. E. Mathews (17) and W. Mathews (14) were the other double figure scorers. The wickets were secured by Martin K. Hyde, c Padgett, b Farish . . 0 (5 for 27), Jenkin (2 for 22), and Morvell (1 for 22). The fielding on both sides was not as good as it might have been, for although a number of good catches were taken, a number of chances were missed. Scores:- .

J. Cole, b W. Murray ... C. Pringle, b W. Murray J. B. Hall, c and b W. Murray ... R. F. Manley, b E. Mathews .. 43 V. Jenkin, c Forster, h H. Green, 49 H. V. Martin, b E. Mathews ...

Beaufort Town.

W. Pascoe, b E. Mathews R. Pringle, b W. Murray H. Miller, c J. Murray, b W. Murray 0

L. Lowe, not out 6 Sundries 2

Total 9 for 131 Bowling-W. Murray, 5/45; E. Mathews, 3/38; H. Green, 1/12; J. Murray, 0/34.

Buangor. First Innings J. Murray, c Jenkin, b Morvell, 10 Green, b C. Morvell E. Mathews, c Martin, b Morvell, W. Murray, b Cole

W. Mathews, b Cole W. Nairn, b C. Morvell W. Meadows, b J. Cole W. Forster, run out V. Blatchford, c Jenkin, b Cole, J. Clough, not out

Bowling-J. Cole, 4/5; C. Mor-

vell 5/15. Second Innings. W. Meadows, b Martin 14

W. Forster, b Morvell 3 J. Murray, c C. Pringle, b. Jenkin, 1 E. Mathews, b Morvell 17 matter how good the brickmaker W. Mathews, b Martin 0 may be, it is impossible to make W. Murray, b Martin 6 satisfactory bricks without an ade-W. Nairn, c and b Martin 2 quate supply of straw."--Yours H. Green, b Martin 24

> Total .. 9 for 75 Bowling-Martin, 5/27; Jenkin, 2/24; Morvell, 1/24.

> D. McDonald, not out 6

Sundries 2

BEAUFORT COUNTRY V.

WARRAK. At the Beaufort Park on Saturday, Warrak defeated Beaufort BEAUFORT TOWN V. BUANGOR. Country by seven runs. The visitors were captained by P. Ord, and the home side by R. C. Hodgetts. Warrak batted first for 73; P. Ord making 17, A. Padgett 13, and L. McGuiness 10. Bowling honors were shared by R. Davis (3/28), K. Hyde (2/9), J. Yawkins (2/9), and H. Collins (2/22). Beaufort Country responded with 66, of which R. Davis was responsible for 30, and W. Chibnall for 19. E. Farish had the creditable bowling average of 5/27. and L. McGuiness took 2/14. Farish only needs one more wicket in the Association games to make his total 100 for the season, which

> Warrak. Padgett, c Chibnall, b Davis, 18 E. Farish, c Davis, b H. Collins, 8 Ord. b Yawkins 17 McGuiness. l.b.w., b Hyde .. 10 Dadswell, c Collins, b Hyde, 1

> is a wonderful record, considering

that he took 97 wickets last season.

Farish, e Chibnall, b Collins, 6 Walsh, c Chibnall, b Davis, 6 Creenaune, b Yawkins 0 W. Shields, b Davis 0 A. McGuiness, run out 0 W. Pilgrim, not out 2 Sundries 5

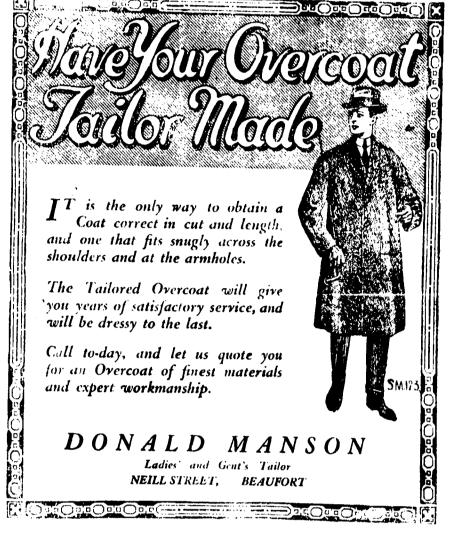
Bowling—Yawkins, 2/9; Davis, 3/28; Collins, 2/22; Hyde, 2/9. Beaufort Country. Yawkins, run out 2

R. Hodgetts, run out 1 N. Oddie, l.b.w., b Farish H. Collins, c Walsh, b Farish . . 3 R. Davis, b McGuiness 30 W. Chibnall, run out 19 I. Collins, b Farish

G. Beggs, b McGuiness L. James, not out T. Gibson, not out 0 Sundries 4

Total 66 Bowling-Farish, 5/27; McGuiness, 2/14; Pilgrim, 0/21. (Continued on Page 8.)

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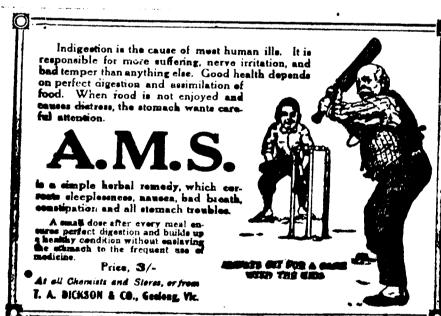
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CRICKET.

(Continued from Page 7.) MT. LONARCH V. WATERLOO.

Waterloo visited Mt. Lonarch on

most successful Waterloo bowlers.

The Waterloo total was 85; N. Dro-

Jack Lamb 13, and C. Flynn 12. L.

A. Renkin 3/11, and B. Neil 2/21.

Mt. Lonarch.

W. Bright, c H. Dunn, b N. Dro-

A. S. Neil, b E. Jay

B. Neil, c L. Lyttle, b E. Jay, 5

Alex. Neil, retired 14

P. Trengove, not out 31

A. Renkin, b G. Grant 10

Bowling-G. Grant, 2/7; E. Jay,

2/35; Jack Lamb, 1/2; N. Dromey,

Waterloo.

C. Flynn, c B. Neil, b L. Neil, 12

G. Grant, c. B. Neil, b L. Neil, 1

T. Ryan, c Bert Neil, b B. Neil, 2

Renkin 24

Jack Lamb, b W. Bright 13

Joe Lamb, b L. Neil 2

H. Dunn, b A. Renkin 7

L. Lyttle, c L. Neil, b B. Neil. 1

NOTES ON THE GAMES.

score an outright victory over Bu-

angor on Saturday, although they

wickets. Buangor responded with

V. Jenkin (49) and R. Manley

(43) made most of the Town's runs,

W. Murray (5/45) and E. Math-

Jim Murray (10) was Buangor's

top scorer in the first innings; H.

Green making 24 in the second in-

nings, E. Mathews 17, and W. Mea-

Charlie Morvell (5/15), Vic. Mar-

tin (5/27), and Jack Cole (4/5)

bowled well for the visitors, and V.

There was a close finish to the

match at Beaufort, in which Warrak

beat Beaufort Country by seven

Perc. Ord topped the Warrak

tally with 17; A. Padgett making

Bob Davis (3/28) was the Coun-

try side's best bowler, and Keith

Hyde and Jack Yawkins each ob-

Country team, and Billy Chibnall ob-

Bob Davis hit up 30 for the

E. Farish (5/27) did some excel-

lent bowling for Warrak. He has

captured 99 wickets this season in

competition games. Len McGuiness

Mt. Lonarch again showed im-

proved form by defeating Waterloo.

but a couple of the latter team's best

Perc. Trengove (31, not out) was

Mt. Lonarch's best batsman, and

bowlers were not available.

Les. Neil accounted for 25.

13, and Len McGuiness 10.

ews (3/38) did some useful bowling

26 and 9 for 75.

for Buangor.

dows 14.

tained 2/9.

tained 19.

Jenkin took 2/24.

and Jack Cole added 24.

Beaufort Town were unable to

Total 85

T. Gardiner, c Basil Neil, b L.

N. Dromey, c P. Trengove, b A.

1/35; T. Gardiner, 1/12.

Sundries 11

Total 7 for 101

C. Neil, a G. Grant

L. Neil, c C. Flynn, b J. Lamb, 25

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TENNIS.

BEAUFORT WINS GORRINN CUP.

After six years, the Beaufort Saturday, and were defeated. The Tennis Club regained the Gorrinn home team batted first for the score Cup on Saturday; the final match of of 101 runs, obtained at the cost of the Ripon Association's competiseven wickets. P. Trengove (31, not tion being played at Beaufort beout) was top scorer, and L. Neil tween the local team and Ararat. made 25. Others who reached double There was a good attendance of figures were Alex. Neil, 14 (retir- spectator, and the play was very ed); and A. Renkin, 10. G. Grant interesting. Results (the Beau-(2/7) and E. Jay (2/35) were the fort players being mentioned first):-Ladies.

Miss D'Helin d. Miss Grano, 6-3, mey making 24, T. Gardiner 16, 4-6, 6-4. Miss A. Stewart d. Mrs Thomp-

Neil captured 4 wickets for 31 runs, son, 6-4, 5-6, 6-5. Miss Christie d. Miss Beggs, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Miss Fox lost to Mrs Humphreys, 5-6, 6-5, 4-6. Misses D'Helin and Stewart d.

Misses Grano and Thompson, 6-5, 5---6, 6---3. Misses Christie and Fox d. Miss

Beggs and Mrs Humphreys, 6-2, 6---!

Misses D'Helin and Stewart d. Miss Beggs and Mrs Humphreys, 6-2, 6-1.

Misses Christie and Fox lost to Misses Grano and Thompson, 1-6,

Totals:-Beaufort, 6 rubbers, 13 sets, 105 games; Ararat, 2 rubbers, 8 sets, 93 games.

S. Young d. Wild, 6-5, 3-6. Rev. J. P. MacDougall d. Thomp-

son, 6-1, 6-5. A. Grace d. Briggs, 6-5, 1-6, Norman d. Merrells, 5-6,

6-5, 6-4. Young and Rev. J. P. MacDou-Wild and Merrells, 6-3,

R. Smith, b A. Renkin 0 Grace and Norman d. Briggs and E. Jay, not out 2 Thompson, 6-3, 4-6, 6-5.

Young and Rev. J. P. MacDougall Sundries 5 d. Briggs and Thompson, 6-4, 6---4.

Grace and Norman lost to Wild Bowling-L. Neil, 4/31; A. Ren- and Merrells, 2-6, 4-6.

kin. 3/11; B. Neil. 2/21; W. Bright, Totals:-Beaufort, 7 rubbers, 14 sets, 103 games: Ararat, 1 rubber, 6 sets, 88 games. Grand totals:-Beaufort, 13 rubbers, 27 sets, 208 games; Ararat, 3 rubbers, 14 sets,

Mr Briggs handed over the Gorrinn Cup, and congratulated Beauobtained 131 runs at the cost of 9 fort on their great win, and on get-

Mr R. A. D. Sinclair (president) received the cup, on behalf of the Beaufort Club.

Beaufort Police Court.

The bench at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday was occupied by Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair and L. Smith, J's. P. A claim for a debt that had been settled out of court was struck out. H. George & Co. sued Cliff Fisher for the recovery of £16/16/2 owing for goods sold and delivered. No notice of defence was filed. The bench gave an order against defendant for payment of the amount claimed, with 6/ costs. H. George & Co. proceeded against Dan Guthrie for the recovery of £49/10/- owing for amount of a promissory note. No notice of defence was filed. The bench gave an order in favor of the complainant firm for the amount claimed, with 3/6 costs.

George Grant (2/7) and Ted Jay (2/35) were the Waterloo bowlers who got the best results. Nick Dromey secured 24 for the

beaten team, and T. Gardiner 16. For Warrak the bowling honors were shared by L. Neil (4/31), A. Renkin (3/11), and B. Neil (2/21).

Following are the fixtures for today (Saturday):-Beaufort Town v. Beaufort Country, at Beaufort; Warrak v. Waterloo, at Warrak; Mt. Lonarch v. Buangor, at Mt. LonRIPON SHIRE COUNCIL tartar, mustard and pepper, forwarded by Inspector W. H. Wookey MONDAY, MARON 999 complied with the legal requirements.-Received. Cr. Stewart -

Present-Crs. A. C. Roll Well done, Snake Valley. From Bernard O'Dowd, Melbourne, sident), D. McDonald. thanking council for congratulations A. D. Sinclair, D. F. Troy, H on his appointment. - Received. Cr. Mackenzie, D. Stewart, H. M. Sinclair—Beaufort turned out some Elder, and J. Kirkpatrick. good men.

The minutes of the previous meeting, as typewritten and circulated. were taken as read and confirmed. Correspondence.

From Public Works Department, pointing out that under the Unemployed Relief Amendment Act the rate to persons employed outside the metropolis should be 12/3 per day; no person to be employed for more than four days in any one week .-Received.

From same, stating that application for a grant of £300 to the Ripon Shire Council from the Unemployment Relief Fund for road works will have consideration. - Received. Mr Acton said an officer called on him and said that in all probability the council would receive a grant.

From Prime Minister's Department, intimating that the sum of £500,000 made available by the Commonwealth, to assist in providing work for unemployed, was paid to State Governments, to be expended through the various governing bodies, and it was suggested that the council communicate with the Victorian authorities in regard to the

matter. - Received. From Borough of Daylesford, soliciting support in protesting against the bulk of the money received from Relief Tax being spent in provincial cities and metropolitan areas, and in requesting the Government to allot the money collected in the respective municipalities for expenditure within the municipality .- Cr. Sinclair moved that it be supported, and that Parliamentary representatives be asked to co-operate. Seconded by Cr. Elder, and carried; the mover stating that it was an outrageous thing that money was collected in the country and spent in the city.

From Ballarat and District Base Hospital, forwarding copies of new agreement for treatment of infectious diseases required by the Board of Health, between the council and the hospital, and asking that same be signed and a copy returned to the Board of Health and the hospital. To be signed and sealed, on motion of Crs. Kirkpatrick and Troy. The secretary said the Council was required to pay 6/ per day.

From Victorian Railways, re visit of Mr Bromilow, a member of this board, to Beaufort on 19th February in connection with the Scottish delegation .- Cr. Troy reported that Cr. Mackenzie and he attended the conference here, and it was highly successful. They received great assistance from the Thistle Club. Mackenzie confirmed that, and said he hoped those with cars would make them available. The secretary-They had increased the delegation to

From same, re tours to New Zealand.—Received. Cr. Sinclair— Where were the councillors going to get the money from?

From Werribee Shire, asking support to deputation of country municipalities to Melbourne City Council to request a reduction in Newmarket yard dues of 1d a head on sheep and 3d per head on cattle,-Cr. Russell moved that the council support it without sending a representative, and that Parliamentary representatives be asked to help. Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and car-

From Borough of Maryborough, asking that representative attend a conference at Maryborough on 18th inst. to enter a protest against the proposed plan of redistribution, whereby the Corangamite division in the House of Representatives is to be eliminated; also to decide upon what further action may be deemed necessary.—Received.

From R.S.S.I.L.A., Melbourne, expressing appreciation for consideration given to claims of returned soldiers when making appointment of electrical engineer.—Received.

From Public Health Department, acknowledging receipt of reports of medical officers of health for December and January, excepting Dr. Humphreys' report for December, not yet to hand .- Received. The secretary said the doctor had been asked for the report (which arrived

From School of Mines, Ballarat, certifying that samples of cream of

From Beaufort Thistle Club, ap-From Carngham Turf Club, applying for use of Carngham Recreamission and conduct booths. tion Reserve, with right to charge admission and right to publican's and Troy.

booth, on Easter Saturday .- Per-Dr. J. B. Donaidson, health ofmission granted, on motion of Crs. Elder and Kirkpatrick. From Inspector W. F. Wookey Snake Valley, reporting that Mr Stevenson's team, carting from Trawalla settlement to Pittong, was overloaded twice.--Cr. Stewart moved that the secretary write, drawing the attention of the offender

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to the report. Seconded by Cr. From Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution, soliciting donation.-Received.

From Shire of Ararat, agreeing to fall in with suggestion to apply for £100 under the unemployment grant, to be expended on Eurambeen -Streatham road. --Referred to the West riding.

From A. Dalgliesh, senr., to the engineer, stating that in answer to his request some time ago, the councillors moved that the road to his house be patched, and he thought it was quite time that the road was seen to .- The engineer replied that he had received no instructions to repair the road, and that the letter would be referred to the council at its next meeting. Cr. Troy-To the best of his recollection, they offered Mr Dalgliesh a sum of money (£5) to carry out the repairs in his own way. Cr. Sinclair verified this. Cr. Troy moved that Mr Dalgliesh be notified to that effect, and that regret be expressed that he was not previously notified. Seconded by Cr. Sinclair, and carried.

Kirkpatrick, and carried.

Received.

A memo. from the Health Department, forwarded by the shire secretary to Constable Vinnecombe, health inspector, with the request that the matter would be looked into and reported upon if in the shire was replied to by Constable Vinnecombe that the complaint did not refer to any places in Ripon Shire, but to Linton, and suggested that it be referred to Secretary, Shire of Grenville .- Received; the matter having been attended to by the secretary. Inspector A. G. Hayward, Lake Goldsmith, reported that he had inspected several waggons carting throughout the shire, but found none to be overloading.—Received.

From Dan. O'Connell, Skipton, asking that tree in front of his store be lopped, as the leaves and bark continually filled his spouts, and he could not use the water in the tank. —Cr. Stewart said the tree spoilt the water, and the limbs should be lopped. He moved that the matter be left in the hands of Cr. Russell and the engineer. Seconded by Cr. Elder, and carried.

From Mrs A. C. Coates, Snake Valley, drawing attention to destruction of fences and gardens in the main street through horses being allowed to roam, as well as being a nuisance and menace to the general public. — Cr. Roddis—Order, please; this is Snake Valley. (Laughter) The matter was referred to the East riding. Cr. Sinclair-Mrs Coates had his sympathy. (Laughter).

From Jas. Whitla, hon. secy Honour Reserve, Snake Valley, asking council to take over and maintain reserve and shrine of remembrance; the property being free of debt and in good order.-The president said it was free of debt, and the committee would like the council to take charge of it. Cr. Sinclair moved that the request be granted. Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and car-

Beaufort R.S.S.I.L.A., drawing attention to bad state of road from lodge to Trawalla, especially at Vowles' hill. —Cr. Mackenzie—He had mentioned it several times, and it was getting worse. Though they could not do anything now, he suggested that the engineer bring up a report. The engineer said the road was badly tracked. It was a road they had to maintain, and sooner or later, they would have to scarify and re-shape it. He could not give a definite estimate, but £150 might do a big part of it. Cr. Troy-This road compared favorably with others in the North riding, but it was impossible

plying for use of Park on Easter Monday, with right to charge ad-Granted, on motion of Crs. Sinclair

ficer, East riding, reported a few cases of whooping cough. The riding was healthy; tonsilitis, heart disease, and gastritis being prevalent. -Received. On the motion of the president and Cr. Kirkpatrick, the secretary was instructed to draw Dr. Humphreys' attention to the fact that he had not sent in his report, The report was received later.

George V. Slater, herdsman Skipton, reported that he had impounded a horse on 8th December .-

Dr. C. C. Reid, medical officer for the West riding, reported for the month of February that many cases of whooping cough had been met with, but the epidemic now seemed to be subsiding. A fair number of cases of gastro-enteritis had occurred, both in adults and children, Carranballac State school had again been visited by the Bush Nurse. -Received

Dr. S. E. Humphreys, health of-North riding, reported for February that four cases of mumps had occurred; that public health was excellent; there being no sickness of consequence. Complaints had been received of a drain in the street in front of the Methodist Parsonage, where drainage collects and dwells. For the month of December, pyelocystitis was frequent.-Received. From Buckland and Nevett, Camperdown, on behalf of Captain R. G. Chirnside, Carranballac, protesting

against the present high valuation. -Deferred till notice of motion dealt with. Notman & Sons, Skip-From M.

ton, asking that valuation be reduced .- Deferred till notice of motion dealt with. From A .J. Saph, correspondent Beaufort school committee, thanking the council and the engineer for the kind consideration shown the com-

mittee during the past six years in coming to their assistance in establishing the Higher Elementary School at Beaufort, the playing ground, and fencing the pine tation. They also appreciated the council's treatment of deputations from the committee, and the very valuable services given them by the engineer .- Cr. Stewart-That was ery nice, and showed that the committee were grateful for what the council had done. Cr. Sinclair-It was a pat on the back for the en-

From Department of Public Works, asking for information rewater frontage and roads, where they were fenced off.—Cr. Troy moved that the matter be referred to the officers. Seconded by Cr. Sinclair, and carried. In answer to Cr Elder, the secretary said the shire got no revenue from this source, but they got rates where a lot of roads were held.

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financially to do it. They might be able to make provision for it when able to make provision for it when framing their estimates next year.

Cr. Mackenzie moved that the leadest the cather Goods, Xylo. Ware, E.P. gue be informed that the matter had Wares Crystal Ware. Brassware. not been overlooked, and would be Chitlers Didies Wrist Watches, attended to when possible. Second- 10 163:19710/. Gent's. Wrist Watches 12/15 £10/10/. Engagement Ring £20/ to £20. All Repairs Done on the Premises

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BEAUFORT WATER SUPPLY.

At the March meeting of the Ripon Shire Council on Monday, Mr R. A. Young, clerk of works, Beaufort Water Supply, reported as follow: Steady progress is being made in laying the pipe line from Jonathan's Reservoir to Beaufort, and it is anticipated that it will be completed by Wednesday next. A connecting piece, with which the concrete pipes will be linked up, has already been fixed in the pipe line leading from Jackson's Reservoir to the Beaufort reticulation. The system should be in full working order by the 18th inst., when the higher pressure and cleaner water will be available. The heavy rains during last week-end caused some delay to pipe laying, and scoured out several chains of refilled trench, fortunately without damage to the pipes.

Cr. Troy said a yellow clay wash was liable to discolor the water, and the bank of Jonathan's dam should be lined with stone or gravel to purify the water. The cost might be about \$50. It was very desirible to sheet this bank, and tenders had been called for it. It was just the one thing required to finish a good job. Crs. Sinclair, Mackenzie, and Kirkpatrick spoke in support.

Cr. Troy referred to the opening of the weer supply scheme, to be held evene day of next meeting, on the second Monday in April. Further details were left to the secretary and North Riding mem-

bers to arrange. Cr.Troy said a photograph should be taken of the official opening, and this was agreed to. It was arranged to start the next meeting at 10 a.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVER-SARY.

On Sunday last the Beaufort Presbyterian Sunday School celebrated its anniversary. The service was conducted in the Church by the Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., and the children's choir was conducted by Mr A. A. Grace. Miss N. Wotherspoon presided at the organ. It is nearly 80 years since the establishment of the school, and notwithcelebration has not been held for alof all concerned is due to Mr Grace was passed in games and competifor his untiring efforts in training tions, which the children thoroughthe children, and for the unflagging interest he has taken in the Sunday J. P. MacDougall moved a hearty the town.

'King of Kings," "We Love to Sing ties since he had become a resident Our Saviour's Praise," "Marching Along At Our Captain's Word,"
"God is Love," and "Suffer the Children to Come Unto Me" (Miss Athol Ellis taking the solo part in the latter)

Rev. J. P. MacDougall then gave an address to the children, taking as his text. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" He illustrated his remarks by the story of a little boy and his mother. One day the mother asked her son his thoughts, and he answered that he would give any thing whatever to make a fortune. so that he could enjoy the luxuries of life. Then he asked his mother what she thought, and she told him the story of "The Skylark's Bargain," "One day," she said, "there was a little skylark flying away up in the heavens, when suddenly he espied a little gnome, with a wee waggon. On investigating, he found that the gnome was selling worms for skylark's feathers—two a feather. The greedy little skylark immediately pulled out a feather and purchased two. Then each day he watched for the waggon and bought more, until he had lost so many feathers that he could not fly into the sky with his father and mother any more. Becoming miserable and afraid, he spent all one day searching for worms, and then, when he had a great many, he offered to give them to the gnome if he would return him his feathers. Of course, the gnome refused, and the poor little skylark died, thus giving his lift for his folly." The little boy immediately grasped the moral "that some things are more valuable that some things are more valuable than gold," and promised his mother that he would never again say that he would give anything for a fortune.

The service ended with the retir

ing bymn, "Jesus is the Captain of Our Mighty Band," sung by the

During the evening session, Rev. J. P. MacDougall gave an address to the parents. He said that most

people to-day seemed to think that it was more difficult to bring up their children in a religious atmosphere than it was in the "good old days." In his opinion, this was not so, for every age had its own problems, and it was the duty of the parents of this generation to their problems. solve ent-day policy seemed to be one of incurring liabilities and then shirking them Children were a gift from God, and mothes and fathers were responsible to Him for their upbringing. All religious ceremonencouraged curiosity in the child's mind. Take, for example, the curiosity of the young Jesus when he attended the "Feast of the Passover" for the first time. It was the privilege of parents to answer their little ones wisely and taetfully, for a father stood as the high priest of God to his children. Society and civilisation were founded on the ten commandments; yet the tendency of the age seemed to be toward forgetting the fact that the command-ments existed. It was the duty of all parents to make their children familiar with these laws of God, for law was the schoolmaster who led all to Christ and eternal life. The only way to have a strong Church and a strong and prosperous land was to bring up the little children in the way of their Lord.

The choir sang "Marching Along Our Captain's Word," "Be a Little Sunbeam," "Let It Pass," and "God is Love." Miss Athol Ellis again took the solo parts of "Suffer the Children to Come Unto Me," and Miss Nellie Anderson and Mr Jim Anderson gave a duet, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.

Both services were well attended.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL.

On Monday night a social for the children was held in the Presbyterian Sunday School, and during the evening the annual prizes were distributed. Following are the awards: - Kindergarten-Girls-Nancy Ellis, 1; Lois Buchanan, 2; Alice McCracken, 3. Boys—W. Ellis, 1; R. Lowe, 2; Max Buchanan, 3. Junior Girls—Audrey Anderson, 1; Eunice Johnson, 2; Doris Johnson, 3. Junior Boys—N. Hobson and K. Stevens, equal 1; Graham Buchanan, 2. Sub-intermediate Girls — Lesley Stevens, 1; Elva Hobson, 2; Nan Williams, 3. Sub-intermediate Boys -W. Stevens, 1; Allan MacDougall, 2; Bob Ellis, 3. Intermediate standing the fact that it has always Girls-Marjorie Parker, 1; Athol been well attended, an anniversary Ellis, 2; Annie Hill, 3. Senior Girls -Winnie Stevens, 1; Dorothy Stemost 20 years. The hearty thanks vens, 2; Evelyn Hobson, 3. The time School since he became a citizen of vote of thanks to Mr A. A. Grace for the great interest he had taken Hymns rendered by the choir were in the Sunday School and its activiof Beautort.

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port:-2 steers, Mr S. Gordon Spittle. Mt. Cavern, Ascot, at £7/5/; 1 cow, same owner; 1 steer, Mrs G.
Spittle, Ascot, at £8/17/6. Sheep—
At about 2.15 p.m. on Monday,
480 wethers, Mr J. McKenzie, Mt.
residents of Beautort were startled

Invermay, 4/7; 47. Mr S. Boyle, Lake Goldsmith, 7/7; 2, Miss Annie Burke, Learmonth, at 13/10.

The following district sales were effected by other auctioneers:-5 crossbred ewes, Mr H. Tucker, Raglan; lambs for same owner, 12/4 to Tuesday. 11/2, averaging 11/10; 20 lambs, Messrs D. R. Hannah & Co. re. Mr I. T. McErvale, Trawalla, 12/1.

Bute; 120 wethers, Mr A. Wilkin- by the sound of the fire-bell. It apson, Raglan, to 7/7; 52 wethers, Mr pears that Mr J. T. Parker, who resolves, Lake Goldsmith, to 13/4; sides on the Waterloo road, attemption of the state of the 20 wethers, Messrs Thomson Bros., ed to burn a heap of rubbish, with Raglan. Lambs-200, Mr J. H. the result that the blaze got out of Potter, Lexton, to 11/3; 79, Messrs control. However, the fire was sub-Thompson Bros., Raglan, to 8/7; 41, dued by neighbors before the fire Mr Chas. Sewell, Kooroocheang, to brigade arrived on the scene, and 13/10; 16, Mr J. Creelman, Lear-luckily only about 40 square feet of month, at 14/10; 27, Mr W. Bibby, dry grass was burnt.

RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL.

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General Business. Cr. Mackenzie said that the work promised near Mr L. Smith's, Trawalla, had not been done. Cr. Sinclair asked why the gut-

ter at Bates' corner had not been The engineer-It would be done

this week. Cr. Troy moved that the road and drain in Cumming street be attended to. Two bridges near Mr O'Brien's also needed attention. Seconded by Cr. Mackenzie, and car-

Cr. Troy-When the Fire Brigade was practising in the street at Beaufort, he was dumfounded to hear that they only had 700 ft. of hose available. He recommended that the attention of the local representative of the board be drawn to the fact, and that he be asked to use his best endeavours to get sufficient hose to control a fire from the plug. Seven

hundred feet of hose would not reach some of the houses from the plugs. Cr. Sinclair-The firemen had not complained to him as their representative on the board. There were 700 ft. of new hose, but there was also medium hose and good hose. He would-go into the matter and use his best endeavours to get the matter remedied. They should have at least 1000 ft

Cr. Sinclair reported, in regard to the conference of shires at Ballarat, about the appointment of a health inspector, that the Ripon delegates went straight out for an inspector being appointed, but an absolute majority thought the matter should be deferred for 12 months, as the time was inopportune, owing to financial difficulties. They realised that when the time came, they should all give their support and join together

Cr. Russell-He thought at last meeting that this council was against the scheme, on account of ec-Cr. Sinclair—They were told to

support the thing, as it had to come.
Cr. Russell—They had always put it off, on account of the expense.
Cr. Kirkpatrick—He was the only one who opposed it at last meeting. Cr. Sinclair—They decided to amalgamate with other shires and get

it finalised. The president—At the conference he wanted to know, in the event of a beast dying in a remote part of the district, who had to stand the cost of disposing of the carcase. He did not think any of their men could pass the difficult examination required for a health inspector, which seemed to him to be a jolly sight harder than becoming a doctor. (Laughter).

Cr. Troy drew attention to the damage done in the school garden by two cows, and expressed the opinion that the herdsman and ranger should exercise greater supervision over wandering stock.

Cr. Sinclair said the herdsman had told him on Sunday that there was not a cow in the streets. He was doing his duty pretty well.

(r. Troy said that he sympathised with their herdsman, but if he were not feeling quite fit, he could get a friend to carry out the work, but it must be done,

It was left in the hands of the secretary to interview the herdsman. Cr. Elder-He saw a horse grazing in the reservoir enclosure at Skipton, and suggested that the herdsman's attention be drawn to it. Cr. Kirkpatrick asked that the West riding ranger be notified of the fact that there were wandering stock still on the roads.

Cr. McDonald asked the engineer to make the repairs to Cook's bridge an urgent matter. It was very bad, and could he not possibly call tenders for next meeting?

The engineer—At last meeting they let the tenders for the supply of decking. As soon as the timber came forward, it would be going straight there. The matter was referred to the

East riding members. Cr. Elder reported that at the Banongil bridge the planks were all loose, and some were moving off. He had sent a man down, and it would be well for the engineer to inspect it. He moved that the engineer inspect it, and have it attended to. Cr. Stewart seconded the motion

(which was carried), and said he had concurred with Cr. Elder's action. Cr. Sinclair congratulated Mr Young on the way in which he had erected the drinking fountain and trough at Beaufort, while the engineer was away. The work was carried out to Mr Crouch's design. It would be a great benefit to the children to have the drinking fountain there.

Cr. Kirkpatrick asked if Mr

Mr Crouch-He had been on leave

for a fortnight. The following tenders were dealt

Shire Contracts.

Contract No. 12/31.—Supply, etc., of 230 cub, yds. quartz gravel, Jonathan's Reservoir.

Broadbent Bros., £27/15/10 (accepted); Day Bros., £28/15/; E. G. Gillingham, £31/12/6; W. H. Williams, £40/5/; S. M. George, £43/2/6. 2.6; Goodie & Lowe, £51/15/ Contract No. 11/31. - Supply

name plate standards, in mild steel, and fitting to plates for Honor Avenue. Beaufort—Trawalla. H. Teone, £35/16/ (accepted); Bu-

chanan Bros., £36/16/8; Lyons Bros., £45/10/ Contract No. 13/31. -- Erection of name plates and standards in Honor Avenue, Beaufort -- Trawalla.

W. Anderson £8/13/4 (accepted) J. Nothnagel, £16/10/; J. Carmich

Country Roads Board. Contract No. 141D/-.-Metalling

2000 feet, Trawalla West Road, Broadbent, Williams, & Jaensch £442 15% (recommended for acceptance); Broadbent Bros., £469/15/; D. A. Carmichael, £475/12/6; Alf. Nunn, 2519.

Cr. Troy objected to a contract being let to a man who had not paid a debt to the council for damages to telephone wires, although he had promised to do so

Cr. Sinclair-His attention might be drawn to it. The matter of hiring out the crushing plant was discussed. Cr. Troy-They should be asked

to hire their own engine and supply their own driver. The president asked how much a firm of contractors paid for damage to the plant. He thought it should be cleared up. The secretary said nothing has

been paid. Cr. Troy-He was very sympathetic to the contractors. It was hard to say how much wear was there when the plant went out. It was not like taking out a brand-new plant. Outside a few of the parts and treatment of the engine when it was "mudded," the responsibility was not wholly their's. The cost of the overhaul should not be debited

Cr. Mackenzie moved that the amount outstanding against the contractor be forfeited in settlement of

the council's claim. Cr. Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. When the engine went out it was in fair running order. Cr. McDonald agreed Troy, but favored a tighter agree-

ment in future with all contractors. The engineer said £46/12/6 of the contractors' money was in hand. Cr. Mackenzie's motion, he thought, was not in order, as they were bound by their engineer's certificate. Cr. Mackenzie said he would

amend his motion to a definite figure (£16, the amount of the deposit), and that that be held back, because the plant was not returned in the same order as it went out.

The motion was carried. Cr. McDonald moved that the am ount held independent of that (£30 12/6) be put on the next pay-sheet. Seconded by Cr. Mackenzie, and car-

Cr. Kirkpatrick moved that the shire engine be not let out with the next contract, as the contract was too small. Seconded by Cr. Macken-

The engineer-He thought they were doing a very difficult thing. Cr. Kirkpatrick-In future he would like to see their own man go out on their engine.
(r. Russell—There would be the cost of overhauling the engine when it came back. Cr. Troy-He would like to see the engineer handle it so that the

engine should not go out. The motion was carried. Motions by Notice. Cr. Troy moved—"That by-law No. 40, for making and levying a rate for water supply purposes for Beaufort and Waterloo be adopted." Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick, and

carried. Cr. Troy also moved-"That bylaw No. 11, for making regulations in connection with the Beaufort water supply be adopted." Seconded by Cr. Elder, and carried. Cr. Troy explained that they took the oppor-

tunity to draft regulations re laying of pipes. Cr. Sinclair moved—"That by-law No. 39 for the purpose of amending by-law No. 21, in connection with the regulations for management and use of the public baths, Beaufort, be adopted." Seconded by Cr. McDonald, and carried.

Cr. Mackenzie gave notice to Crouch had looked into the matter of Mulcahy's bridge at Lake Goldsmith. The move at next meeting—"That the above resolutions be confirmed,"

IN MEMORIAM.

HINCHLIFF .- In loving memory of my dear mother, who passed away March 20th, 1923; also our dear father. My memory does not need to be re-

minded of to-day; My love for you, dear mother and father, will never pass away. -Inserted by their loving day ghter, son-in-law (Ern and Nellie

Finch), and grandchildren.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"Useful work occupies the mind and hands, and keeps us from magnifying our little troubles."

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1931.

New Skipton Footbridge. The new footbridge over the Emu Creek at Skipton has been completed by the Ripon and Hampden Shire councils, and is a substantial struc-

Grass Fire.

A grass fire, which swept several hundred acres of grass on the pro-perties of Messrs M. Welsh, Morcombe, and McErvale, occurred on the Brewster portion of the Trawalla settlement on Thursday, and was extinguished by a large party of volunteers. A number of chains of fencing was also burnt.

Beaufort Croquet Club. In the Beaufort Croquet Club's color competition, the Greens lead the Golds by 14 points. Last Saturday events were won by Mrs Bowe, Mrs Kelly, and Mrs Troy, for trophies donated by Mrs R. T. Macdonald, Mrs Bowe, and Mrs Troy. Today's (Saturday's) match is for a trophy presented by Mrs F. Oddie.

School Swimming Match. The H. O. Collier silver cup was competed for by the Beaufort High-

Elementary School at the swimming baths on Wednesday afternoon, over a distance of 50 yds., and resulted:--Bob Saph, scr., 1; Jean Davis, 4 sec., 2; Jim Harris, 3 sec., deavor to bring about a more satis-Won by three-quarters of a yard, with a foot between second and third. There were six starters. Railway Revenue.

From the Beaufort S.M. (Mr Dawson) we have obtained the following particulars of revenue at the local railway station for Feby.: -Passenger tickets sold, 161; in ward goods, 265 tons; outward goods, 1321 tons; inward live stock, 10 tons; outward live stock, 70 tons; parcels £29; inward goods, £225; outward goods, £654; inward live stock, £6; outward live stock, £2; miscellaneous, £2; total, £1156. These figures show a decrease of £623 on the corresponding month last year

Fire at Raglan.

On Friday afternoon, 6th inst., an alarm of fire was raised at Raglan, and it was found that the school master's residence, occupied by Mr and Mrs. K. W. Lewis, was in flames. The fire soon got a strong hold, and the building, which was a commodious weatherboard one and was built only a few years ago, was completely destroyed, together with the whole of Mr and Mrs Lewis' furniture. The furniture was only partly covered by insurance, and Mr and Mrs Lewis are heavy losers. It is presumed that the Education Department had the building covered by insurance. It is stated that the fire originated owing to a mishap with benzine.

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PRIMARY PRODUCERS AROUSED.

RESTORATION OF INDUSTRY MOVEMENT.

BIG MEETING OF GRAZIERS AND FARMERS AT SKIPTON.

That the primary producers are becoming determined to obtain some relief from the disabilities from which they are suffering through political maladministration, was plainly apparent at a large and representative meeting of graziers and farmers, held at the Skipton Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday afternoon, in connection with the Restoration of Industry Movement. There was an attendance of about 100 ladies and gentlemen, and Cr. H. M. Elder said that he had lived a long time in the district and this was one of the biggest meetings of primary producers he had ever attended. specches were listened to with close attention.

Chairman's Address. Hon. Allan Currie, M.L.C., who

presided, said he had attended varias political, shire, and other meetings in this hall, and now they were asked to consider something else. He wanted to make it clear that the movement they were inaugurating this afternoon was not a political movement. They were, as primary producers of this State, to put it mildly, up against it. By ina gorating this movement, they were endeavoring to put primar; production on a proper footing, and to stabilise the great industries for which this State had become famous all through the world. They were prepared to support any political party which would assist them in obtaining the objects they had in view. They had three gentlemen here who would put before them various phases of the movement. To show that they were not in any way connected with any political section, he indicated the proposed name of the movement, which was the Primary Producers' Restoration of Industry Movement. There was one thing that was a distinct advantage to this State in its present difficult position, and that was that the people as a whole were keenly alive to the necessity for sound and safe administration of their affairs. They realised the importance of primary production to the whole community, and they realised that owing to the difficult position that they had been put in, it was absolutely necessary that something should be done to enfactory state of affairs for all members of the community-not only to put the primary producers in a better position, but also to put the workers in a better position. It was a most unfortunate state of affairs that in a State like Victoria between 40,000 and 50,000 people should be unemployed to-day. They had only to move about the streets of Melbourne to see the desperate state in which these men were to-day. They wanted to help the whole community He had much pleasure in introducing Commander Mackenzie, who, he was glad to say, had come forward to address them. He felt that Commander Mackenzie would put before

not be the last time that he would appear before them in connection with public affairs. Commander Mackenzie's Views. Commander H. P. Mackenzie, who was received with applause, said there must be considerable surprise in their minds to see him speaking, but it was not a patch on the surprise he got when he was first asked he would assist and be one of the speakers at this meeting. The next hing he discovered was that he was to be the only speaker, and that gave him a bad shock. When he got the shock he started cudgelling such brains as he had and the brains his friends had to see if he could get the mto givean air of respectability tto the meeting, and he got his good neighbor, Major Currie, and Messrs Fairbairn and Gibson to support him and do some speaking, and he thought he was very well set. Yesterday he was told he had no business to ask anyone with a political present, past or future. He had got one member of the House, one who hoped to be, and one who had been and hoped to be again. He had asked these gentlemen because they were primary producers and not politicians, and

them very clearly his ideas on the

subject, and hoped that this would

cause they would say would be worth listening to. Not a Politicial Movement.

This was not a political movement, but a primary producers' movement. In Brisbane in June at the last Auscame to a decision that the best thing to do was to present a petition to Parliament pointing out the disabilities the primary producers were working under, and how they would probably become very much worse, and the industry might be erushed. It was duly presented, and they could guess the result. It was nil. No notice was taken of it. was not even recorded in the records of Parilament that this petition was got up all over the Commonwealth, the present Federal Parliament had no record of ever receiving it. That petition was presented and a deputation introduced by Mr Killeen, M.H.R. for Riverina. Since then this matter had so grown that they they felt they could not avoid it any longer. It was beginning to take wings now, and they had to do some-In N.S.W. on December 4th, a meeting was convened in Sydney of primary producers . They prepared a series of resolutions and started a movement that had grown nation-wide. The primary producers of N.S.W. were making recommendations and demands, and this movement had spread to all the States. Secssion Talk Nonsense.

The intensity of the movement in N.S.W. they knew. Over 50,000 primary producers had joined it. Unfortunately, goaded by Mr Lang's intentions and what had been done and said, there had been very exaggerated tolk of secession. That was all a boish and nonsense. They well say that Hampden e would secede from Victoria, or that the North riding of Ripon would secede from tthe West. A friend of his had told him that he did not understand how things were in the Riverina, and that if he called a meeting there would be 10,000 there. and if he said, "Get your guns and wipe out Canberra," they would follow him to a man. All that was pure rubbish, but gave them an idea how the Riverina people were feeling it. was never intended that the Restoration of Industries Movement have this question of secession brought into it. He was against it, and also the question of not paying their taxes, and all that rubbish. It would soon come to a position that they could not pay

Nothing Left For Tucker.

Forty-five per cent. of his wool clip went for paying for shearing (the smallest item), and in land taxes and shire rates, 35 per cent. went for paying the hands, and 20 per cent, for management. That did not leave anything for tucker on the station. The taxes had to be got yet. The time when they could not the taxes was approaching. When the movement was brought forward in N.S.W., Mr G. D. Kelly (president of the Graziers' Association of Victoria) took it up. They had a meeting in Melbourne, and the outcome was that this meeting was being called here now. At that Melbourne meeting 33 trades and business concerns were represented.

No Hole and Corner Business. It was no little hole and corner business run by Mackenzie & Co. The various trades and associations the Restoration of Industry Movement were :-- Graziers' Association of Victoria, Graziers' Association of Southern Riverina, Chamber of Agriculture of Victoria, Chamber of Commerce of Victoria, National Bank, Australian Association of British Manufacturers, Southern Fruit Growers' Association, Northern Fruit Growers' Association, Fruit Marketing Association of Victoria, Victorian Producers' Cooperative Co., Victorian Wheat Growers' Corporation, Victorian Apiar-Association, Victorian Meat Exporters' Association, Victorian ountry Stock Agents' Association, Victorian Dairymen's Association, Victorian United Country Party, Victorian Employers' Federation, Australian Mines and Metals Assolation, Broken Hill Pty., Melbourne Woolbrokers' Association, Geelong Woolbrokers' Association, Messrs Dennys, Lascelles Ltd., Messrs Geo. Hague Pty., Messrs Gibbs, Bright & Co. Pty., Messrs Permewan, Wright & Co. Pty., Vita Lick Pty., National Utility Poultry Breeders' Association, Master Butchers' Association, The Texas Oil Co., Overseas Shipping Representatives' Association, Marine Underwriters' Association, The Town and Country Union, and the Citizens' League. Meetings had been arranged at Kaniva, Warragul, Orbost, Yarram, Bairnsdale, Ararat. Leongatha, Seymour, Lismore, Skipton, Mortlake, Casterton, Hamilton, Stawell, Birregurra, Colac, Euroa, Wangaratta, Kyneton, Warrnambool, Camperdown, Terang, Warracknabeal, and Shepparton.

All the people in the list he had read depended on the country producers. They could not do without the producers, and the latter could not do without them. These people were linking up with the producers. and when they found them thoroughly roused, they could bet their bottom dollar that something was going to be done. This meeting in Melhourne appointed an executive committee, and drew up some resolutions, approved by the council. These would be put to the meeting, and he wanted them to hear all that was to be said on the subject, and would be pleased to answer any questions. The Resolutions.

The speaker then read the following nine resolutions:—
"That the name of the council be

the Primary Producers' Restoration Movement. f Inda to Movement. "That Mr G. Dalziel Kelly be ap-

pointed chairman."
"That this council is of opinion that unless prompt action is taken with regard to reducing costs, they may of necessity be compelled to cease operation. Should this occur, as it must, unless such action is taken, the council considers that a serious financial collapse throughoutt the Commonwealth is inevitable."

"That this council considers the following factors are militating against the primary industries, and should be remedied:—(a) High Governmental expenditure; (b) excessive taxation; (c) high railway freights; (d) unnecessary restrictions on industry, through Arbitration Courts. "This council considers that unbalanced fiscal action is also militating against the primary industries, and should be remedied."

"That, should the Governments decide to co-operate with the council, a scheme for the rehabilitation of the primary industries, and the restoration of normal conditions in the Commonwealth, be forthwith prepared by the council."

"That this council is firmly against any attemptt to inflate credit, and/or the currency by financing Government deficits, and by granting of additional credits to Governments or for any other purpose.'

"That this council considers that the pegging of exchange at artificially low rates would deprive primary industries of the full benefits due to them, and protests against any action in that direction.

"That meetings be held throughout the country districts of Victoria, such meetings to be arranged by the hon, secretary (Mr Sidney L. Officer) in co-operation with the secretaries of the bodies represented on the

council." A number of meetings had agreed to these resolutions, and they would be asked to pass a resolution to the effect that they agreed with the nine resolutions he had read out. They had people among them who knew what they ought to do. In the list of organisations he read out there were many keen business men and good managers, and they could rest assured that they knew exactly what to do and how to approach the Government. All they wanted was to get the thorough support of the branches where the land was held.

Still Suffering From War. What was the reason they were in his position? All over the world there was the same depression in trade. They were all still suffering from the Great War, although some people said it was not a great war. Over 100 years ago, they were just getting over a great war, and history was repeating itself. People who thought the Great War was not a great war were those who were not in it, or did not have friends and relatives in it. Their purchasing power Australia had declined by £100,000,000 a year. When there was big income. Government works were started that did not have a direct return, and others that gave an ndirect return like irrigation in the Wimmera. These big works were not completed. That would come in time. When times were good, it was easy to get the money, because they had big income. Now when times were bad, men in other countries were shy of lending money to this coun-It was said that the men on the and had had bumper seasons, and had themselves to blame. Money had perhaps been spent unwisely, but that income came into this country because of the good time the primary producers had. It was not their fault that things came down. The Restoration of Industry Movement was the most sensible way of impressing on the Government the adisability of trying a sane and more business-like way of running affairs. They deplored unemployment, and the putting of men on short time. They were very sad about it, but what could they do? They could not go on borrowing money to pay wages. Men were leaving Melbourne and unconsciously going to the place they knew was the salvation of the country. It was the primary producer who carried the country along. The secondary industries really did not come into it. It was pitiable to see good men on the roads.

The Unemployed Employer. Apart from the unemployed employees, there was the question of SUPPLEMENT TO "RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE," SATURDAY, 14th MARCH, 1931.

COMING EVENTS

The Methodist Autumn Fair will be held in the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Thursday, 19th inst., afternoon and evening. There will be cake, produce, needlework, confectionery, ice-cream, children's, and refreshment stalls, besides size-

shows and other attractions. On Wednesday, 15th April, a ball will be held in the Lake Goldsmith School, in aid of tthe Queen of Charity (Miss Lewis).

In aid of the new tennis court. the Raglan Tennis Club will hold a dance in the Raglan Hall on Wednesday, March 18th.

Unpleasant Day.

Thursday was a very hot and unpleasant day, and the air was laden with fine dust, which was blowing down from the Northern districts. Rain fell on Friday; 54 points being registered.

School Committee

The monthly meeting of the Beaufort School Committee was held on Monday night: six members being present. A letter was received from the Department, expressing appreciation of the committee's action in curtailing expenditure to the minimum. The secretary's action in thanking the Shire Council and the engineer (Mr Crouch) for the kind consideration they had shown to the committee, extending over a term of six years, was endorsed; together with his action in thanking the engineer for rendering such valuable assistance to the school by drawing up specifications, supervising work, and giving valuable advice on various matters, free of charge. The correspondent's action in paying accounts amounting to £2/11/7 to finalise matters was also endorsed. The balance-sheets, as audited and circulated, were adopted on the motion of Messrs W. Glover and J. Cole The Higher Elementary School and there is £131/12/11 to the credi of the Mothers' Guild account; £200 being due to the Council in June as the final payment. The school funds general account showed a Cr. balance of £23/14/8, and the balancesheet of the school swimming carnival showed a credit balance of £4 18/3. Mr H. V. Martin certified to the correctness of accounts. The new playing ground will be officially declared open on the same day as the official opening of the new water service (April 13th), and the secretary was instructed to notify Sir Alexander Peacock to that effect.

SUPPORT LOCAL INDUSTRY. ----

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progress is for every man and woman making a living in Beaufort and district to trade in the tows. Some of our best friends and neople who get our trade quite thoughtlessly send elsewhere for their printing, forgetting that the country newspaper man has to print to

Apart from the fact that we can do your printing at least as well as outside firms, and at favorable prices. there is the added advantage of patronising local industry and giving employment locally. Does this reasoning appeal to you? If so, see us about your next printing order.

Cricket Semi-finals.

The semi-final matches of the Ripon cricket competition will be played to-day (Saturday). Waterloo and Warrak will meet at Waterloo. and the umpires will be Messrs J. Murray and L. Neil. Beaufort Country and Beaufort Town will meet at Beaufort, and Mr. T. Williams and Rev. J. P. MacDougall will act as umpires. The teams will be:-Beaufort Country-G. Beggs, H. Collins, W. Chibnall, R. Davis, R. Hancock, R. Hodgetts, L. James, C. McKay, N. Oddie, T. Stewart, J. Yawkins, Emergencies-I. Collins, T. Gibson, J. Hunt. Beaufort Town-J. Cole. E. S. Crouch, I. O. Collier, J. B. Hall, V. Jenkin, C. Morvell, R. F. Manley, H. V. Martin, W. Pascoe,

To-morrow or to-aight, maybe, you will lose something you priize highly Everybody loses something at one time or other, but in Beaufert few things are lost that cannot be recovered through a small ad, in the "Riponshire Advocate." It's early to mail an ad. to the "Advocate," or just cu' at the office and tell us yo r troubles.

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the unemployed employers to be taken into account. They were in a pretty bad position. The unemployed employer could not employ the men he usually did. Secondary industries in Melbourne were in desperate straits. The unemployed employer was hard put to it to save his own money or the money of shareholders given in trust to work an industry and return a profit. These men were gradually being forced out of business, and the unemployed employer had to be given serious consideration in this country as well as the employee. The employer was willing and ready to employ, but could not

possibly do so. Inaction of Government. All this unemployment had been intensified by the inaction of the Government. They put it off, and when reductions were made, they were only sectional reductions, and the people concerned had a hard time. If they could have reduced 10 per cent. right through, they would have felt it very little. There was little money in circulation at any tion of salaries was going to entail time, and vendor and buyer often hardship, but the speaker instanced did not see any cash, owing to the a farmer who had earned a minus credit system, and because of the confidence between all business people. Confidence in a country enabled an enormous amount of money to great, because the cost of living be handled without its being seen or would come down in proportouched. If people credited them tion. The indirect effect of excessive with the same method of running a taxation was the most serious. If Government, there would be no diffi- they lowered the railway freights. culty about their having confidence that would wonderfully assist the in them and lending them more money. He was satisfied that Australia had to look to the primary producer for rescue and restoration. Primary produce was being exported at present at a loss. The banks had stood by the people, and would stand by them again. Though the banks might be forced to a certain measure of inflation, they had been stemming the tide and backing the man on the land. England had been very severely criticised for lack of confidence in Australia. That was not fair. People in the Old Country had lent a lot of money, and had heard talk of repudiation, and so people became rather shy about sending money out here. If confidence and good government were restored, they would have no difficulty in raising money. All measures designed to help Australia were no good if she could not sell her products in the markets of the world, and restrict her own market to what she could make in this country. Protective measures were useless if there were difficulties inside the country militating against them. In a report of the Tariff Board in 1925-6, it was mentioned that nothing but economic disaster could be seen ahead at no distant In 1926-29 the Tariff Board's report stated that the cost of production was indirectly increasing the cost of living. In 1927-28 the Board reported that the most serious conon Australia had to face was the high cost of production. It was a serious position that the cost of production in other countries had declined, and in Australia had risen. Though the Tariff Board reported that to the Government, nothing was done. Infant industries must be supported, and a few other subsidiary industries started, if they wanted to get production, but it was a complicated matter to know where to stop. Protective duties put on to counteract dumping should be taken off when dumping stopped. There should be protection for the weak, but not for weakness from inefficiency. The Economic Commission, led by Sir Arthur Duckham, reported in 1929, that protection was in some respects unscientifically carried out, and extended to cover some industries that did not deserve it; that the total burden of the tariff had reached an uneconomic limit, and an increase might threaten the standard of living. Nothing was done by the Government again. Many remembered the time when they got £1 a week, and said they were better off than when they got £1 a week. The standard of living had dropped already. It was not what they got but the value they received for their wages that counted. In conclusion, he pointed out that this movement was one that should be supported. Young Speaker Impresses Hearers. Mr J. V. Fairbairn, a very able and convincing speaker, said he thought this movement embraced all parties. The people of the cities

were beginning to realise how en-

tirely dependent they were on the

primary industries. The cost of

production of the three main primary

products of Australia-wool, wheat,

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Government was the political bribing of electorates to make seats safe for members of Parliament. Reducquantity of £1000 for 21 years' hard work. If this reduction was spread, the hardship would not be so primary producer. The handicaps placed on industry by the Arbitration Court should be lightened, and arbitration simplified and put on a different basis. From 1911 to 1928 wages steadily increased to almost 200 per cent., but the cost of living rose so consistently with it that the benefit to the workers was only about 11 per cent. What this movement had to do was to put before the Government a plan based on common-(Applause). sense (Applause). Beware of Inflation. mously . Mr W. G. Gibson (formerly P.M.G) touched at length on the perils and evils of inflation. Mr acclamation. Theodore said he wanted price levels to be fixed at the 1929 prices. That was 13 per cent. higher than they were to-day, and meant that wages must be increased, and that the cost of living and production must go up He did not think the primary producers could stand 1929 prices. The exchange position was a complicated one. The primary producer was finding £9,000,000 in excess of exchange in London, and the manufacturers of Australia were paying nothing and getting the benefit of an extra 30 per cent, customs duty. They must protest against that. Everyone realised the great responsibility on the shoulders of the primary producers of Australia at the present time. The farmers would not ask for one thing in the Queenscliff. Government assistance if the load of unfair costs was taken off them. Parallel Position in England a Century Ago. Commander Mackenzie read a remarkable article describing a parallel position in England after the Napoleonic Wars 100 years ago to that in Australia at the present the "Argus."

Comprehensive Resolution Carried. Hon. Allan Currie moved-"That this representative meeting of primary producers of Skipton and district wholeheartedly and enthusiastically supports the Primary Producers' Restoration of Industry Movement, and approve of and endorse the nine resolutions, as adopted by the executive committee and council." Speaking at some length on similar lines to previous speakers, he said he did not think anyone who voted for Federation had ever anticipated anything like the present burden of taxation. It would be the duty of the Government to devise means by which the primary producers could be kept on the land —not by a moratorium, which would inflict great hardships on other peo-

Biggest Meeting for Years. Cr. H. M. Elder, in seconding the motion, said he had been a long time in the district, and this was one of the biggest meetings of primary producers he had ever attended. He was glad to see that the producers were waking up to their responsibilities, and hoped that the outcome would be that a branch would be formed. No doubt it would have great weight.

Telling Speech by Hon, T. Beggs. Hon. Theo. Beggs, in supporting the motion, said he thought it a great mistake that they had barred politics. He thought they should come out in the open, as Wagga, Narrendara, Geralderie, and other places had come. It would test the feeling, and he thought, do good. He found they went merely on a proposal for restoration of industries, and was put in an invidious position. Looking back 70 years, they would both the ladies' trophy and the leg-

make it possible for the primary protralia never thought anything of the ducer to pay his way, the cost of production had to be cut down. He man on the land. First it was gold. All the politicians did was directed did not think the world had overyears to recover its commercial equstay on the land till the world had Government could help by restoring Sydney. They wanted government that would help the primary producer, and that would be responsible to the whole of Australia. After get financial accommodation at a reasonable rate. Talk about cutting down interest forcibly was not going all, they had no real powers of gov-Australia was too high. The cost of ers' dependents' pensions, and dup-State departments should be looked come out and take notice of the imother reason of the high cost of portance to Australia of the primary time when to grow wool was considered damnation by the Government. Men turned their attention to anything but wool. Now, he thought, they saw its importance. He suggested to the meeting that they should consider the advisability of amalgamating both the Country Party and National Party into one great body, easting out all minor differences for the time being, which were of little importance, and go for stable Australian Government.

> A vote of thanks to the chair. moved by Cr. Rowe, was carried by A committee meeting of the Graz-

PERSONAL.

Trawalla, will be pleased to learn that she is well on the road to recovery, after her recent illness. Mr Alf. Foreman, and Mr Alex. Dawson, of the Victorian railways, nave been spending a week's holiday with their parents at Trawalla. Miss Violet Conboy, of Ararat, is spending a holiday with friends at

Mr H. Miller represented the Beaufort I.O.R. at the conference

mation just received by J. R. WOTHERSPOON & CO., Ford Dealers, Beaufort and District.

Card Social.

a card social at Mesdames Bates & Dunstan's tea-rooms on Tuesday night. The winner of the men's euchre prize was Mr J. Copperwaite. who also obtained a leg-in for the men's aggregate. Mrs Day won find that the Government of Aus- in for the ladies' aggregate.

to help the gold miners. Then, for a short while, they turned their attention to land, beginning in 1865. and ending a few years later. Since that time they had endeavored to build up the secondary industries at the expense of the whole of Australia. They made the head too big for the body-two heads, Melbourne and ernment, and were governed from behind the scenes. They wanted a Ministry responsible to Parliament for its actions, and not governed by caucus meetings held in secret. They wanted a government that would industries. Not until a year ago did the Australian people really realise the importance of the primary industry. As soon as production of wool fell off some £30,000,000 a year and wheat dropped by probably £20,000,000, they found that the exports of Australia had lost by £100,000,000. None of it was from secondary industries. Then they realised that wool and wheat were necessary to the survival of Aus-He could remember the

The motion was carried unani-Association was afterwards

The friends of Mrs Ted Dawson, of

Misses M. and A. Mulcahy are nolidaying at the Royal Hotel, LEWIS, Hon. Secy Mr and Mrs S. Lyons, of Sydney, FOR SALE, Kelpie Sheep Dog Pupare visiting Beaufort.

Mr Ron Nicol, of the staff of the E.S. & A. Bank, Beaufort, is absent from the town on holiday leave. Messrs W. J. Bruce Johnson and L. Smith represented the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., at the annual conference at Warrnambool. the week photographs of Mr Johnson twice appeared in A.N.A. groups in

of the order at Daylesford. Mr Geo. Cleland, of Ballarat (formerly of Waterloo), has been visiting Beaufort. Mr and Mrs Etherton, of Nhill, have been visiting Mrs Etherton's parents, Mr and Mrs H. Norman, of Mr A. E. Collins, a former Beaufort bandmaster, was in the town

luring the week-end.

FORD PRODUCES THE IM-MENSE TOTAL of 1,500,010 CARS AND TRUCKS DUR-ING 1930.

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The Beaufort Mothers' Guild held

BOWLS.

THE COLOR COMPETITION.

On Saturday afternoon, on the Beaufort Bowling green, the Reds and Blues had an enjoyable four-rink match, which resulted in the Blues being five up-81 to 76-reducing the Reds previous lead of 82 to 77. Scores (Blues being mentioned first):—Hosking (15) beat Acton (13); Laird (22) beat Stevenson (18); Dr. Humphreys (20) lost to Harris (23); Bowe (24) beat Web. ster (22).

On Tuesday the Blues won a threerink match by 6-53 to 47-and reduced the Reds' lead to 71. Scores (Blues being mentioned first):—Bowe (17) beat Stevenson (14); Laird (23) beat Acton (7); Dr. Humphreys (13) lost to Harris (26). Totals:—Blues, 53; Reds, 47.

On Thursday night the Blues were 17 up in a four-rink match, scoring 68, as against 51 by the Reds, and reducing the lead of the latter from 71 to 54. Scores (Blues being mentioned first):-Laird (11) lost to Acton (19); Troy (18) beat Webster (14); Bowe (15) beat Stevenson (10); Dr. Humphreys (24) beat Harris (8). Totals:-Blues, 68: Reds, 51.

OBITUARY.

MR. WM. BALLANTYNE.

We regret to record the death at the Ouyen Hospital on the 25th ult. Mr William Ballantyne, after an illness of some months' duration. The deceased, who was about 60 years of age, leaves a widow and six daughters. He was a brother-in law of Messrs E. S. and H. J. Buchanan, of Beaufort. Prior to removing to the Mallee, the late Mr Ballantyne was farming near Beaufort for many years. He was highly respected, and was noted for his industrious habits.

MR. S. L. JENNINGS.

The death occurred on March 9th at Cloncurry Hospital, Queensland, from typhoid fever, of Mr Stanley L. Jennings, youngest brother of Mrs H. J. Buchanan, of Beaufort. He was 38 years of age, and visited Beaufort last year.

RAGLAN TENNIS CLUB DANCE. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th, RAGLAN HALL. Good Music; Good Fun. Gents., 2/6; Ladies, 1/. Proceeds for New Tennis Court.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 15th MARCH, 1931.

Church of England .- Beaufort, 8 and 7; Trawalla, 3-Rev. A. Talbot. Beaufort, 11-Mr. E. J. Muntz. Church.-Chute, no Methodist service. Raglan, 11; Beaufort, 3 and 7—Rev. J. Mellor. Beaufort, Buangor, 3; Waterloo, 7-Mr. Waldron. Presbyterian Church.—Lexton, 11:

Waterloo, 3; Beaufort, 7—Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A.

METHODIST AUTUMN FAIR.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1931,

IN THE PICTURE THEATRE, BEAUFORT.

The Fair will be opened at 3 p.m. by MRS. M. THOMPSON, of TONGA

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Afternoon and Evening Sessions at 3 and 7.30. Admission, 6d each session, Children, 3d,

CRICKET.

RIPON COMPETITION. BEAUFORT TOWN V. COUNTRY.

Batting first, Beaufort Country defeated Beaufort Town by 2 wickets and 31 runs at the local Park on Saturday afternoon, R. C. Hodgetts captained the winning side, and H. V. Martin the losers. At the expiration of time, the Country team had scored 95 runs for the loss of 9 wickets. J. Yawkins (36) was top scorer, and N. Oddie (21) was the other batsman who reached double figures. Showing good bowling form, C. Morvell captured 5 wickets for 20 runs, and J. Cole took 3 for 21. The Town side got only 64 runs, of which R. Nicol made 24, H. V. Martin 11, and V. Jenkin 10. K. Hyde (4/8) was the most successful Country bowler; J. Yawkins taking 3 for 21, and H. Collins During the afternoon teainterval, Rev. J. P. MacDougall (president of the Beaufort Club), in the course of a few, congratulatory remarks, presented J. Yawkins with two bats-one given by the Australian Bat Co., and the other by the Woodfull bat manufacturers---which he won for a century scored in the recent Country Week Competition in Ballarat. He spoke highly of the sporting qualities of the recipient. who was always ready to help his club-mates and applaud their good play, as well as any good play on the other side. They also appreciated the spirit shown by this fine sportsman in deciding to hand over one of the bats to that promising young Town player, Jack Cole, who was unfortunate in missing a century in Ballarat, as he was run out when he had scored 94. Mr Yawkins returned thanks for the president's kind remarks, and said he was pleased to receive the bats, and to hand one over to Jack Cole, as promised.

WATERLOO V. WARRAK.

Visiting Warrak on Saturday, Waterloo defeated the local team by 2 wickets and 40 runs. D. Lynch captained the visitors, and P. Ord the home team. Warrak batted first for the small total of 58, of which E. Farish made 16, and R. Shields 15. The bowling honors were shared by Jack Lamb (4/6), D. Lynch (2/8), and B. Lynch (2/13). Waterloo responded with a score of 98 for the loss of 9 wickets. D. Lynch made 21, Joe Lamb and T. Ryan 20 each, and L. Lyttle 10 (not out). E. Farish took 3 wickets for 26 runs, Q. Farish 2/9, and L. McGuiness 2/25.

MT. LONARCH V. BUANGOR.

Mt. Lonarch scored an easy victory over Buangor at Mount Lonarch on Saturday. When time was called, they had lost only five wickets for 148; Les Neil (captain) being top scorer with 45. He was closefollowed by B. Neil with 38, and P. Trengove batted nicely for 24 (not out). H. Green (2/12) showed the best bowling figures. Buangor replied with 80. Jim Murray (55, not out) played a splendid innings. He gave no chances, but got little support from the other batsmen, who failed before the bowling of A Renlin (7/36) and L. Neil (3/18)

The fourth round of matches in the Ripon Cricket Competition finished on Saturday, and two semi-finals and the final have yet to be

Following is the position of clubs at the end of the fourth round:-Waterloo, 30 points; Beaufort Country, 29; Beaufort Town, 25; Warrak, 24; Buangor, 11; Mt. Lonarch, 8. Lonarch and Beaufort Country had another match to play, but agreed to take 2 points each.

Police Court.

The only case listed for Monday at the Beaufort Police Court was a debt case-E. R. Martin claiming £8/11/2 from B. Panther for goods sold and delivered-but as a justice of the peace was not present, the clerk of courts (Senior-constable R. McCormick) adjourned the case for a

Beaufort A.N.A.

Seven members of the Beaufort A.N.A. were present at the fortnightly meeting on Tuesday night Mr N. S. Smith (president) presided. A letter was read from the Board of Directors, forwarding dividend of £15/10/ from surplus reserve fund. Other routine correspondence was dealt with. Accounts and siek-pay amounting to £94/8/2 were passed for payment. The resignation of Member J. Dawson was received with regret. Mr M. Fitzpatrick moved that the branch write, congratulating Mr Black on his election to the position of chief president. Seconded by Member W. Cowell, and carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

our correspondents Editor "Riponshire Advocate." Sir,-The figures quoted by Engineer-Commander Mackenzie in a recent issue of the "Advocate" serve to further remind us of the excessive price that we are paying for These figures, coupled with retailed by numerous bakers at as in low price as 62d and 7d, surely suggest to us that some action should much higher level than it is to-day, and bread was then retailed at 1/ per loaf, that the bakers made a reasonable profit. Since then, however, flour has been reduced 40 per cent.; yet the retail price of bread has only dropped approximately 18' per cent., and that reduction of only recent duration. Further, the bogey of high cost of delivery cannot be advanced here, as the bakers are free of the obligation of having to pay the high rates that exist in the provincial towns, which concession naturally availed of. So long as we confine our disgust at the high cost of bread to the breakfast table, we can expect to get but little relief. Something more aggressive is necessary.—Yours, etc.,
"BREADWINNER."

Ed.: r. "Riponshire Advocate."

Der Sir,-The irresistible piccale

conjured up by the the in your last issue is of your carespondent tilting his nose in the air and exclaiming, "The impertinence of the proletariat. How dare they criticise the professions? By what right or ability do they judge our work?" If the appendage to the signature indicates a batchelor or snobbery and honors in arrogance, it is well plac-The criticism complained of is made primarily, and is endorsed by the School Committee as a whole. but writing as one of the individuals named in the letter, my right lies in the fact that your correspondent is public servant, receiving public money, and is therefore open to publie criticism of the manner in which he performs his job. Ability is disclaimed, save such as lies in the power to believe the evidence of one's senses, and to judge by the report of those to whom the work was submitted, i.e., the examiners. the results were very poor is admit-The excuse is that you institution. cannot make bricks without straw. Well, there is a teacher at the B.H.E. Schood now, who is endeavoring to make the best use of the straw at done it. Carlyle says: "Etruscan pottery lasts for thousands of years; bricks crumble in half-a-century; local school to be fair average ma- gestion from terial, and expected average results. very poor results are obtained, the hand of the potter must

have marred the moulding of his clay .-- Yours faithfully. H. J. BUCHANAN. Beaufort, 9/3/31.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

LAKE GOLDSMITH.

Ideal weather favored the Lake Goldsmith Mothers' Club in giving the first treat to the school children on the 7th inst. This was a day in Ballarat. Arriving there at 8 a.m., the forenoon was spent in seeing the city and its many places of interest. At 2 p.m. all met at the gardens. Here, under the guidance of their teacher (Miss Boardman) and with their parents, the children were shown Ballarat's famous statuary and its hot houses with glorious blooms and beautiful gardens.
The trip on the lake was thoroughly enjoyed, and they had the advantage of seeing one of the regatta events; this being held on the lake that day. The zoo, with its many attractions, was now visited, and they were treated to a ride on the miniature train. Five o'clock found all seated to a bountiful tea, catered for by the Red Shop Bakery. Needless to say, all the good things were appreciated to the full. A number of visitors came along; some being old pupils. Among these was the Mayor of Creswick (Cr. T. Cushing). All watched with interest the enjoyment of the children and were full of admiration for the work of the club, under the leadership of the president (Mrs C. Ward) and the secretary (Miss Boardman), and a loyal committee, in giving the children not only a pleasant day, but one full

BALLARAT HOSPITAL.

THE QUEEN CARNIVAL.

There was an almost full attendance of the Beaufort queen carnival committee, held in the Shire Hall on Monday evening. Cr. Sinclair presided. The members of the committee are working in connection with the Ballarat Hospital appeal. Cr. Sinclair reported that he had met representatives of the Railways the knowledge that bread is being Department, at their request, whilst Ballarat; and also representatives of the Hospital appeal committee, and they had requested him to enbe taken. One can assume that 12 deavor to have an excursion train months ago, when flour was at a run to Melbourne; the profit to be in aid of the Hospital. After a good deal of discussion, it was unanimously decided to take no action. The committee decided to hold a golden apple competition in aid of the queen, and to make special efforts at Easter and on the day of the official opening of the water service (April 13th); the secretary to secure the hall for the evening. Mesdames Acton and Troy consented to collect in the street on Thursday for the penny mile. The committee arranged to meet again that night week. At the previous meeting a very generous offer was made by Mr J. H. Rexton, late musical director of H.M. Theatre, Ballarat, to provide a dance band, free of expense to a sist the queen. The conveva . . . the band only is to be sed. It was decided to accept offer, and to hold a ball on the

third Wednesday in April, providing that the date is suitable to the hand. Donations amounting to £5/11/were handed in at the meeting. The proceeds of the C.W.A. demonstration on Thursday, 5th inst., were also handed over to the queen. The Ballarat City Band will give a recital in the Park on a Sunday afternoon, and also in the hall the same evening, on a date to be selected by the band. Three hundred of the 500 butpurchased have already been disposed of; the lot having practically been sold by the secretary (Mr Duke). Apologies for non-attendance were received from the queen (Miss Lewis) and Mr F.

Thorpe. An earnest appeal is made to the public of Beaufort and district to come forward and assist the Hospital and the committee in their effort for such a deserving appeal The Hospital is at present working on an overdraft of £9000. Numbers of patients have received treatment in the ted, so perchance the criticism was Hospital from Beaufort and district, justified, seeing that it found a mark, and it is the duty of everyone to do even if it were made sans right or their little bit for such a deserving

The committee would be pleased to receive the assistance of all desirous of helping. Permission can be obtained from the committee to conhis disposal, which, we deem, was duct any effort on behalf of the not done by others who might have queen, such as dances, private house parties for bridge and euchre, or any effort whatever. Suggestions would also be thankfully received as to yet both are but burnt clay." We various means of making a most consider the children attending the successful appeal. Can we get a sugyou, please

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Several of the Beaufort riflemen were absent on Saturday, owing to the King's prize meeting, but a practice match was held at the 300 yds. range. The leading scores off the rifle were:-E. Lightfoot, 33; W. Cowell, 31; and T. G. Beggs, 30.

of interest and most instructive. A meeting of parents was held in the Lake Goldsmith School on the 3rd inst., to elect a school committee for the ensuing three years. The following were elected:-Messrs S. Boyle, C. Cushing, G. George, C. Ward, W. Lynch, A. Kirkpatrick, and G. Hayward. Mr A. Kirkpatrick was appointed chairman and Mr Cushing correspondent.

TRAWALLA. At the parents' meeting, held in the school on Saturday last, the following were elected members of the committee for the ensuing three years:-Chairman and treasurer, Mr R. Vowles; correspondent, Mr C. Broadbent; committee, Messrs T. O'Hehir, L. H. Tolliday, H. Coffey, Scott, and Mrs Dawson. At the subsequent meeting, the treasurer stated that there was a credit balance of £1/0/1. It was decided to erect a swing and maypole for the girls, and purchase a cricket set for the boys. The committee have decided as their next object a swimming pool, for which the usual fortnightly socials will be held to raise funds. It is hoped to have it available for use next summer. Mr and Mrs T. O'Hehir went on their annual leave on Friday, 6th

TENNIS.

MONMOT ROSE BOWL.

The Beaufort Tennis Club's annual ladies' singles tournament for the Monmot Rose Bowl (donated by Cr. Donald Stewart) was held on Saturday, and attracted 18 entries. The third round was almost completed. and the last match and the semifinals were played during the week.

First Round. Miss Christie (owe 30) d. Miss L. Lucardie (...), 6-0, 6-2. Miss G. Young (scr.) d. Mrs Stowell (ser.), 2-6, 6-3, 6-1. Second Round.

Miss S. Lynch (ser.) d. Miss Norman (scr.), 6-4, 2-6, 6-5. Miss Kewley (ser.) d. Miss Pickford (owe $\frac{1}{2}$ 30), 6—3, 6—2. Miss Beggs (scr.) d. Miss Stewart (ser.), 5—6, 6—1, 6—3. D'Helin (owe 40) d. Miss Christic (owe 30), 6-5, 6-5. Miss A. Stewart (owe 40) d. Miss Young (ser.), 6—1, 6—2.

Mrs Parker (scr.) d. Miss A. Lu-

Mrs McKay (ser.) d. Mrs Dunn Miss Fox (owe 4 30) d. Miss D Parker (ser.), 6-5, 5-6, 6-4. Third Round.

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Miss Kewley d. Miss S. Lynch, ---1, 4---6, 6---3. Miss D'Helin d. Miss Beggs, 6-2. Miss A. Stewart d. Mrs Parker. 6-3, 6-2

Miss G. Fox d. Mrs McKay, 6-3, Semi-finals. Miss G. Fox d. Miss A. Stewart, Miss D'Helin d. Miss Kewley,

6 - - 4, 6 - - 4. The final is to be played this (Saturday) afternoon, when Miss D'Helin will meet Miss Fox.

The Harvest.

During the present season, 9817 bags of oats and 6346 bags of wheat have been sent away to the seaboard from the Beaufort railway station, and there is more to come. Methodist Social.

Last Monday evening an enjoyable social, organised by the ladies of the cake and sweets stall at the forthcoming fete, was held in the Methodist Sunday School. Games and competitions occupied the evening, and a song was rendered by the Rev. J. Mellor.

Election of School Committee. The meeting called for Tuesday night at Beaufort to elect a school committee was only attended by 15 parents. The attendance of scholars the school is approximately 250, representing in the vicinity of 160 200 parents. The correspondent (Mr A. J. Saph) moved that owing to the lack of interest shown in the meeting, judging by the small attendance, that it be postponed for one week, and that a circular be sent out pointing out the work performed by the retiring committee over the past two years. He mentioned that the bulk of the work of the mothers' committee fell on about 12 ladies, and that the committee had not received the support it should have from many of the parents in their efforts on behalf of the school and scholars.

Bush Nursing Hospital.

Mr R. A. D. Sinclair occupied the chair at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital committee, held at the Shire Hall on Monday night. Seven members were present. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs W. J. and P. T. Stevenson. The monthly report of the sister-in-charge was received. Accounts amounting to £51/19/9 were passed for payment, and there was a credit balance of £198/6/8 at the bank. When the accounts are paid there will be a credit of £138. The secretary reported that there was £159 in outstanding accounts owing to the hospital for the past 8 months. He was instrusted to write to patients owing the hospital money, requesting them to pay up. It was decided to make it a general rule in future to collect all baby bonuses. Mr Harris said that he was told that not one penny was owing to the Skipton Hospital, and he suggested that enquiries be made as to how they managed this matter at Skipton. The secretary said a donation had been received from Mrs Sargood, of Corowa, through Mrs Beggs. Dr. and Mrs Humphreys had donated trays. The following gifts were also received :-Mrs Gray (Elmhurst), Mrs Muntz, jam; Mrs Beggs, Goodie, vegetables; Miss Schlicht, jam; Mrs Beggs, Miss Lewis, and Mrs Saph, flowers, A suggestion as to painting the Hospital was favorably concidered; the secretary, president, and vice-president to decide whether the work is to be done. The expenditure for the, past two months has been £36.

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FRESH VALUATION

DEFERRED FOR 18 MONTHS.

PAGE SEVEN.

At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, Cr. Kirkpatrick moved-"That a fresh valuation of all rateable property within the shire be made this financial year." said that returns from all primary products and price of land were very much higher when the valuation was last made than at present. The time was ripe for a lower valuation. Two letters were received in support of his motion to-day.

Cr. Troy-They could not dictate as to a lower or higher value. Cr. Kirkpatrick — There should be amending legislation to the effect that a re-valuation could be made in

the office.

Cr. Troy seconded the motion. As to whether the valuation be higher or lower rested with the valuer. One thing they had to face. They were running the shire on as low a revenue as possible, consistent with fair work, and he did not see how they could reduce it more owing to their commitments. It was quite probable that it would be a lower valuation, and if the council struck the same rate next year, they would then have to go into debt or re-organise the working of the whole shire.

sistent with good work. Was the ratepayer prepared to pay a higher Cr. Sinclair supported Cr. Kirk-patrick. If they did not do something, there would be landholders taking them to court. To protect

themselves the valuation had to

He was prepared to run the affairs

of the council as low as possible, con-

come down. Cr. Russell-If it could be done for a small amount he would support it, but the ratepayer was not going to benefit much; and would pay about tthe same amount of rate. In 18 months they were due for a fresh valuation.

Cr. Troy-He believed this re-valuation could be made for very little. Cr. Mackenzie moved as an amendment, that no re-valuation be made till the statutory time. If it were explained to the writers of the letters that lowering the valuation meant the rate would go up, they would realise it was not much good. Cr. McDonald seconded the amendment, as they would get a better valuation in 18 months than at pres-

ent. They did not know where they were now in regard to the value of land. Cr. Mackenzie's amendment should be well considered. Cr. Elder supported the motion, as the valuation was altogether too high. Land was not producing half it did a few years ago. The rate was matter for after-consideration. He could hold out no hope of a re-

duction in rates. Higher valuation meant higher probate duties and Cr. Stewart-It would be done in whether it was a high low valuation.

Cr. Mackenzie—The statement that actions might be brought against them showed an uneasy conscience, but the people would not have to pay less rates.

The president, after being pressed for his views, said the valuation was altogether too high at the present time. He thought they should defer it for 18 months, when re-valuation was due.
Cr. Kirkpatrick—A valuation men for

a good deal less than it cost them last time. Many people in the West riding were altogether dissatisfied with the present valuation. Cr. Sinclair-He could see the

writing on the wall that they were going to take the council into the court Cr. Mackenzie-A guilty consci-

ence. Sinclair—A lot of Cr. would not be able to pay their rates the way things were going. They should do their duty, and reduce the valuation now. Cr. Troy-He wanted it clearly

understood that there would be a higher rate, and he was not going to be a party to building up an over-Cr. Kirkpatrick-He wanted it clearly understood that they must

not let the roads go. The amendment was carried The engineer said that he had told Cr. Troy that he would attempt the valuation in the present hard times. quarters, and had not got the food for travellers to the extent they used

Cr. McDonald-He thought the idea was an excellent one, and could be safely left to the North Riding members. If the North riding agreed to it, the other ridings would deal with them sympathetically. It should not cost yery much.

at no extra cost, providing he could get assistance if he found he could not carry on. He did not want them to take that as a precedent for busy

Cr. Elder-He was in favor of an outside valuer. A man should know what land produced before he valued Cr. Troy-He had to see the owner's returns.

Cr. Mackenzie-That was not the principle the State and Commonwealth worked on for taxation pur-McDonald-Land was not \mathbf{Cr}

valued on productive value. Cr. Troy moved that the writers of the letters re valuations be informed that there would be no fresh valuation this year, but in 18 months there would be a re-valuation; and that they be also informed that a lower valuation meant a higher rate. Seconded by Cr. Mackenzie, and carried.

Cr. Sinclair—They were going down fast, and none of them might be here in 18 months to pay rates (Laughter). Cr. Elder asked the proper pro

cedure for an appeal, and was referred to the Municipal Directory. In answer to Cr. Sinclair, it was stated that the shire valuation was not taken for taxation or probate

TRAVELLERS' HUT.

RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL TO BUILD ONE.

At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, Cr. Sinclair directed attention to the desirability of a ravellers' but being built near Beaufort for those unfortunates who were tramping the roads. Some of them were not looking for work, but there were also genuine men who were seeking employment. He was told some swagman were camping in the Park, and he thought the caretaker had instructions that they were not to camp there. Was it possible for the shire to erect a hut in the neighborhood for these men. Some of them were not worthy of consideration, but he thought it an excellent idea for a town to have a hut erected somewhere away from other dwellings, where these men could sleep.

Cr. Mackenzie-He understood the Ararat Borough had such a travellers' hut on the outskirts of the town. There were a number of excellent fellows on the roads at present. They had to find some place to rest, and went where they were not wanted. Such a hut would be a great boom to them, and should be built. The men's quarters on the stations were closed, and very few went there now. He thought the matter of erecting a hut on the outskirts of Beaufort could be gone into by the North Riding councillors, and it would not cost very much. It should be of iron, with 18 months time, and would cost a steel standards and concrete floor, good deal of money. They had to or otherwise it would be burnt. It have a certain amount of money to would prevent them breaking in to get shelter in places where it was not desirible to have them.

Cr. Troy-He was quite in sympathy with the movement, with certain modifications. A great number of these men were rogues, but it was a pitiful state of affairs when they got a night like last Sunday, and these men had no place to shelter. They must put the hut a bit away from the town, and where the men could get firewood and water. People would be opposed to it if they had it within cooce of the town. It would be an inducement to tramps to stay two or three days and work the place systematically. He would like to see a hut of some kind, but would put t up this side of the cutting.

Cr. Kirkpatrick supported this idea. They should have something of the kind, but it should be well away from the town. The matter should be left in the hands of the North Riding members to prepare a report for next meeting. He moved to that effect. They might also want one at Skipton.

Cr. Sinclair—The swagmen told one another where they could get food. It was not a fair thing to the ratepayers to have these men on their premises.

Cr. Russell-He was much in favor of the motion, as such huts were more necessary in a year like this with a great number on the roads. There was great need why it should be done. Practically all the places in the shire that had made a practice of feeding travellers had closed their Cr. Sinclair-That was the spirit.

Cr. Mackenzie-The most suitable way was for the cost to be borne by the whole shire pro rata. When the question arose for one near Skipton, the North riding would join in pro rata with the West.

Cr. Troy-The Western Highway was the main road to Adelaide, and the bulk of the travellers used it, (Continued on Page 8.)

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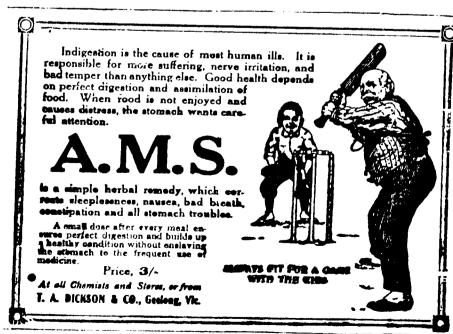
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TRAVELLERS' HUT.

(Continued from Page 7.) Cr. Elder-It was a good idea to a but extent. Riding wanted a hut let them build it themselves. In the West Riding it was not difficult to get accommodation.

Cr. Troy-They got a different class on the highway, and he thought Cr. Elder very hard. Cr. Sinclair-The men should not be allowed to stop there a week.

Cr. Mackenzie-They would walk back from the cutting. Cr. Elder-They made a tour right round the district.

Cr. Troy-This was really a Christian act, and if spread over the three ridings, would not cost a great deal not more than £30. The president-He did not refuse

any shelter in the East Riding, and had got into trouble for allowing them to use an old place of his. they were going to have something like that in Beaufort, he would tell the men to come straight up here. (Laughter).

Stewart-The shire this shelter-not one riding Cr. Kirkpatrick-He moved that

the shire build this shed. Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and carried. Cr. Elder, who voted against the motion, said that he did not object to the scheme, but people were taxed enough without taxing them with a hut for traveders.

GILLS. ORT H.E. SCHOOL.

REVIEW OF WORK OF BEAU FORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXTENDING OVER A PERIOD OF SIX YEARS.

Committee. Messrs W. Glover (chairman), J. Day, A. M. Parker, J. Glover, E. Kewley, M. Fitzpatrick, J. Kirkpatrick, J. Cole, H. J. Buchanan, and A. J. Saph (correspondent). Higher Elementary School

Established. Education Department regulations being that £1000 had to be found and eight acres of land for a playing Land allotted to school along Waterloo road by Council, and payments of £1000 extended by Department over a period of five years. The amount was guaranteed by the Council. Up to date, payments of £800 have been made, and £180 is in sight for the final payment, falling due in June.

School Plantation. Fifty acres of land allotted to the school for plantation purposes some years previously on the Yam Holes has now been fenced. Two or three plantings of pines have been made, and the trees are making fair progress, besides a few acres sown down with wattles. The plantation is being controlled by trustees (Messrs W. and J. Glover, B. Johnson, T. Williams, H. Buchanan, and Inspecfor) and school funds should greatly benefit from same in vears to come.

New Playing Ground. were purchased by the Department, thanks to the wonderful interest taken by Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr S. Young. The total cost of the land and improvements to same amount to £555. Of this amount £435 was paid by the Department: the school committee raising the balance of £120. In addition, the council erected a magnificent fence around same at a cost of approximately £50. The playing ground is free of debt. Ground will be officially opened on April 13th.

Main Sources of Revenue. Raised by Mothers' Guild (exclusive of their work at Thistle Club carnival), swimming carnival, and other efforts, approximately £800; Thistle Club effort, £175; picnics to Melbourne, £96; swimming carnivals, £39; Commander and Mrs. Mackenzie, £50; Miss Lewis, £10; Back to Beaufort committee, £15.

Thanks. The retiring committee extend their sincere thanks to the Mothers' Guild. This small body of loyal workers has practically raised the whole of the amount for the H.E.S. amounting to £1000. They have worked for the benefit of the scholars week after week during the past five years. To the Council for consideration shown at all times to deutations from the committee, in elping to establish the school, assisting with cost of plantation fencng, fencing playing ground, etc., Messrs. S. Young and Crouch for valuable services and advice tendered at all times free of cost. The election of the new committee

will take place at the SHIRE HALL on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, MARCH 17th, and the committee earnestly appeal to every parent to make it their business to be present, if possible.

On behalf of the committee, A. J. SAPH. Correspondent.

RIPON SHIRE REPORTS.

The following reports were dealt with at the Ripon Shire Council meet-

ing on Monday:-The treasurer reported that £8873 11/5 had been received and banked since last report; that £8384/11/5 had been paid by cheques, and that the Cr. balance was £784/14/8, as against a Cr. balance of £298/19/8 at last report.-Adopted.

The secretary (Mr N. B. Acton) reported that the ridings account was as follows:-North, Dr. £477 8/5; East, Cr. £710/9/8; West, Dr. £151/8/10; Beaufort water supply, Cr. £252/3/2; trust, Cr. £435/8/9 -Adopted.

Cr. Mackenzie moved that proceedings be taken for the recovery the amount of a dishonored cheque for £3/5/. Seconded by Cr. Sinclair, and carried.

Finance. The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the finance committee :-Parker, £3/10/3; Arnall & Jackson, £18/7/7; salaries, £96/5/; engineer's car allowance, £12/10/; M. Roberts, £3; secretary's petty cash, £3; School of Mines, £1/15/; T. A. Holden, £14/12/; F. Meares, £2/10/; E. Guyatt, £6; G. V. Slater, 5/; G. Hayward, £10/18/9; C. Morvell, £21/10/; T. E. Millist, £7/12/; E. C. Earles, £3/12/3; Electric Supply, £11; Northern Insurance £2/18/6: M. Hill, £2; Commercial Union Insurance Co., 6/6; P.M.G., £10/4/8; J. V. Nothnagel, £10/1/6; Mining Supplies Co., £5 1/10; Wise Bros., £2/14/; M. George, 15/1; R. Ward, £1/14/2; Yeoman Bros., £15/6/6; W. H. Williams, £3/1/; B. & W. Co-op., £3 8/2; Gray's Pty. Ltd., £4/10/11; Benoit & Co. Pty. Ltd., £28/3/9; Buckland Reinforced Concrete, £4 17/9; Morris & Ladwig, £8/8/9; H. Norman, £12/12/; Austral Otis Co.. £6/8/6; S. Goodie, £2/10/; Day Bros., £1/15/; Danks & Son, £30 17/1; Buchanan Bros., £8/3/; Victorian Insurance Co., £2/4/6; vouchers, £207/7/2; E. Gillingham, £25 10/; Alf. Nunn, £11/8/6; voucher, £1/4/2; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., £3/16/8; R. A. Young, £24; H. E. Cuthbertson, 4/7; J. N. Crick, 18/; M. George, 5/; Day Bros., £62; total, £720/14/6. Country Board payments—H. B. £200; Alf. Nunn, £186/10/; vouchers, £233/18/8; Wise Bros., £26/15/; Johnston Bros., £6/4/7; J. Callaghan, 13/3; vouchers, £79/8/8; Alf. Nunn, £42/5/; C. E. Brown, £27 16/10; Whitfield Bros., £25; G. H. Smith, £4/10/; L. R. Scott, £2 16/10; total, £835/18/10. The secretary said the council was

well in credit. The engineer laid a letter from

G. Gillingham, of Raglan, on the table, stating that he had deforfeit the contract for stone at Banongil in the West riding. On the motion of Crs. Stewart and Elder, it was decided to offer the contract to the next highest tenderer, and that Mr Gillingham's deposit be forfeited. Cr. Elder asked that it be added

to the motion that the work be gone on with as soon as possible. This was agreed to.

The engineer laid a letter on the table from the Australian Cement Co., amending the contract.

The Electric Light Committee reported that at a meeting held on 9/2/1931, and attended by Crs. Troy, Sinclair, and Mackenzie, correspondence was read from M. Hill, resigning his position as engineer-in-charge from 22nd March, 1931. It was resolved, on the motion of Crs. Troy and Sinclair, that the resignation be accepted, with regret. It was also decided, on the motion of Crs. Mackenzie and Sinclair, that a reference be given Mr Hill for the very able manner in which he had carried out his duties. The following accounts were passed for payment, on the motion of Crs. Mackenzie and Sinclair:-Steel Co., £3/17/2; J. A. Harris, £1/12/; B. & W. Co-op., £11/1/; W. O'Sullivan, 6/6; McPherson's Pty. Ltd., 14/1; wages, £38/12/; total, £56/2/9. It was resolved, on the motion of Crs Mackenzie and Sinclair, that if certain consumers in arrear do not pay their accounts within a week, the supply be cut off immediately.

A further meeting on 13/2/1931, a further meeting was held, which was attended by Crs. Troy and Mackenzie. It was resolved on the motion of Crs. Mackenzie and Troy, that Mr J. B. Roderick be appointed to the position of engineer-in-charge of power station, Beaufort, at a salary at the rate of £395 per annum. and to commence duties on 22nd March, 1931, as specified in schedule of duties drawn up.—Adopted. Cr. Troy said Mr Hill was thoroughly deserving of a testimonial. He moved that one be given him. Seconded by Cr. McDonald and carried.

Cr. Sinclair said Mr Roderick was appointed under the award rate, and had to provide his own assistance.

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OBITUARY.

The death occurred at Snake

Valley of Mrs Lillian Douglas, wife

of Mr J. S. Douglas, of Carngham,

terian Church, for a number of

years was leader of the choir, and

phews), who were also chief mourn-

ers, with Messrs John S. Douglas

(husband), George and Adam Doug-

las (brothers-in-law), J. Mathieson,

senr., and J. Mathieson, junr. (cou-

MISS E. C. McDONALD.

Miss Euphemia Christina McDon-

ald, a highly respected resident of

the district, died rather suddenly on

Friday night, 13th inst., at the resi-

dence of her nephew. Mr Alfred

Hillman, of Middle Creek. The de-

ceased, who was 68 years of age,

was of a very cheerful and friendly

disposition, and was a popular fig-

ure in the locality. Her death is

deeply regretted. She was a daugh-

ter of the late Mr Hugh McDonald,

and was born at Ballyrogan. She

had lived at Middle Creek for the

past 35 years. She leaves two bro-

On Sunday afternoon a harvest thanksgiving service was conducted who passed away at her residence on in the Beaufort Methodist Church by Friday evening, 6th inst., after an the Rev. J. Mellor. Hymns were illness extending over a period of rendered by the choir. Ruby Morvell many months. The deceased was a and Gracie Brown also sang a duet, regular worshipper in the Presby- and the Rev. J. Mellor gave a solo, "Abide With Me."

Rev. J. Mellor chose the subject No notice of defence was filed. The took an active part in all matters of "Inflation and Repudiation" on for the church, and also in all func- which to deliver his address. He said ant for payment of the amount claimtions of public interest. A meeting that the only way to overcome the ed, with 16/ costs. of old Carnghamites was held in the present crisis was for the people to Mechanics' on Saturday last. Cr. A. alter their attitude towards the old Beaufort Motors, proceeded against inst., also to send a letter of condol- Something deeper than reform was filed. The bench gave an order eral took place on Saturday at the Honesty of mind and purpose alone amount claimed, with 15/6 costs. Carngham Cemetery, and was largely would win the confidence of all naattended. Representatives of Beau- tions of the earth, and the British ive Society sued Daniel Guthrie for fort, Linton, and Ballarat were nation had always stood for these the recovery of £3/13/11 for goods among the mourners. Many beau- ideals. The doctrine of the war sold and delivered. No notice of detiful floral tributes were received, days was "the last man and the last Rev. Elliot conducted impressive ser- shilling," and now that they were against the defendant for payment vices at the house, and at the grave facing its aftermath, they must still spoke of the saintly character of the hold to this proud boast. Australia deceased and of his knowledge of her needed to revive the courage and patience and forbearance under all tenacity of the old British tradiher sufferings. The bearers of the tions, for a Britisher had alweys recasket were Messrs Walter Murray, fused to know when he was beaten. Wm. Murray (brothers), Walter, The nation must turn again to God, Ken., Jack, and Bill Douglas (ne- for if their hearts were with God, it would be very much easier to bring their minds to their circumstances. Reformation by regeneration alone would overcome the obstacles which presented to them to-

sins), who were accompanied by Messrs W. McKay, Jas. Brown The service was continued in the (members of session of Carngham evening. Rev. J. Mellor again con-Preshyterian Church), Crs. P. Rusducting it. He chose as his text, sell, D. McDonald, and Messrs "Thou crownest the gourd with thy sell, D. McDonald, and Messrs goodness." He said that all men, Chas. McDonald, E. Walton, T. consciously or unconsciously, rested Lewis, J. Whitla, J. McKay, H. An- upon God's goodness. The farmer derson, D. Brown (Linton board of sowed his corn in the hope that God management). The funeral arrange- would complete his work and cause win man's confidence by satisfying name, and hit her several his material needs. Thus they held a harvest thanksgiving service each year, so that men might bring the offerings of their thankful hearts to

"Rock of Ages" was sung by the Rev. J. Mellor during the service.

Both services were well attended. At a social, held on the Monday night, the saleable gifts were disposed of, on behalf of the funds of the Church.

MR. JAS. KELLY. thers, Messrs Allan McDonald (of The funeral of the late Mr James Middle Creek) and Alexander Kelly, of Granite Hill, Lexton, took McDonald (of Yendon); her sister, place recently from his residence to Mrs E. McLeod (of Buangor), hav- the Lexton Cemetery. Deceased, who ing predeceased her by five months. was 78 years of age, followed graz-The funeral took place on Sunday ing and pastoral pursuits. Hospitafternoon, when her remains were able and generous to all classes, he interred in the family grave in the was much respected throughout the Buangor Cemetery. There was & district. He retained all his faculties very large attendance of relatives to the end, and could relate many gave evidence of an interview with and friends, which testified to the striking incidents concerning the esteem in which the deceased was early history of Burnbank (now held. Among the many beautiful known as Lexton). There was a a clout at his wife. wreaths was one from Sir Brudenell large attendance at his funeral from and Lady White. The coffin-bear- all parts, including Ballarat. He ers were Messrs R. T. Macdonald, leaves a widow, and from a family A. McDonald, H. McDonald, and T. of eight, four survive-three sons Ford; the pall-bearers being Messrs and a daughter. The bearers of the J. A. Lewis, J. Hillman, J. casket were Messrs T. Pittman, M. wanted. He stayed over at a shed O'Brien, F. Liston, H. Hovey, W. McErvale, J. McErvale, H. Briody, Ahern, H. Dunn, and H. Carmich- J. Briody, and Bernard Briody. The boy, and took him down to the road ael. Rev. J. P. MacDougall, chief mourners were the sons and to get a parcel for him from his bi-M.A., of the Presbyterian Church, daughter, accompanied by personal Beaufort, conducted the services at friends. Rev. Father P. O'Shan- the child away, and told him the pothe house and graveside. The fu- nessy, of Clunes, officiated. The fu- lice were after him for maintenance neral arrangements were carried out neral arrangements were carried out of his children. He saw red, and supby Mr J. Dunn, undertaker, Ararat. by Messrs F. W. Barnes & Son.

Advocate

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1931

(Before Messrs, J. R. Wotherspoon and R. A. D. Sinclair, J'sP.) Debt Cases.

A debt case that had been settled out of court was withdrawn.

William Geo. Gillingham sued Alan J. Gibson for the recovery of £5/19/6 for amount of a cheque drawn by defendant and not paid.

C. Roddis in the chair. It was de- ways of life—socially and politically. E. Cartwright for the recovery of cided, out of respect of the late Mrs This not only meant a change of £2.9/11 for the use and hire of a J. S. Douglas, to adjourn to 11th mind, but also a change of heart. motor. No notice of defence was ence to Mr J. S. Douglas. The fun- essential, and this was regeneration. against defendant for payment of the

of the amount claimed, with £1/1/-

Another debt case that had been rettled out of court was withdrawn. Charge of Assault.

A Pitiable Case. Senior-constable R. McCormick charged Robt. Pratt with having at Waterloo on 12th March, 1931, un-

lawfully assaulted his wife, Emma Frances Pratt. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and said the circumstances were peculiar. Senior-constable McCormick outlined the case for the prosecution, said the women were very re-

luctant to come into court. Emma Frances Pratt gave evidence that she had been married 10 years and was the mother of three children. Last Thursday her husband came to the kitchen door, and walked ments were carried out by Messrs F. the seed to germinate and yield a away and took the baby with him. crop. Every effort made by man He took the baby to the gate, and would be fruitless if not for the she called to the child, who came Divine co-operation. God sought to back. Defendant called her a vile across the head. It was not the first time he had done so, either. She had threatened to put the police on to him for maintenance of his three children. Defendant was sober, and she had never known him to be

To defendant-He did not strike at her before she mentioned the po-

Eliza Crick, Waterloo, mother of the last witness, gave corroborative evidence.

To defendant-She did not hear any thing that was said between defendant and his wife.

To Mr Sinclair—Defendant struck his wife with his fist over the head. She had seen him strike her on other occasions in Melbourne.

Defendant—He had never struck her with his fist yet; if he struck her at all, it was with the open hand. Senior-constable R. McCormick defendant, in the course of which he admitted that he saw red and made

Defendant stated on oath that on the date in question he returned after a long search for work. He came to the kitchen door, and his wife did not come out, but asked him what he for a while playing with the little cycle. His wife came and called

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"BUY BRITISH, AND BE PROUD OF IT." STEVENSON BROS., Local Agents. BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

(Continued from Page 1.) posed he hit her, but it was not with the closed fist. On previous occasions he had struck at his wife when she struck at him. He did not expect the reception he got after going through the country for many miles looking for work. His wife had repeatedly told him that she did not intend to live with him.

To Mr Sinclair--He had no home, and no work, and it was no use his going back to Waterloo.

Senior-constable McCormick Could defendant wonder that his wife did not want to go back to him after his mal-treatment of her?

To the bench-Defendant's wife did not put the police on to him; no warrant for his arrest having been

Mr Wotherspoon said the Bench would like to hear the other case before coming to a decision.

Claim For Maintenance. Emma Frances Pratt charged Robert Pratt with having, on 30th December, 1931, left his children, Valda May, Kelvin Ashley, and Maxwell Pratt, without adequate means of

Senior-constable McCormick said it was really a case between the parties, who were in an unfortunate po-During the past 2½ months the children were without means of support. The defendant had not supported them, perhaps through no fault of his own

Emma Frances Pratt stated that the children were aged 9, 7, and 3 years. Defendant sent her £2 just before Xmas. That was the last she received from him or heard of him, till he put in an appearance on Thursday. They were in Melbourne six years. Defendant had only done about 14 weeks' work in the last two years. When they were in business in Melbourne, defendant would not work for 12 months.

To Mr Sinclair-Defendant would work now, because he had to. In November, defendant said he would not support the children. He had threatened her, and she would never live with him again. She had never known him to be drunk, but he had a most violent temper.

To defendant-In Melbourne told people that he would never work for a boss any more. He did not bring any money into the house. He had always given her what he had earned, but it was not enough to keep the kiddies. The highest he had ever earned was £3/6/ a week.

Defendant told the Bench that since 12th November he had been looking for work in Victoria and New South Wales. He sent his wife £2 from Beulah, and begged a stamp from the man he was working for to write to his wife. He afterwards went through the Western District and South Australia looking for work. He had chances of a job, but had not the money to buy tools. He lived like thousands of others, on poor devils who were little better off

Mr Sinclair-Was there any possibility of husband and wife living together?

Mrs Pratt-She could never live with him again. His temper was too bad, and he had accused her of such terrible things.

Defendant-Of course your temper is not bad, is it?

Mr Wotherspoon said the Bench had decided to adjourn the matter of the assault for three months, because if defendant's wife was afraid of him coming along and doing some damage, it was a very awkward position for her, and awkward for him. If he came before the court in the meantime, he would go to gaol. He had no right to see red and strike his wife. Perhaps there were words on both sides, but that did not If he came before the court again, this case would be brought forward, and he would get into very serious trouble. This should be a warning to

him not to do anything like that again. It was a very bad position for a woman to be afraid of any danger of a man doing her bodily harm. Defendant must get such thoughts out of his mind. In the second case. they thought defendant had been unfortunate, and possibly had done the hest he could, but the circumstances were rather beyond his control. If he were in constant work, it would be a totally different thing. They thought it hest to adjourn the case for three months. In three months conditions might be much better. and he would have had time to cool down, and things might go on alright. If they sent him to gaol, it would do no good, and only harden him. Defendant must undertake not to go to his wife and threaten her in

Defendant --- Certainly. He bore no malice, and did not wish to murder her or anything like that. He could get it out of his mind, if she could get it out of her's.

Senior-constable McCormick -Defendant was fortunate in getting such a chance. The Bench could send

Mr. Sinclair-If the parties talked the matter over and tried to live together, things would be better.

Senior-constable McCormick-He would not like to be the arbitrator.

BALLARAT HOSPITAL.

The usual meeting of the committee of the Beaufort queen, in connection with the queen competition for the Ballarat Hospital, was held in the Shire Hall on Monday evening. Donations amounting to £2/18/ were handed in. Letters were received from Misses Franc and Ward, offering to organise efforts in their district. A letter was received from Misses Lynch and Ward, of Lake Goldsmith, notifying the committee that they had arranged a grand ball and supper, to take place at Lake Goldsmith on April 15th. The date of the Beaufort Hospital ball has been held over until a definite reply has been received from the Ballarat musicians, (Mr J, H. Rexton and party). Mr Win Bryce, on behalf of Bryce's Ballarat Orchestra, has time to assist the effort. The Skipton Dramatic Club wrote, offering their services in aid of the effort, on a 50-50 basis, but as arrangements had been made with two Ballarat concert parties to visit Beaufort during April, the secretary was instructed to thank them for their kind offer. The Ballarat City Band will visit Beaufort to-morrow (Sunday), and give a recital in the Park, and a concert in the hall in the evening, at which leading Ballarat artists will assist. Arrangements were finalised to hold a monster Easter egg appeal, on behalf of the queen, and valuable prizes will be offered. Representatives of the committee will visit Waterloo on Monday evening, and address a meeting to be held there. A general meeting was arranged for Monday evening, March 30th, to which everyone is cordially invited. Any suggestions to assist the effort will be welcomed, and will be considered by the committee. Your kind assistance is asked for.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Two practice matches were fired in eight shots each by members of the Beaufort Rifle Club on Saturday at the 500 yds. range. The leading scores off the rifle were:-First Match-J. P. Fraser, 39; T. G. Beggs, 38; W. J. B. Johnson, 38. Second Match-E. Lightfoot, 35; M. Crick, 32; W. Cowell, 31.

B. N. Hospital Expenditure. For the past two months, the expenditure at the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital has been £236.

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BEAUFORT.

Tuesday.

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Prices were firm for quality bullocks in the cattle market. There was a slightly increased yarding of 145. Cows and heifers also sold well at late rates. Quotations:-Prime heavy bullocks, £13/10/ to £15/266; prime lightweights, £12 to £13; g. od, £10 to £11/10/; useful, £8 to £9;

prime cows, £10/10/ to £12/17/6; good, £8 to £10; useful, £6 to £7. Calves numbered 49, mostly good The best made £7/8/. Sheep—6126 penned. Prices showed little alteration. The majority consisted of ewes of various weights. Prime wethers were scarce. Prime crossbred wethers, 13/ to 15/; extra, to 16/7; good, 10/ to 12/; useful, 8/ to 9/; prime crossbred ewes, 11/ to 13/10; good. 8/ to 10/; useful, 6/ to 7/7; prime ment on Saturday was a charming merino wethers, 12/ to 14/; good, study, "The Trysting Gate," which 10/ to 11/; useful, 7/ to 9/. Two was awarded honorable mention in thousand five hundred and seventy. Class 1 of the "Argus" photographic two lambs penned, with best quality competition. The picture was en-

11/ to 13/; useful, 8/ to 10/.

Messrs D. R. Hannah & Co. report:—Sheep—340 ewes, Mr J. McKenzie, Mount Rowan; 104 ewes and wethers, Messrs Richardson Bros., Wallinduc, wethers to 12/4, ewes to 10/4; 100 wethers, Mr A Jolly, Ballarat, to 9/; 61 ewes, Mr H. Birkett, Windermere; 27 ewes, Mr J. Pitcher, Lismore, to 8/10; 17, Mr F. Fenton, Snake Valley; 3 B.L. rams, Mr H. Birkett, Windermere. Lambs-50, Messrs Cushing Bros., Lake Goldsmith; 36, Mr G. J. Swan, Dowling; 2, Mr T. Shaw, Wattle

The following district sales were effected by other auctioneers:-129 comeback ewes and wethers, Mr T. Greenbank, Carngham, wethers 8/4, ewes to 7/7; 6 woolly sheep, Mr J. L. McErvale, Brewster, at 12/1; 72 crossbred and comeback wethers, Mr A. MacPhie, Chute, to 13/1.

Flat, at 12/4.

Photographic Study.

In the "Argus" camera supplevery firm. Prime, 14/ to 16/2; good, tered by Mrs Lynn Lewis, of "Warrapingo," Beaufort.

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COMING EVENTS

Beaufort Mechanics' Flower Show. The second annual flower show under the auspices of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute will be held in

the Picture Theatre on Thursday aftechoon and evening next, the 26th inst., and promises to be a very attractive and successful exhibition. It will be opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs H. P. Mackenzie, of Trawalla Estate. Entries close on Monday, 23rd inst The schedule appears in our advertising columns, and the admission to the show is 6d; children, 3d. The entry fee on each entry is 3d, or 2.6 for any number of entries. Half the net proceeds of the show will be spent in the purchase of new books for the Institute.

Beaufort Thistle Club's Sports. The Beaufort Thistle Club have

an attractive programme of Highland dancing and sports for their annual gala day on Easter Monday in the Beaufort Park. Entries for footracing, woodchopping, and cycling events close with the secretary (Mr W. Manson) to-day (Saturday), A grand Scottish concert will be given in the Picture Theatre at night by Mr Jack Scott's company from Melbourne. A dance will follow. The profit on the sports will be handed over to the local queen in the queen competition for the Ballarat Hospi-

On account of Mrs Jane Packham, Gillingham; refreshments - Mesof Beaufort, who is leaving the district, Mr Theo. W. Schlicht will hold Misses Baulch, S. and M. Jackson, auction sale of a 6-roomed house, and Thomas; midget golf-Mr N. furniture, etc., on the premises, Park Lyons. Road, Beaufort, on Thursday, 26th

On Thursday afternoon, April 2nd, at the office of Messrs Kelly & McDonald Pty. Ltd., Beaufort, 36 acres of land, known as the Police paddock, situated on the Waterloo road, in the township of Beaufort, will be sold by Messrs Kelly & McDonald Pty Ltd. and Theo. W. Schlicht, auctioneers in conjunction. The Skipton Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Hospital invites Beaufort and Stockyard Hill members to a fete, to be given by Mrs Ernest Austin, in the Borriyalloak gardens, on Saturday, 28th March.

A joint meeting of ratepayers of Ripon and Ararat Shires will be held in the Middle Creek Public Hall on Thursday evening, 26th inst., at 8.30, to protest against the inaction of the respective councils to reduce overhead and other expenses; and consider matters affecting ratepayers generally.

The Beaufort and District Swimming Club will hold an Old-time and Modern Dance in the Picture Theatre on Wednesday night next, in aid of the Baths Improvement Fund.

Warrak Cricket Averages. The Warrak cricket team's aver-

ages in the Ripon competition for the 1930-31 season are as follow:-Batting-E. Farish, 20 innings; not out, 4; total runs, 453; average, 28.3; P. Ord, 18, 2, 261, 16.5; A. Padgett, 19, -.. 247, 13; E. Lewin. 14, 2, 166, 13.8; L. McGuiness, 19, 1, 208, 11.5; S. Dadswell, 14, ---, 129, 9.2; R. Shields, 9, -, 61, 6.7. Bowling-E. Farish, 106 wickets. 652 runs, average, 6.1; M. Padgett, 47, 358, 7.6; W. Pilgrim, 18, 202, 11.2; A. Padgett, 5, 58, 11.6; L. McGuiness, 22, 299, 13.6.

METHODIST FAIR.

Under adverse weather conditions. on Thursday afternoon and evening, the annual fair in connection with the Beaufort Methodist Church was held at the local Picture Theatre. It was opened by Mrs Thompson (daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Waldron, of Beaufort), who recently arrived in Victoria on fuclough; having to leave her missionary work in Tonga because of indifferent health.

In introducing Mrs Thompson, the Rev. James Mellor said that they were all very pleased that she was able to come back, but much regretted the fact that her health was not the best. Mrs Thompson was a wellknown resident of the town, and a member of their Church, and her old friends had very much pleasure in welcoming her home from the mis-

appreciated the honor bestowed upon her by being asked to open the fair. It was not only an honor to herself, but also to the great cause, of which she was a faithful servant. She was very glad to be here, but that did not mean she was glad to leave her mission work, which she so dearly loved. She thanked everyone for the hearty welcome she had received from the Methodist people, and prayed that God's blessing might rest upon this effort, which had meant so much hard work and preparation. She had much pleasure in declaring the fair open.

Bouquets were presented to Mesdames Thompson and Mellor by Beryl Macdonald and Edna Gilling

attendants at the various stalls were :-- Sweets - Mrs W Smith, Misses N. Williams, D. George, and Trigg; produce -Mes dames Macdonald, Brown, and Wood all; cakes -- Mesdames Lyons, Nothnagel, and Cromwell; children's stall Jean Smith, Gracie Brown, Beryl Macdonald, Jean and Lesicy Dawson; dip Betty Brown, Laurel Woodall, Ivy Newcy, Florrie Waldron, Dorothy Gillingham, Ruby Mor vell; fancy goods Mesdames Wald ron, George, Dawson, and Cuthbertson; ice-cream Mesdames Cole and dames Morvell, H. Dunn, Newey,

The stalls were tastefully decorat ed by the ladies of the congregation, and were all well stocked with a variety of goods.

During the afternoon, Mrs Daw son sang "The Rosary," and the Rev. J. Mellor "The Floral Dance," The fair was continued at night. The proceeds were well in the vie-

Accident at Lexton.

While out riding a few days ago, Mr J. Roxburgh met with an accident by his horse falling with him. He is suffering from shock and

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inity of £50

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MACDONALD, -On 13th March, 1931, at Middle Creek, at the residence of her niece (Mrs. A. Hillman), Euphemia Christina Macdonald, daughter of the late Hugh and Catherine Macdonald, of

DEATH.

Ballyrogan. Peacefully sleeping.

IN MEMORIAM.

HINCHLIFF ... In loving memory of my dear mother, who passed away on 20th March, 1923; also my dear father, who passed away August 31st, 1904. Loved and remembered the same to-

As in the hour you passed away -Inserted by their loving daughter and son-in-law (Gert and

Jim); also grandchildren (Leslie, Jean, Clarrie, and Vera). "The Ridge," Garvoc

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1931.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Ballarat City Band Recital, Beaufort Park to-morrow (Sunday). Sacred Concert in Hall at night,-(Xdyt.)

Thunderstorm at Lexton.

On Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. a thunderstorm occurred, continuing at intervals for several hours with steady rain; 61 points being registered. On the 13th inst., several points were registered.

Cricket Final.

In the final match of the Ripon cricket competition, to be played at Waterloo to-day (Saturday) between Waterloo (minor premiers) and Beaufort Town, the Beaufort Town team will be selected from the following players:-J. Cole, H. O. Collier, E. S. Crouch, V. C. Jenkin, C. Morvell, H. J. Miller, Rev. J. P. MacDougall, R. Nicol, H. V. Martin, W. Pascoe, C. Pringle, and R. Pringle.

Firemen's Social.

There was a fair attendance at the Beaufort Fire Station on Tuesday evening, when the local firemen held their fortnightly card social and dance. The ladies' prize in the eachire tournament was won by Miss Elsie George, and Mr Geo. Foreman, junr., carried off the men's trophy. The ladies' prize at the secret table was awarded to Miss H. Smith.. A novelty dance (the prizes for which were donated by Mr Ben Trowell) was won by Miss S. Willis and Mr V. Barry, Supper was provided. The musicians were Mrs R. Grant, Miss M. McCormick, and Mr E. Wilson.

Corangamite Electorate.

At a conference of municipal representatives held at Maryborough on Wednesday, it was decided to direct the attention of Parliament to the need for a more equitable method of re-distribution, and to enter a most emphatic protest against the proposed elimination of the division of Corangamite. The conference decided to forward telegrams to the Prime Minister (Mr Scullin) and the leaders of the other parties in the Federal Parliament, and to write to members of the House of Representatives and to political organisations seeking support for a retention of the seat.

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CAST your mind back to the old pioneering days-what a host of olourful pictures it recalls; new lands, strange peoples, gold, minerals, and a hundred other fanciful adharements, found so appealing to the adventurous spirits of those days. News of yet another rich lode filters through to the vacillating city folk-chaos reigns---men of every class and creed-from every walk in life doctors, lawyers, clerk and cleric, mingle with the veteran fossicker-frantic preparations-then a long and terrible journey through the thick, unchartered bushlands. with sickness, injury, and death, but a few of nature's ghastly obstacles But gradually the rush and stampede subsides yesterday's El Doragos peter out and fade into insignificance--man seeks new avenues

from which to enrich himself. People congregate, scattered hamets rise out of the wilderness-hawkers arrive with laden packhorses, plying their wares from village to Hage, and then the small town dealer, supplying the meagre wants of localitty-commodity prices were mg a, but then the rough bush tracks made transport a long and arduous

And now, like the Top Hat and the Crinoline, these things too remain as a memory of a long, forgotten past— the village has gone—a flourishing town now bears its name Modern , wes cater for its people. offering them the same shopping in cilities as the big City can adums. Below we instance some tew of the outstanding values made possible by co-operating modern transport with an efficient system of merchan-See these Eastercide offerings made available to you from Thursday, March 26th, at your nearest branch of O. GILPIN'S 86 CHAIN STORES :-Boys' Cotton Tweed Knickers, Sizes 2, 3, and 4. Usual 4/3 value for 2/6; and Men's Strong Cotton Twist Trousers, sizes

TENNIS.

4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, reduced to $5/11\frac{1}{2}$

MONMOT ROSE BOWL WON BY MISS G. FOX.

The final match for the Beaufort Tennis Club's Monmot Rose Bowl (presented by Cr. Donald Stewart) was played at the local courts on Saturday; the finalists being Miss G. Fox and Miss J. D'Helin, Miss Fox was the winner; the scores being 6-3, 6-5. Miss Fox holds the trophy for the current year.

RIPON CUP COMPETITION.

The annual contest for the Ripon Cup, presented by Mrs. C. H. cited. Copy (written on one side Campbell, of Langi-Kal-Kal, will take place at the Beaufort Tennis Club's courts to-day (Saturday), commencing at 9 a.m. The cup i given for a singles handicap for men, and is open to all players resident within 20 miles of the Beaufort post office. The present holder is Mr N. H. Oddie, and as 20 district players have entered, a keen contest is anticipated.

SUPPORT LOCAL INDUSTRY.

The best way to make Beaufort progress is for every man and woman making a living in Beaufort and district to trade in the town. Some of our best friends and people who get our trade quite thoughtlessly send elsewhere for their printing, forgetting that the country newspaper man has to print to

Apart from the fact that we can do your printing at least as well as outside firms, and at favorable prices, there is the added advantage of patronising local industry and giving employment locally. Does this reasoning appeal to you? If so, see us about your next printing order.

To-morrow or to-night, maybe, you will lose something you priize highly Everybody loses something at one time or other, but in Beaufort few hings are lost that cannot be recovered through a small ad, in the "Riponshire Advocate." It's early to mail an ad. to the "Advocate," or just "'m office and tell us your

Wool Sales.

At the Melbourne wool sales on Thursday, top price (173d) was obtained for merino lambs', Baangal

BOWLS.

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BLUES . \KING A CLOSE FIN 'H OF IT.

On Saturday afternoon, on the Beaufort green, 'he Blues, for the fourth match in succession, won, gaining 11 in a foor-rink competition-89 to 78, and reducing the Reds' lead from 54 to 43. Previous to these four games, the Reds were leading by 82. Scores (Blues being named first):--Hosking (23) beat Stevenson (17); Bowe (16) beat Acton (15); Dr. Humphreys (28) beat Webster (18); Laird (22) lost to Harris (28). Totals:-Blues, 89; Reds. 78.

THE REDS' RALLY.

Keen incerest was taken in the color competition on the Beaufort Bowling Club's green on Tuesday night; 10 players being present, After their previous four defeats, the Reds rallied, and were 36 up in four rinks, and 10 down in another, giving them a victory by 26 points, and increasing their had from 43 to 69. Scores (Red being named first):-Webster ., lost to Hosking (17); en (15) beat Troy (8); Halpin (19) beat Bowe (8); Harris (16) beat Laird (13); Acton (27) beat Dr. Humphreys (12). Totals:-Reds, 84; Blues, 58.

Owing to the wet weather, there was no play on Thursday night. The competition ends to-day (Saturday).

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PUT YOUR DISTRICT ON THE MAP.

Correspondence upon all subjects of local and district interest is soh of the paper only) should reach the printer as early as possible, at least by Wednesdays at noon. If not received by that time, every effort will be made to insert, but there is of course, always the possibility of publication being deferred until a later issue. Clubs and societies generally are asked to appoint a Press correspondent, and thus ensure regular reports of their doings. Cooperation in this way will be much appreciated. Give Facts, but let Criticism alone. Social notes, reports of weddings and other functions will also be welcomed.

Anyone having an item for the personal column is invited to send

There is no charge for news items.

Severe Thunderstorm.

Wednesday was a very sultry day, and at night there was a heavy thunderstorm, accompanied by vivid lightning and driven rain; 61 points being recorded. On Thursday afternoon, 82 points of rain fell. There were further heavy showers on Friday afternoon.

The Oldest Traveller.

After having been "on the roads' for over 50 years, one of the most popular of commercial travellers, Mr Dan O'Leary, representative of the Volum Brewery, has retired. He was probably the best known of the old type of "bagmen," and one with the most genial of personalities, and an incorrigible optimist.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

TRAWALLA.

A successful euchre party and dance took place in the Trawalla school on Friday, 13th inst., in aid of the school funds. The euchre was won by Miss B. Foreman and Mr C. Broadbent. A pleasant evening of dancing was then indulged in, to the music of Mr Frie Wilson.

A very successful tournament was conducted by the members of the Trawalla Tennis Club. The new court was used for the first time, and was very much appreciated by all. Visitors were present from Clunes. Windermere, Burrumbeet, and Beaufort; all of whom expressed their surprise at the facilities now available for enthusiasts. The semi-finals were contested by the following pairs: ---Mr and Mrs E. Vowles, Mr and Mrs J. Brannigan, Mr Hall and Mrs Stowell, Mr Dixon and Miss S. Lynch. The final was played between Mr Hall and Mrs Stowell and Mr Dixon and Miss S. Lynch, and was won by the former pair, 9-4. The trophies were presented by Mr Campbell, who thanked all for their

MIDDLÉ CREEK.

The monthly meeting of the Middle Creek branch of the A.N.A. was held in the local Public Hall on Saturday, 14th inst., when there was a good attendance of members. The president (Mr W. M. O'Brien) was in the chair. A letter was received from Member Forster, of Chinkapook, asking to be put on the doctor's list at Manangatang. A letter was read from the board, in reference to unemployed members, urging members more fortunately situated to assist them by giving work, and in other ways. Three members were reported on the sick-list, and accounts amounting to £31/19/9 were passed for payment. The members who attended the recent conference at Warrnambool (Messrs W. Ahern and W. Hillman) gave a comprehensive and very interesting report of the business done there; and also of the generous manner in which the delegates were entertained, for which the secretary was instructed to write to the secretary of the Warrnambool branch, conveying to them the members' best thanks.

After a sultry day on Wednesday, a heavy thunderstorm broke at Mid. dle Creek late in the afternoon, and continued at intervals throughout the night; about an inch of rain being recorded. This will keep the land in good order for working, and the sowing of oats will be general in about a week's time.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Editor "Riponshire Advocate,"

Sir,-"The Riponshire Advocate" is to be congratulated on the success that attended its commending the building of a travellers' hut. Many people have expressed pleasure that at least this much is to be done to ease the lot of the man on the road. May I suggest to the powers that be the need for police supervision at least twice weekly, to enforce a code of cleanliness and moving on, which might be printed on the walls of this lodging place .- Yours faithfully, "INTERESTED."

Beaufort, 18/3/31.

Australian Natives' Association.

THE Fortnightly MEETING of the Beaufort Branch, A.N.A., will held in the MECHANICS' INSTI-TUTE on TUESDAY Evening next, at 8 o'clock sharp.
W. J. BRUCE JOHNSON, Secre-

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW!

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BEAUFORT.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26th, 1931. IN THE BEAUFORT PICTURE

SECOND

THEATRE. Proceeds in aid of the Beaufort

Mechanics' Institute. Official Opening at 3 p.m. by Mrs. H. P. Mackenzie.

ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 23rd-WITH SECRETARY. Please make every effort to enter

before this date. All exhibits in Flowers, Fruit, and Vegetables must be grown by ex-

SECTION 1-CLASS A (OPEN).

- 1. 12 varieties Gladioli (one of each) 2. 6 varieties Gladioli (one of each). 3. Champion Gladiolus
- SECTION 1 CLASS A (AMATEUR)

(Within 12 miles Beaufort).

1. 12 varieties Gladioli (one of each) 2. 6 varieties Gladioli (one of each). 3. Champion Gladiolus.

SECTION 2-CLASS B (OPEN).

- 1. 12 Dahlias.
- 2. 6 Collarette Dahlias. 3, 6 Peony Dahlias.
- 4. 6 Cactus Dahlias, stiff-stemmed.
- 5. Champion Dahlia.
- 6. 6 varieties Cactus Dahlias, not stiff-stemmed.
- SECTION 2-CLASS B (AMATEUR)

(Within 12 miles Beaufort).

- 1. 12 Dahlias, stiff stems. 2. 3 Collarette Dahlias.
- 3. 3 Peony Dahlias.

stemmed.

each).

- 4. 3 Cactus Dahlias, stiff-stemmed,
- garden variety.
- 5. Champion Dahlia 6. 3 varieties Cactus, not stiff-
- SECTION 3-CLASS C (OPEN).
- 1. 3 varieties Asters (3 of each).
- 2. 3 varieties Roses. 3. 3 varieties Marigolds (3 of each)
- 4. 6 varieties Antirrhinum (3 of each).
- 5. 3 varieties Antirrhinum (amateur), 3 of each.
- 6. 6 Zinnias (1 of each).
- 7. 3 Zinnias (amateur), 1 of each. 8. 6 varieties Phlox (3 trusses of
- 9. 3 varieties Phlox trusses of each.
- 10. 3 varieties Carnations. 11. 3 varieties Petunias.

SECTION 4-CLASS D.

- 1. 6 varieties Cut Flowers.
- 2. Basket Cut Flowers.
- 3. 3 Ladies' Sprays. 4. 3 Gent's. Buttonholes.
- 5. Collection Cut Flowers. SECTION 5-CLASS E.
- POT PLANTS.
- 1. Aspidistra. 2. Maiden Hair Fern.
- 3. Best Palm.
- 4. Pot Plant in Bloom. 5. Pot Plant Fern.
- SECTION 6 CLASS F.
- 1. 4 varieties Apples (cating), one
- of each. 2. 4 varieties Cooking Apples (one of each).
- 3. 6 Tomatoes.
- SECTION 7-CLASS G.
- 1. Collection Vegetables. 2. 4 Potatoes.
- 3. 1 Cabbage. 4. 1 Vegetable Marrow.
- . 1 Turk's Cap.
- 6. Heaviest Pumpkin. 7. 12 pods French Beans. 8. 12 pods Peas.
- 9. 3 Carrots.
- 10. 3 Parsnips.
- 11, 3 Red Beet.
- 12. 4 Onions. 13. 4 stalks Rhubarb.

- THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE, SECTION 8-CLASS II.
- 2. Plate Scones.
- 3. Plate Cream Puffs
- 4. Plain Sponge Sandwich (light). 5. Plain Sponge Sandwich (dark).
- 6. Plate Biscuits (4 kinds).
- 7. Pound Cake. 8. Shortbread.
- 9. Sponge Roll. 10. Loaf Home-made Bread.
- LIST OF SPECIAL PRIZES.

AGGREGATE PRIZE, -- A Trophy, valued at £2/2/ (gift of Mrs. R. Hughes), will be awarded to the winner of the highest aggregate of points. To be won three times. (Three points for 1st, and 1 point for 2nd prizes).

6 varieties Gladioli, one of each (class A, amateur)—Trophy, valued at \$1/1/ (gift of Mr. Swenson); second prize, trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr S. A. Hateley). Champion Gladiolus (Class A. am-

ateur) -- Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr T Williams) Champion Gladiolus (open)—Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. H. V. Martin).

Champion Dahlia (Class B, amateur)—Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr W. W. Ashley). Best variety of 12 Dahlias (Class

B, amateur)-Trophy, valued 10/6 (gift of Mr. A. Parker). 3 Zinnias (1 of each), amateur Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. J. E. Day). 3 varieties Roses (Class C, open)

-Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of

Mr. R. A. D. Sinclair) 3 varieties Asters, 3 of each (Class C, open). Trophy, valued at 10.6 pense. (gift of Mr. H. E. Cuthbertson). "THE All other first prizes, 2/6 each.

to 5, Mr Sievewright; sections 6 to Mr. Thos. Williams; section 8, Mrs. R. F. Roberts and Mrs. R. G. Beggs. NOTE.—Half the net proceeds of this Show will be spent in the

JUDGES. - Flowers-Sections 1

purchase of new books for the Institute. LOLLY STALL, ICE CREAM STALL, REFRESHMENTS. As the whole of the proceeds are 11; Middle Creek, 3; Beaufort, 7 in aid of the Mechanics' Institute Funda, donations of the competitors'

Cookery, Flowers, Vegetables, etc., will be gratefully received. All exhibits to be in position by 12.30 p.m. on day of Show. Judging to commence at 1 p.m.

ADMISSION TO SHOW, CHILDREN, 3d. Entry Fee, 3d on each entry, or any number of entries for 2/C. THOS, WILLIAMS, President.

H. V. MARTIN, Hon. Secretary. BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB'S GREAT GALA DAY!

In Aid of Queen of Charity. EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 6th,

IN THE BEAUFORT PARK.

Entries close to-day (Saturday). AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME. comprising Highland Dancing (19 local and open events, including Blue Ribbon for aggregate points, gift of Past-chief R. Ward, and Gold Medal, gift of Chief R. T. Macdonald): Athletic (12 events), including Caledonian Handicap, 130 yds., 44; Sprint Handicap, 75 yds., 42 10/; Members' Race, 75 yds., £1; Handicap Standing Block Woodchop, 36-inch girth logs, £4; Handicap Underhand Woodchop, 39-inch girth logs, £6/10/, Blue Ribbon (gift of Past-chief H. J. Buchanan) and Trophy (gift of Mr. A. Grace); 1mile Bicycle Race, £4/10/ and Blue

10/; 2-mile Bicycle Race, £3/10/; and Games (8 events). Members are requested to bring a basket for the luncheon room. Admission, 1/6; Children, 9d; Nonmembers' Cars, 1/.

Ribbon (ribbon gift of Mr. W.

Manson); ½-mile Bicycle Race, £3

GRAND SCOTTISH CONCERT in PICTURE THEATRE at Night by Mr. JACK SCOTT'S COMPANY from Melbourne, including Mr. Scott (tenor), Miss Bonnie Craven (elocutionist), Miss Emily Hooke (soprano), Mr. Geo. Harvey (comedian), Mr. Keith Toyne (baritone). and Mr. Alfred Jonas (melo-pianoaccordeon). Admission, 3/ and 2/ (plus tax, with 6d extra for booking). DANCE TO FOLLOW.

R. T. MACDONALD, Chief. W. MANSON, Secretary.

▲ JOINT MEETING of Ratepayers 1. Best variety Home-made Cakes.

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THE BEAUFORT AND DISTRICT SMIMMING CLUB will hold an OLD TIME and MODERN DANCE the BEAUFORT PICTURE THEATRE, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th, 1931 Good Music. Excellent Supper, Novelcies, etc. Ludies willing to essist with the suppor are requested to leave basat hall. Admission Double Ticket, 3/; extra lady, 2 . Dr. S. E. HUMPHREYS, President: J. FITZPATRICK, Secretary.

vited to attend. M. O'LOUGH-LAN and LISTON BROS., Conven-

GARDEN PARTY.

THE SKIPTON AUXILIARY of the PRESBYTERIAN HOSPI-TAL invites Beaufort and Stockyard Hill members to a Fetc, given by Mrs. Ernest Austin, in the Borriy. alloak Gardens, on SATURDAY, 28th MARCH.

NOTICE.

Casual Advertisements

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"THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE." CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 22nd MARCH, 1931. Church of England, -Beaufort, 11 and 7; Main Lead,2; Waterloo, 3.15 -Rev. A. Talbot.

Methodist Church, ... Beaufort, 11 and 7; Chure, 2; Raglan, 3.30 -- Rev. J. Mellor. Presbyterian Church, Buangor,

Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A. SHIRE OF RIPON.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Council, held in the Shire Hall, Benefort, on the 9th day of March, 1931, the said Council did agree to the following resolu-

"That By-laws Nos. 39, 40, and 41 adopted." Notice is further given that a needing of the said Council will be held in the SHIRE HALL, BEAU-FORT, on MONDAY f APRIL, 1931, at 10 o'clock in the

forenoon, when the said Resolution:

for passing the above-mentioned By laws will be submitted for confirm Notice is hereby given that a copy of the above-mentioned By-laws ha been deposited at the Office of the Council, Shire Hall, Beaufort, and is open to the inspection of any person interested during office hours.

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Ballarat Hospital queen competition,

and that the queen's committee be

asked to use their best endeavours

to obtain a band from Ballarat for

Easter Monday, and be given per-

and other efforts they think fit

Jack Scott's company from Mel-

Emily Hooke (soprano). Mr Geo.

Connor being chosen to handicap the

woodchops in lieu of Mr. C. Royd

who has retired as a handicapper

and was thanked for his past ser-

vions Mr R Grant's name was also

added to the list of officials. The

prices for the concert were fixed at

3/ and 2, plus tax, with 6d extra

for booking; the prices for the dance

being fixed at 1/6 for men and 1/for

ladies. It was decided to have pro-

grammes of the sports printed. A

working bee was arranged for Good

Elmhurst Sports.

under the auspices of the Bush Nur-

sing Centre, took place on Saturday.

and proved very successful. In the

Sheffield Handicap, 130 yds., L.

James, of Nerring (13 yds.) ran

third; the event being won by R.

Drew, of Maryborough (13½ yds.), in

12 1-5 sec. The Novice Woodchon.

12-inch logs, was won by M. George,

of Main Lead, off scr.; H. Glenister,

of Main Lead (scr.), being second.

T. Pearce, of Main Lead (12 sec.

bhd.), was second in the Underhand

Woodchop. The One-mile Bicycle

Race was won by A. Wangler, of

Waterloo (130 yds.); A. W. Dun-

stan, of Raglan (120 yds.), being

second.

The race was won in 2

Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB BEAUFORT H.E. SCHOOL.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE. Mr R. T. Macdonald (chief) oc-The head teacher of the Beaufort cupied the chair at a meeting of the H.E. School (Mr Thos. Williams) committee of the Beaufort Thistle presided over a meeting of 34 par-Club, held at the Mechanics' Instients, held at the Shire Hall on Tuestute on Wednesday night. Twelve day night, to elect a school committee for the ensuing three years. Mr members were present. An appeal V. Jenkin acted as secretary for the was read from the Royal Dundee Inevening, and Mr R. F. Manley and stitute for the Blind, offering heahe officiated as scrutineers. There the sprays for sale .- It was decided were 10 nominations for the seven to order 4 doz., on the motion of Mrs positions, and reveral members of Macdonald and Mr P. T. Stevenson. the retiring committee, including the The Victorian Scottish Union forcorrespondent (Mr A. J. Saph) dewarded a list of registered judges. clined nomination. The following Miss G. Oliver wrote, stating that were elected as members of the new she was unable to get enough pupils committee: -- Rev. J. P. MacDougto carry on her national dancing class, but would make another at- all, Messrs J. Cole, D. Jackson, W. R. Glover, R. T. Macdonald,, J. T. tempt to continue the class until af-

Glover, and H. J. Buchanan. ter the sports.- It was decided to In closing the meeting, Mr Willipay for the hall for Miss Oliver's ams thanked all present for their atclass till Easter. A letter was read tendance, and said that he was sorry from Mr P. D. Stewart, Maryborough, thanking the club for an-Mr Saph's fine work, and none more 5/.-Received. The Shire of Ripon than he. He regretted sincerely notified the club that its application that Mr Saph was severing his confor use of the Park for the sports nection with the school, but he knew on Easter Monday was granted .-that Mr Saph's interest in the child-Received. J. Duke, secretary of rep would prevent him from entition they could depend a Mr Saph's suppetition, wrote, asking the club to port. He was , eased to see that co-operate. The League of Victorian the old members of the committee, Wheelmen communicated with the who had done such fine work for the club, stating that they were grantpast six years, still had the confiing their patronage. On the motion dence and support of the parents, of Messrs A. M. Parker and H. J. and heartily welcomed the four new Buchanan, it was decided to run the members. It was one of the best sports for the Beaufort queen in the meetings for the election of a school committee that he had ever seen. When they first formed school committees he was at Carisbrook, and the meeting there at that time was not a better one than this.

mission to run whatever sideshows The newly-elected school committee subsequently met to appoint a Other correspondence of a routine chairman and correspondent. Mr nature was dealt with. The secre-W. R. Glover (who presided at the tary (Mr W. Manson) said that Mr request of Mr Williams) was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Mr bourne had been engaged for the H. J. Buchanan was appointed to concert, and included the following the position of correspondent.

artists:-Mr Jack Scott (tenor), Miss In returning thanks, Mr Glover Bonnie Craven (elocutionist). Miss said he had served for about 15 years as a committeeman, and had thought Harvey (comedian), Mr Keith Toyne it was about time he dropped off. (baritone), and Mr Alfred Jonas (melo-piano-accordeon). Accounts He hoped they would be a happy amounting to £1/7 were passed for family, and have as good results in the next three years as in the last

payment. Mr L. Jarvis' tender for logs for the woodchop, at 3/9 per two terms. log, was accepted. The same of Mr Buchanan also returned thanks, and said he had an exceedficials for the sports and concert as ingly hard man to follow---any one of those who had worked with him knew how hard. No man, he did not care who it might be, had had the interests of any institution more at heart than the former correspondent of this committee. It might have been his hobby-horse in itself -the work he did was done so willingly, and it was so effortless. It had been a pleasure for him to do it How on earth any correspondent following Mr Saph was going to live up to the standard he had set, he did not know. He had not felt inclined to turn the nomination down. if they thought he could carry on the job, but he asked them always The annual sports at Elmhurst, to remember the man he had followed, who was fitted for the job by training and in various other ways. He should not have accepted it, as his training and work did not lend itself to those kind of duties. He would do the best he possibly could for them

The chairman asked the committee to fix a night of meeting. The hard work was practically over; the wonderful co-operation of the Mothers' Guild having helped the committee through. They might continue to meet monthly.

Mr Williams mentioned that he had been unable to attend the committee's meetings for some time, owing to their clashing with the B.N.

WEDDING BELLS.

O'DONOHUE-LYNCH.

St. Columba's Church, Elwood, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, February 11th, when Miss Margot Mary Lynch, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Lynch, of Brighton Road, East St. Kilda, and niece of Mr and Mrs W. Lynch, "Ruradene," Lake Goldsmith, walked up the aisle to meet Mr Nicholas O'Donohue, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. O'Donohue, of "The Mount," Panmure. The marriage was solemnised by the Rev. Father McKenna, assisted by the Rev. J. Egan. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked particularly charming in a well-made ivory satin gown, and beautiful old Honiton lace veil. The former was fashioned with long sleeves, semi-fitting the committee had lost the services bodice, and full skirt graduating to of Mr Saph. They all appreciated form a wide train. The great length of veil formed an over-train, and it was arranged in a soft cap with clusters of orange blossom over each ear. A huge shower bouquet of white ev us dahlias and water lilies was an effective complement. The only mirift from it altogether. He knew bridesmaid was Agnes Lynch (sister of the bride), who wore a longsleeved, ankle-length frock of pink floral ninon. Her small, droop straw matched the deeper tone of the design, and the carried a bouquet of pink carpations. Just relatives, and a few family friends, were invited to the wedding breakfast, which was held at the George Hotel, Sc. Kilda The tables were artistically decor ated with pink gladioli and peony dahlias. The bride's mother looked smart in navy georgette and navy

Fossickers' Camp.

A number of fossickers from Bal harat are camped at Poverty Point.

Mislaid Cheque Honored.

Although there was no legal obligation on the St. Arnaud Agricultural Society to honor the cheque for £2/2/ mislaid by Mr Donald Stewart, of Beaufort, over 20 years ago, the committee recognised its moral obligation, and decided to issue a fresh cheque. When the matter from a holiday in Western Auscame before the committee at the meeting on Thursday, 12th inst., members did not fail to have a tilt at Mr Stewart, and also to air their knowledge of the law on the subject. Mr Osborne explained that the cheque was paid Mr Stewart to defray his expenses as judge of sheep at St. Arnaud Show in 1910. It was brought under the heading of unrepresented cheques for a time. and then allowed to drop out of the balance sheet. It was suggested that Mr H. T. Edwards, who signed the chque as president, could give some information on the subject, but it was too much to expect a busy man to recollect a trifle that for a score of years and nine days (the cheque was issued on March 2, 1911). He thought it unusual that the payee should present the cheque after a lapse of 20 years, in fact he did not think Mr Stewart had any legal claim on the society. This brought an immediate rejoiner from Mr Edwards that notwithstanding the legal position, the society was morally bound to honor the cheque, and the secretary explained, in reply to Mr Petrie, that after the expiration of six years a cheque need not be legally nonored. In view of this aspect, Mr Petrie suggested that the society should not accept liability, but when it was pointed out that the depression existed elswhere than St. Arnaurd, members hesitated. Mr "Bill" Wright, who always does the right

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Mr Thos. Williams (president) presided over a committee meeting of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute committee on Wednesday evening: six members being present, and also Mrs Hughes and Miss Wotherspoon. two members of the social commit-The president said that the meeting was being held to fix up stalls in connection with the flower Misses Muntz and Troy were appointed to take charge of the cake and Jolly stall; Mesdames Sanh and R. T. Macdonald, ice cream stall; Mrs J. R. Hughes, flower stall; Misses Wotherspoon, McNaughton, and Tulloch, afternoon tea The president stated that Mr. J. Frusher, of Waterloo, was kindly donating 10 beautiful fuchsia plants for the show. The secretary said that Mr Sievewright suggested a bulb stall, which had been a great success at Skinton. It was decided that a supply of bulbs be obtained from Ballarat, and that they be sold at the flower stall. The secretary said that Mrs H. P. Mackenzie, of Trawalla Estate, had accepted the invitation to open the show. Mrs Hughes promised to visit the Ballarat flower show next day, and do her utmost to secure entries for the Beaufort Mechanics' flower show, and to obtain the bulbs through Mr Hateley. The president thanked her, and said the committee was very grateful to her. Mr. H. Cuthbertson promised to assist in erecting the tables in the morning, and the secretary undertook to also get Mr D. Stevenson to help with the work. Mr Cuthbertson kindly promised to act as doorkeeper in the afternoon, and Mr Ashley at night. The president promised to see Mr Wotherspoon to arrange for wireless music.

PERSONAL.

Cr. W. G. Hearne, Mayor of Geelong, visited Beaufort on Saturday, and was impressed by the picturesque surroundings, and particularly by the Park. He was entertained at the Shire Hall by Crs. R. A. D. Sinclair and D. F. Troy, on behalf of the president of the shire (Cr. A. C.

Mr P. T. Stevenson has returned

and Mrs H. E. Cuthbertson and family (Beaufort), Mr and Mrs J. Millar (Lake Goldsmith), and Mr and Mrs J. Gibb (Skipton) were recently holidaying at Queenscliff.

Mr A. H. Sands, of Melbourne, was in Beaufort during the week-end. Mr Thos. Williams, of Beaufort,

suffered a bereavement on Tuesday by the death at Camperdown of his brother-in-law, Mr H. Hyde. Mr G. Wilson, of the B. & W. Co-

operative Society's staff at Beaufort. s absent from the town on holiday

The popularity of Mr Jack Cole, senr., as a member of the Beaufort School Committee, was plainly manifest at the election on Tuesday night. when he topped the poll.

Mr and Mrs Anson, of Adelaide, spent a few days with Mr and Mrs Wm. Newey, of Beaufort, on their way to Sydney.

Mr and Mrs Wm. Newey, of Beaufort, and Mr and Mrs C. Whitfield, of Lake Goldsmith, were away for several days last week on an enjoyable fishing excursion.

Mr H. M. Stuart, of Beaufort, has been very ill, and is now convales-

Mr and Mrs N. B. Acton, of Beaufort, have gone to Point Lonsdale for three weeks' holiday.

Mrs Murphy, Mrs Kirkpatrick, and Nerring.

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RIPON COMPETITION.

SEMI-FINALS WON BY BEAU-FORT TOWN AND WATERLOO.

BEAUFORT TOWN V. BEAU-FORT COUNTRY.

Park on Saturday to witness semi-

final match between the Beaufort

Town and Country teams. The

Town side was captained by H. V. Martin, and their opponents by R. C. Hodgetts. The umpires were Rev. J. P. MacDougall and Mr T. Williams. The Country team won the toss, and elected to bat. They obtained 102 runs for the loss of nine wickets. J. Yawkins, who carried his bat, was the top-scorer with 42, for which he batted steadily for an hour and three-quarters. Early in his innings, he narrowly escaped being caught out behind the wicket; the umpire's decision being in his favor. G. Beggs batted well for 21, and was smartly caught and bowled by Martin. The only other doublefigure scorer was R. Davis (10). He had a fortunate escape from being stumped, only to be out l.b.w. the next ball. H. Collins was going nicely, when an exceptionally fine, overhead, single-handed catch by C. Pringle disposed of his wicket. The Town side had to contend with a difficult, varying light, and in the last quarter of an hour the result was in doubt. They made a good start with 1 for 52. Their total was 111. and when the ninth wicket fell, their score was 103. The outstanding feature of the innings was the excellent batting of J. Cole, who carried his bat for 78, despite the fact that when his score was 57, he received a nasty body blow from the ball when R. Davis was bowling. The game was held up for a minute or two until he recovered. Later, he fell heavily when running, and struck his head on the ground, just as he passed the crease. He had two lives, as one chance he gave was missed in the field, and another behind the wicket. H. V. Martin (14), who had the misfortune to run himself out, was the only other batsman who reached double figures. R. Hancock made a good attempt to take a difficult catch off E. S. Crouch's bat. A nice catch by Davis dismissed J B. Hall. With only three men to go in, the Town's score was 91, and they wanted 11 to win. R. Pringle (8) batted creditably at a critical time, and when he went out l.b.w., six runs were needed for a victory. Two runs were wanted when Pascoe (the second last man in) opened his shoulders and made the winning hit. When time expired, the Town had won by a margin of nine runs. J. Cole was given an ovation for his plucky and smart performance, and carried off the field shoulder-high by the members of both teams. Cole also had the best bowling performance on the Town side; his average being 4/39. C. Pringle and H. V. Martin each obtained 2/15. On the losing side the bowling honors were shared by J. Yawkins (4 for 53), H. Collins (3/34), and R. Davis (2/21). Scores:--

Beaufort Country. J. Yawkins, not out 42

R. C. Hodgetts, b. Cole N. Oddie, l.b.w., b. Cole G. Beggs, c. and b. Martin .. 21 R. Davis, l.b.w., b. Martin 10 H. Collins, c. and b. C. Pringle. T. Stewart, b. C. Pringle C. McKay, b. Cole R. Hancock, b. Cole

I. Collins, b. Morvell

Sundries

Beaufort Town.

H. V. Martin, run out 14 J. Cole, not out 78 R. F. Manley, b. Yawkins E. S. Crouch, c. and b. Davis, 0 H. O. Collier, b. Yawkins .. 2 F. C. Jenkin, b. Yawkins ...

J. B. Hall, c. Davis, b. Yawkins, (C. Pringle, c. Beggs, b. Collins, 1 R. Pringle, 1.b.w., b. Collins .. 8 W. Pascoe, c. and b. Collins ... 2

C. Morvell, c. Stewart, b. Davis, 2 There was a fair attendance of Sundries 3 followers of cricket at the Beaufort

> Total 111 Bowling-J. Yawkins, 4/53; H. Collins, 3/34; R. Davis, 2/21.

----WATERLOO V. WARRAK.

The other semi-final was played a Waterloo between the local team and Warrak, P. Ord captained the visit ors, and D. Lynch the minor premiers, who won by 25 runs. The unipires were Messrs J. Murray and A. Trengove. Waterloo had first use of the wicket, and their total was 92. D. Lynch (42, not out) was the best performer with the bat; N. Dromey (who was caught out by Lewin) contributing 18, and G. Grant (who was out l.b.w.) 14. M. Padgett captured 4 wickets for 36 runs, E. Farish 4 for 37, and L. McGuiness 2 for 14. Warrak re sponded with 67 runs; P. Ord being the top scorer with 16, and L. McGuiness making 12, and A. Padgett 10. All the Waterloo bowlers took wickets; the best averages being:-D. Lynch, 3/9; G. Grant, 2/4; N. Dromey, 2/13; and J. Lamb, 2/16. Scores:-

Joe Lamb, l.b.w., b. E. Farish, 4 N. Dromey, c. Lewin, b. M. Padgett 18 T. Ryan, b. E. Farish 0 Jack Lamb, c. L. McGuiness, b. M. Padgett

D. Lynch, not out 42 Lynch, b. M. Padgett Flynn, b. M. Padgett Grant, l.b.w., b. L. McGuinness 14

H. Dunn, b. E. Farish T. Gardiner, c. A. Padgett, b. L. McGuiness E. Jay, std., b. Farish Sundries

Total 92 Bowling-M. Padgett, 4/36; E. Farish, 4/37: L. McGuiness, 2/14.

Warrak.

E. Farish, b. B. Lynch 4 Padgett, b. J. Lamb 10 Ord, c. Grant, b. Dromey, 16 McGuiness, b. D. Lynch .. 12 Dadswell, b. D. Lynch Lewin, b. J. Lamb Walsh, b. D. Lynch 3 Creenaune, b. Dromey Shields, b. G. Grant

McGuiness, not out Padgett, b. G. Grant Sundries 16

Total 67 Bowling-D. Lynch, 3/9; G. Grant, 2/4; N. Dromey, 2/13; J. Lamb, 2/16; B. Lynch, 1/9.

NOTES ON THE GAMES.

The final, which will be played to a finish, commences at Waterloo today (Saturday), and both the minor premiers and Beaufort Town will have strong teams in the field.

Jack Cole's batting (78, not out) was undoubtedly the outstanding feature of the semi-final between Beaufort Town and Country on Saturday. He also bowled well. This young player was only half-a-dozen off the century at Ballarat during Country Week, and has shown greatly improved form this season. He well deserved the honor paid him





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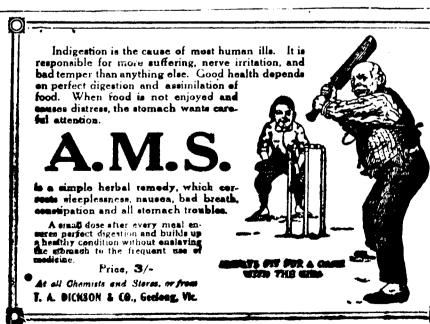
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thing at the right time, put things Mrs Bolger, sisters of the Fitzpatmin. 20 sec. A. Wangler (260 yds.) Hospital meetings. Light, 28/; 10 ft. Heavy, 34/; 12 ft. Heavy, 38/. Cyclone Ornamental Gates, Cyclone Sheep Fence, right when he seconded Mr Thain's rick Bros., who were old residents of Total 9 for 102 by the members of both teams by After some discussion, the comand A. W. Dunstan (240 yds.) were motion that a fresh cheque be issued Nerring, spent the week-end with carrying him off the field shouldermittee decided to meet on the fourth first and second respectively in the Bowling-J. Cole, 4/39; C. Pringfor the amount. The motion was their brothers at Beaufort and Cyclone Ornamental Fence. Monday in each month, and the le, 2/15; H. V. Martin, 2/15; C. Bicycle Race of two miles, which was carried unanimously. meeting then closed. won by 30 yds. in 5 min. 53 sec. Morvell, 1/11; V. Jenkin, 0/16. (Continued on Page 8.)

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(Continued from Page 7.) gin of nine runs.

Pringle could never have managed their aid in making his path and the brilliant, single-handed catch Mrs MacDougall's so pleasant. The that dismissed Harry Collins.

ning hit.

Jack Yawkins, who opened for the Country side, topped their score with 42 (not out), and then bowled for nearly two hours for 4/53, put £518/17/8, and expenditure £631 up a performance which showed the 16/7, leaving a Dr. balance of £112 great stamina of this sterling 18.11. The year commenced with a sportsman. George Beggs (21) al- Dr. balance of £104/19/5. so acquitted himself very creditably both as a batsman and wicket- mittee in charge of the budget keeper.

(42, not out, ar 1 3/9) was his side's quota (£70) by £7. star batemes and bowler. He reco de la la backing from Nick Dro- that their quota this year was less mey (18 and 2/13), and George than last. He thought it was £65, Grant (14, and 2/4).

Farish (4/37) did some effective Robinson), they had exceeded their bowling for Warrak, and the fact quota last year, as the amount she that the latter's wicket was obtained cheaply was a big factor in his team's defeat by 25 runs. The Warrak captain, Perc. Ord,

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

topped their score with 16.

The annual congregational meeting of the Beaufort Presbyterian Church was held on Monday night. The Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., presided, and there was an attendance of 14 members and adherents. The meeting opened with a Scripture reading and prayer

A report from the local P.W.M.U. showed that the membership was 20. and that the financial position was sound: the receipts for the year being £41/12/6.

painting the Manse, as well as other sums for mission work.

Mr T. McNaughton (clerk of the session) presented the Kirk session report, which stated that there were 103 members of the communionroll 55 on the communion roll at Beaufort. Miss Wotherspoon was thanked for her work as organist, and Mr A. Grace for re-organising the choir. The Sunday school teachers were thanked for their faithful work, and Miss Tulloch for supplying flowers for the Church every

The foregoing reports were adopted, on the motion of Miss Woth- G. Pringle and H. J. Buchanan. erspoon and Mr W. J. Stevenson. The Sunday school balance-sheet showed the sum of £7/1/5 at credit, and was presented by the secretary

(Miss W. Wotherspoon). The Rev. J. P. MacDougall said that the session would like to see a fire, and those in the operating boxrather better average attendance at Messrs L. J. French (proprietor) communion services. At Beaufort and J. Pearce-were unable to exthe Sunday school was smaller than tinguish it. Mr French was forced formerly, and the Buangor Sunday to detach the spool from the projectschool had been re-opened. At Lex- ing machine, and throw it out into ton they had begun a Young People's the street, where the film wound Worshipping League, which was be- on it burst into flames and was deginning to grow, and would be a stroyed. Firemen J. Hunt and J. F. pretty good substitute for the Sun- Fitzpatrick (who were on hall duty), day school. He complimented the and Foreman N. Lardner and Mr V. Beaufort Sunday school teachers on Wilson, who happened to be in the the recent anniversary services, street, assisted to extinguish the They were grateful to the members fire, which attracted the attention of of the choir and Mr Grace for their prany townspeople, who hurried to hard work. The improved singing of the scene. The people inside the the choir had increased the church theatre remained scated and waited attendance by an average of about for the entertainment to continue. 15. The session also appreciated It is understood that the film was the work of the Girls' Fellowship insured.

and the P.W.M.U. The treasurer was pleased that the girls were giving a present of £6/10/ to the board When Jack Cole and Vic. Martin, of management, towards painting the the opening batsmen, had carried the Manse. The P.W.M.U. had reach-Town's score to 1/52, most people ed their quota easily this year. He thought the team fairly safe. How- was continuing his Scripture lesever, succeeding batsmen (with the sons to the P.W.M.U. A good deal exception of Bob Pringle) were not of work was now being done in up to form, and for a time victory Beaufort and district schools; somewas by no means certain, and was thing like 12 or 13 schools receiving eventually gained by the small mar-religious instruction regularly. He thanked the office-bearers of the A shorter man than tall Cliff Church and the helpers sincerely for only thing that jarred was the an-Bill Pascoe was well satisfied to nual overdraft. They did not seem have the honor of making the win- to be able to balance the ledger, but only to keep within the limit of their overdraft.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1931.

The balance-sheet for the past year showed that receipts totalled

A letter was read from the comschemes of the Church, thanking the Des. Lynch, the Waterloo skipper Beaufort charge for exceeding its

The Rev. J. P. MacDougall said Through the work of a good col-Both Mark Padgett (4/36) and E. lector for the children's homes (Miss collected was added on to it.

The balance-sheet was adopted, on the motion of Messrs T. McNaughton and E. S. Buchanan.

Rev. J. P. MacDougall said they were spending \$10 a year on interest, and if they could only discover some way of balancing the ledger, they would be that much better off.

Mr W. J. Stevenson said there was really only a shortage of £54 in Beaufort on the collections, envelopes, etc., without the special appeal. The outside parts of the charge had contributed more this year than last, so they were doing nothing whatever to reduce their overdraft.

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Mr T. M. Bowe (secretary)-They would have to make a special appeal of some sort.

Mr W. J. Stevenson said that the outside places had paid their way The Girls' Fellowship reported for the past seven years. It was only Beaufort that was practically behind.

Mr Bowe said that Beaufort had to find any extra expense or any shortage on the petrol allowance. It was decided, on the motion of Miss Wotherspoon and Mr Pringle, in the charge, and that there were to make a similar special appeal to last year's.

Mr Stevenson said they got £68. by the special appeal last year, whereas they got help from the other church people if they held a bazaar. Miss Wotherspoon-They would

not do any better with a bazaar. The auditors (Messrs W. Stevens and R. W. Stevenson) were reelected, on the motion of Messrs

Films Destroyed.

Shortly after the interval at the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Saturday night, 2000 feet of film caught

MIDDLE CREEK FARMERS

MUNICIPAL ECONOMY.

WANT REFORMS.

REDUCTION OF OVERHEAD EXPENSES AND LOWER VALUA-TION ASKED FOR.

To impress on the Ripon and Ararat Shire Councils the need for economy the farmers of Middle Creek and district held a public meeting at the local hall on Thursday night. There was a large and representative attendance, and Mr W. Ahern was voted to the chair. In thanking the meeting for the

honor conferred on him. Mr Ahern said this was one of the most important meetings held here for some time. They desired to protest against ' the high valuation existing in the Ararat and Ripon shires. They were not here to abuse any individual officer or councillor. The time was long overdue for the valuation to be reduced in Ripon 35 to 40 per cent. It was too high, and they should have no 1/9 rate on it. Ararat was about the same. They were here to put something before the councils to relieve the situation. He had been on the land all his life, and had never seen things so bad as at present. No man's income had been cut down like that of the man on the land. They should have an open discussion, and appoint two delegates to wait upon the two shire councils. This was no election speech, as he had no ambition to become a shire councillor.

Mr F. Liston was appointed sec-Mr E. A. Fay said they were here

to protest against the overhead expenses in the two shires, and they were entitled to some redress. He was not a ratepayer in a big way in Ripon. They were not here to unduly criticise any individual; but the criticism would be in general There should be some reduction in overhead expenses. They had done it in other shires, and in some other shires they were drastically cutting out some expenses altogether. They were here to see if something could be done. Overhead expenses in Ripon and day labor ran intto £5000 a vear. That was apart from contracts and other expenses. If there were sufficient backbone in the council, it could be reduced. The main give some relief to primary producers, and 90 per cent, of the ratepavers were primary producers. If they merged into one organisation with a united front, it would be better. Municipal councillom were taking a prominent part in these movements for the betterment of the producer, and that should begin at home. He failed to see that they were making any appreciable effort at home in that direction. They could do it in a number of ways, till they exhausted every avenue of economy They were the custodians of the taxpayers' money, and should curtail expenditure to the greatest extent. If they did not do that, they would not be doing justice to the ratepayers' money. They were passing through a great depression, and expected the councils to use their money judiciously. In one council they heard that if the valuations were reduced, the rates would go up. That meant that they would get no redress at all. Twenty-five years ago the councils were run more economically, although he would admit that prices had risen. The taxpayer was now paying 10 per cent. on the gross value of his income. It was not fair or just that they should pay that on the gross income. Mr M. O'Loughlan-It was over

25 per cent. Mr E. A. Fay-The bulk of the Highway to cater for foreign traffic. The position was much worse on the wheatgrower, who was not getting a fair deal, and was much worse off than the grazier. Amalgaof some time back. Big industries Large wool growers in this district ong as municipal candidates.

were merging. They could do with this year could not pay their way should be done in public ones. Now- the men on the land. settlement in the district, with the objectionable. exception of Trawalla. There was no wood-carting to-day on the roads, compared with that of years ago. The trouble was with the Western Highway. They did not see an engineer on the side roads very often, A voice: I saw him to-day.

Mr E. A. Fay-They were here to see if they could get some redress, or to relieve their position in

any little way at all. Mr J. Fay-The gathering was here for some purpose. United action was the only way to get some redress. He concurred in all that had been said. The man on the land was heavily burdened. Various ratepayers had grievances, and the overhead charges in Ripon could be reduced without any hardship to anyone. Now was the time to dispense with anyone who could be dispensed with. Land valuation was too high. There was just ground for a reduction. Land was worth £3 an acre less elling value to-day than a few years ago. He would suggest a valuaalleviate their sufferings. They had now to borrow money to pay their debts. What was wanted was ec- Ripon would pay its way. onomy in everything, but the councillors were not practising it. The their troubles back to when the

selves, and should be sympathetic to-Mr M. O'Loughlan remarked that Ararat was making a fresh valuating the Government in the position should go up. They could easily reduce the valuation 15 to 20 per cent. till a fresh one was taken. Ararat had done away with the dog inspector, and saved £250, and they could do that in Beaufort. In Ararat they had an engineer-secretary, and in Ripon two men-engineer and secretary. He failed to see why they wanted an engineer in a small shire like Ripon at all. In Ripon land at the foot of the mount, worth £2/10/ an acre, was valued at £6. In Ripon who was to do the valuing?

Mr Ahern-The auctioneers did it

Mr O'Loughlan-The Ripon engineer was a very young man, and land as a man who lived long in the district and worked it. Mr Speed had called on every person, and given them all a fair deal. Recently the valuation was done in the offices.

shires, Ararat was far better than Ripon. There was not the waste of money there that there was in Ripon. He endorsed what Mr O'Loughlan had said relative to Mr Speed. Some engineers simply went on prices paid for land; the values being fictitious. In Ararat they paid £180 money was going on the Western in rates, and had nothing done for it. The Western Highway was now cut out from shire control, and

Mr H. Dunn-Taking the two

they should save money on it. Mr M. O'Loughlan said that there was 25 per cent on the gross income mation of shires was rightly spoken in this district in land tax and rates.

half the engineers. If economies and had to borrow money, It was were effected in private concerns, it time that some relief was given to

a-days engineers with motor cars Mr J. Fay-The charge of six could cover in a day as much ground months' interest at 6 per cent. on as could be covered in a week 25 rates by Ararat shire from October years ago. The Government had had last was very drastic in an excepto ration employees, and shires tional year. Every case should be could do it too. It was the only way dealt with on its merits. It would to reduce expenditure. Twenty-five embarrass the ratepayers more, and or 30 years ago there was as much the advertisement in the press was

Mr E. A. Fay-That had been the rule all along, and they must draw the line somewhere

Mr J. Fay-Years ago the 10th June was the time to pay their rates. Anyone paying up to 7th April was possible, call up half the present in keeping with the law.

Mr J. Brennan said he could add very little to the remarks of previous speakers. They should send a clude in the motion, "That only strongly-worded resolution of protest. The shire should reduce the valuation 30 per cent, and have a 1/6 rate. Unless they sent in a strong resolution, they would get no benefit. They should cut down expenditure in public, as well as in private life. He hoped there would be meetings in other parts of the two shires. Between rates and taxes there was very little left for the farmer

Mr F. Liston-Too much money was paid away foolishly, and an engineer was not required in Ripon. During the war Mr Muntz managed Lexton and Ripon shires. They tion of £1 less. They wanted justice. could save £1000 a year in Ripon. The ratepayers were the masters, The engineer racked a car out in and should use their best efforts to three years, and was now allowed £3 a week to run his car. If they did away with that overhead expense, Mr W. Roberts-They could trace

councillors were ratepayers them- C.R.B. started. The money was borrowed from the Government at a wards other ratepayers. He hoped high rate of interest. Instead of the the meeting would get some redress. ratepayers' money being used to keep the feeders to the railway in repair, it was spent on the Western tion to relieve the ratepayers. There Highway. They tried to do the two would be a reduction of 10 per cent. jobs, and in Ararat interest on the With the overhead expenses, there £5000 overdraft ate up a lot of had been a recent reduction of £500, money. The only way to square the but Ripon was the very reverse. At ledger was to cut down overhead last meeting one of the Ripon coun- expenses for a year or two years, endment, that they suggest that the cillors was the first man to oppose amalgamation of shires, or making Ararat Council seriously consider the re-valuation, and yet he spoke at a one engineer look after two shires. cutting down of overhead expenses. meeting at Skipton asking the Gov- The officers in both councils were and the reduction of the valuation by ernment to reduce expenditure. Some getting too much money. If the rate- 25 per cent; the resolution to be forof these men were the cause of put- payers were getting as much in pro- warded to the council. Seconded by portion, they would be doing very it was in to-day. Ararat was making well. Witthout the large oversome attempt to economise, but draft and interest, the rate would be Ripon none. He failed to see if they a good deal lower in Ararat. The reduced the valuation why the rate Country Roads Board's first object was to build feeders to the railways, but they built roads parallel to the railways, and ruined the railways and the men on the land. The money came out of the taxpayers' pockets. Mr G. Star agreed with other

speakers, and would like to see expenses reduced in Ripon.

Mr J. Fay said the C.R.B. roads were maintained by the revenue of motor cars, and shires had been relieved of their upkeep. The meeting should urge the councils to cut down overhead expenses.

Mr Ahern - There was only one thing that mattered, and that was to reduce expenses in time of depression. A motion should be carried was not as capable of valuing the that the shire be requested to start no new work for 12 months, and by doing that they could dispense with the services of the engineer for 12 months. They should request the councils to strike no new rate on the present high valuation. At present the farmer got 7/ or 7/6 an acre it was all, and the ratepayers of Ripon could not stand the present tax-

Mr E. A. Fay-Up to date they had valued from the office on the purchase price of land. Why the need to spend several hundred pounds for a re-valuation? It was a farce.

Mr J. Fay-In Ararat they must ave an engineer. Ripon ratepayers were justified to think their engineer could be dispensed with. He appealed to the young fellows to come al-

The chairman - Two delegates should be sent to Ripon from each riding.

Mr Kneebone, junr., advocated sending a petition.

Mr. C. Liston moved-"That this meeting of ratepayers appoint a deputation to wait on the Ripon Council, at next meeting, to put before them the following proposals for retrenchment for the next financial year: -- Overhead expenses of the office to be cut down by not less than 50 per cent; that no more new works be started for 12 months; that the engineer's services be dispensed with; that no new rates be struck on the present high valuation; and, if rates now, and the other half in December next"

Mr E. A. Fay-They might inworks absolutely necessary be carried out."

Mr Kneebone seconded the motion. Mr E. A. Fay-The part should be deleted regarding the rate. Out of about £12,000 in rates in Ripon. approximately £200 was not naid They knew there had been a decent rise in wool, but could anyone say it would last? Over-ontimism had Lind ed the country where it was to-day,

The chairman-Would the mover agree to striking out the last line? The mover and seconder both agreed, and the words," and, if possible, call up half the present rates now, and the other half in December," were struck out of the motion. On the suggestion of Mr Star, the

words, "for the next financial year," were added to the first clause in the Mr E. A. Fay--He would prefer

to see the words, dispense temporarily with the engineer."

The motion was carried mani Messrs E. A. Fay and W. Ahern

were appointed to wait on the Ripon

Council with the resolution Mr J. Fay moved that no dele gates be sent to Ararat, but a reso-

lution conveyed. Seconded by Mr

Mr J. Fay--He would like to see land valuations reduced by approximately £1 per acre.

being only one dissentient. The secretary was instructed to forward the resolution to Ararat.

The amendment was carried; there

Mr J. Fay moved that the Ararat Council be asked to seriously consider at next meeting the advisability of reducing overhead charges and expenses, and the reduction of the present rate by at least 20 per cent.

The chairman refused to accent the motion, and ruled that it was a direct negative.

The chairman expressed pleasure at seeing such a representative meeting, and moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Ararat and Beaufort

A vote of thanks to the chair, moved by Mr J. Fay, concluded the

Foot Scalded.

During the week, Mrs R. Bell, of Beaufort, upset a kettle of boiling water over her foot, scalding it so severely that surgical attention was

Foot Severely Gashed.

On Monday, Mr Albert Lyttle, of Waterloo, was using an axe, when he severely gashed one of his feet. Several stitches had to be inserted to close the wound.

Bereavement.

Mr O. Bowd, of Middle Creek, has suffered a sad bereavement by the death at Ballarat of his brother, Mr Rupert A. Bowd.

BEAUFORT, SATURDAY, , MARCH

batting, and the Waterloo total was 53. Ryan's tally included three fours.

The outstanding feature of the in-FINAL MATCH. nings was the effective bowling of C. Pringle, who had the fine average D. Lynch, run out . BEAUFORT TOWN V. of 6 for 15 to his credit (including C. Flynn, b Morvell WATERLOO.

C. Morvell took 2 for 5, and the quality of his bowling is apparent from the fact that he had six maiden overs out of nine overs bowled.

C. Flynn kept wickets for Watermiers). The match commenced on loo

J. Cole and H. V. Martin opened Lynch and Dromey.

Lynch, and soon after Cole got two off the same bowler. Martin, however, obtained no more

the first four for his side. Crouch soon after gave a good

liable fieldsman) failing to pick the W. Pascoe, not out ball up cleanly, Cole narrowly escaped being run out when Crouch and he made a risky dash between

Not long afterwards Cole was out. on a l.b.w. decision from B. Lynch's bowling. His contribution was 10.

Ron Nicol was bowled by B. Lynch for nil. Three for 27. R. F. Manley followed, and was also out for a "duck"; his wicket being taken by Jack Lamb. Four for

V. Jenkin then partnered Crouch, who was just missed by G. Grant; ing good to prime bullocks. Compethis fieldsman making a gallant at-

had his third "life." He gave a 10/; useful, £8 to £9; prime cows, fort Branch Manager. C. Flynn was the next man in, but chance, which was missed by T. the ball with the sun in his eyes.

> lowing for the way Dame Fortune smiled on him, was eventually out he had topped the Town's score with

> Collier failed to make any runs, and had the ill luck to play a ball sent down by E. Jay on to the wicket. Six for 45. V. Jenkin was going well when

he was run out, after having obtained 9. Seven for 45. C. Pringle followed Jenkin, and R. Pringle Collier, and the brothers batted briskly for a while.

When he had secured one run, R. Pringle was bowled by B. Lynch. E. Jay went in and notched a cou-

> good style, and was caught out by stowe, to 15/10, topping the market Jay off B. Lynch when he had made

Pringle, came to light with some 'merino ewes, Mr J. Roddis, Snake nice strokes, and had the honor of Valley, to 7/1; 31 merino wethers, making the hit which made his Mr W. Corbett, Mortchup, 8/; 12 team's score 54, and passed the Wa- lambs, Mr J. Ringin, Chepstowe, to terloo total. He was unconquered 11/7; 1 calf, Mr R. Greenbank,

Nine for 65. B. Lynch (4 for 14) did some good

The match will be continued at

score quickly to win.

N. Dromey, c Cole h Pringle Joe Lamb, b Morvell 6 Warm Crystal Ware, Brassware, T. Ryan, c Martin, b Pringle Jack Lamb, b Cole G. Grant, I.b.w., b Pringle T. Rutherford, b Pringle E. Jay, b Pringle 2 T. Gardiner, not out Sundries 10

Total 53 Bowling-C. Pringle, 6/15; C. Morvell, 2/5; J. Cole, 1/19; H. V.

R. Pringle, b B. Lynch

Lynch, 0/13.

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quality had keen competition at fully

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Quotations:-Prime crossbred weth-

ers, 14/ to 16/11; good, 11/ to 13/;

useful, 8/ to 10/; prime crossbred

ewes, 12/ to 14/6; extra, to 16/;

good, 9/ to 11/; useful, 7/ to 8/;

prime merino wethers, 13/ to 15/;

good, 10/ to 12/; useful, 7/ to 9/

Best stores had improved competi-

tion. Lambs-2610, mostly good and

useful, with a small proportion

prime. The demand was good; prices

being firm throughout. Quotations:

--Prime, 14/ to 16/10; good, 11/ to

The following district sales are re-

ported:-68 merino wethers, Mr J. Stevens, Mena Park, to 13/1; 51

merino wethers, Mr J. Ringin, Chep-

for merino wethers, and averaging

Sporting Fixtures Postponed.

Owing to the very wet weather at

Beaufort on Saturday, a number of

sporting fixtures-including the

13/; useful, 8/ to 10/.

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when he had made 21 for two hours'

Owing to the wet weather on Saturday, the final match of the Ripon

for Beaufort Town to the bowling of Martin scored the first run off

runs, for he was neatly caught out by B. Lynch off Dromey. One for 7. E. S. Crouch followed, and hit

chance to the fieldsmen, but there H. O. Collier, b E. Jay was no one near enough to take advantage of it.

hind the wicket early in the match, wickets.

Dromey was smartly caught off Pringle by Cole for nil, and the score Two for 27.

He was followed by T. Ryan, and there was great applause when Ryan sent the first ball to the boundary for the innings.

Joe Lamb was clean bowled by Morvell when his tally was 6; inc 28. total then being 2 for 17.

RIPON COMPETITION.

cricket competition was postponed

till Monday; the finalists being Beau-

fort Town and Waterloo (minor pre-

the Waterloo sports ground on Mon-

day afternoon under perfect wea-

ther conditions. There was a good

attendance of followers of both

teams, and at the end of the day's

play, Beaufort Town had a lead of

12 runs, with one wicket in hand.

The umpires were Messrs Les. Neil

(Mt. Lonarch) and J. Yawkins

(Beaufort Country). The Town

team was captained by H .V. Mar-

tin, and Waterloo by D. Lynch. Wa-

terloo won the toss and decided to

E. S. Crouch was the Town's

Joe Lamb and N. Dromey opened

Lamb hit a ball into the air be-

for Waterloo to the bowling of J.

wicket-keeper.

Cole and C. Pringle.

and it was missed.

was 1 for 2.

D. Lynch was the next player to partner Ryan, and was batting well, but had the misfortune to be run out when his score was 2; the Waterloo heavily. tally being 3 for 20 at the fall of his wicket.

vell before he had made any runs. Four for 21. B. Lynch, who followed, batted

carefully; his wicket being captured by Pringle when he had made half- l.b.w. to G. Grant's bowling, when a-dozen. Five for 42. The next man, Jack Lamb, was 20. Five for 45. bowled by Cole for 5, immediately after the latter had made a good at-

without success. Six for 47. George Grant then put on the pads, but was out on a leg-before decision for a single; Pringle being the bowler. Seven for 48.

tempt to take a catch from him,

T. Rutherford took his turn with the bat, but was bowled by Pringle for a "duck"; the ball breaking the middle stump. Eight for 48.

ple of runs before Pringle (whose tals. Eight for 53. average was then 5 for 15) dismissed him with a good ball. Nine for

adjournment took place. Mr T. Williams (president of the association) took the opportunity of congratulating both teams upon getting into the final, and also complimented the . Beaufort Country team on their performance the previous Saturday, when they were put out of the competition by the Town side, who only beat them by nine runs. He also had a word of praise for the excellent performances put up in that match for the Country team by J. Yawkins, and by J. Cole for the winners. On play being resumed, T. Ryan (who had played a good, fighting innings), and T. Gardiner (the last

caught out by Martin off Pringle

C. Pringle continued batting in At this stage, the afternoon tea 8, and the Town's score was 9 for 62. 15/3; 46 merino wethers, Mrs J. C. Morvell, who had followed R. Young, Lake Goldsmith, 10/4; 40

for 10 when the stumps were drawn. Snake Valley, £3/1/; 110 merino we-W. Pascoe was holding up the thers and ewes, Messrs Brennan wicket at the other end for Morvell, Bros., Buangor, wethers at 11/, when play finished for the day, ewes at 8/.

bowling for Waterloo.

Waterloo to-day (Saturday). Waterloo will need to make a good man) faced the bowling. Ryan was

cricket final, sparrow and pigeon matches, and a tennis tournament-Following are the detailed scores:were postponed.

FIRST INNINGS. Waterloo.

B. Lynch, b Pringle .

Martin, 0/4.

Beaufort Town. J. Cole, l.b.w., b B. Lynch . . 10 H. V. Martin, c B. Lynch, b. Dro-E. S. Crouch, I.b.w., b Grant .. 20 R. Nicol, b B. Lynch R. F. Manley, b Jack Lamb V. Jenkin, run out C. Pringle, e Jay, b B. Lynch ... Owing to Jack Lamb (a very re- C. Morvell, not out

> Bowling-B. Lynch, 4/14; E. Jay, 1/4; G. Grant, 1/6; Jack Lamb, 1/6; N. Dromey, 1/15; D.

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BERNARD O'DOWD.

A PRACTICAL DREAMER. The following article by R.H.C appeared in a recent issue of "Smith's Weekly":--

Bernard O'Dowd, poet--some would say Australia's Poet Laureate ...just appointed Victorian Parliamentary Draughtsman, said a little piece to the English Speaking Union on one occasion. Tall, nervous-looking, hesitant as always in opening an address, he began: "I am not in good form for this kind of thing nowadays. What I know about public speaking was learned on soapboxes down on the wharf. I have been out of practice for a long time." In those early days he was studi-

ously careful to his dress. It was a puzzle where he could buy trousers already bagged at the knees, but no one saw him in any others. His hats were equally democratic. In his scorn of the conventional dressing of one class, he became conventionalised in another.

But what a man he was! He was more; he was a trumpet, a bugle, a rousing new instrument which blew a clarion call to the down-trodden and oppressed of earth. He stood for the "Bottom Dog Brigade," he chanted rousing ballads to stir its sagging manhood; he stormed at its oppressers with all the wealth of an amazingly rich vocabulary and a learning which often carried him far beyond the comprehension of ordinary mortals.

"Gavah the blacksmich" he was then, serious, spiritual, fierce, determined to reform a world which had shrugged off indifferently so many reformers. Old files of the "Socialist," the "Toesin," the "Bulletin." and many another once-radical journal, show how earnest he was.

"A man is a Liberal until he gets something to conserve," remarked a philosopher. A time came when rumor, forgetting for once her lying, proclaimed that Bernard had been seen (shades of Walt Whitman and his good grey homespun!) in a silk hat and all that that connotes.

The new O'Dowd had arrived, graduate of the Melbourne University, librarian at the Law Courts, father of a family.

Through every change of belief, and the changes were many, he remained essentially a poet. His savage declamations ceased, and as he mellowed, he forsook the packed ballad line (one critic had said that his ambition was one line, one word) and produced, alike new in metre and matter, that splendid poem, "The

It is his greatest achievement, Not flawless, it is strong enough to carry many more imperfections than the few it knows, yet remain proudly at the head of Australia's best in sus-

tained poetry. But before this, in his noblest fighting period, came that "Poetry Militant," which he sub-titled, "A Plea for the Poetry of Purpose." "Admitting a number of important exceptions," he remarks, settling into his stride, "I think that contemporary poetry is saying nothing in a multitude of beautiful words. phrases, and forms. And while the poets are making of poetry a beautiful morass of ferny forms, mossy forms, and fungoid forms, there is nothing solid in it to sustain any but the incorporeal wayfarer. The misdirected energies of too many modern verse writers are being wasted in making crazy quilts out of pretty words."

Poetry, according to this fiery apostle, should be marching poets, working poets, poets for use, poets militant, and having cast as rubbish to the void so much of our local muse, he adds, "by the way" that we really have a great poet in Australasia. Not in one person, though, and he risks a reconstruction made up of the prime parts of some 34 Australian and New Zealand writers of

He could have summarised the whole essay in two words, for surely the Answerer, the Poet of Purpose, the Worker, the Fighter, he asked

for, is Bernard O'Dowd himself He has been silent since 1921, when there appeared, "Alma Venus and

O'Dowd is wholly Australian, in birth (he was born in the old goldmining town of Beaufort, Victoria). and upbringing, but he is Celtic to . Mystic dreamer, yet practical when it comes to expressing a Parliament's thoughts in an Act, his is a combination rarely enough met with.

Looking at some bills, it is a thousand pities' the Legislature did not command him to east them in rhyme In the days of his youth, Bernard

O'Dowd was one of a small society which in various boarding houses read aloud a strange collection of books. It was a mixed but not a windy diet. One : cries included a Herbert Spencer volume, Goethe's "Wilhelm Meister," Holmes' "Autoerat," and Arnold's "Light of Asia."

Those days, his friends of the time took pleasure in thinking, helped to ripen tthe poet, who gave us such memorable lines as-"The chained divinity that broods

Behind the brows of crime." "On every dream a Daniel rides,

On every fact a Fairy, In every child a Saviour hides, In every mother, Mary." And that noble

"Last sea thing dredged by sailor Time from Space." say nothing of the more didactic

This year he is due to retire from the Public Service. Many must wish him to do so, to give leisure to extend his genius fully. But a wise Government will probably retain him a while longer, as was done in

the case of his predecessor, the very

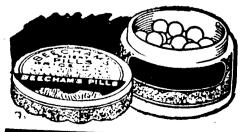
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capable J. T. Collins.

Mr G. P. ("Pat") Fairbairn, who departed from Hanworth (England) on a flight to Australia recently, is the youngest son of the late Mr Charles Fairbairn. He is a brother of Major C. O. Fairbairn, of Banongil, Skipton, and of Mr James V. Fairbairn, of Mount Elephant, Der-

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BEAUFORT.

Card Social.

Swimming Club.

ment, stating that exemptions from The Beaufort Mothers' Guild held taxation could not be granted for ena card social at Mesdames Bates & tertainments for sporting clubs. Dunstan's tea rooms on Tuesday night. The winners of the euchre prizes were Mr W. Newey and Mrs tary's hands to apply to the Department again for an exemption, as this was granted for a recent concert by 18, 2/8 a week, without keep; 1/4 a

the club. Accounts amounting to week, with keep. In Victoria, New Mr W. R. Glover (vice-president) 10/7½ were passed for payment. Ar- South Wales, and South Australia, was in the chair at a meeting of the rangements in connection with the station hands' rates are reducible, as Beaufort Swimming Club, held at dance on the following Wednesday follows:-Adults, 2/3 a week, withthe Shire Hall on Monday night night were finalised. The secretary out keep; 1/6 a week, with keep; Twelve members were present. Ap- (Mr J. J. Fitzpatrick) said it was boys, aged 18-21 years, 1/5 a week, ologies were received for the ab- not his fault that the dance had without keep; 9d a week, with keep; sence of Dr. S. E. Humphreys and clashed with the flower show and boys, under 18, 1/4 a week, without Mr A. L. Wotherspoon. A letter the Methodist fair, as he had booked keep; 7d a week, with keep. Station

COMING EVENTS

Waterloo Sports.

The Waterloo Sports Club will hold their annual gathering on Easter Saturday, in the Waterloo Recreation Reserve. Record entries have been received, and there will be a good programme of woodchops, cycling, and footrunning. The profits are to be divided between the Ballarat and Ararat Hospitals, and the Blind Appeal. All necessary booths will be on the ground. There will be a dance at night.

Beaufort Thistle Club's Sports. The Beaufort Thistle, Club have an attractive programme of Highland dancing and sports for their anmeal gala day on Easter Monday in the Beaufort Park. There will be a good programme of footracing, woodehopping, and cycling events. A grand Scottish concert will be given in the Picture Theatre at night by Mr Jack Scott's company from Melbourne. A dance will follow. The profit on the sports will be handed over to the local queen in the queen competition for the Ballarat Hospi-

On Thursday afternoon, April 2nd, at the office of Messrs Kelly & McDonald Pty. Ltd. Beaufort, 36 acres of land, known as the Police paddock, situated on the Waterloo road, in the township of Beaufort, will be sold by Messrs Kelly & McDonald Pty. Ltd. and Theo. W Schlicht, auctioneers in conjunction.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Football Club will be held at the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday evening, April 1st.

The Waterloo Sunday School an-At their Lexton sheep sale on

Wednesday, April 1st, Messrs Kelly & McDonald Pty. Ltd. will offer by by devoting portion of the profit on

Harvest festival service at Main Lead, Sunday afternoon.

A grand concert will be given in the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Thursday, April 23rd, by the choir of the Skipton street Methodist Church, Ballarat, second prize winners at recent Ballarat South-St. competitions.

The monthly meeting of the Beaufort sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League will be held in the accepted. Brewster School on Monday next, 30th inst., at 8 p.m.

Lower Wages in Pastoral Industry. The board of reference for No. 3 district (Victoria and Southern Riverina) recently met before the industrial registrar (Mr Murray M. Stewart) to adjust the rates of wages under the pastoral award for the 12 months beginning March 1. The award provides for an annual adjustment of wages in accordance with the Commonwealth statistician's retail price index numbers for the preceding calendar year. As the result of alterations in these index numbers, the prescribed weekly wages of the following employees for the ensuing 12 months will be subject to the reductions shown: Shearing employees in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania Piece-workers, 7/6 a week, if not found; 5/3 a week, if found; 7d a day, if on daily rates of pay. Wool-pressers and cooks on weekly wages, 5/, if not found; 3/6, if found. Shed hands and woolscour employees, 4/ a week, without keep; 2/6 a week, with keep. Boys, aged 18-21 years, 2/11 a week, without keep; 1/7, with keep. Boys, under

cooks (women), 1/ a week.

WATERLOO SPORTS.

MEETING OF CLUB.

At a meeting of the Waterloo Sports Club on Tuesday night, there was an attendance of 14 members. The president (Mr J. J. Dunn) occupied the chair.

Crs. Sinclair and Troy and Messrs Duke and Crouch attended as a deputation from the committee of the Beaufort district queen in the Ballarat queen carnival for the Base Hospital.

Cr. Sinclair said the object of the visit of the deputation was that they wanted the Waterloo people to cooperate and do what they could for the cause of the Beaufort district queen and the Hospital. He stressed the point that Miss Lewis was not only the Beaufort queen, but the queen for Beaufort and district. They hoped the Waterloo people would get something up. He also asked the members of the Waterloo Sports Club to allot the portion of the profit on the sports they were giving to the Ballarat Hospital to the credit of the Beaufort queen. They also asked the club to consider the matter of allowing them to sell Easter eggs at the sports. They had already interviewed the booth-holder (Mr Bates) and come to a satisfactory arrangement with him.

Cr. Troy endorsed and supple mented Cr. Sinclair's remarks.

The club decided to accede to the requests made.

The secretary (Mr Skene) reported that the following donations had been received: -Mr P. Russell. niversary is to be held on Sunday Peacock, 10/; Mr G. Smith, 10/; Sir Brudenell White, 5/

The Ararat Hospital wrote, thankthe sports to the hospital funds. The secretary reported that good

entries had been received for the various events at the sports.

It was decided to write to the Lexton Shire Council, asking them to improve the roadway into the sports

The successful tenderers for the logs for the woodchops were the Mesers Connor Bros. at 3/6 per log. Mr H. Dunn's tender of £1/17/6 for preparing the racing tracks was

Mr J. J. Dunn was instructed to get six blocks for the standing block

chop at 2/6 each.

Misuse of Baths.

Speaking at the Swimming Club dance on Wednesday night at Beaufort, the president (Dr. S. E. Humphreys) caused great laughter by humorously alluding to the way in which some people misused the local baths. He said that he was told that some people took soap to the baths with them and had a good wash, one man took his dog in for a swim, and another was seen drown-

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"Life's first danger has been said to be an empty mind."

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1931.

Police Court.

Mr. L. Smith, J.P., occupied the bench at the Beaufort police court on Monday. Three debt cases which had been settled out of court were withdrawn. In another debt case the summons had not been served, and it was extended to 20th April. E. R. Martin proceeded againsst W. Goodie for the recovery of £8/3/7 owing. The bench made an order for the payment of the amount claimed, with 15/6 costs.

Rainfall.

On Friday night, 20th inst., and Saturday morning, 110 points of rain fell; making a total of 250 points for three days. Later on Saturday 28 points fell.

Lexton visited Learmonth and played a tennis match against the Wycliffe Club, and an interesting contest resulted in a win for Wycliffe. Scores:--Wycliffe, 5 rubbers, 10 sets, 99 games; Lexton, 3 rubbers, 9 sets, 105 games.

Successful Trotters.

At the Ararat St. Patrick's Day Carnival on Saturday, Mr J. L. McErvale's Scaplane won the Open Trot, nine furlongs, from 50 yds. bhd. after a great race, by a length and a half in 3 min. 4 2-5 sec. Seaplane also won the Shanrock Handican a long-felt want—a local dance or-Trot, 14 miles, from 65 yds. bhd., in chestra. The jazz effects were sup-3 min. 19 2-5 sec. W. Goodie was plied by a Ballarat drummer, Mr J. the rider. In the first race the bett- Macmanamy. Messrs H. Dunn ing was 6 to 4 against Seaplane, and in the other 4 to 1 on Seaplane.

Corangamite to be Retained.

Much satisfaction was expressed vesterday afternoon when it was learned that Cr. Laidlaw. President of the Shire of Ararat, had been notified by the secretary of the Maryborough (Tullaroop) Shire Council that anxiety in respect to the elimination of Corangamite had been allayed by the receipt of information that the constituency would be preserved. Dr. Page, the official leader of the United Country Party, and the Hon. R. A. Crouch, M.H.R., both notified the Maryborough Council that it had been resolved to retain Corangamite.

Beaufort A.N.A.

Eight members of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., were in attendance at the fortnightly meeting on Tuesday night; Mr N. Smith (president) being in the chair. Accounts and sick-pay amounting to £10/16/8 were passed for payment. Messrs L. Smith and W. J. Bruce Johnson, who attended the annual conference at Warrnambool, gave an interesting verbal report of the proceedings. thanks, on the motion of Messrs N. of Mr Jim Anderson. Smith and J. F. Fitzpatrick, and a minute is to be placed on the books in appreciation of their services. The delegates acknowledged the compliment. Several of the items on the agenda paper are to be discussed at future meetings of the branch.

Donations Acknowledged.

Mr R. A. D. Sinclair begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of donations amounting to £21 from Mr P. Russell, of Mawallok; being £10 each for the Ballarat Hospital and the Blind Institution queens, and also £1 for the Blind Concert next

Prospecting at Skipton. Almost every likely district in the

State is receiving the attention of prospectors at the present time, and the possibilities of a "strike" in the Skipton district were brought before the Hampden Shire Council, when Mr M. Osborne, of Skipton, wrote to the council asking for permission to sink a shaft on the Skipton-Linton road in order that he might try to locate a lead which is said to exist somewhere in that neighborhood, In support of his application, Mr Osborne stated that every assistance was being given prospectors in other parts of the State, and in Ballarat permission was being granted to sink shafts in the streets. He would undertake to take all precautions, and to safeguard road travellers by having the shaft well protected, filling it in as he went, and he was cont that the council would put in cocle in his way. If his efforts were successful in that district, the lead would probably open up quite an amount of auriferous country. The council decided to offer no objection to the application, but it was agreed to forward it to the C.R.B. for their approval.

Swimming Club's Dance.

Being encumbered with a debit balance of about £45 as the result of making necessary improvements to the baths, the Beaufort Swimming Club held an old-time and modern dance night on Wednesday. There was a good attendance, and the function proved very enjoyable. A fair profit is expected. The hall was neatly decorated with streamers and paper ornaments. Very acceptable music was supplied by a local orchestra, made up as follows:--Mrs R. Grant, piano; Messrs E. Wilson and G. Cuthbertson (violins), W. Peterson (cornet), and A. Boyd Appreciative (banjo-mandolin). remarks in regard to the music

were heard on every hand, and the opinion was expressed that this band, with a little practice, could well fill and I. Cheeseman shared the duties of M.C. Several novelty dances were held, and the winners were Miss A. O'Callaghan and Mr E. Rouse, Miss Rene McDonald and Mr Reg Nichols, and Mr I. Cheeseman and Miss M. Pearce. Mr J. Duke took advantage of the occasion to announce the visit of the Ballarat City Band on Sunday to give a recital in aid of the local queen in connection with the effort for the Base Hospital, and also a dance being organised by Miss Franc at Middle Creek and another

by Misses Ward and Lynch at Lake

Goldsmith, in aid of the queen. In

a breezy and humorous speech, Dr.

S. E. Humphreys (president of the

club) drew attention to its needy fi-

nancial position and to the facilities provided at the baths. He urged all to become members; the subscription being only 2/6. He also thanked the members of the orchestra, the ladies, and the public for their help in making to-night's function a success. A tasty supper, provided by the ladies, was handed round. The trophies for the novelty dances were donated by several members of the club. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr J. They were accorded a hearty vote of J. Fitzpatrick, with the assistance

> We have received copies of "Weldon's Bazaar of Children's Fashiinos" and "Weldon's Ladies' Journal" for March. Both contain many interesting and instructive ar-

PERSONAL.

The engagement is anounced of Jean McLean, only child of Mr and Mrs W. Goudie, of Beaconsfield Parade, St. Kilda, and granddaughter of the late Archibald and Jeanie Stewart, of Wongan, Beaufort, to Colin Grant, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Waring, of Graystones, Park street, Middle Brighton.

The engagement is announced of Jean Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Roxborough, of "Eildon," Lexton, to Henry Verne, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. S. Browne, of

The marriage of Mary, daughter of the late Mr T. Stevens and Mrs Stevens, of Waterloo, to John, son of the late Mr J. McErvale and Mrs McErvale, of Chute, will be celebrated at Ballarat on Wednesday, 29th

The Misses Vera Langenbacher and Isobel Waters, of Ballarat, have gone to Melbourne to commence their careers at the University. Miss Jean Glover, of Beaufort, is in residence at Trinity College. All three are expupils of the Ballarat High School. friends of Mrs Allan Bos-

sence, of "Waverley," Buangor, will be pleased to know that she is making satisfactory progress after an operation at St. Quentian Hospital,

Sir Alexander Peacock, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, will complete 42 years' continuous service as a member of the State Legislature to-day (Saturday). He has been Premier three times.

Two former Beaufort residents, Mrs Ford and Mrs Coates, have been spending a holiday in the town. Mrs Roberts and Miss M. Roberts

have returned from a holiday in Melbourne. Mrs A. M. Parker and Miss T. Parker, who have been away in Mel-

bourne, have returned to Beaufort.

Original Blind Entertainers. "Bigger, brighter, better than ever," aptly describes the entertainment that is being presented by the Original Blind Entertainers, the official concert company of the Association for the Advancement of the Blind, at the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Tuesday next, March 31st. Judging by press reports gathered from all over the State, patrons attending the entertainment are as- operation in this way will be much sured a night's thorough enjoyment. appreciated. Give Facts, but let music fascinating mélodies, sparkling humor, make up a programme well worthy of the cause of the Association-the care of the aged and infirm blind. The company, which has been re-organised, consists of the following popular blind and sighted artists:-Norman Leslie, comedian, raconteur, mimic; Fred Tilley, basso; Miss Moya Cole-Aspinall, talented soubrette and instrumentalist: Ernest Preston, popular tenor; Miss Ivy Williams, melodious mezzo: Miss Josie Kean, soprano and pianiste. While the Association can claim the patronage of the people of Beaufort with the excellence of its entertainment, it has another claim, which is undoubtedly one of the greatest in the world—the care of the aged and infirm blind. Last year the Association paid to the blind direct or for their maintenance the sum of £8.800. The value of the work of the Association may be gauged from figures taken from the last Commonwealth, Census, which showed that of 998 totally blind people of this State, 678 are over the age of 50 years. Of this number 506 are over the age of 60 years. To carry out efficiently its work among the aged and infirm blind, the Association maintains' the following establishments, which may be inspected by anyone at any time:-1. The Home for Blind, Mair street, Brighton Beach, S.7. 2. The Home for Blind.

Bennett street, Long Gully, Ben-

digo. 3. The Hostel for Blind Wo-

SOME DANCING DONTS.

BY A DANCING TEACHER.

Your evening at a dance may easily be spoiled by doing the things you should not do. Here are a few of

Don't be afraid to dance with perfect dancers just because you have not long left the beginner's stage. Dancing with good dancers will help you considerably. So will watching the steps of other people.

Don't be self-conscious. You may think this is easier said than done. Just remember, then, that other people are not watching you. They are too closely concerned with them-

Dance happily. There is no need to drag yourself around with a glum face. Smile at every opportunityand look bright all the time.

Don't hug your partner. Learn the

Don't rump your extended arm up and down in the air.

Don't dance stiffly . Let your cariage be easy and graceful. You will enjoy your dance more, and tire

Don't scowl at a couple who unluckily collide with you. Accidents will happen on crowded floors, and anyhow-it may have been your

Don't forget to thank your partner after each dance, even if, in your opinion, he performed poorly. Perhaps he, was disappointed, too. So it's up to you to be charming.

PUT YOUR DISTRICT ON THE MAP.

Correspondence upon all subjects of local and district interest is soh cited. Copy (written on one side of the paper only) should reach the printer as early as possible, at least by Wednesdays at noon. If not received by that time, every effort will be made to insert, but there is of course, always the possibility of publication being deferred until a later issue. Clubs and societies generally are asked to appoint a Press correspondent, and thus ensure regular reports of their doings. Coports of weddings and other functions will also be welcomed.

Anyone having an item for the personal column is invited to send

There is no charge for news items.

Brother of Founder of Scout

Movement. The visit to Australia: of Lord Robert Baden-Powell will recall to many of the old generation a brother of the Mafeking hero, who spent some time in Ballarat about 40 years ago. Lord Baden-Powell's brother, Mr Henry Clement Powell, began life as a soldier in England, and when a young man, he decided to try his fortune in Australia. He obtained his honorable discharge, which was signed by Queen Victoria, and having been unsuccessful in his search for gold, joined the police force. For a brief period he did duty in Ballarat and Lexton, but subsequently he resigned and returned to the Old Country.

men. 54 The Avenue, Windsor, S. 1. 4. The Hostel for Blind Men, 11 Lara street, South Yarra. The activities of the Association are not confined to the blind in the metropolitan area only. The Association, in its endeavor to reach the whole of the blind of Victoria is establishing branches in all main country cen-

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS

LAKE GOLDSMITH.

PAGE FIVE.

Tebray!

Despite a most unfavorable night. the Lake Goldsmith Mothers' Guild held a very enjoyable social on Wednesday evening, 18th inst, in the Lake Goldsmith school. These socials attract visitors from all parts of the district. Music was supplied by Mrs Grant (piano) and Messrs Wilson (violin), and Peterson (cornet), with Mr Cheeseman as M.C. and the usual dainty supper. combined to make it one of the most successful held. Novelty dances were won by Mr and Miss Budge, and Mr Nunn and Miss McKenzie.

RAGLAN.

Very heavy rain fell in Raglan at the end of last week; a total of 254 points being recorded in four days This brings the total rainfall for the month to date (26th inst) to 51 inches-a very good fall. Farmers are now busy with ploughing, and are expecting a good season.

Many men who are unable to find employment otherwise are prospecting for gold, and are sinking shafts in various likely places. None have come on paying gold yet, but most have come on sufficiently promising "colours" to warrant continuing R (Raglan), AAM 174d; M over R their efforts.

The Raglan Tennis Club will play a match at Waterloo to-day (Saturday). Many promising juniors have been practising lately; giving the club good prospects for next season, and as several senior players will not be available for this match, some of them will have the chance to get match practice.

At a meeting of parents, held at the Raglan school on Wednesday, March 25th, the following were elected as a school committee:-Mesdames A. E. Panther and A. Johnston, Messrs E. J. Tiley, A. Mitchell, B. A. Spicer, G. A. Waldron, and A. G. Pitcher. The new committee then met and elected the following office-bearers:--Chairman, Mr E. J. Tiley (unanimously re-elected for the third term); .correspondent, Mrs A. E. Panther (Mr B. A. Spicer declining nomination); treasurer, Mrs A. Johnston. The outstanding loss to the committee is Mr J. Stevens, who for a period of 20 years has identified himself with the school as a committeeman and correspondent. Mr Stevens reluctantly MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on declined nomination for this period, WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL and the following motion was moved 1st, at 8 o'clock by Mrs Panther and seconded by Mr Waldron:-"That the school committee express their appreciation of the sterling work of Mr J. Stevens during his long term with the committee as correspondent, and on his voluntary retirement, thank him most heartily for his efforts on behalf of the school, and wish him many years of good health and prosperity." The motion was agreed to unanimously. It was also agreed to tender a complimentary social to Mr Stevens on Wednesday, April 1st, in the Raglan Hall. It is hoped that all friends of Mr Stevens, and those who have knowledge of his long and untiring work with the school committee, will take the opportunity of being present to wish him "all the best" on his retirement.

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Wool Sales.

At the Geelong wool sales on Tuesday, Borriyalloak over E. G. Austin (Skipton), sup. com. brought 174d, sun, Ibs', 17d; W. Bros, over Carngham, 1st com., 18/d, 1st pes, 16/d; RD over Skipton, F 171d; DD over (Raglan), AAM 171d; TW over East Lynne (Beaufort), AAA comeback 164d.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS

FIREWOOD CUNEMPLOYED RELIEF).

TENDERS are invited for the supply of 50,000 tons of 2 foot firewood (dry), in lots of from 50 to 500 tons, and must be lodged in the Tender Box, Room 154, Railway Offices, Spencer Street, Melbourne, at or before 11 a.m. on 8th APRIL, 1931. Particulars at Contractors' Room and Comptroller of Stores' Office, Railway Buildings, Melbourne, and at the undermentioned railway stations:-Ararat, Buangor, Beaufort, Trawalla, Armstrong, Dobie, Ballarat, Middle Creek. No tender will necessarily be accepted.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Club will be held at the

BEAUFORT FOOTBALL CLUB.

Business -- Adopt balance-sheet. Elect officers. General. C. G. PRINGLE, Secretary. NOTICE.

Casual Advertisements.

DERSONS not having a Regular Account with this Office are hereby notified that Casual Advertise-MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE, as the booking and collection of small amounts entails much labor and ex-

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TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1931, At 8 p.m.

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WATERLOO SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, to be held SUNDAY NEXT, MARCH 29th.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE at MAIN LEAD, SUNDAY AF-TERNOON, at 3 p.m. St. John's Choir, Rev. A. Talbot.

THE Monthly Meeting of the BEAUFORT SUB-BRANCH. R.S.S.I.L.A., will be held in the BREWSTER SCHOOL on MON-DAY NEXT, 30th inst., at 8 p.m. A. GUYATT, Secretary.

A GRAND CONCERT will be given in BEAUFORT PICTURE THEA TRE on THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd, by Choir of Skinton Street Methodist Church, Ballarat, Second Prize Winners at recent Ballarat South Street Competitions.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

B. & W. STORE will be CLOSED FRIDAY, 3rd, SATURDAY, 4th, MONDAY, 6th APRIL

SHIRE OF RIPON.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Council, held in the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on the 9th day of March, 1931, the said Council did agree to the following resolu-

"That By-laws Nos. 39, 40, and 41 be adopted. Notice is further given that a meeting of the said Council will be held in the SHIRE HALL, BEAU-FORT, on MONDAY, the 13th day of APRIL, 1931, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when the said Resolutions for passing the above-mentioned Bylaws will be submitted for confirm-

of the above-mentioned By-laws has been deposited at the Office of the Council, Shire Hall, Beaufort, and is open to the inspection of any person interested during office hours.
NORMAN B. ACTON, Shire Sec-

retary. Beaufort, 20/3/31.

LEXTON SHEEP SALE. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st, 1931, At 2 p.m.

KELLY & McDONALD PTY. LTD.

will Offer by Auction as above.

FURTHER ENTRIES INVITED. Full particulars. KELLY & McDONALD PTY. LTD.,

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36 ACRES LAND, SITUATED IN TOWNSHIP OF BEAUFORT. KELLY & McDONALD PTY, LTD. and THEO. W. SCHLICHT, auc-

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY, 29th MARCH, 1931

Church of England, Beaufort 11 and 7; Main Lead, 3-Rev. A.

Methodist Church Raglan, 11: Beaufort, 7-Rev. J. Mellor. Beaufort, 11; Buangor, 3-Mr. C. Wal-

Presbyterian Church. 11; Middle Creek, 3; Beaufort, 7-Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A.

WATERLOO SPORTS.

dron. Chute, 2 .-- Supply.

EASTER SATURDAY, 4th APRIL 1931.

COMMENCING at 1 p.m., in the WATERLOO RECREATION RE-SERVE. Record Entries. Good programme of Woodchops, Cycling, and Footrunning. All booths on the ground. Profits to be equally divided between Ballarat and Ararat Hospitals and Blind Appeal, DANCE AT NIGHT.

BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB'S GREAT GALA DAY! In Aid of Queen of Charity.

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 6th.

IN THE BEAUFORT PARK

Entries close to-day (Saturday) ∆N ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME. comprising Highland Dancing (19 local and open events, including Blue Ribbon for aggregate points, gift of Past-chief R. Ward, and Gold Medal, gift of Chief R. T. Macdonald); Athletic (12 events), including Caledonian Handicap, 130 yds., £4; Sprint Handicap, 75 yds., £2 Members' Race, 75 Handicap Standing Block Woodchop. 36-inch girth logs, £4; Handicap Underhand Woodehop, 39-inch girth ogs, £6 10%, Blue Ribbon (chit of Past-chief H. J. Buchanan) and Trophy (gift of Mr. A. Grace); 1-mile Bicycle Race, 31 10/2 and Blue Ribbon (ribbon gift of Mr. W Manson); 4-mile Bicycle Race, 43

10%; 2-mile Bicycle Race, £3/10/; and Games (8 events). Members are requested to bring a basket for the luncheon room. Admission, 1/6; Children, 9d; Nonmembers' Cars, 1

GRAND SCOTTISH CONCERT in PICTURE THEATRE at Night by Mr. JACK SCOTT'S COMPANY from Melbourne, including Mr. Scott (tenor), Miss Bonnie Craven (elocutionist), Miss Emily Hooke (soprano), Mr. Geo. Harvey (comedian), Mr. Keith Toyne (baritone). and Mr. Alfred Jonas (melo-pianoaccordeon). Admission, 37 and 27 Colus tax, with 6d extra for book ing). DANCE TO FOLLOW.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

SNAKE VALLEY.

on Wednesday evening, 18th inst; the

president (Cr. A. C. Roddis) pre-

siding, Mr. R. Taylor, of Ballarat,

was the successful tenderer for the

publican's booth; the price being £12

10/, and Mr Arthur Shepherd, of

Linton, obtained the refreshment and

tender was received for a band, and

Owing to the depression and recent

have been held on Easter Monday.

A meeting of parents was held at

school committee. The head teacher

(Mr Seagrave) presided, and the fol-

lowing were elected:-Messrs E.

Howlett (president), Jas. Cheese-

man (correspondent), A. T. Brumby

(treasurer), Percy Yeoman, and Mes-

Last week-end 60 points of rain

fell at Snake Valley. Besides put-

ting a little water in the dams, it will

start the grass, and farmers will

preparation for seeding. More rain

is needed to assure a good autumn.

Valley Mechanics' Institute commit-

tee was held in the Snake Valley

Mechanics' Hall. Vice-president Geo.

Coster occupied the chair. The bal-

ance-sheet showed a credit of £57,

and was adopted. The secretary was

instructed to send a letter of sym-

pathty to Mr J. S. Douglas in his

recent sad bereavement. A presen-

tation of a cheque was made to Mr

and Mrs Rowe, who were caretakers

of the institute for 26 years, and

only recently resigned owing to ill-

health. The chairman said all were

very sorry to lose the services of Mr

and Mrs Rowe. Other speakers were

Cr. A. C. Roddis, Cr. D. McDon-

ald, and Messrs W. McLean, Jas.

Ryan, and Jas. Whitla. Mr Rowe,

in responding, said he had always

tried to do his best to oblige every-

one, and he thanked all for their

good wishes and generous gift. Mr,

and Mrs Rowe were made life honor-

ary members of the institute. The

following office-bearers were elected

for the ensuing year:-President

Mr Geo. Coster; vice-presidents, Mr

J. S. Douglas and Cr. A. C. Rod-

dis; secretary, Mr Jas. Whitla; trea-

surer, Mr W. Murray; auditors, Cr.

D. McDonald and Mr H. H. Roddis.

Mr Geo. Coster thanked the mem-

bers for electing him to the position

of president, and said he would do

all in his power for the benefit of

The president of the Snake Val-

ley A.N.A. (Mr Wm. McLean) oc-

cupied the chair at the usual meet-

ing, and there was a good attend-

ance. One proposition for honorary

membership was received. The sec-

retary reported one member on the

sick list, and the sum of £2 was

passed for payment. Messrs W.

McLean and H. H. Roddis reported

having attended the annual confer-

ence at Warrnambool. A vote of

thanks was accorded the delegates.

SKIPTON.

A Mothers' Club has been formed

in connection with the Skipton State

school, and the first public appeal

will take the form of an American

tea to raise funds for purchasing a

flag equipment for the school and

draining the school yard.

held at "Borriyalloak."

the institute.

The annual meeting of the Snake

fruit and lolly stall at £3/7/6.

the secretary.

P. Hume.

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

EFFORT FOR MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

On Thursday afternoon perfect weather rewarded the diligence of the committee who have worked so untiringly in order to make a success of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute's second annual flower show. Notwithstanding the fact that the last week's weather may have ruined many exhibits, a good entry was recorded, and excellent specimens of gladiolus, dahlias, and roses, mingled their fragrance and colouring, transforming the hall into a miniature bower.

The show was opened by Mrs H P. Mackenzie, of Trawalla Estate. Mr T. Williams (the president of the Institute), in introducing her, said that the flower show was being held 2. in order to increase the revenue of the Mechanics'. He was glad to see such a very fine display of flowers, 2. and especially complimented Lindsay Williams on the variety and quality of the vegetables which he, a mere boy, had grown. When a boy was able to produce such exhibits, it showed what might be done in the district. Next year he would like to see a special section for children, and now that the new water supply had come through, a prize might also be offered for the best cottage 2. garden

Mrs Mackenzie said that nothing was ever so enjoyable as a flower show, and it demonstrated how Beaufort was progressing when it was able to hold one. She was very glad to see that half the funds were going to buy new books for the library. Gardening was always one of the best occupations, and afforded a very fascinating study, but now that Beaufort had its new water supply. what transformations might not be achieved? The only thing she did not uphold in modern gardening was the passing of the old names for the Latin ones. She complimented the Beaufort people on their excellent exhibition of choice blooms, and hoped that the show would be a great success. She had much pleasure in declaring it open.

The ladies organised several stalls, the holders of which were: -- Sweets: Mrs H. Cuthbertson, Miss E. Muntz. Flowers: Mrs Hughes, Miss H. Miller. Ice cream :Mesdames Saph and R. T. Macdonald, Miss Ivy Macdon-Refreshments: Misses H. and Wotherspoon, McNaughton, DeBaere, Tulloch, and R. Pope, and Mesdames T. Williams and P. DeBaere.

The judges of the various sections were:-Flowers: Mr 11. Sieve- 2. wright. Vegetables: Mr Thos. Williams. Cookery: Mrs R. G. Beggs and Miss Beggs.

The secretarial duties were capably carried out by Mr H. V. Mar-

The awards were as follow:---SECTION 1—CLASS A (OPEN). 1. 12 varieties Gladioli (one of each)

S. A. Hateley. 2. 6 varieties Gladioli (one of each). S. A. Hateley.

3. Champion Gladiolus S. A. Hateley.

SECTION 1 CLASS A (AMATEUR) (Within 12 miles Beaufort). 1. 12 varieties Gladioli (one of each) Mrs Cassells.

2. 6 varieties Gladioli (one of each). Mrs Day, 1; Mrs R. G. Beggs, 2. 3. Champion Gladiolus. J. E. Day.

SECTION 2—CLASS B (OPEN). 1. 12 Dahlias.

S. A. Hateley, 1; W. J. Lee, 2. 2. 6 Collarette Dahlias, No entry .

3. 6 Peony Dahlias. S. A. Hateley.

4. 6 Cactus Dahlias, stiff-stemmed S. A. Hateley, 1; W. J. Lee, 2. 5. Champion Dahlia.

S. A. Hateley. 6. 6 varieties Cactus Dahlias, not stiff-stemmed.

S. A. Hateley, 1; W. J. Lee, 2. SECTION 2-CLASS B (AMATEUR) (Within 12 miles Beaufort).

1. 12 Dahlias, stiff stems. Mrs Miller, 1; Mrs P. C. Trengove,

2. 3 Collarette Dahlias

Mrs P. C. Trengove.

3. 3 Peony Dahlias. Mrs R. G. Beggs. 4. 3 Cactus Dahlias, stiff-stemmed, garden variety.

5. Champion Dahlia Mrs P. C. Trengove 6. 3 varieties Cactus, not stiff stemmed.

Mrs Miller SECTION 3-CLASS C (OPEN). 1. 3 varieties Asters (3 of each). W. J. Lee, 1; S. A. Hateley, 2.

2. 3 varieties Roses. Miss Russell, 1; Mrs R. G. Beggs,

3. 3 varieties Marigolds (3 of each) Mrs Schlicht, I; Mrs R. G. Beggs, 4. 6 varieties Antirrhinum (3 of

each). W. J. Lee. 5 3 varieties Antirrhinum (ama-

teur), 3 of each. Miss B. Schlicht 6. 6 Zinnias (1 of each). Miss Russell.

7. 3 Zinnia (amateur), 1 of each. Mrs Schlicht, 1; Mrs R. G. Beggs, 8. 6 varieties Phlox (3 trusses of each).

No entry 9. 3 varieties Phlox (amateur), 3 trusses of each. Mrs P. C. Trengove.

10. 3 varieties Carnations. 11. 3 varieties Petunias,

W. J. Lee. SECTION 4-CLASS D. 1. 3 varieties Cut Flowers. Laiss Jean Stewart, 1; Mrs T. W. Schlicht, 2.

2. Basket Cut Flowers, Miss B. Schlicht, 1; Mrs R. G. Beggs, 2.

3. 3 Ladies' Sprays. Miss J. Stewart, 1; Miss Russell, 2 4. 3 Gent's. Buttonholes. Miss B. Schlicht, 1; Miss J. Ste-

wart, 2. 5. Collection Cut Flowers. No entry

> SECTION 5-CLASS E. POT PLANTS.

Mrs Hughes, 1; H. P. Mackenzie, 2. Maiden Hair Fern. Miss Jean Stewart, 1; Mrs

3. Best Palm. Mrs Hughes, 1; H. P. Mackenzie, 4. Pot Plant in Bloom. Mrs R. G. Beggs, 1; H. V. Mar-

Hughes, 2.

5. Pot Plant Fern. Mrs Hughes. SECTION 6 - CLASS F.

1. 4 varieties Apples (eating), one of each. Mrs Kneebone. 2. 4 varieties Cooking Apples (one of each).

Mrs Kneebone. 3. 6 Tomatoes. Mrs Kneebone, 1; E. Soncum, 2; Miss Beggs, 3 and hon. mention.

SECTION 7-CLASS G. Collection Vegetables. L. Williams (who showed a great variety), 1 and special mention.

2. 4 Potatoes. J. Duke. 3. 1 Cabbage. L. Williams 4. 1 Vegetable Marrow.

5. 1 Turk's Cap. No entry. 6. Heaviest Pumpkin. No entry.

7. 12 pods French Beans. L. Williams, 1; Miss B. Schlicht, 2 8. 12 pods Peas. L. Williams. 9. 3 Carrots.

L. Williams, 1; Miss B. Schlicht, 10. 3 Parsnips.

L. Williams, 1; Miss B. Schlicht, 2 11. 3 Red Beet.

12. 4 Onions Miss B. Schlicht 13. 4 stalks Rhubarb. Miss B. Schlicht

No entry.

SECTION 8-CLASS H. 1. Best variety Home-made Cakes. Miss L. Stewart (who showed 30 varieties), 1 and special mention. 2. Plate Scones.

Miss N. Trengove, 1; Miss K. Stewart, 2. 3. Plate Cream Puffs. Miss K. Stewart, 1; Mrs Young, 2.

4. Plain Sponge Sandwich (light).

Mrs Muntz, 1; Mrs Exell, 2. 5. Plain Sponge Sandwich (dark). Miss Jessie Hannah, 1; Miss K. Stewart, 2.

6. Plate Biscuits (4 kinds). No entry. 7. Pound Cake. No entry.

8. Shortbread Miss Jessie Hannah, 1; Miss K Stewart, 2.

9. Sponge Roll Miss N. Martin, 1; Miss Jessie Hannah, 2. 10. Loaf Home-made Bread.

Miss H. Miller, 1; Mrs Boyle, 2. LIST OF SPECIAL PRIZES. AGGREGATE PRIZE. — A Trophy, valued at £2/2/ (gift of Mrs. J. R. Hughes), will be awarded to the winner of the highest aggregate of points. To be won three times. (Three points for 1st, and 1 point for 2nd prizes). S. A. Hateley (25), 1; L. Willi-

ams (21), 2; Miss B. Schlicht (19). 6 varieties Gladioli, one of each (class A, amateur)-Trophy, valued at £1/1/ (gift of Mr. Swenson); second prize, trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr S. A. Hateley).

J. E. Day, 1; Mrs R. G. Beggs, 2 Champion Gladiolus (Class A, amateur)-Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. T. Williams). J. E. Day

Champion Gladiolus of Show (open)—Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. H. V. Martin). S. A. Hateley Champion Dahlia (Class B, ama-

teur)—Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr W. W. Ashley). Mrs Trengove. Best variety of 12 Dahlias (Class B, amateur)—Trophy, valued 10/6 (gift of Mr. A. Parker).

Mrs J. W. Miller. 3 Zinnias (1 of each), amateur-Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. E. Day).

Mrs T. W. Schlicht. 3 varieties Roses (Class C, open) valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. R. A. D. Sinclair).

3 varieties Asters, 3 of each (Class C, open). Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. H. E. Cuthbertson).
W. J. Lee. All other first prizes, 2/6 each.

Fire Brigade.

Deputy-chief-officer Turner paid a visit of inspection to the Beaufort Fire Brigade on Wednesday night. There was a good muster of firemen, under Captain J. J. Fitzpatrick.



Senator Major-General H. E. ("Pompey") Elliott, who died at Malvern on Monday, and was well known to the troops of the A.I.F. during the Great War, first as the O.C. of the 7th Battalion, and afterwards of the 15th Brigade. He was also a veteran of the South African War. The deceased, who was a gallant soldier, was present at the first re-union smoke-night held by the Beaufort sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League three years

BOWLS.

THE COLOR COMPETITION. BLUES TO PAY FOR DINNER

Owing to the wet weather, there was no competition between the Reds and Blues on the Beaufort, bowling green on Saturday afternoon, and as the Reds had a lead of 69 points, the Blues will have the pleasure again this year of paying for the dipper.

MATCH WITH BALLARAT CENTRAL.

This (Saturday) afternoon a 7rink match will be played between the Beaufort and Central clubs at

SUMMARY FOR SEASON 1930--31.

Mr R. A. Young has compiled the following summary of the color competition played by the Beaufort Bowling Club :--

	Red.	Blue.
Matches won	14	13
Rinks up	54	41
Total points	1548	1479
Skipper.	Won.	Lost.
Acton	14	10
Ellis	1	1
Halp 1	4	2
Harris	18	8
Stevenson	10	14
Webster	7	6
Betheras	i	1
Bowe	14	_
Carmichael	. 14	12
		1
	2	2
Hosking	6	3
Humphreys	-1	15
Laird	10	16
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working bee to clean up the cemetery grounds. There was a muster of over 50 helpers, and the ladies provided afternoon tea. The appearance A meeting of the Carngham Turf of the Cemetery has been much im-Club was held in the Mechanics' Hall

The Skipton Young People's Club has arranged to hold a gymkhana at

The Skipton Old Boys' and Old Girls' Association has arrangements well advanced for the Easter reunion. It is possible that a special train will be run from Ballarat for the event.

the matter was left in the hands of family bereavements in the district, it has been decided to postpone indefinitely the Carngham re-union, to the Snake Valley school to elect a Elder and Mr Dunstan were appoint-

dames A. Nunn, G. H. Elliott, and Agency Co. Ltd., Messrs Chas, Walthe late Mr Adam Slater's farm, Skipton, Mr Frank Funston became now be able to work their fallow in the purchaser at £8/2/6 per acre, or a total sum of £5209.

Particulars supplied from the Skipton railway station show that up to date 37,109 bags of wheat have passed over the weighbridge there. Of that total, 19,374 bags have been sent away, leaving 17,735 bags stacked at the station yard. The tally of oats for the same period shows 11,218 bags received and trucked

Lexton branch, A.N.A., ten tenders were received for painting the interior of the A.N.A. hall. The committee accepted Messrs Karslake &

to-day (Saturday)

In June last a number of young people of Lexton formed a Young Ladies' Guild for the twofold purpose of providing social facilities for its members and helping deserving institutions. Meetings are held fortnightly at the homes of the members. Since its inauguration 14 members were enrolled, but the removal to Melbourne of two of these (Misses B. Barrett and M. Parson) reduced the number to 12. With Miss Barratt as president, and Miss Overend as secretary, splendid work has been done, upwards of 60 article. having been sent to the After-Care Home in Melbourne and the Bush Nursing Hospital, Beaufort. Recently a successful social was held. The attendance was large, and various games and competitions were enthusiastically entered into and greatly enjoyed by young and old.

An auxiliary of the Presbyterian Intermediate Hospital in Melbourne Emu, the following were elected as has been formed in Skipton. By pera school committee:-Mr G. Haymission of Mrs E. G. Austin a gar- ward, Mrs Prettijohn, Mr A. Bruty, den fete in aid of the funds is to be Mrs Lofts, Mrs Bruty, Mr Lofts, and Mr Morrison. Mr Hayward was re-The Skipton cemetery trustees, in elected chairman; Mrs Prettijohn beconjunction with the Old Boys' and ing appointed correspondent, and Mr Girls' Association, arranged for a Bruty treasurer.

proved as a result of the effort.

Skipton and district résidents have decided to give all possible support to the movement in aid of the Ballarat Hospital, and a campaign was launched at a public meeting in the Skipton Mechanics' Hall, Cr. Donald Stewart presided, and Mr G. Bolster, of the Hospital Committee, explained the methods of the appeal. The meeting unanimously decided to support the appeal. Miss Marjory ed joint secretaries. An executive was elected, with Cr. Stewart as

Acting under instructions from the Ballarat Trustees, Executors, and ker & Co., auctioneers, submitted which contained 641 acres, near

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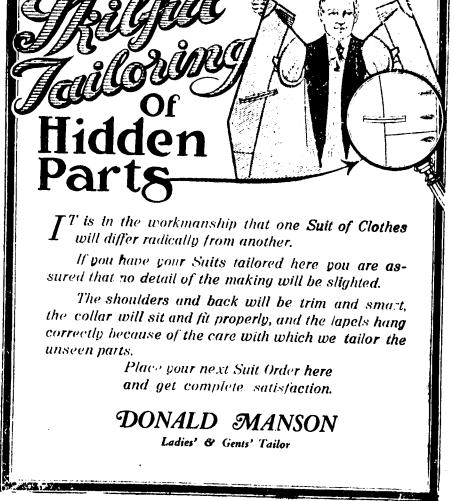
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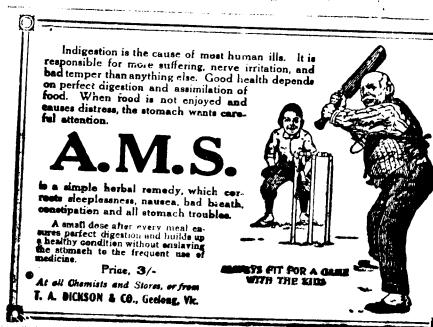
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DEPRESSION IN ENGLAND AFTER NAPOLEONIC WARS.

HISTORY AND PROPHECY.

(Reprinted from the "Edinburgh Review," January, 1830.)

At a recent meeting of graziers and farmers at Skipton, Commander H. P. Mackenzie read this remarkable analysis of the business depression in England in 1830, with its prophesy for 1930, by the famous English essayist, Macaulay. It was published recently by the Harriman National Bank and Trust Company, of New York. Macaulay's review and perview seem strikingly sound as applied to the present business situation, and can be commended to thinking and progressive business men. The reference to war is, of course, the Napoleonic wars:-

History is full of the signs of this natural progress of society. We see in almost every part of the annals of mankind how industry of individuals, struggling up against wros, taxes, famines, conflagrations, mischievous prohibitions, and more mischievous protections, creates faster than Governments can squander, and repairs whatever invaders can destroy.

We see the capital of nations increasing, and all the arts of life anproaching nearer and nearer to perfection, in spite of the grossest corruption and the wildest profusion on the part of rulers.

The present moment is one of great distress. But how small will that distress appear when we think over the history of the last 40 years: a war, compared with which, all other wars sink into insignificance; cry in 1660. taxation, such as the most heavily taxed people of former times could not have conceived; a debt larger than all the public debts that ever existed in the world added together; the food of the people studiously rendered dear; the currency impudently debased, and improvidently restored.

Yet, is the country poorer than in 1790? We fully believe that, in spite of all the misgovernment of her rulers, she has almost constantly becoming richer and richer. Now and then there has been a stoppage, now and then a short retrogression; but as to the general contingency there can be no doubt. A single breaker may recede; but the tide is evidently coming in.

If we were to prophesy that in the year 1930, a population of fifty millions, better fed, clad, and lodged than the English of our time, will cover these islands; that Sussex or Huntingdonshire will be wealthier than the wealthiest parts of the West Riding of Yorkshire now are; that cultivation, rich as that of a flower-garden, will be carried up to the very tops of Ben Nevis and Helvelyn: that machines, constructed on principles yet undiscovered, will be in every house, that there will be no highways but railroads, no travelling but by steam, that our debt, vast as it seems to us, will appear to our great-grandchildren a trifling encumberance, which might easily be paid off in a year or two-many people would think us insane.

We prophesy nothing; but this we say-if any person had told the Parliament which met in perplexity and terror after the crash in 1720 that in 1830 the wealth of England would surpass all the wildest dreams; that the annual revenue would equal the principal of that debt which they considered an intolerable burden; that for one man of £10,000 then living there would be five men of £50,000; that London would be twice as large and twice as populous, and that, nevertheless, the mortality would have diminished to one-half what it then was; that the post office would bring more into the exchequer than the excise and customs bances.

had brought in together under Charles II; that stage coaches would run from London to York in 24 hours; that men would sail without wind, and would be beginning to ride without horses-our ancestors would have given as much credit to the prediction as they gave to "Gulliver's

Yet the prediction would have been true, and they would have perceived that it was not altogether absurd, if had considered that the country

was then raising every year a sum which would have purchased the fee simple of the revenue of the Plantagenets-ten times what supported the Government of Elizabeth; three times what, in the time of Oliver Cromwell, had been thought intolerably oppressive. To almost all men the state of things in which they have been used to live seems to be the necessary state of things.

We have heard it said that five per cent, is the natural increase of money, that twelve is the natural number of a jury, that 40 shillings is the natural qualification of a country voter. Hence it is, that though. in every age, everybody knows that up to his own time progressive inprovement has been taking place, nobody seems to reckon on any improvement during the next genera

We cannot absolutely prove that those are in error—who tell us that society has reached the turning point-that we have seen our best days. But so said all who came before us, and with just as much apparent reason.

"A million a year will beggar us," said the patriots of 1640.

"Two millions a year will grind the country into powder," was the

"Six millions a year and a debt of fifty millions!" exclaimed Swift -"the high allies have been the ruin

"A hundred and forty millions of debt!" said Julius-"well may we say that we owe Lord Chatham more than we shall ever 'pay, if we owe him such a load as this"

"Two hundred and forty millions of debt!" cried all the statesmen of 1783 in chorus, "what abilities, or what economy on the part of a minister, can save 'a country so burden ed?" We know that if, since 1783, no fresh debt had been incurred, the increased resources of the country would have enabled us to defray that burden at which Pitt, Fox, and Burke stood aghast-to defray it over and over again, and that with much lighter taxation than what we have actually borne. On what principle is it, that when we see nothing but improvement behind us, we are to expect nothing but deterioration before

It is not by the intermeddling of Mr Southey's idol-the omniscient and omnipotent state-but by the prudence and energy of the people, that England has hitherto been carried forward in civilisation; and it is to the same prudence and the same energy that we now look with comfort and good hope.

Our rulers will best promote the improvement of the people by strictly confining themselves to their own legitimate duties-by leaving capital to find its most lucrative course, commodities their fair price, industry and intelligence their natural reward, idleness and folly their natural punishment-by maintaining peace, by defending property, by diminishing the price of law, and by observing strict economy in every department of the State.

Let the Government do this-the people will assuredly do the rest.

Commissioner of Police describes as "absurd" rumors which have been current recently regarding the possibility of public distur-

