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CRICKET.

RIPON COMPETITION.

BEAUFORT TOWN WINS FINAL ON FIRST INNINGS AND APPEAL AGAINST LIGHT.

There was an unusual ending to the final match of the Ripon Cricket Competition, which was concluded at the Waterloo sports ground on Saturday, in the presence of a good muster of supporters of both sides. The weather was perfect. Beaufort Town won by 12 runs on the first innings; the second innings terminating three minutes before the expiration of time. After seven unsuccessful appeals against the light by the Town batsmen, the eighth was upheld. As a prominent Town player aptly put it, "the honors were with Waterloo, and the points with Beaufort Town." Although within the rules of cricket, it was an unsatisfactory ending for both sides. The Town team was captained by H. V. Martin, and Waterloo by D. Lynch. Messrs Les. Neil and J. Yawkins officiated as umpires, and although they were placed in a very awkward position in the closing stage of the game, the justness of their final decision was not questioned by anyone.

With a lead of 12 runs in the first innings, Beaufort Town resumed batting; the last pair, W. Pascoe and C. Morvell, putting on the pads. Pascoe was bowled by D. Lynch with the second ball, and the Town were thus all out for 65. Scores:—

FIRST INNINGS.

Waterloo	53
Beaufort Town	9 for 65
C. Morvell, not out	9
W. Pascoe, b D. Lynch	0
Sundries	7
Total	65

Bowling—B. Lynch, 4/14; E. Jay, 1/4; G. Grant, 1/6; Jack Lamb, 1/6; D. Lynch, 1/13; N. Dromey, 1/15.

SECOND INNINGS.

N. Dromey and Joe Lamb opened the second innings for Waterloo, to the bowling of J. Cole and C. Pringle; E. S. Crouch keeping wickets for the Town.

Dromey was the first to score—two off Cole—and also got the first three for the innings, amidst great applause.

Joe Lamb, who was piling up singles in good style, secured the first boundary hit for four, and was given a rally by the Waterloo supporters.

For a while these two batsmen treated the spectators to fairly lively cricket, which was a great contrast to the batting in the first innings. Joe Lamb gave a low catch, which was missed by Collier at point.

Dromey obtained two fours in succession, and when his score was 22, he hit a ball into the air bowled by Martin, and was caught out behind the wicket by C. Pringle—1 for 40 in forty minutes.

D. Lynch then went in, and was out on a leg-before decision when he had made one run; Martin being the bowler—2 for 46.

Flynn took his turn with the bat, and was bowled for one by Jenkin—3 for 49.

Jack Lamb was the next man, and he was not batting long before he narrowly escaped being run out.

Joe Lamb, who had given a creditable exhibition, was caught out by R. Pringle off Jenkin in the slips, when his tally had reached 22—4 for 54.

T. Rutherford followed Joe Lamb. Jack Lamb had accounted for three runs when Martin scattered his stumps—5 for 54.

T. Ryan took over from Jack Lamb, and was batting well, when he just escaped being run out. His score was then nine, and he was bowled soon after by Jenkin without increasing it—6 for 71.

G. Grant followed, and while he was batting, Jenkin secured the first maiden over for the afternoon. After being almost run out, Grant was caught by Martin off Cole when he had only opened his account—7 for 82.

B. Lynch went in, and started with a four off Cole, but was caught by Martin off Cole before he made any more runs—8 for 86.

T. Gardiner, the next man, was bowled by Cole for a "duck"—9 for 86.

Waterloo closed their innings at 4.15 p.m. with a score of 9 for 86; T. Rutherford, who batted much better than he has of late, being unconquered for 16.

The bowling honors were shared by V. Jenkin (3/13), J. Cole (3/18), and H. V. Martin (3/20).

Afternoon tea, provided by the Waterloo ladies, was partaken of at this stage.

Beaufort Town commenced their second innings, requiring 75 runs for an outright win.

J. Cole and H. V. Martin opened to the bowling of D. Lynch and B. Lynch; C. Flynn being the Waterloo wicket-keeper.

Cole soon scored a couple of twos. Martin hit a ball into the air behind the wicket, and gave Flynn a fairly easy catch, which he had the bad luck to miss.

Cole gave Gardiner a good chance at silly point, but the latter dropped the ball.

Cole was neatly caught out behind the wicket by Flynn off D. Lynch when he had made 6—1 for 11.

E S. Crouch took Cole's place.

Martin had knocked up a dozen runs when he was clean bowled by Grant with a yorker—2 for 30.

Collier then took the bat, and was dismissed by D. Lynch before he opened his account; the batsman again having the same misfortune as on the previous Monday—playing the ball on to the wicket—3 for 34.

Nicol was the next man to partner Crouch (who was batting well, and had 14 runs at this stage). The former was unable to strike the form he showed a few weeks back, and was stumped by Flynn off Dromey when he had secured 4 runs—4 for 39.

Manley was the next player in.

Crouch's wicket was taken by a fast one from D. Lynch when his tally was 18; the wicket-keeper getting a severe blow on the head from the ball—5 for 43.

Jenkin filled the breach.

Manley was bowled by Dromey when he had secured one run—6 for 43.

C. Pringle then faced the music.

There was half-an-hour to go, and the outlook was far from bright for Beaufort Town, who had been an hour and a quarter making 46 runs. Twenty-eight runs were needed to win, and there were four wickets to fall.

C. Pringle was bowled by D. Lynch when he had succeeded in breaking his "duck."—7 for 48.

R. Pringle then put on the pads, and annoyed the barrackers by sauntering out to the wicket, despite the fact that there were only 25 minutes to go, and the same number of runs were needed. He was bowled by D. Lynch for a "duck"—8 for 48.

C. Morvell was caught out by Flynn behind the wicket off D. Lynch before he obtained any runs—9 for 48.

There was a quarter of an hour to go when the last man, W. Pascoe, went in, and 22 runs were required. The position was becoming exciting.

The light at the wicket at the end nearest the booths was failing fast, and play was resumed after three unsuccessful appeals.

The fourth appeal was also dismissed by the umpires, and Pascoe was standing up to Lynch's bowling well, although the Beaufort Town supporters held their breath every time the big batsman faced the fast trundler.

There were now but 10 minutes to go, and the fifth appeal against the light was made without success.

Jenkin scored a couple of runs; bringing the Town's score up to 54.

There were now five minutes to go, and 20 runs were wanted.

When the sixth appeal against the light was made, the umpires decided that the teams must play on.

Flynn was trying hard to trap Pascoe and Jenkin behind the wicket, and both were careful to give no chances to the fieldsmen, who had shown great keenness all the afternoon. The seventh appeal was disregarded.

The eighth appeal was made by Pascoe when there were three minutes to go, and the umpires decided to draw the stumps.

Beaufort's total was 9 for 54, and they were 20 runs behind Waterloo. They therefore won on the first innings by 12 runs.

The announcement of the result was received with rather mixed feelings, and there was no applause.

Pascoe made six appeals against the light, and Jenkin two. Neither batsman liked the unpleasant position he was placed in, but had to consider his team.

D. Lynch was in great bowling form, and obtained the excellent average of 6 for 16. His best supporter was N. Dromey (2/7).

Following are the scores:—

SECOND INNINGS.

Waterloo.

N. Dromey, c Pringle, b Martin,	22
Joe Lamb, c R. Pringle, b Jenkin,	22
D. Lynch, l.b.w., b Martin	1
C. Flynn, b Jenkin	1
Jack Lamb, b Martin	3
T. Rutherford, not out	16
T. Ryan, b Jenkin	9
G. Grant, c Martin, b Cole	1
B. Lynch, c Martin, b Cole	4
T. Gardiner, b Cole	0
Sundries	7
Total (closed),	9 for 86

Bowling—V. Jenkin, 3/13; J. Cole, 3/18; H. V. Martin, 3/20; C. Morvell, 0/8; C. Pringle, 0/20.

Beaufort Town.

H. V. Martin, b Grant	12
J. Cole, c Flynn, b D. Lynch ..	6
E. S. Crouch, b D. Lynch	18
H. Collier, b D. Lynch	0
R. Nicol, std. Flynn, b Dromey,	4
R. F. Manley, b Dromey	1
V. Jenkin, not out	5
C. Pringle, b D. Lynch	1
R. Pringle, b D. Lynch	0
C. Morvell, c Flynn, b D. Lynch,	0
W. Pascoe, not out	0
Sundries	7
Total	9 for 54

Bowling—D. Lynch, 6/16; N. Dromey, 2/7; G. Grant, 1/3; E. Jay, 0/5; B. Lynch, 0/7; Jack Lamb, 0/9.

At the conclusion of the match, Mr T. Williams (president of the association) said that it fell upon him as president of the association to congratulate Beaufort Town on winning the premiership.—[A voice: When did they win it?]—First of all he congratulated Waterloo on their fine performance. All grand finals should be played right out.

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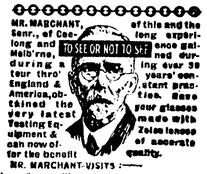

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CRICKET.

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(Applause). He thought the umpires had been placed in a very awkward position. They had carried out their duties most capably, both on Monday and to-day. The decision they gave, whether they agreed with it or not, was an honest decision given by umpires in whom every player and the public had the greatest confidence. (Applause). It was an unfortunate ending, but it was the rules of cricket. He congratulated the Beaufort Town team. When Beaufort divided their team into two, they had certainly done it in the interests of cricket. He must say that Waterloo had done some excellent fielding to-day, and the keenness of the players was appreciated by every spectator on the ground. Although the match went to Beaufort, the Waterloo players had put up a magnificent performance to-day.

Mr H. V. Martin, the Beaufort Town captain, thanked Mr Williams for his kind remarks regarding their win. He must say he was sorry they did not play the match out—[A voice: Too late.]—If beaten, they would have taken defeat. When cricket was played, they had to play according to the rules, and there was no doubt about the light fading. He would like to tell them that Beaufort on Monday played five minutes over time, through a mistake. They played three minutes early to-day, and if that eight minutes had been added to the present time, it would have been after half-past six. He congratulated Waterloo on their fine performance. It looked as if Beaufort, on Monday, with 12 of a lead, were in a good position, but Waterloo forced the play and got the runs. He was very sorry it was not an outright win, but, nevertheless, he was satisfied that he had done the right thing.

Mr D. Lynch, as captain of the Waterloo team, congratulated the Beaufort Town team and Mr Martin on their win. It was better to drop the matter and say nothing of what had happened, although some were not very satisfied with the way things had gone. Regarding the umpires, no slur whatever should be cast on them. They had carried out their duties well, and had done what they thought right, and it was no good blaming them. Their decisions right through, both in the semi-finals and final, had been just and right. To know these men was quite sufficient recommendation. He thanked the ladies for providing afternoon tea throughout the season and to-day.

Mr J. Yawkins, in returning thanks on behalf of the umpires, said that to officiate at a match in which the men were on tip-toe like they were that day was worth going 100 miles.

At the call of Mr D. Lynch, three cheers were given for the umpires.

Cheers for Waterloo followed.

PUT YOUR DISTRICT ON THE MAP.

Correspondence upon all subjects of local and district interest is solicited. 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. Co-operation 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 it in.

There is no charge for news items.

WATERLOO SPORTS.

HANDICAPS FOR EASTER SATURDAY.

The handicaps for the Waterloo sports on Easter Saturday are as follow:—

Underhand Woodchop.

D. V. Fraser	12 sec. bhd.
T. Pearce	11 sec. bhd.
J. Hamer	11 sec. bhd.
P. Turpin	10 sec. bhd.
W. Anderson	10 sec. bhd.
A. Marshall	7 sec. bhd.
E. V. Broadbent	7 sec. bhd.
J. Jelleff	7 sec. bhd.
J. H. Connor	6 sec. bhd.
E. L. Glenister	5 sec. bhd.
H. J. Turpin	4 sec. bhd.
R. Davis	2 sec. bhd.
H. Broadbent	1 sec. bhd.
W. L. Connor	1 sec. bhd.
T. Johnston	scr.
J. Fisher	scr.
M. George	3 sec in front
R. Jones	3 sec. in front

Handicap withheld—R. Lloyd.

Standing Block Chop.

D. V. Fraser	10 sec. bhd.
P. Turpin	10 sec. bhd.
E. V. Broadbent	10 sec. bhd.
T. Pearce	9 sec. bhd.
R. Davis	9 sec. bhd.
H. Broadbent	7 sec. bhd.
J. Hamer	6 sec. bhd.
E. L. Glenister	1 sec. bhd.
W. Anderson	1 sec. bhd.
J. Jelleff	3 sec. bhd.
J. H. Connor	2 sec. bhd.
H. J. Turpin	2 sec. bhd.
W. L. Connor	1 sec. bhd.
T. Johnston	scr.
J. Fisher	scr.
H. Glenister	3 sec. in front

W. Connor, Handicapper.

Novice Chop.

C. Fisher, H. Glenister, S. George, C. Jaensch, Jack Lamb, A. Smith, A. Beer, E. Broadbent, R. Jones, P. Hame, Joe Lamb, R. Finch, P. Cudmore, L. Jarvis, all scr.

One Mile Bicycle Race.
Two Mile Bicycle Race.

	Mile.	2-mile.
E. C. Fisher	80	140
W. C. Gipp	100	170
G. S. Brooks, J. R. Smith,	110	190
J. Geil, H. J. Driver,	120	205
S. Gotch, R. Nixon	130	220
N. Lloyd	140	235
T. Tompkins, W. R. Noonan	150	255
J. E. Bilton, R. L. Bray	160	275
H. A Bilton, R. Jenkins	170	295
D. Heath	190	330

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130 yds. Footrace, 75 yds. Footrace, and 220 yds. Footrace.

	Yds. 130	Yds. 75	Yds. 220
H. W. Bryant	6	3	11
G. Bryant	7	—	12½
H. McLean	7½	3½	13½
W. Wallace	9½	5	15
H. W. Powers	10	—	15
Alf. Williams	12	7¾	17
W. Walker	12	7¾	17
L. James	12½	8	—
J. Gillingham	13	8	—
C. Bates	13½	8½	20
W. Day	13½	8½	20
F. Jaensch	14	8½	—
—. Douglas	14	8½	20
R. K. Powers	14	—	22
A. Foreman	14	—	—
G. Maher	15	9	20
L. Fitzpatrick	16	9½	—
G. Grant	—	9½	—
B. Bates	16½	9½	22

Novice Footrace.

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BEAUFORT METHODISTS V. SHIRLEY.

On Saturday afternoon the Beaufort Methodist Tennis Club played a match at Shirley with the local team. The visitors won by 16 games; the scores being:—Beaufort Methodists, 42 games; Shirley, 26 games.

Mr R. Nicholls thanked the Shirley Club, on behalf of the Beaufort players, for the enjoyable afternoon. Mr H. Boyd responded on behalf of the home team.

THE RIPON CUP.

The Beaufort Tennis Club's annual men's singles tournament for the Ripon Cup was held at the local courts on Saturday, and the semi-finals were completed. There was a good entry. Results:—

First Round.

P. Stevenson (owe 15) d. G. Beggs (scr.), 6—1, 6—0.

A. Campbell (scr.) d. H. V. Martin (owe ½ 40), 2—6, 3—5; Martin retiring.

A. Grace (owe ½ 40) d. C. McKay (scr.), 6—5, 6—4.

R. Beggs (owe 15) d. A. Corrie (scr.), 6—2, 6—2.

Second Round.

C. M. Hall (owe 15) d. E. S. Crouch (owe ½ 40), 3—6, 6—5, 6—3.

H. Norman (owe 30) d. G. Page (scr.), 6—3, 6—1.

P. Rutherford (owe ½ 15) d. A. Dunn (scr.), 4—6, 6—4, 6—4.

P. Stevenson d. A. Campbell, 6—0, 6—2.

A. Grace d. R. Beggs, 6—4, 6—1.

F. Fox (scr.) d. A. J. Hughes (scr.), walk over.

N. Oddie d. J. Pickford (scr.), 6—2, 6—2.

S. Young (owe 40) d. R. Nicol (owe ½ 40), 6—3, 6—4.

Third Round.

C. M. Hall d. H. T. Norman, 6—5, 3—6, 6—5.

P. T. Stevenson d. P. Rutherford, 6—3, 6—3.

A. Grace d. F. Fox, 6—2, 6—2.

N. Oddie d. S. Young, 6—3, 6—2.

Semi-final.

P. T. Stevenson d. C. M. Hall, 4—6, 6—5, 6—5.

N. Oddie d. A. Grace, 2—6, 6—2, 6—3.

Final.

N. Oddie d. P. T. Stevenson, 6—5, 2—6, 6—3.

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Cattle.—Slightly increased supply, about half being bullocks of good to useful quality. Competition was brisk for all grades. Quotations:—Prime heavy-weights, £11 to £11/17/6; prime medium, £12 to £13/10; good, £10 to £11/10; useful, £8 to £9; prime cows, £10/10/ to £12; extra, £15/2/6; good, £8 to £10; useful, £6 to £7. Calves.—Light yarding. Best realised to £8/1/. Sheep—Wethers were not too plentiful. Prime crossbred wethers, 14/ to 16; extra, to 17/8; good, 11/ to 13/; useful, 8/ to 10; prime crossbred ewes, 12/ to 14/3; extra, to 15/4; good, 9/ to 11/; useful, 7/ to 8/; prime merino wethers, 13/ to 15; good, 10/ to 12/; useful, 7/ to 9/. About 1500 stores forward. Young sheep sold readily; aged being hard to sell. Lambs.—Prime had better trade inquiry; all grades showing a decided improvement; ranging from 1/ to 2/ dearer. Quotations:—Prime, 15/6 to 17/2; good, 12/ to 14/6; useful, 9/ to 11/.

Messrs D. R. Hannah & Co. report. Cattle.—3 steers, Mr Chas. Cock, Blowhard, at £6; 10 cows and heifers, Mr Lloyd Lindsay, Wendouree. Sheep.—102 wethers, Messrs Bell Bros., Woodead, Beaufort; 23 wethers, Mr Frank Collings, Learmonth, to 17/4; 200 ewes, Mr A. Fraser, "The Grange," Lake Goldsmith; 252 wethers, Messrs Bell Bros., Cherytree Estate, Sebastopol; 1[illegible] ewes, Mr D. Brown, Foxlow; 190 ewes, Mr Jno. Ellis, Lake Goldsmith; 40 ewes, from Ross Creek; 40 ewes, Mr A. Clarke, Glenbervie, 12/10 to 10/10; 1[illegible] ewes, Mr Chas. Russell, Kingston, 10/4; 3[illegible], Mr John Ellis, Lake Goldsmith. Lambs.—114, Mr F. Collings, Learmonth, to 12/10; 17, Mr Jno. Ellis, Lake Goldsmith, 11/10; 17, from Ross Creek; 21, Mr A. Clarke, Glenbervie, 14/7 to 12/1; 16, Mr R. Kershaw, Glenpark, 13/1 to 11/4; 16, Mr Chas. Russell, Kingston, 11/4.

The following district sales were effected by other auctioneers:—120 ewe wethers, Mr Donald Stewart, Moorna, 12/10; Mr W. McKay, Carnegham, crossbred wethers 13/8, merino wethers 13/7 to 12/2; 11 wethers, Mr Hugh Briody, Lexton, crossbred 12/3; ewes, Mr John Greenbank, Snake Valley, to 9/15/; 130 merino wethers, Mr C. Broadbent, Trawalla, to 11/6; 40 merino wethers, Mr J. S. Douglas, Carnegham, 11/; 42 lambs, Mr C. W. Broadbent, Trawalla, to 10/11.

Relief Work at Mt. Cole.

The unemployment relief work in Mt. Cole forest, under the direction of Messrs T. D. Bailes and A. Hughes, has been resumed with a small gang of men, as there is a small sum of money granted to be used up.

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LENGTH AND LATITUDE.

It is often said that the tallest people are found in the temperate zones, and the general idea is that the British and the Scandinavians are the tallest races in the world. If, however, you go carefully into the figures you will find that this is not the case.

The average height of English, Scots, and Scandinavians is the same. A full-grown man of each race averages 5ft. 7½ins. in height. And Irish are a fraction of an inch shorter and next come Danes and Belgians.

But these are not the tallest races. In the matter of inches, the records are held by Zulus, Iroquois Indians, Polynesians, and Patagonians. The last, the tallest race in the world, average 5ft. 10½ins. Now the Zulus live in a semi-tropical climate, the Iroquois in a temperate one, the Polynesians in some of the hottest parts of the world, while the Patagonians inhabit the Horn of South America, one of the coldest and most miserable places on earth.

In remarkable contrast to the Patagonians are the Laplanders, who, resideing almost on the Arctic circle, are the shortest race on earth, a grown man being only seven-tenths of an inch over 5ft.

The more one studies the matter the more puzzling it becomes, but one point seems clear enough—that climate and latitude have nothing whatever to do with height.

Food and fresh air, indeed, have more to do with the development of the individual than climate, as is proved by the fact that everywhere the farm labourer is taller than the artisan.

A striking example of this is proved in Scotland, where the farm labourer is four inches taller and thirty-six pounds heavier than the average Glasgow artisan. Again, the fishing population of the Yorkshire Coast exceed the Sheffield workers by three inches in height and twenty-four pounds in weight.

"Try again," may be man's slogan, but woman has always found: "If at first you don't succeed, cry, cry, cry again" the surest way to her heart's desire.

The rush to the church door when the sermon is over does not necessarily indicate a fervent desire to spread the good news.

An Omission.

In the report of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute flower show, the first award for cut flowers to Mrs T. W. Schlicht was omitted.

Beaufort Police Court.

Mr L. Smith, J.P., attended the Beaufort Police Court on Monday, but only two debt cases had been listed, and both were settled out of court.

Electric Lighting Hitch.

For about an hour on Sunday evening the electric light at Beaufort was not available. Owing to a slight mishap with the air compression tank, there was some delay in starting the engines. Residents who were fortunate enough to possess lamps and candles promptly brought them into use again.

FORTUNES FOR FOUNDLINGS.

On leaving work recently, two miners found a newly-born baby lying in a sheltered pit. One of the men took the baby home to his wife. On removing the child's wrappings the woman found bank-notes to the amount of £1,800, together with a letter asking that the child should be baptized Victor and be well cared for.

A similar surprise awaited the wife of a metal-worker, who found a baby girl, wrapped in long-clothes, lying by the roadside. He took the baby with him, and in its clothes his wife found £1,600 in notes. A letter stated: "If the child is in good health in eight years' time a similar sum will be given the foster-parents."

Even though they may be abandoned with only the rags they wear, foundlings sometimes have wealth thrust upon them. A waif of unknown parentage recently came into a fortune of £50,000. She was adopted by a wealthy American woman, together with a little boy of the same age. The two were to have been playmates together, but the little boy died. Now the girl has been left a fortune by her benefactress, who died a short time ago.

Another foundling adopted by a wealthy woman, was left £24,000 when the woman died. The girl was then taken care of by a friend of her adopted mother.

An extraordinary claim to the parentage of the child was subsequently made by a man and woman, formerly servants in the employment of the girl's benefactress. This was found to be false, however, and only made to gain control of the girl's fortune.

IN THE DOG DAYS.

July is usually considered to be the warmest month of the year all over the Northern Hemisphere, and its heat led to an old Roman superstition, which has left its mark on our own speech.

Warm weather is not always too healthy, and July in Rome was frequently the month of epidemics and high mortality. The Romans connected this with the rising and setting of the star Canicula—the Little Dog—in coincidence with the sun, and talked of the period from July 3rd to August 11th as the Dog Days.

The Little Dog no longer rises with the sun during this period, but the name of the Dog Days and something of their old sinister reputation still persist. Even in modern Britain, magistrates have been known to order dogs in towns to be muzzled about the beginning of July.

A dull-witted yokel had been called upon to give evidence in a case concerning a motor smash. The matter in dispute was whether or not it was a collision, but the word collision was too much for the witness, who was obviously puzzled by it.

"When two things come together unexpectedly, that is a collision," explained counsel, and on seeing a sudden gleam of intelligence shoot across the man's face, remarked, "Tell the court what a collision is, so that we may all be sure that you understand."

"Twins," was the prompt reply.

A woman's face is her fortune only when it draws a lot of interest.

Postal Arrangements for Easter.

The postal arrangements at Beaufort for the Easter holidays are:—Post office closed Good Friday. Saturday—Open 9 to 11. First delivery by letter carrier. Monday—No delivery by letter carrier. Open 9 till 10.

Assisting the Council.

To assist the council over a difficult period the secretary and engineer of the Ararat Shire (Mr R. D. Speed) and the clerk (Mr R. Anderson) have volunteered to accept reductions in their salaries of £50 and £25 per annum respectively. The salary of the engineer was also reduced by £150 a year ago, and the dog fees are now being collected by the office, so that it is estimated that the economies effected amount to between £800 and £900 a year.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"If Eastertide teaches us one thing more than another, it is the need for self-sacrifice."

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1931.

Rainfall.

On Wednesday night 34 points of rain were recorded at Beaufort, and on Thursday there were further showers, and the weather was cold and wintry.

Cut on Neck.

While out mushrooming, Dulcie Crick, a daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Crick, of Beaufort, cut her neck severely on a barbed wire fence, and five stitches were needed to close the wound.

Local Athletes at Avoca.

At the Avoca sports on Saturday, J. Fisher, of Raglan (Ceo.), was second in the Underhand Woodchop, and A. Marshall, of Nerring (8 sec. bhd.), third. In the mile bicycle race, A. Wangler, of Waterloo (80 yds.), finished second.

Arm Fractured and Elbow Dislocated.

Falling down the steps at the home of her parents, Judith, the little daughter of Mr and Mrs J. F. Wotherspoon, of Beaufort, fractured her left arm and dislocated the elbow. She has since been a patient at the local Bush Nursing Hospital.

Better Than Beer.

Being possessed of a cast-iron constitution, and afraid that if he drank the pipe water from the Beaufort water supply his storage capacity might rust, an old resident of over 40 years' standing had never had a drink of tap water until the supply from Mt. Cole was brought to the door in pipes under the new scheme. Then he drank greedily, and says he liked it better than beer.

Pure Mountain Water at Last.

The purity of the water in mountain streams is something that everyone has enthused over at some time or another, and during the past week or so, the people of Beaufort have been able to enjoy the privilege of having pure mountain water as a regular domestic supply. This is due to the completion of the new pipe line from the springs at Mt. Cole. Those who are responsible for making the new water supply an accomplished fact have done something which this and future generations should be very thankful for.

Claim by Shearer.

A claim for £13 damages for wrongful dismissal was made by Hugh Dobbin, shearer, against Donald Stewart, grazier, of Wongan, in the Ballarat City Court on Tuesday. Dobbin claimed that he had been dismissed because he had refused to shear a diseased sheep, which he had the right to do under his agreement. Other shearers also had refused to shear this particular sheep, which was not shorn. The defence was that the sheep was fit to be shorn, and had been done by another shearer. It was stated that Dobbin had been offensive to the manager, and this, combined with his refusal to shear the sheep, led to his dismissal. Corroborative evidence was given by a shearer, who was employed in the shed at the time. The case was dismissed, with £10/10/ costs. Mr Stafford (instructed by Messrs Whiting and Byrne) appeared for the defence. A stay of 28 days was granted, on the application of Mr D. Lazarus, who appeared for plaintiff.

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WOTHERSPOON'S.

Rumours of Revolution too Ridiculous for Words.

In opening the Croydon show on Saturday, the chief commissioner of police (Brigadier-General Blamey) said that a curious development in present-day problem was that wild rumours of a mysterious revolution had been in circulation, resulting in counter movements being suggested. Indeed it has been reported that one existed in the metropolis, and that its influence had extended to certain country districts where preparations had been made to deal with this possible mysterious outbreak. The whole thing was too ridiculous for words, for no such danger existed in Victoria. He advised people to take no notice of it. He was in a position to know that the unemployed were bearing their burdens with the greatest fortitude. The police department had its finger on the pulse of any danger, and it could handle such a position, should it arise, without difficulty.

Blind Entertainers.

The entertainers touring the country on behalf of the Association for the Advancement of the Blind visited Beaufort on Tuesday evening, and gave a very enjoyable concert. Owing to the adverse weather, there was only a fair attendance, but it is understood that a good number of unrepresented tickets swelled the takings. Cliff Lowe won the special prize for selling the greatest number of tickets. The programme consisted of songs by Misses Ivy Williams, Moya Cole-Aspenall and Josie Kean, Messrs Ernest Preston, Fred Tilley, and Norman Leslie. Miss Josie Kean was the accompaniste, and Miss Moya Cole-Aspenall appeared in an instrumental number. Mr Norman Leslie was the comedian. During the performance, the concert manager (Mr Leslie) thanked the children for the number of tickets they had sold, and also thanked Messrs T. Williams, R. A. D. Sinclair, L. French, A. R. Luker, R. F. Manley, J. Glover, W. Liston, J. A. Harris, Drake, A. Parker, Mrs Sievewright, and Allan Whiting for their assistance.

Arrangements for Official Opening of New Water Supply.

Arrangements have been made for the official opening of the new Beaufort water supply scheme on Monday, 13th April. The following visitors are expected to lunch with the Ripon Shire Council at the Beaufort hotel:—Sir A. J. Peacock, M.L.A. (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly), Mr E. G. Bath, M.L.C., Major A. Currie, M.L.C., Mr A. Cattanach, (chairman of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission), Mr Chester Lord (representing the Hume Pipe Co. of Australia), Mr Allan Moore (representing the Australian Wood Pipe Co.), who will be the guests of the president (Cr. A. C. Roddis). In the afternoon the president (Cr. Roddis) will preside at the opening ceremony, when the gentlemen above-named will be given the opportunity of saying a few words. Cr. Troy will give a brief history of the Beaufort water supply. Mrs D. F. Troy will be invited to declare the new scheme open. An official photograph of the gathering will be taken, to be hung in the Shire Hall, in memory of the occasion.

BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB

EASTER MONDAY SPORTS.

Following are the handicaps for the Beaufort Thistle Club's sports, to be held on Easter Monday:—

Half-mile Bicycle Race.

	Yds.
E. C. Fisher	40
W. E. Gipp	50
G. S. Brooks	55
J. R. Smith	55
H. J. Driver	60
J. Geil	60
S. Gotch	65
R. Nixon	65
N. Lloyd	70
W. R. Noonan	75
T. Tompkins	75
A. G. Cowell	80
R. L. Bray	80
J. E. Bilton	85
R. Jenkins	85
H. A. Bilton	95
D. C. Heath	95

One Mile Bicycle Race.

	Yds.
E. C. Fisher	80
W. E. Gipp	100
G. S. Brooks	110
J. R. Smith	110
J. Geil	120
H. J. Driver	120
S. Gotch	120
R. Nixon	120
N. Lloyd	130
T. Tompkins	150
W. R. Noonan	150
A. G. Cowell	160
J. E. Bilton	160
R. L. Bray	160
R. Jenkins	170
H. A. Bilton	170
D. C. Heath	190

Two-mile Bicycle Race.

E. C. Fisher	140
W. E. Gipp	170
J. R. Smith	190
G. S. Brooks	190
H. J. Driver	205
J. Geil	205
R. Nixon	220
S. Gotch	220
N. Lloyd	235
W. R. Noonan	255
T. Tompkins	255
A. G. Cowell	275
R. L. Bray	275
J. E. Bilton	275
H. A. Bilton	295
R. Jenkins	295
D. C. Heath	330

H. DUNGEY, L.V.W. Handicapper.

Underhand Woodchop.

D. V. Fraser	12 sec. bhd.
T. Pearce	11 sec. bhd.
W. Anderson	—
A. Marshall	7 sec. bhd.
J. Jelleff	7 sec. bhd.
E. V. Broadbent	7 sec. bhd.
J. H. Conner	6 sec. bhd.
E. L. Glenister	5 sec. bhd.
R. Davis	2 sec. bhd.
H. Broadbent	1 sec. bhd.
W. L. Connor	1 sec. bhd.
J. Fisher	scr.
T. Johnston	scr.
A. Pearce	scr.
L. Jarvis	scr.
M. George	3 sec. in front
R. Lloyd	—

R. Lloyd, handicap withheld.

Standing Block Chop.

D. V. Fraser	10 sec. bhd.
E. V. Broadbent	10 sec. bhd.
W. Anderson	—
T. Pearce	9 sec. bhd.
R. Davis	9 sec. bhd.
H. Broadbent	7 sec. bhd.
E. L. Glenister	4 sec. bhd.
J. Jelleff	3 sec. bhd.
A. Marshall	3 sec. bhd.
J. H. Connor	2 sec. bhd.
W. L. Connor	1 sec. bhd.
J. Fisher	scr.
A. Pearce	scr.
T. Johnston	scr.
L. Jarvis	scr.
Joe Lamb	scr.
H. Glenister	3 sec in front

Late entry; not handicapped—W. Anderson.

W. CONNOR, Handicapper.

130 yds. Footrace.

	Yds.
H. McLean	7
G. Bryant	7½
L. James	11½
W. Day	12½
L. Fitzpatrick	15½

75 yds. Footrace.

H. McLean	2½
G. Bryant	2½
L. James	4½
W. Day	5½
L. Fitzpatrick	8
J. Cole	8½

T. WILLIAMS, Handicapper.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

ELMHURST.

Mr T. J. Easterbrook has sold his farm of 124 acres to Mr C. C. Tucker, of Raglan.

The Elmhurst Race Club made a profit of £17 on its annual meeting.

Before he left for Scotland, Mr A. D. Cormack was presented with a gift from the Elmhurst Tennis Club, of which he was president.

Elmhurst Football Club has reformed, with Mr G. Baker, junr., as president, and Messrs R. Dawson and A. Oldham as joint secretaries. The club decided to enter the Ripon Association.

WATERLOO.

To celebrate the success of the Waterloo Cricket Club in being runners-up for the past three seasons, the Waterloo ladies have decided to treat them in a worthy manner by giving them a banquet and ball in the Waterloo Mechanics' Hall next Tuesday night, April 7th. To allow plenty of time for dancing, the ladies have decided to commence the banquet at 730 p.m. Special music is being engaged, and all dancers are heartily invited to attend. A small charge will be made just to cover expenses of the dance—gentlemen, 2/6; ladies, 1/. Supper will be provided at the dance.

SKIPTON.

An auxiliary for the Presbyterian Intermediate Hospital has been formed in Skipton. Mrs Blackwood has been appointed president, and Mrs Alister McIntyre secretary. The members have got to work in earnest, and their first public effort took the form of a garden fete on Saturday at the home of Mrs E. G. Austin, "Borriyalloak," where a very pleasant afternoon was spent. Visitors from all parts of the surrounding district attended, and the appeal yielded £45 to the funds. Afternoon tea was provided, and competitors for trophies were won by Mr K. McIntyre (croquet), Mrs Borbidge, and Rev. A. S. Houston ("minny" goif), Mr S. Purchase (bowling at wicket). Good sales were effected by the ladies at fancy work, produce, cake, and lolly stalls, and ice cream was a source of further revenue.

SNAKE VALLEY.

Carngham branch of the A.N.A. met in the Mechanics' Hall, the president (Mr McLean) presiding. Mr Wm. McKay was elected an honorary member. One proposal for membership was received. The secretary reported one member on the sick-list, and the sum of £2 was passed for payment. The syllabus item for next meeting will be a question box.

A working bee assembled at Carngham Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, and did much useful work. Portion of the grass was burnt off. Lunch was provided, and it is expected that another working bee will be held shortly to complete the work.

Cr. A. C. Roddis presided over a meeting of the Carngham Football Club. The secretary reported having sent letters of sympathy to Mr J. S. Douglas (president of the club), and Mrs J. Mather, of Ballarat, who recently suffered bereavements. The principal office-bearers were elected as follow:—President, Cr. A. C. Roddis; vice-presidents, Messrs Thompson and P. Yeoman; secretary and treasurer, Mr Phil. Nunn; delegates, Messrs A. C. Roddis, Thompson, and Phil Nunn; emergency delegate, Mr P. Yeoman. Mr Geo. Coster moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring president (Mr J. S. Douglas) and the retiring secretary (Mr Jas. Whitla).

LEXTON.

At the Ballarat District Union's half-yearly prize meeting on Saturday, members of the Lexton Rifle Club were very successful, and held their own at all ranges with other leading marksmen. The following members of the Lexton Club won prize money:—W. Joseph, £3/5/; G. E. Batchup, £1/15/; H. I. Sandlant, £1; E. Karslake, 15/; H. J. Sandlant, 5/. G. E. Batchup scored an aggregate of 96 in the V.R.A. Gold Medal event. The highest score was 99, and the event will be continued at the next shoot. Lexton No. 1 team was second in the teams' match, and won £1/0/3.

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OUTSIDE COMPETITION. Remember that the outside traveller and the outside firm have only one interest in a town—what they can get out of it, not what they can do to assist it.

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"ADVOCATE" OFFICE, BEAUFORT.

March Rainfall.

During March 467 points of rain were registered at Beaufort, against 29 points for the corresponding month in 1930. For the past three months 539 points have fallen, as compared with 336 points for the first quarter of last year.

Motor Truck Strikes Standing Train.

When a goods train from Ballarat was standing at the Lawrence street railway crossing, Beaufort, at about half-an-hour after midnight on Saturday, Mr W. Peterson, of Beaufort, a young man who is a relative of his, Wallace Cowell, and Dick McCormick, had a fortunate escape from serious injury. Mr Peterson was driving a motor truck home from a dance at Waterloo, and had the three young men as passengers. He failed to notice the train and ran into it. The occupants of the truck escaped injury, but the radiator and windscreen of the truck were broken. Dick McCormick jumped off the motor just befort the impact occurred, and struck the train with his knee. Wallace Cowell was just missed by a large flying piece of the smashed windscreen. Mr E. Wilson was standing at the crossing in a car when the accident happened, and seeing the other car and believing that it was moving, Mr Peterson apparently thought the road was clear.

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 things are lost that cannot be recovered through a small ad. in the "Riponshire Advocate." It's easy to mail an ad. to the "Advocate," or just call at the office and tell us your

RIFLE SHOOTING.

At the 43rd half-yearly prize meeting of the Ballarat District Rifle Clubs' Union, held at Canadian range on Saturday, the possible and first prize was scored at 600 yds. by Roy E. Dunn, a young Beaufort representative. Other local prize-winners were:—

A Series—Match No. 1, 300 yds. (7 shots and a sighter, optional)—Roy E. Dunn (32) tied with three others for fifth place, and secured a 5/ prize.

Match No. 4, 600 yds. (7 shots and 2 sighters, optional)—Roy E. Dunn, Beaufort (35) won the first prize of £2.

Match No. 4, aggregate of matches Nos. 1, 2, and 3—Roy E. Dunn, Beaufort (99), won the first prize of £2.

B Series—Match No. 5, 300 yds. (7 shots and 2 sighters, optional)—J. P. Fraser, Beaufort (31), and E. Lightfoot, Beaufort (31), tied with three others for sixth place, and each obtained a 5/ prize.

C Series—Match No. 13—Teams of four men—Beaufort team (359 points), 9th.

Match No. 14—Victorian Rifle Association's gold medal for the highest aggregates over the three ranges at this and subsequent meeting—Roy E. Dunn, Beaufort (99), tied with another for first prize.

Up-trend has Begun.

Thomas A. Edison told American reporters on his 84th birthday (February 11th) that business had started a three-year trend towards regaining the level of activity that prevailed before the depression. His answer was made to a question asking how long it would take the country to make the ascent. The human endeavor can never control cycles of business depression and prosperity, the inventor added, however. "It lies in the very nature of man," he declared. "We will always have them." As to the unemployment problem, Mr Edison felt he was unable to prescribe a remedy. He wrote, being deaf: "This question is several sizes too large for me."

STRAYED into my paddock at Nerring, eight Merino Sheep, branded T E on rump, and one old Ewe. Apply R. FITZPATRICK.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE.

WITHIN twelve days from the 26th day of MARCH, 1931, I shall lodge with the **Secretary for Mines, Melbourne**, an application for a Lease, the particulars of which are:—

Name (in full) and address of each applicant—JAMES McCRACKEN, Kaniva, Victoria.

Name by which mine will be known—"The Beaufort Junction."

Area—About 120 acres.

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

Full description and precise locality of the land—On Waterloo Road, Beaufort; adjoining property known as "Schlicht's."

Name of each owner and each occupier of the land, so far as applicant has been able to learn—Crown lands.

Whether the boundaries of the land include any river, creek, deposit of permanent water, spring, or artificial reservoir—No.

Nature of proposed mining operations—Boring and shaft-sinking.

Term required—Two years, with right of renewal.

Estimated expenditure—£200.

Metal or mineral to be worked—Gold.

Quartz or alluviums—Alluviums.

Where it is private land, state whether a prospecting area is required—Government land.

General remarks—Nil.

Signature of Applicant—JAMES McCracken.

Place and Date—Kaniva, 30/3/31.

CHEAPER THAN JAM.—New Season's Extracted HONEY (Diggers' Delight), 15/ a tin. J. CUTHBERTSON, Main Lead.

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EUCHRE & DANCE, Picture Theatre, for Queen of Charity; Euchre, 8 o'clock punctually; Dance to follow; Euchre, 1; Dance, 1. Novelty and Secret Prizes. THURSDAY, APRIL 9th.

WATERLOO HALL, TUESDAY, APRIL 7th, WATERLOO CRICKETERS' BANQUET and BALL. Special Orchestra engaged. Admission to Ball—Gents, 2/6; Ladies, 1. T. RYAN, Hon. Secy.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the LAKE GOLDSMITH SCHOOL, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8th, at 8 p.m., to consider means of assisting the Hospital queen (Miss Lewis). ARCH. KIRKPATRICK, CHAS. CUSHING, Conveners.

STAWELL ATHLETIC CLUB.—£1300 disbursed, EASTER SATURDAY and MONDAY, 4th and 6th APRIL, 1931, at CENTRAL PARK, STAWELL. The world-renowned Stawell Easter Gift of £400, 130 yds. The Blue Riband of Foot Running. Other big events at distances from 75 yds. to 2 miles. Special trains from everywhere. H. HENDERSON, Secretary.

Australian Natives' Association.

THE Fortnightly MEETING of the Beaufort Branch, A.N.A., will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on TUESDAY Evening next, at 8 o'clock sharp.

W. J. BRUCE JOHNSON, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Casual Advertisements.

PERSONS 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 expense.

"THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE."

CHURCH SERVICES.

Church of England.—Good Friday—Beaufort, 11 a.m.; Middle Creek, 3 p.m.—Rev. A. Talbot.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5th, 1931.

Church of England.—Beaufort, 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (H.C.), and 7 p.m.—Rev. A. Talbot.

Methodist Church.—Beaufort, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Buangor, 3—Rev. J. Mellor. Chute, 2 p.m.; Raglan, 3.30 p.m.—Mr. C. Waldron.

Presbyterian Church.—Lexton, 11; Trawalla, 3; Beaufort, 7—Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A.

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FOOTBALL.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BEAUFORT CLUB.

Despite the prevailing depression, the Beaufort Football Club has opened the year's activities in a promising way. The annual meeting, held at the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday night, was attended by 24 members. An apology was received for the absence of Mr W. Gray. Mr H. Featherstone (president) occupied the chair.

The balance-sheet for the past year showed that the receipts amounted to £125/7/4, and the expenditure to the same amount. Mr A. J. Saph certified to the correctness of the accounts.

The secretary (Mr C. G. Pringle) said that there were outstanding accounts amounting to £7/9/6.

The balance-sheet was adopted, on the motion of Messrs J. Duke and F. Lester.

Mr Lester moved that the club reform and affiliate with the Learmonth Association. Seconded by Mr H. Lardner, and carried.

Mr H. Featherstone, in vacating the chair, said he thought they should elect a younger man as president.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr J. B. Hall (who briefly returned thanks); vice-presidents, Messrs R. T. Macdonald, H. Weinert, and W. O'Sullivan; secretary and treasurer pro tem, Mr C. G. Pringle (who said he was prepared to carry on only until they could get another secretary); committee (with power to add), Messrs H. Featherstone, H. Lardner, J. T. Glover, W. Gray, G. Nothnagel, J. Hewitt, A. M. Parker, and S. G. Thompson; selection committee, captain, vice-captain, president, J. T. Glover, and H. Featherstone; delegates to Learmonth Association, Mr F. Lester and the secretary; goal umpires, Messrs J. T. Glover, W. Cheeseman, J. Hewitt, and C. Rose; timekeeper, Mr W. O'Sullivan.

The retiring president was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his valuable services last year, on the motion of Messrs A. M. Parker and F. Lester, supported by Mr Duke; Mr Featherstone responding, and stating that he had been a member and supporter for 17 years, and would not run away from the club now.

A letter was read from Mr W. Liston, promising his best support, forwarding a donation of £1/1/, and suggesting that the delegates advocate not more than six clubs in the Association, as it prolonged the season too late.

Mr H. Lardner said that Mr Rose had promised a donation of 10/.

A notification was received from the Learmonth Association of the annual meeting of delegates; and the secretary (Mr Harrison) also forwarded copies of clearance and registration forms prescribed by the Country Football League (Ballarat district).

A letter was read from Nutting & Young, re footballs, and it was referred to the local dealer.

The secretary was instructed to pay accounts amounting to £7/9/6 out of the first money available.

The matter of securing a car to convey the delegates to Learmonth was left in the secretary's hands, and he was instructed to invite tenders for future trips.

Mr Duke suggested that the club should run a subscription of 6d a member per match for a sick-list for injured players. He moved to that effect. Seconded by Mr Weinert.

The secretary said it cost the club £4 odd for medical expenses for players last year.

The motion was supported by Mr H. Lardner, and carried.

Mr Liston's suggestion that the delegates advocate that not more than six clubs be allowed in the association was discussed.

The matter was left in the delegates' hands to use their own judgment in the matter.

The matter of asking the Shire Council to instal the electric light in the dressing shed at the Park was discussed in a conversational way, and deferred for the present.

The secretary was instructed to apply to the Council for permission to use the Park for the season.

Mr Duke suggested that a fancy dress match be run for the Ballarat Hospital before the season opened, or a match arranged with an outside club. He thought he could arrange with a Ballarat second eighteen to come up.

The matter was left in the hands of the committee and Mr Duke to arrange a match with a Ballarat second eighteen.

The member's subscription was fixed at 5/ for men and 2/6 for ladies.

The matter of inviting tenders for conveying players to matches was referred to the committee.

It was decided to train every Tuesday and Wednesday night, commencing next Tuesday; last year's captain (Mr H. Lardner) to take charge till a new captain is appointed.

It was resolved to ask the Shire Council to erect the goal-posts in consideration of the commission paid them during the year; and also to ask them to repair the weir at the back of the ground, as a lot of big fellows catered there without paying.

The matter of the gatekeeper's fee was referred to the committee.

Mr R. T. Macdonald offered the use of his tea-rooms for committee meetings, and also promised a donation of 10/.

Mr C. G. Pringle promised a donation of 10/.

In all donations amounting to £3 0/6 were promised.

The secretary was instructed to ask all playing members to send in their uniforms, so that the club will know how many new ones are required.

It was resolved that the committee meet as soon as Mr Duke received a reply from the Ballarat club that is prepared to play a match.

PERSONAL.

Mrs Lancey, of Korumburra, and her little daughter Betty, have been spending a holiday with Mrs DeBaere and Miss E. DeBaere, of Beaufort.

Misses M. and E. McDonald, of Melbourne, are spending the winter in Beaufort.

Mr and Mrs G. Norman have been holidaying at Beaufort as the guests of Mr Norman's parents, Mr and Mrs H. Norman.

Rev. J. P. MacDougall and Mrs MacDougall, of Beaufort, have been away on a short holiday.

Mr Oliver, of Melbourne, father of Mrs R. Grant, of Beaufort, has been ill, and is recuperating at Beaufort as the guest of his daughter and son-in-law.

In Monday's "Sun" was a photograph of Mrs Alex. Russell, who, like her husband, is enthusiastic over golf. She is one of Mrs Fred. Fairbairn's daughters, and the daughter-in-law of Mr Philip Russell, of Mawallok.

Mr and Mrs A. J. Saph, of Beaufort, were in Melbourne for a few days during the week.

Mr James Stevens, of Raglan, has been on the sick-list.

Miss May Holman, M.L.A. for Forrest, W.A., is coming East, and will break her journey at Beaufort on returning after Easter.

The Beaufort postmistress, Miss Pollock, is away on her annual holiday leave, and Mr F. G. Green is in charge of the office during her absence.

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 woodchopping, cycling, and footrunning. The profits are to be divided between the Ballarat and Avoca 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 annual sports day on Easter Monday, in the Beaufort Park. There will be a good programme of footraces, woodchopping, 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 Hospital.

A public meeting will be held in the Lake Goldsmith School on Wednesday, April 8th, at 8 p.m. to consider means of assisting the Hospital queen (Miss Lewis).

On Thursday, April 9th, a euchre tournament and dance will be held at the Beaufort Picture Theatre for the Queen of Charity.

The usual sports on Good Friday will be held by the Sawell Athletic Club on Easter Saturday and Monday.

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It is a fairly general idea, also, that for such settings the producer has either to take his company to the actual spots where the "real thing" is available or have reproductions of the originals built to size on the studio lot. Occasionally, of course, one of these assumptions may be right. But very often a good part of the magnificent and solid-looking building seen on the screen is nothing more than a clever painting on a pane of glass about six feet square.

For instance, all interior sets, such as living rooms, halls, ball rooms, and the like, are constructed of three sides only, and without ceilings. The fourth side is left open for the camera, which "cuts" just beneath the ceiling line.

Now, it is desired to photograph a non-existent ceiling. The first step is to fix the camera securely in position, and then place, a few feet in front of the lens, a pane of glass about six feet square. Looking through the glass now, everything above and beyond the walls of the set, such as platforms, lights, and other things, can be plainly seen.

These, however, must be hidden by a ceiling, and so one is skilfully painted on the side of the glass nearest to the camera. Not only must the ceiling match the walls, but when viewed from the position of the camera, the corners of the walls and the corners of the ceiling must be in perfect alignment. When the photograph is taken with the painted glass in this position it is impossible for an unpractised eye to tell that the room really had no ceiling at all.

The same principle is employed for getting exterior scenic effects. A large building, instead of being built to its full height, may be constructed up to the first story only. From this point a glass painting will be used to complete the illusion, thus saving an enormous amount in time, labour, and money.

In "Robin Hood," for example, a good deal of glass work was used. Many of the towers, turrets, and battlements were painted on glass, but the work so skilfully matched the rest of the set that it was impossible to distinguish the paintings from some of the towers that had really been constructed.

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Mishap While Eating.

Mr Jas. Stevens, of Raglan, who is about 80 years of age, was swallowing a piece of meat while having a meal, when he had an unusual mishap. He became ill, and had to be given surgical attention. He is now convalescent.

Beaufort Gun Club.

On Easter Thursday Mr A. J. Saph, secretary of the Beaufort Gun Club, organised a programme of pigeon sweepstakes for hams and trophies for the benefit of shooters taking part in the Ballarat and Stawell meetings the following day. For Easter Saturday the Beaufort Club has arranged a £100 pigeon handicap, and special arrangements have been made for an unlimited supply of pigeons, the quality of which will be guaranteed. Sweepstakes will follow.

BALLARAT HOSPITAL.

RECITAL AND CONCERT BY CITY BAND AND OTHER ARTISTS.

EFFORT FOR BEAUFORT QUEEN

Perfect autumn weather conditions prevailed at Beaufort on Sunday, when the Ballarat City Band visited the town and gave a recital at the Park, in support of the cause of the local queen (Miss E. Lewis) in the Ballarat Hospital queen competition. There was a fair attendance, and Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair (president of the local committe) presided.

A fine programme was contributed by the band under the baton of Bandmaster Rowell, and it was indeed a treat to listen to brass music of the excellent quality produced by the City bandsmen.

Cr. Sinclair said they were delighted to see so many present, and were pleased to see them show their sympathy for the Ballarat Hospital. The band had not come last Saturday, as arranged, and must have had an inspiration in putting their visit off till to-day. It was very good of the bandsmen to come all this distance on a Sunday. The artists and the transport had not cost the committee a penny, and the whole of the money collected would be devoted to the cause of the Queen of Charity (Miss E. Lewis). Like true "sports" the bandsmen were doing their best for that noble institution, the Ballarat Hospital. He apologised for the absence of Dr. Button.

Mr Hutton-Jones (president of the Ballarat Hospital) said it afforded him great pleasure to be here to-day. He was here last year, and it was always a pleasure to come to a centre that gave the support to the Hospital that Beaufort did. He had a soft place in his heart for Beaufort. He remembered coming here 40 or 45 years ago, when Cr. Sinclair rode in bicycle races, and took a great interest in the local sports of those days. They rightly recognised that the Hospital was a valuable institution to Beaufort and district. It was just as much their hospital as Ballarat's. At the present time there were many cases to be treated, and there was an epidemic of diphtheria. It took a good deal of money to attend to these cases. No place felt a depression quicker than an institution like the Ballarat Hospital, and people found their resources weakened, and could not give as they would like; but that did not stop the committee from carrying on their good work. It was their duty to see that the people got the treatment necessary to put them on their feet again. If they closed down some of their activities, such as the children's ward, where would the people be? Personally, he would be prepared to see the Hospital go into debt deeper to give those essential services. Unfortunately, the institution had an overdraft of £7000 or £8000, and had given wonderful service that possibly many people did not recognise. He referred to the treatment which saved children from the dire after-effects of scarlet fever, and to the cases of tetanus, one of which had cost the Hospital £43. Every atom of serum needed was given to the child, and the committee had not counted the cost to save a life. He also made reference to the great work of the Mary-Helen Auxiliary, and to the valuable assistance always given to the Hospital by Mr J. Trekardo. He trusted that to-day's gathering and the concert would turn out quite up to their anticipations, and that their queen would head the country section. She was a very fine lady, and deserved the support of every individual in Beaufort.

Cr. Sinclair announced that on Easter Saturday at Waterloo sports, and on Easter Monday at the Beaufort sports, they would be selling Easter eggs, and wanted to beat the Ballarat C.T.A., who had raised £500 by selling golden apples. Some one would find a gold watch inside one, and a dinner set, and a tea-set in others. (Laughter). —[A voice: What about a suite of furniture?]—There would not be a suite of furniture, as they found they could not get it inside an egg. (Laughter).

Mr J. B. Cochran, who spoke in a reminiscent strain, said he remembered the Hospital being built in 1882 or 1883. It was a magnificent institution. He had spent seven weeks there, and thought he was going to the other side, but did not go. He was pleased to be here to give his mite towards the effort, and hoped God would bless their effort.

A collection was then taken up, and yielded nearly £10; Mr Cochran going round a second time and increasing the total to £11/0/4.

Cr. Sinclair thanked the people for their generosity.

The Picture Theatre was crowded after the church services at night, when a concert was held. The programme was a very enjoyable one. Selections were contributed by the City Band, songs by Mrs Curtain, Mr Grigsby, and Mrs Allen Payne, a cornet solo by Mr Jack Allen, violin solos by Mr Allen Payne, and recitations by Miss Perle Reid. Mrs Payne acted as accompaniste. All the artists and the band had to respond to encores; the audience being a very appreciative one.

Cr. Sinclair, who acted as chairman, announced that £10/16/7 had been taken that night, making a total of £21/16/5 for the whole effort. He moved a hearty vote of thanks to the band for their fine music, and also to the other artists.

Cr. D. F. Troy seconded tthe vote of thanks in a few, well-chosen words, and cheers were given for the band.

Mr Hutton-Jones paid a high tribute to the chairman, and said that Cr. Sinclair stood on his own. They were grateful to Beaufort for the fine effort, and appreciated the vote of thanks.

Mr J. Trekardo also said a few words in response to the vote of thanks, and referred to the fine work of Bandmaster Rowell and Mr Shannon.

Mr J. Duke proved an efficient secretary.

MEETING OF BEAUFORT QUEEN'S COMMITTEE.

The general committee working on behalf of Miss Lewis, the Beaufort queen in the Ballarat Hospital queen competition, met at the Shire Hall on Monday night. Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair presided, and 36 members were present. An apology was received for the absence of Mr and Mrs A. J. Saph.

Correspondence was read from Mr Rexton, Ballarat, in regard to the music for the proposed ball.

The Waterloo Sports Club wrote, stating that they would allow Easter eggs to be sold at the sports on Easter Saturday.

A letter was read from the Beaufort Thistle Club, stating that their sports on Easter Monday would be run in aid of the queen, and asking that the committee endeavour to get a band for the day.

Major P. Russell, Carngham, wrote, asking for a further supply of penny mile books.

A communication was received from Mr A. Panther, Raglan, stating that he had been unable to convene a meeting for the appeal.

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

The secretary (Mr J. J. Duke) said that Miss Franc was running a dance for the queen on the 8th April at Middle Creek, and the Misses D. Ward and S. Lynch were running another at Lake Goldsmith on the 15th.

Mrs Hughes said the Beaufort Mothers' Guild intended to hold a euchre tournament and dance on Easter Tuesday night for the queen, and the chairman thanked her.

The ball, for which Mr Rexton's Ballarat Orchestra have offered their

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services, was fixed for Wednesday, 22nd April, and Mr Duke said that if Mr Rexton could not come, Mr Win Bryce would bring his band.

The action of Messrs Sinclair, Crouch, Troy, and Duke in making arrangements with the booth holder (Mr Bates) to permit of their selling Easter eggs at the Waterloo sports on Easter Saturday and the Beaufort sports on Easter Monday was endorsed.

The chairman said the Thistle Club had been very generous. They would have to go to Raglan later and fix up something. Middle Creek and Lake Goldsmith were doing pretty well. He suggested that they write to Mr Cuthbertson.

Mr F. Thorpe said a social was being tendered to Mr J. Stevens at Raglan on Wednesday night, and it would be a good night to go out.

It was decided that Messrs W. J. Bruce Johnson, F. Thorpe, J. Duke, and A. J. Saph visit Raglan on that night, on behalf of the committee.

Mrs Hughes said that Mr Saph had said that they could sell Easter eggs at his shoots on Thursday and Easter Saturday.

The chairman—They were going to continue selling Easter eggs after Easter Saturday and Monday, if they had any left. He had been talking to Messrs Hutton-Jones and Eddy, who suggested that they should sell lucky envelopes. Mr Eddy had promised to send up the envelopes and the board in time for the sports at Waterloo and Beaufort.

Mr Duke said that Mrs R. G. Beggs would give an Easter dinner, a goose, and vegetables, for anything they wished to run.

The offer was accepted with thanks, and Messrs W. R. Glover and F. Webster appointed to organise the disposal of it.

Misses D. Ward and S. Lynch asked that people with motor conveyances be requested to place them at the disposal of the committee for the Lake Goldsmith dance.

Mrs R. T. MacDonald, Mr W. Smith, and Mr F. Webster promised to take out passengers, and it was also suggested that Mr O. Williams, the B. & W. Co-op. Society, and Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon & Co. be asked to lend motor lorries.

Mr Duke said that Miss Franc would like assistance with the music for the Middle Creek dance, and asked that cars be lent for that night. Mrs Grant had promised to assist with the music. On Easter Monday the ladies of the Thistle Club would like the help of the ladies of the committee in the refreshment booth with gifts of cakes, etc.

Several ladies and gentlemen present promised tto give the assistance required.

Mr Duke said that Mr W. R. Glover would lend his motor lorry for the burlesque party for Waterloo and Beaufort.

Cr. Sinclair promised to look after the envelopes at Waterloo on Easter Saturday, and Cr. Troy at Beaufort on Easter Monday. Misses M. McCormick, S. Lynch, and M. Liston undertook to help with the disposal of the envelopes on both days.

Cr. Sinclair referred to the success of the concerts last Sunday, when £20 had been raised with the help of the Ballarat City Band and several Ballarat artists. Mr J. T. Glover had entertained the Ballarat people. They all wished that Miss Lewis would be at the top of the poll.

Miss Lewis—The main thing was to get the money.

Mr Thorpe offered the services of the local Scouts in any capacity at Waterloo and Beaufort, and the offer was accepted with thanks.

Messrs Johnson and N. Lyons were appointed to take charge of the penny mile on the following Thursday.

FASHION FORECASTS.

Color Mad.

Hollywood has gone color mad, according to Travis Banton, who declares that black, the modish favorite of more than a decade, has taken a place of secondary importance. "The success of pastel shades in afternoon costumes and evening gowns is unprecedented," asserts the designer. Colored frocks worn with dark coats that completely cover them for street wear are decidedly smarter than the black costumes of yore. Although the all-black outfit is now considered monotonous by itself, black accessories such as suede gloves, belts, shoes, handbags and hats are startlingly chic when added to frocks of turquoise blue, persimmon, Nile green and faded pink. Pink that is subdued by a soft film of gray is the latest shade sensation. It is displayed in a dinner gown of roma crepe and has short puff sleeves and a short square train. The touch of black is introduced in the elbow-length gloves, and black satin pumps.

Hatpins Return.

Hatpins will adorn the newest models of autumn millinery, it was revealed recently by the Paramount fashion scouts. The first to introduce the new-old fashion is Mary Brian, who wears one of the latest small pancake hats. The hat of black astrachan is worn on one side of the head, disclosing a large area of Mary's growing bob, and is held in place with two jewel-studded, six inch long hatpins.

Velvet Suggested.

Panne velvet is the material adopted for the bridal frock. This material has a beautiful satin finish and makes it very adaptable for occasions. The frock is cut on classical lines with a wide sweeping train, and long, tight sleeves. A veil of chiffon over a Juliette cap of rose point lace and a bouquet of white roses and lilies-of-the-valley is also selected.

BOWLS.

BEAUFORT V. BALLARAT CENTRAL.

Beaufort and Ballarat Central played an enjoyable 7-rink match on the latter club's green on Saturday afternoon; the visitors being victorious by 15 points. Mr R. Ramsay, in a few appropriate words, welcomed the visitors, and Mr E. J. Muntz responded. Scores:—

Beaufort—144.

Vowles, McLeod, Clarke, Laird, 25
Stevens, Cougle, Muntz, Hosking, 26
French, Guyatt, Cuthbertson, Dowling 17
Carmichael, George, Troy, Harris, 16
Ellis, Prentice, Webster, F. Troy, 24
Watkin, Duke, Young, Halpin .. 27
Parker, Wotherspoon, Thompson, Stevenson 9

Ballarat Central—129.

Rowe, Treloar, Edwards, Kerr, 16
Dolan, F. Fleming, Telford, Whitehead 12
Hobson, J. Bryne, Spielvogel .. 25
Kennedy, Fleming, Taylor Middleton 25
McKay, H. Bryne, Eggington, Moyle 17
Gribble, O'Bern, Bade, Ramsay, 17
Taylor, Smith, Hannah, Clarkson, 17

Mrs Hughes, Miss Hughes, and Mrs Saph were appointed to sell Easter eggs at the pigeon match on the following Thursday.

The next meeting was fixed for the night of the 13th inst.

Cr. Sinclair drew attention to the function in connection with the opening of the water supply, which would take place in front of Dr. Humphreys' residence on Monday, 13th inst.

Mr Sinclair and Mrs Hughes promised to go to the Carngham races on Easter Monday and sell Easter eggs.

After the meeting the ladies wrapped up 1500 Easter eggs in less than an hour.

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WATERLOO SPORTS.

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

CLOSE FINISHES WITNESSED.

Notwithstanding the prevailing financial depression in town and country, the Waterloo Sports Club's annual gathering at the local Recreation Reserve on Easter Saturday passed off very successfully. There was a large attendance of residents of this and neighboring districts, and over 100 motor cars lined the arena. The gate receipts amounted to £30/4/6—only about £6 less than last year, when the takings were £36.

Although no rain fell, the weather was on the chilly side. The ground and buildings have been greatly improved by the club of recent years, and the tree plantations are showing considerable growth. Both the cycling and running tracks were in good order, and the logs provided for the woodchops were of excellent quality; faster times than usual being recorded.

The Waterloo meeting is noted for the systematic way in which it is conducted, and for the fine co-operative spirit shown by the officials, and this could hardly be otherwise under such capable and tactful leadership as that of the president (Mr J. J. Dunn) and the secretary (Mr W. A. Skene), both of whom again carried out their duties in accordance with the best traditions of the club. Mr J. A. Bates was at his old post as starter, and got through a busy afternoon without giving the competitors anything to cavil at. Following is the full list of officials:—President, Mr J. J. Dunn; vice-presidents, Messrs H. Stewart and G. R. Boyd; treasurer, Mr H. Stewart; starter, Mr J. A. Bates; timekeeper, Mr J. B. Hall; judges, Messrs J. McErvale, Herbert Smith, G. R. Boyd, C. M. Flynn, G. Russell, P. Trengove, W. Kay, and G. Vowles; color steward, Mr J. H. Kay; stewards, Messrs W. Kay, J. Hewitt, G. R. Boyd, J. McErvale, T. Ryan, and J. Briody; official checker, Mr H. Stewart; referee, Mr J. McErvale; gatekeepers and ticket sellers, Messrs J. Laney, J. Stokes, and E. Jay; secretary, Mr W. A. Skene; handicappers, Messrs J. A. Bates and W. R. Glover (footracing), W. Connor (woodchopping), H. Dungey (cycling), and C. M. Flynn and G. Russell (children's races).

Mr J. Petrie, of Buangor, conducted the publican's booth, and Mesdames Bates & Dunstan were in charge of the fruit and sweets stall and the luncheon booth. There were several sideshows, and a bookmaker provided the punter with the opportunity to back his fancy. The profit on the sports is to be equally divided between the Blind Appeal and the Ballarat and Ararat Hospitals. Buttons were also sold for the Blind Institute by Mrs J. R. Hughes. The Beaufort committee of the district queen in the Ballarat Hospital queen competition supplemented the effort for that institution by selling Easter eggs, and raising money by other means. Crs. R. A. D. Sinclair and D. F. Troy, and Misses M. McCormick, M. Liston, and S. Lynch had charge of one department of the committee's activities, and the Easter eggs were sold by Messrs J. J. Duke, J. J. Fitzpatrick, and F. Webster, who wore fancy dress. The workers for the charities had a satisfactory day.

Official Luncheon.

Sir Alexander Peacock, M.L.A. (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly) was the principal guest at the official luncheon, which was presided over by the president (Mr J. J. Dunn). An apology was received for the absence of Mr J. H. Boyce, who had to go to Sydney to judge big axemen's events there.

After the loyal toast had been honored, Mr Dunn asked those present to drink the health of Sir Alexander Peacock. He said that Sir Alexander had made himself available to be at their meeting, and they were very pleased indeed to see him looking so well. They knew he was a very busy man, and that he was in a different part of the State practically every day of his life. It was a great honor to the Waterloo Sports Club that he had not neglected them yet. He had been one of their main supporters, and had attended practically every meeting at the request of the secretary.

The toast having been enthusiastically honored, Sir Alexander Peacock said that he knew they had a busy day, and was not going to detain them. The president had referred to his being a busy man, and so his having attended the sports regularly since this part had been added to his electorate. There was no chance of his failing their secretary, who kept him up to the mark, and wrote to him very early. He had had 15 other invitations for Easter Saturday, and had said they were too late. He liked to go round and see the people, particularly at any function for a charitable or public institution. He had often had it said to him by fellow members that they could not understand how he made it so hard for other country members. He was always on the move, and had replied that he was restless and liked to go round. He did not believe in going round just when an election was on, and asking people to give him their support at that time. He liked to mix with the people, and see what was in their minds, and it was good for them and for himself. He had been looking forward to coming up, and enjoyed himself each time. He was not a teetotaller, and had a few beers and enjoyed himself. When he was in the chair, other members, knowing his little weakness for a smoke and a glass, and that he could not get outside himself in the midst of a discussion, came up to him and said, "Smell my breath." (Laughter). If the Waterloo people were glad to see him, he was pleased to see them. He led a busy life. He was a good churchman yesterday and a good sportsman to-day, and he had to be with the Y.M.C.A. at Creswick tomorrow. He would be with his Roman Catholic friends on Monday, and he did not know where he would go on Tuesday. That was the way the weeks went by. He thought people liked to see their member. A few years ago, one of the oldest country members was going to move the appointment of a committee to enquire into the falling off of population in country districts, and was preaching the doctrine of decentralisation. He (the speaker) said he would not go on the committee, as they were only kite-flying. The three members concerned were country members, and had shifted to Melbourne. Peacock was the only one who had stuck to his people, and the others were placing themselves in a false position when they took up a matter of that kind. He liked the country life, and think God, his wife did also. Sir Alexander told a good story of a commercial traveller who lost his employment owing to the depression, and took on the job of pretending to be the gorilla at a zoo where that animal had died. Everything went well until one day he got into the lion's cage by mistake, and when the lion commenced to paw him, he thought his last moment had come, until the supposed lion whispered in his ear, "Don't think you are the only damned commercial traveller out of a job." That was the kind of spirit in which to face trouble and difficulty. He was very glad to see them, and hoped to be able to renew their pleasant acquaintance for many years to come. It was quite a treat to see the people of a country district, to be free from the troubles of Melbourne, and to know that they were doing such good work for public institutions. (Applause).

Presentation to Official.

Late in the afternoon, after Sir Alexander Peacock had left to catch the train for Creswick, Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair, on behalf of the Sports Club, presented a pair of silver serviette rings to Mr Jack McErvale, a leading official, who is shortly to be married. He said that Mr McErvale was one of the best men who had ever put his leg over a bicycle. He had been a good citizen, and he hoped he would remain in the district for many years, although married and done for, like Skeney. (Laughter). Mr McErvale had got a very sweet girl. He (Mr Sinclair) had known her parents for years, and there was no finer Waterloo girl than Miss Stevens. Her grandmother had been very good to him when he went to school at Chute, and had given him good things when he went to her farm. He presented the two serviette rings to Mr McErvale, and supposed that in a few years he would want a few more. He hoped the recipient would be luckier than he, as there was one thing he had never done, and that was collect the baby bonus. (Laughter). He hoped that the path of Mr McErvale and his future wife would be strewn with roses, and that they would be the two happiest people in the district. (Applause).

Mr McErvale thanked the club for their presents, which had been a great surprise to him. He appreciated them, and would continue to do all he could to help the club.

Presentation of Ribbons.

Subsequently the presentation of ribbons took place. In presenting T. Tomkins, winner of the mile bicycle race with a blue ribbon (donated by Mr W. A. Skene), Cr. Sinclair said that the recipient's uncle, Mr C. Tomkins, used to work at Wotherspoon's. He (Cr. Sinclair) was an old cyclist of 45 years ago on the high machines, and won 13 races—the devil's number—and after that, won nothing. He hoped Mr Tomkins would go on winning for many years, and would go straight and play the game, and that he would come back to Waterloo and win another ribbon.

Cr. Sinclair also presented a blue ribbon (the gift of the president) to E. Glenister, winner of the Underhand Woodchop. He said that the winner's father had been woodchopping for many years. This young man was just coming out and making himself felt, and he hoped he would continue to win many more chops. Being an official of the V.A.L., he could not present the ribbon for footrunning, but he offered his congratulations to the runner, and hoped he would come over to the League, and win the Stawell Gift.

Mr J. J. Dunn (president) handed over to J. Gillingham, winner of the Sheffield Handicap, the blue ribbon donated by Mr J. A. Bates. He said this runner was a well-known Raglan boy, and had put up a very creditable performance. He hoped he would come along and win many more ribbons.

Mr Gillingham briefly responded.

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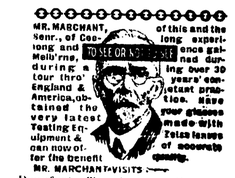

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WATERLOO SPORTS.

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The Programme.

The large proportion of close finishes reflected credit on the work of the handicappers, and a very enjoyable afternoons sport was provided for the public.

The Novice Footrace was won by L. Fitzpatrick by less than six inches; A. Foreman being second. T. Tomkins got home in the Mile Bicycle Race with six lengths to spare from J. E. Bilton, inches separating second and third. Jack Lamb had a victory by two blows in the Novice Woodchop; R. Finch being second. J. Gillingham, who shaped well at the Raglan sports a few months ago, was only inches ahead of C. Bates in a close finish to the Waterloo Cup (130 yds.) There was an exciting final in the Underhand Woodchop, which was won by E. Glenister by a blow; J. Fisher being second. J. E. Bilton had 3½ lengths to the good from D. C. Heath at the finish of the Two Mile Bicycle Race. The Vaulting Competition proved a good event, and was won by G. Grant. J. Jelleff defeated H. Broadbent by a blow in the final of the Standing Block Chop. There were but inches between the placed men in the final of the 75 yds. Sprint; the winner being J. Gillingham and the second man B. Bates. H. J. Driver won the Consolation Bicycle Race by four lengths, and E. C. Fisher was second. The winner of the 220 yds. Footrace was C. Bates, who had a yard to spare at the finish; only inches separating the second and third runners, N. Douglas and G. Maher. The Teams' Woodchop was a very fine contest; W. Anderson and T. Pearce winning by four blows, and J. Jelleff and J. Hamer being second.

Appended are details of the various events:—

Novice Footrace, 75 yds.—£1 and 10/.—L. Fitzpatrick, scr., 1; A. Foreman, scr., 2. Time, 8 4-5 sec. A closely-contested event; won by less than six inches. Three starters.

One-mile Bicycle Race—£3 and blue ribbon (ribbon gift of Mr. W. A. Skene), £1 and trophy (donated by Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon & Co.)

First Heat—R. L. Bray, 160 yds., 1; E. C. Fisher, 80 yds., 2; J. R. Smith, 110 yds., 3. Won by fully 20 lengths, with two lengths between second and third. Time, 2 min. 21 2-5 sec. Four starters.

Second Heat—J. Geil, 120 yds., 1; T. Tomkins, 150 yds., 2; R. Nixon, 130 yds., 3. Time, 2 min 18 2-5 sec. Won by inches, with a big gap between second and third. Four starters.

Third Heat—D. C. Heath, 190 yds., 1; J. E. Bilton, 160 yds., 2; N. Lloyd, 140 yds., 3. Won by about 12 lengths, with a length and a half between second and third. Time, 2 min. 18 2-5 sec. Five starters.

Final—T. Tomkins, 1; J. E. Bilton, 2; J. Geil, 3. Time, 2 min. 17 sec. Won by half-a-dozen lengths, with inches between second and third. The third man was cautioned for alleged interference. Six starters.

Novice Woodchop, 36 in. girth logs.—£2/10/ and 15/.

First Heat—F. Hains, scr., 1; Jack Lamb, scr., 2. Won by eight blows; only a blow separating second and third. Time, 48 3-5 sec. Six competitors.

Second Heat—R. Finch, scr., 1; P. Hains, scr., 2. Won by a blow. Time, 49½ sec. Six competitors.

Final—Jack Lamb, 1; R. Finch, 2; F. Hains, 3. Time, 48 sec. Won by two blows, with three blows between second and third. Four competitors.

Waterloo Cup, 130 yds.—£6 and blue ribbon (ribbon gift of Mr J. J. Dunn), £2/10/, and trophy (donated by Cougle's).

First Heat—J. Gillingham, 13 yds., 1. Time, 12 4-5 sec. Won by a yard. Four starters.

Second Heat—C. Bates, 13½ yds., 1. Time, 12 1-5 sec. Won by about two yards. Four starters.

Third Heat—G. Maher, 15 yds., 1. Time, 12 4-5 sec. Won by a yard and a half. Four starters.

Fourth Heat—L. James, 12½ yds., 1. Time, 13 sec. Won comfortably by a short yard. Four starters.

Final—J. Gillingham, 1; C. Bates, 2; G. Maher, 3. Time, 13 sec. A very close finish; inches separating each of the placed men. Six starters.

Boys' Race (under 14)—5/ and 2/6.—Harold Bright, 1; Frank Briody, 2. Won by about a foot. Nine starters.

Boys' Race (under 12)—5/ and 2/6.—J. Laney, 1; Harold Bright, 2. Won by 2 yds. Nine starters.

Girls' Race (under 14)—5/ and 2/6.—Kitty Briody, 1; Vera Lamb, 2. A close finish.

Girls' Race (under 12)—5/ and 2/6.—Alice Pearce, 1; Tessie Briody, 2. Four starters.

Underhand Woodchop, 38 in. girth—£6/10/ and blue ribbon (ribbon gift of Mr J. A. Bates), £2/10/, and £1.

First heat—D. V. Fraser, 12 sec. bhd. scr., 1; J. Jelleff, 7 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 34 sec. Won by three blows.

Second Heat—P. Turpin, 10 sec. bhd. scr., 1; E. Glenister, 5 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 42 sec. A close finish; won by a blow. Six competitors.

Third Heat—J. Fisher, scr., 1; A. Marshall, 7 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 45 4-5 sec. Won by eight blows, with a blow between second and third. Seven starters.

Final—E. Glenister, 1; J. Fisher, 2; J. Jelleff, 3. Time, 33 3-5 sec. Won by a blow, with a blow separating second and third. Six competitors.

Two-mile Bicycle Race—£4, £1 10/, and 10/.

First Heat—J. E. Bilton, 275 yds., 1; E. C. Fisher, 140 yds., 2; G. S. Brooks, 190 yds., 3. Won by a couple of lengths. Time, 5 min. 14 sec. Four starters.

Second Heat—J. Geil, 205 yds., 1; D. C. Heath, 330 yds., 2. Time, 5 min. 1 sec. Won by half-a-length. Four starters.

Third Heat—T. Tomkins, 255 yds., 1; H. J. Driver, 205 yds., 2. Won by a dozen lengths. Time, 5 min. 8 1-5 sec. Four starters.

Final—J. E. Bilton, 1; D. C. Heath, 2; J. Geil, 3. Won by about 3½ lengths, with fully a dozen lengths between second and third. Time, 4 min. 50 sec. Six starters.

Vaulting Competition—15/ and 5/.—G. Grant, 1; A. Boyd, 2. Height, 5 ft. 11 in. Five competitors. An interesting event.

Standing Block Woodchop, 36 in. girth logs—£4, £2, and 10/.

First Heat—J. Jelleff, 3 sec. bhd., 1; H. Broadbent, 7 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 43 sec. Won by three blows. Six competitors.

Second Heat—H. J. Turpin, 2 sec. bhd., 1; E. V. Broadbent, 10 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 52 sec. Won by three blows. Five competitors.

Third Heat—E. Glenister, 4 sec. bhd. scr., 1; J. Hamer, 6 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 65 sec. Won by a blow. Five starters.

Final—J. Jelleff, 1; H. Broadbent, 2; J. Hamer, 3. Time, 61 sec. Won by a blow, with two blows separating second and third. Six competitors.

75 yds. Sprint—£2/10/ and £1.

First Heat—C. Bates, 8½ yds., 1; W. Day, 8½ yds., 2. Time, 7 7-10 sec. Won by a yard and a half. Three starters.

Second Heat—J. Gillingham, 8 yds., 1; N. Douglas, 8½ yds., 2. Time, 7 3-10 sec. Won by 2½ yds. Three starters.

Third Heat—B. Bates, 9½ yds., 1; F. Jaensch, 8½ yds., 2. Time, 7½ sec. Won by half-a yard, with inches between second and third. Five starters.

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Final—J. Gillingham, 1; B. Bates, 2; N. Douglas, 3. Inches separated the placed men. Time, 7 3-10 sec. Five starters.

Consolation Bicycle Race, three miles—Sweepstakes of 2/6, with £2 10/ added; lap prizes, 2/6.—H. Driver, 1; E. C. Fisher, 2; J. Geil, 3. Won by about four lengths, with five lengths between the other placed men. Lap winners—Geil, 5; Smith, 4; Brooks, 1; Fisher, 1; Driver, 1. Eight starters.

220 yds. Footrace—£3/10/, 25/, and trophy (donated by Mr A. Grace).

First Heat—C. Bates, 20 yds., 1; N. Douglas, 20 yds., 2. Time, 23 1-5 sec. Won by a yard. Nine starters.

Second Heat—G. Maher, 20 yds., 1; H. W. Powers, 15 yds., 2. Time, 23 7-10 sec. Won by a yard. Twelve starters.

Final—C. Bates, 1; N. Douglas, 2; G. Maher, 3. Won by a yard, with inches between second and third. Four starters. Time, 23 sec. Maher fell at the finish.

Flag Race on Horseback—£1.—C. Lowe, 1; J. Fisher (J. Hutton, rider), 2. Six competitors.

Teams' Woodchop (2 men a side); logs, 2 ft.—£3 and 30/.—W. Anderson and T. Pearce, 8 sec. bhd. scr., 1; J. Jelleff and J. Hamer, 12 sec. bhd., 2; Jack and Joe Lamb, scr., 3. Time, 2 min. 26 sec. Won by about four blows, with six blows between second and third.

THE DANCE.

There was a large attendance at the dance in the Mechanics' Hall at night, and a very enjoyable time was spent. The music was supplied by Mrs Grant and Messrs E. Wilson, and Peterson. Mr W. Kay officiated as M.C. The takings amounted to about £16.

FOOTBALL.

LEARMONTH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Association was held in the Learmonth Mechanics' Hall, the chairman being Mr W. Coutts. Delegates were present from Avoca, Burrumbeet, Beaufort, Learmonth, and Waubra. Lexton were not represented, but it is expected that a team will be entered as usual, and that Lexton will send delegates to the next meeting on 23rd April. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £2/6/7. Election of officer-bearers resulted:—President, Cr. M. Ryan; secretary and treasurer, Mr W. V. Harrison; auditor, Rev. J. J. W. Scott. A vote of thanks was proposed to the retiring president, Mr W. Coutts. It was resolved that the season should commence on Saturday, 1st May. After a discussion on club finance, a reduction of umpires' fees was urged. The next meeting will be held on 23rd inst.

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The Beaufort Gun Club, of which Mr A. J. Saph is the secretary, conducted two very successful meetings on Thursday afternoon, 2nd inst., and Easter Saturday. The Thursday afternoon was devoted to pigeon sweepstakes; 15 shooters taking part. "Calrossie" acted as referee, and was assisted by T. Erhardt and O. R. Porter. Nine hundred birds passed through the traps in the two days' shooting. The birds for the £100 Handicap were a very "classy" lot, and repeatedly beat the gun, and some wonderful shooting was witnessed. The attendance was a shade smaller than in previous years. Shooters and visitors were loud in their praises of the treatment received. Afternoon tea and liquid refreshments were provided free by the club. Results:—

No. 1 Sweepstake—T. W. E. and J. Rule divided on the fifth round.

No. 2 Sweepstake—Divided by C. Allen, Marsh, and Reynolds on the tenth round.

No. 3 Sweepstake—Divided by Reynolds and C. Allen on the twelfth round.

No. 4 Sweepstake—Divided by Spinner, Marsh, and T.W.E. on the fifth round.

No. 5 Sweepstake—Divided by Allen, Marsh, Reynolds, and "Calrossie" on the tenth round.

No. 6 Sweepstake—Divided by "Calrossie" and Marsh on the fourteenth round.

Two matches for turkeys were won by C. Marsh.

A shoot for a ham was won by J. Rule.

The winner of another match for a similar prize was T.W.E.

The £100 Pigeon Handicap on the Monday attracted 23 shooters with double nominations, and there were nine stars. Competitors were present from Wagga, Melbourne, Glenormiston, Beulah, Ballarat, Clunes, St. Arnaud, Hamilton, and the Beaufort district. "Calrossie" officiated as referee. A dividend was declared on the tenth round; the shooters left in taking £5 per nomination. "Calrossie," T.W.E. and Tongala (with two nominations each), Reynolds, Young, Smith, Porter, E.A.B., Clarke, and Fraser (with one nomination each) shot on for the balance, which was divided on the nineteenth round by "Calrossie," Tongala, Young, E.A.B., and Fraser, each taking £7.

Twenty-four shooters took part in the No. 1 Sweepstake, which was divided by Tubb, Reynolds, and Harris.

No. 2 Sweepstake (from the 34 yds. rise) was divided by Tubb and T.W.E. on the ninth round.

Shoots for hams were won by T.W.E., Reynolds, and Tubb; the latter securing two.

Rainfall.

On Easter Monday afternoon and night 22 points of rain were recorded at Beaufort. Tuesday was also cold and wintry.

Card Social and Dance

On Thursday night the Beaufort Mothers' Guild held a card social and dance at the Picture Theatre to further the cause of Miss E. Lewis, the Beaufort district queen in the Ballarat Hospital queen competition. There was a fair attendance. The euchre prizes were won by Mr F. G. Green and Mrs Day, and the prizes at the secret table went to Mrs Green and Miss Hughes. The dance music was supplied by Mrs R. Grant, Miss S. Hughes, Mr W. Peterson, and Mr E. Wilson. Mr W. Kay acted as M.C. A spot dance was won by Miss S. Willis and Mr W. Kay. The trophies were donated by Mrs Troy, Mrs McCormick, Mrs Gillingham, Mrs Cole, and Mrs Saph. The secretarial duties were in the hands of Mrs J. R. Hughes.

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TENNIS.

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COMPETITION.

Middle Creek and Warrak met at Bayindeen on Saturday in the semi-final of the Mountain District tennis competition, after having played a draw on the previous Saturday. Middle Creek won by 14 games, and will meet Crowlands to-day (Saturday) at Warrak in the final. Following are the scores; the Middle Creek players being the first mentioned:—

Carmichael and McMartin lost to Harbour and Shields, 5—8.

O'Brien and Bowd defeated Allender and DeClercq, 8—2.

Misses Hughes and E. Franc defeated Miss Kneebone and Mrs Harbour, 8—7.

Miss A. Franc and Mrs Hillman defeated Misses Lewin and Howell, 8—1.

Carmichael and Miss E. Franc lost to Harbour and Miss Kneebone, 6—8.

McMartin and Miss Hughes defeated Shields and Mrs Harbour, 8—7.

Bowd and Mrs Hillman defeated Allender and Miss Lewin, 8—6.

O'Brien and Miss A. Franc defeated DeClercq and Miss Howells, 8—6.

Total:—Middle Creek, 6 sets 59 games; Warrak, 2 sets, 45 games.

IN MEMORIAM.

DAVIES.—In loving memory of our dear brother Jack, died on April 13, 1930.

There is someone who misses you sadly,
And finds time long since you went;
There is someone who thinks of you daily,
And tries to be brave and content;
I know, when the shadows deepen,
And my call comes down the line,
You'll be the first to meet me,
Dear brother of mine.

—Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. J. Rutherford, Murtoa), little Dorothy and Ken.

DAVIES.—In loving memory of our dear son and my brother Jack, died April 13, 1930.

Our lips cannot speak how we loved him;
Our hearts cannot tell what to say;
God above knows how much we miss him,
As we battle along life's way.
But a voice seems quietly saying,
"My dear ones, be brave and true,
At the end of the lane of shadows,
I'll be watching and waiting for you."

—Inserted by his loving father and mother and sister Mavis.

DAVIES.—In loving memory of my dear brother John William (Jack), who passed away April 13th, 1930.

A tender chord of memory
Is sadly touched to-day.
'Tis sad, but true, we wonder why
The best are always first to die;
Short and sudden was the call,
His sudden death was a shock to all;
He left his home with a smiling face,
Not thinking that death was near;
Or thinking that he never would return
To those he loved so dear.

—Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Reta and Ivan Laney.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1931.

Illness.

Mr J. B. Prentice, of Beaufort, has had to enter the Ballarat Hospital to undergo an operation.

Optician's Visit.

Mr S. T. Marchant, senr., the well-known Optician, of Geelong and Collins St., Melbourne, will personally visit Beaufort on Tuesday, April 21st. He may be consulted at Mechanics', 10 till 4.30. Appointments at Ashley's Pharmacy.—(Advt.).

Hospital Donation.

Mr T. Williams (hon. secretary) desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a donation of £10 from Mr Philip Russell, of Mawallok, towards the funds of the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital.

Orchardist Dies Suddenly.

Mr John S. McIntosh, an orchardist, residing in the Buangor district, and who was on a visit to Mr H. Brown, of High stsreet, Ararat, died suddenly on Tuesday morning. The deceased was aged 60 years. The deceased was very popular throughout the Buangor district.

Bad State of Road.

At the Lexton Shire Council meeting on Wednesday, 1st inst., Cr. Edmonston said that Mr Flynn complained of the bad state of a road near his property in the South riding. He suggested that the engineer and Cr. Parker join with him in a visit of inspection. This was agreed to.

Easter Services.

On Good Friday morning special services were conducted at St John's Church of England, Beaufort, by the Rev. A. Talbot. In the evening the Rev. J. Mellor and the Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., held a combined Methodist and Presbyterian service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Kicked by Horse.

Fred Glenister, the four-year-old son of Mr and Mrs Hector Glenister, of Main Lead, received a kick from a horse on the side of the head, and his ear was split very badly.

Fours Competition.

On Good Friday morning the Beaufort Fire Brigade held a fours competition, which was won by the captain's team, consisting of Captain J. J. Fitzpatrick, Foreman N. Lardner, and Firemen W. Day and L. Fitzpatrick.

Leap Frog.

On Easter Tuesday two young women were going along Pratt Street, when suddenly a young man in front was observed to stoop, and the athletic girls, one after the other, played a little game of leap frog; placing their hands on the man's back, and springing over in srprightly fashion. They were not Beaufort girls .

be held at the new playground.

Locally-grown Tobacco.

On Easter Saturday at Waterloo, our representative had the pleasure of smoking a pipeful of tobacco grown locally on Mr R. Wangler's property at Waterloo South. Mr Wangler and a friend who has had considerable experience of tobacco culture, have been experimenting in that direction for some time with success, and have erected a curing-shed. Mr Wangler exhibited an attractive-looking plug of tobacco, and gave a piece to Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair to bring under the notice of Mr Temple Smith, the Government tobacco-culture expert.

BEAUFORT C.W.A.

The Beaufort C.W.A. held their monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon; the date being altered from the usual first Thursday, because of the Easter holidays. There was an attendance of 71. Mrs Beggs occupied the chair. Five new members were welcomed. Regret was expressed at the illness of Mrs Guyatt, who demonstrated so ably at the last meeting. An interesting letter was read from Mrs McCall, an ex-member now at Leongatha, and president of the 2-months-old branch there with over 40 members. A discussion on soap-making brought to light several capable soap-makers, and recipes were eagerly exchanged, and pencils kept busy taking down notes. Mrs Fox proved that she had made 20 lb. of excellent household soap for 1/5. Miss Hayward's recipe for soft sand-soap was welcomed as most useful for cleaning, and a toilet soap made with honey, lemon, oatmeal, etc., sent by Miss Brown, of Eurambeen, sounded delightful. The demonstration of shortbread-making by Mrs Exell, of Lamonde, was most entertaining, as well as instructive. With apparently very little trouble, Mrs Exell prepared the shortbread, put it in the oven, calmly forgot it for a while, and then produced cakes that were eagerly purchased. In fact, the demand largely exceeded the supply, though the maker kept going for a considerable time. The market stall was well stocked as usual, and Mrs Saph sold a box of Easter eggs , in aid of our queen, Miss Lewis.

The C.W.A. conference, being held in Melbourne next week, is giving the president, Mrs Watkin, Mrs Dowie, Miss Lewis, and Miss Stewart, a lot to think about. Besides the conference, there is an exhibition of craft work. As well as demonstrations in weaving, basketry, gloving, mattress and quilt-making, there will be lessons given in various crafts for the benefit of members in town for the conference. The lighter side of the programme is a reception given by the metropolitan vice-president (Mrs Creswick) at Yarrein, also a theatre party for all the delegates. Mrs R. G. Beggs has again been elected as one of the 12 country vice-presidents. There were 40 nominations this year for the positions.

Mrs Beggs and Miss Stewart will attend the conference ex officio; the three delegates from the Beaufort branch being Mesdames Watkin and Dowie and Miss Lewis.

The C.W.A annual opportunity shop, to be held on April 23rd, will be advertised later. This is always a splendid opportunity to pass on unwanted articles of every variety.

BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB

ANNIVERSARY SPORTS AND CONCERT.

MARRED BY RAIN.

A bright and sunny morning that was followed by heavy rain late in the afternoon were the weather conditions that prevailed at Beaufort on Easter Monday, on the occasion of the local Thistle Club's anniversary celebrations. A sports gathering was held at the Park in the afternoon; the profits of which are to be devoted to the cause of the district queen in the Ballarat Hospital queen competition (Miss E. Lewis). There was a fair attendance; about 70 motor cars lining the arena, and many more being parked outside the grounds. The gate receipts totalled £39/15/9, which is about £14 less than last year, when the takings were £54. The uncertain aspect of the weather and the prevailing financial depression were, of course, the prime causes of this falling off. The programme itself was the best the club has had for a number of years; entries in the bicycle races and woodchops being more numerous than usual. The attendance, however, was representative of all parts of the district.

The members of the local queen's committee supplemented the club's activities on their behalf with efforts of their own, including the sale of Easter eggs; the workers being Crs. D. F. Troy and R. A. D. Sinclair, Misses S. Lynch, D. Ward, M. McCormick, M. Liston, W. McCormick, and Messrs J. J. Duke, J. J. Fitzpatrick, N. Lardner, F. Webster, and W. R. Glover.

The sports were well conducted by a good team of officials, who were under the leadership of Messrs R. T. Macdonald (chief) and W. Manson (secretary). With many years of service as a former secretary behind him, Mr Macdonald "knows the ropes" thoroughly, and he carried out his duties tactfully and creditably. As in the past, Mr Manson proved himself an efficient and obliging secretary. The other officials were Messrs R. Ward, H. McCracken, W. Thompson, H. T. Norman, W. J. Stevenson, H. Brown, G. Wilson, J. T. Glover (timekeeper), L. Symons (megaphonist), P. T. Stevenson (dancing steward), W. J. Millar, J. McErvale (starter), R. W. Stevenson, J. Kirkpatrick, D. Manson, and H. J. Buchanan. The handicappers were Messrs W. Connor (woodchopping), T. Williams (footracing), and Dungey (cycling). Mr P. D. Stuart, of Maryborough, judged the dancing events, and the pipers were Messrs Buchanan Bros., of Ballarat .

Mr Petrie, of the Buangor hotel, conducted the publican's booth, and Mesdames Bates & Dunstan the fruit and sweets stall. The luncheon and afternoon tea booth was carried on by the following ladies of the club and the local queen's committee:—Mesdames R. T. Macdonald, L. Dawson, W. Smith, H. Brown, W. McDonald, W. Newey, A. J. Saph, and Misses D. Ward, E. Ward, Rae McDonald, and B. Manson.

Miss E. Lewis, the district queen in the Ballarat Hospital queen competition, was present at the sports. Mr J. B. Cochran, who is over 80 years of age, and was one of the first chiefs of the club, was a picturesque figure in Highland dress. It is 25 years since the club was established, and this year is therefore its silver jubilee.

The weather remained fine till about 4.30 p.m., when the third heat of the Standing Block Chop was finishing. A heavy shower of rain sent competitors and spectators scurrying for shelter. Although the rain abated somewhat subsequently, a miserable drizzle spoilt the remainder of the afternoon. The finals of the Standing Block Chop and the Caledonian Handicap, and also the 75 yds. Sprint, were afterwards run, but the finals of the Mile and Two-mile Bicycle Races had to be abandoned owing to the track being rendered unsafe, and a number of post entry events were not proceeded with. The dancing events were finished in the dressing-room.

The entry for the footraces was disappointing, and post entries had to be taken to make decent events of them. It is likely that the club will seriously consider cutting out the footraces next year.

Prior to the commencement of the sports, a pleasing little function took place in the luncheon room; Past-chief W. J. Millar being the recipient of a presentation, in recognition of his valuable services for two years as chief. Mr R. T. Macdonald (chief), in presenting Past-chief Millar with a gold past-chief's badge, with two bars, said that Mr Millar's services had compared very favorably with those of the members who were previously in the chair. Past-chief Millar well deserved the badge, and he hoped he would live for many years to wear it. In responding, Past-chief Millar thanked the members for the memento of his term of office. He would be very proud to wear it. He thanked the members of the club for the loyal way in which they had helped him during his term of office.

Mrs R. T. Macdonald (wife of the chief) presented Miss Lewis, the district queen in the Ballarat Hospital queen competition, with a neat, artificial sprig of heather on a tartan bow (made by the inmates of the Dundee Blind Institute), and expressed the hope that she would be the winner of the queen competition. Miss Lewis, in returning thanks for the gift, said it did not matter who was at the head of the queens, so long as the Hospital got plenty of money.

During the afternoon, Mr R. T. Macdonald (chief) presented the blue ribbon (donated by Past-chief H. J. Buchanan) to J. Fisher, winner of the Underhand Chop. They had all seen, he said, how well this competitor had cut, and he (the chief) hoped it would not be the last ribbon he would win.

In responding, Mr Fisher said he was pleased to win. He had often felt a bit disgusted with himself after a chop, but they could not all win. He had chopped second a few times, and he was very pleased to have landed a first prize at last.

The chief also presented a silver sugar basin (the gift of Mr A. Grace) to R. Davis, winner of the third prize in the Underhand Chop.

Mr Davis—One does not have to make a speech for third place. (Laughter).

A bookmaker was present, but betting was not brisk. Prior to the rain, the programme was a very interesting one, and the number of close finishes reflected credit on the handicappers. R. Jenkins won the Half-mile Bicycle Race by a quarter-of-a-wheel; the second man (N. Lloyd) only finishing inches ahead of the third. With seven blows to spare, J. Fisher got home in the Underhand Chop; E. V. Broadbent only securing second place by a blow. Owing to the rain, the placed men in the heats divided the prize money in the One-mile and Two-mile bicycle races. G. Day won the Caledonian Handicap (130 yds.) by three yards; L. James being second. The winner of the Standing Block Chop was D. V. Fraser, who had a margin of three blows; the second man (E. Glenister) obtaining second place by a blow. There was an exciting finish to the 75 yds. Sprint, which was won by G. Maher by six inches, with inches separating the second and third runners (L. James and L. Fitzpatrick). The dancers' aggregate for Past-chief Ward's blue ribbon was won by P. Friswell, who beat J. Homer by five points for it. The chief's gold medal for the local dancers' championship was secured by E. Hobson.

Appended are details of the various events:—

ATHLETIC EVENTS.

Half-mile Bicycle Race—£2/10/ and £1.

First Heat—J. E. Bilton, 80 yds., 1; H. J. Driver, 60 yds., 2; N. Lloyd, 70 yds., 3. Won by half-a-length. Time, 62 sec. Six starters.

Second Heat—J. Geil, 60 yds., 1; R. Jenkins, 85 yds., 2; T. Tomkins, 75 yds., 3. Won by a length. Time, 61½ sec. Six starters.

Final—R. Jenkins, 1; N. Lloyd, 2; J. E. Bilton, 3. Won by quarter-of-a-wheel, with inches between second and third. It was a great finish. Time, 60 4-5 sec. Six starters.

Boys' Race (under 14 years), 75 yds.—2/ and 1/.—L. Hill, 1; A. Whiting, 2. Won by less than a yard. Ten starters.

Boys' Race (under 10 years), 75 yds.—2/ and 1/.—V. Wilson, 1; C. Lowe, 2. Won by a yard. Ten starters.

Girls' Race (under 14 years), 75 yds.—2/ and 1/.—Jean Pitcher, 1; Lorna Cole, 2. Won by 2 yds. Eleven starters.

Girls' Race (under 10 years), 75 yds.—2/ and 1/.—Lina Lloyd, 1; Elsie Fraser, 2. Won by half-a-yard. Five starters.

Underhand Woodchop, 39 in. girth logs—£5 and blue ribbon (ribbon gift of Past-chief H. J. Buchanan), £1/10/, and trophy (presented by Mr A. Grace).

First Heat—R. Davis, 2 sec. bhd. scr., 1; D. V. Fraser, 12 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 40 sec. Won by three blows. Five competitors.

Second Heat—W. Connor, 1 sec. bhd. scr., 1; E. V. Broadbent, 7 sec. bhd., 2; M. George, 3 sec. in front, 3. Time, 50 sec. Won by about eight blows. Six competitors.

Third Heat—J. Fraser, scr., 1; E. L. Glenister, 5 sec. bhd., 2; H. Broadbent, 1 sec. bhd., 3. Time, 50 sec. Won by five blows. Six competitors.

Final—J. Fisher, 1; E. V. Broadbent, 2; R. Davis, 3. Time, 52 1-5 sec. Won by seven blows, with a blow between second and third. Six starters.

One-mile Bicycle Race—£3/10/ and blue ribbon (ribbon presented by Mr W. Manson), and £1.

First Heat—T. Tomkins, 150 yds., 1; H. J. Driver, 120 yds., 2; W. G. Gipp, 100 yds., 3. Won by about three lengths. Time, 2 min. 8 2-5 sec. Six starters.

Second Heat—J. Geil, 120 yds., 1; J. E. Bilton, 160 yds., 2; R. Jenkins, 170 yds., 3. Time, 2 min. 13 sec. Won easily by about five lengths. Six starters.

Final—Divided by placed men in heats, owing to heavy rain rendering the track unsafe.

Caledonian Handicap, 130 yds.—£3 and £1.

First Heat—L. Fitzpatrick, 15½ yds., 1; W. Day, 12½ yds., 2. Time, 14 sec. Won by a yard. Three starters.

Second Heat—G. J. Day, 10 yds., 1; L. James, 11½ yds., 2. Won by a yard. Time, 13 sec. Three starters.

Final—G. J. Day, 1; L. James, 2. Won by three yards. Time, 14 sec. Fitzpatrick and W. Day were left on the mark. Four starters.

Standing Block Woodchop—36 in. girth logs—£3 and £1.

First Heat—E. V. Broadbent, 10 sec. bhd. scr., 1; R. Davis, 9 sec. bhd., 2. Won by four blows. Time, 36 sec. Six competitors.

Second Heat—T. Pearce, 9 sec. bhd. scr., 1; W. L. Connor, 1 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 28 2-5 sec. Won by two blows. Five starters.

Third Heat—E. L. Glenister, 4 sec. bhd. scr., 1; D. V. Fraser, 1 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 35 4-5 sec. Won easily by about eight or nine blows. Six starters. The event was just finishing as heavy rain began to fall.

Final—D. V. Fraser, 1; E. L. Glenister, 2; E. V. Broadbent, 3. Time, 37 sec. Won by three blows, with a blow between second and third. Six starters. Misty rain fell throughout this chop.

Two-mile Bicycle Race—£2/10/ and £1.

First Heat—J. Geil, 205 yds., 1; W. E. Gipp, 170 yds., 2; J. E. Bilton, 275 yds., 3. Time, 4 min. 19 4-5 sec. Won comfortably by about four lengths. Six starters.

Second Heat—T. Tomkins, 255 yds., 1; H. J. Driver, 205 yds., 2; R. L. Bray, 275 yds., 3. Time, 4 min. 9 4-5 sec. Won by about six inches, with inches between second and third. Six starters.

Final—Divided by placed men in heats, owing to track being rendered unsafe by heavy rain.

Sprint Handicap, 75 yds.—£2 and 10/.—G. Maher, 6 yds., 1; L. James, 4½ yds., 2; L. Fitzpatrick, 8 yds., 3. Won by six inches, with inches between second and third. Time, 8 sec. Four starters.

DANCING EVENTS.

(Under 16).

Prize money in each event, £1 and 7/6.

Sheantruis—Patsy Friswell, 1; Joyce Homer, 2; Bon Trye and Jean Wood, equal 3.

Highland Fling—Joyce Homer, 1; P. Friswell, 2; Jean Wood, 3.

Sword Dance—P. Friswell, 1; Joyce Homer and Jean Wood, equal 2.

Irish Jig—J. Homer, 1; P. Friswell, 2.

Sailors' Hornpipe—P. Friswell, 1; Jean Wood and Joyce Homer, equal 2.

(Under 14.)

Prizes in each event, £1 and 7/6.

Highland Fling—J. Homer, 1; P. Friswell, 2; B. Trye, 3.

Sword Dance—P. Friswell, 1; J. Homer and B. Trye, equal 2.

(Under 12.)

Prizes, £1 and 7/6 in each event.

Highland Fling—P. Friswell, 1.

Sword Dance—P. Friswell, 1.

Sheantruis—P. Friswell, 1.

Aggregate for Blue Ribbon (gift of Past-chief R. Ward).—P. Friswell (32 points), 1; J. Homer (27 points), 2.

Local Dancers.

(Under 16).

Prizes in each event, 10/ and 5/.

Highland Fling—E. Hobson, 1; J. Skene, 2 ; B. Macdonald, 3.

Sheantruis—E. Hobson, 1; J. Skene, 2; B. Macdonald, 3.

Sword Dance—E. Hobson, 1; J. Skene and B. Macdonald, equal 2.

Irish Jig—E. Hobson, 1; B. Macdonald, 2.

(Under 12).

Highland Fling—B. Macdonald, 1; E. Buchanan, 2; A. Lofts, 3.

Sheantruis—B. Macdonald, 1; A. Lofts, 2; E. Buchanan, 3.

Sword Dance—B. Macdonald, 1; A. Lofts, 2; E. Buchanan, 3.

Irish Jig—B. Macdonald, 1.

Local Dancers' Championship (own choice)—Gold medal (gift of chief)—E. Hobson, 1.

Post Entry Event.

Guessing Weight of Fat Sheep—Prize, the sheep—Dr. S. E. Humphreys and F. Blay tied. Weight, 99 lb. Forty-six entries.

SCOTTISH CONCERT.

Although a talented metropolitan company had been engaged, and a programme of a high standard was provided, the wet weather also adversely affected the attendance at the concert. The takings amounted to £21. Mr R. T. Macdonald (chief) presided, and the concert director was Mr Jack Scott. The tenor soloist, Mr Jack Scott, found immediate favor with his pleasing voice, and the elocutionist, Miss Bonnie Craven, was also a popular performer. Miss Emily Hooke proved to be one of the best sopranos it has ever been the pleasure of a Beaufort audience to listen to. The comedian, Mr George Harvey, caused great merriment with his spontaneous and clean humor. The baritone soloist, Mr Keith Toyne, is a clever and cultured artist, and his items were among the best of the evening. Popular selections on the melo-piano-accordeon by Mr A. Jonas were a revelation of the music that can be produced by a skilled player on this somewhat despised instrument. A very fine duet was given by Miss Hooke and Mr Scott. All the performers were well received, and many encores were given and responded to. The programme was contributed as follows:—Solo, "Sound the Pibroch," Mr Jack Scott; recitation, "The New Food," Miss Bonnie Craven; Highland dancing, Misses Evelyn Hobson, Elma Buchanan, Beryl Macdonald, and Joyce Skene (prizewinners at sports); solo, "Caller 'On," Miss Emily Hooke; humorous song, "Dr. McGregor," Mr George Harvey; solo, "McGregor's Gathering," Mr Keith Toyne; popular selections on melo-piano-accordeon, Mr A. Jonas; solo, "My Ain Folk," Miss E. Hooke; recitation, "The Fighting Temaraire," Miss B. Craven; Highland dancing, Miss Patsy Friswell (prizewinner at sports) and Master Roy Friswell; solo, "When the Kye Comes Hame," Mr J. Scott; humorous song, "Auld McDougall," Mr George Harvey; solo, "Draw the Sword, Scotland," Mr K. Toyne; popular selections on melo-piano-accordeon, Mr A. Jonas; duet, "Miserere Scene" (Il Trovatore), Miss Hooke and Mr Scott.

During an interval, the chief (Mr R. T. Macdonald) presented Miss Patsy Friswell with the blue ribbon, donated by Past-chief Ward, for the dancers' aggregate, won at the sports. He also handed to Miss Evelyn Hobson the gold medal (presented by himself) for the local dancers' championship.

An enjoyable entertainment concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

The Dance.

There was a good attendance at the dance which followed, and the takings were about £7. The musicians were Miss R. Roberts and Mr E. Wilson ; Mr Ivan Cheeseman acting as M.C.

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Interest on Rates.

The Ripon Shire Council is charging interest on all rates remaining unpaid after 30th April, 1931.

Beaufort School Committee.

To arrange the opening ceremony to take place at the new school ground on the 13th inst., the Beaufort School Committee met at the Shire Hall on Tuesday evening. Five members and the head teacher (Mr T. Williams) were present; Mr W. R. Glover (chairman) presiding. An apology was received for the absence of Mr R. T. Macdonald, on account of a severe cold. An official programme was drawn up for the opening of the new playground. The principal speakers will be Sir Alexander Peacock, M.L.A. (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly), Mr McRae (chief inspector), Mr Heathcote (district inspector), Cr. A. C. Roddis (shire president), and other shire councillors. The ceremony will take place at the termination of the official opening of the new Beaufort water supply scheme, and will

Top of Finger Severed.

When engaged in domestic duties at her home, Mrs Corrie, wife of Mr Corrie, the assistant-stationmaster at Trawalla, severed the top of the index finger of her left hand.

Carngham Races.

At the Carngham race meeting on Saturday, the following district trotters were successful:—Horse Trot, one mile—S. R. Pascoe's Grattalene, 90 yds. bhd. scr., 1. Grattalene was favorite at evens, and won by less than half-a-length in 2 min. 31 sec. Grattalene (175 yds. bhd.) was also second in a Horse Trot, two miles, with G. George's Ginger, 45 yds. bhd., third. Mac (60 yds. bhd.) won after a great race by a length in 4 min. 2 sec. Grattalene started at evens, with 2 to 1 others. F. Brown's Billy (80 yds. bhd.) came second in the Pony Trot, one mile, which was won by Little Abbey (30 yds. bhd.), by one and a half lengths in 2 min. 47 sec.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Harvest Festival Services, morning and evening—Rev. A. Talbot. SUNDAY, 12th April.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB will be held at the C.W.A. ROOMS on WEDNESDAY, 15th inst., at 7.30 p.m. F. J. MARTIN, Secy.

LEXTON R.C. SPORTS, SATURDAY, APRIL 18th. Programme of Footracing, Trots, Highland Dancing, and Novelty Events. J. BRIODY, junr., Secy.

IMPOUNDED AT BEAUFORT.—1 grey gelding Hack; 1 bay mare Hack, H near shoulder, near hind leg white; 1 Leicester Ram, 2-tooth, red dot on top shoulder. If not claimed and expenses paid, to be sold 23rd APRIL, 1931.

H. NORMAN, Poundkeeper.

ALL persons having any claim against the estate of JOHN SPENCER McINTOSH, late of Buangor, in the State of Victoria, Orchardist, deceased, are requested to send particulars of same in writing to the undersigned, on or before the 18th day of APRIL, 1931. Dated this 9th day of April, 1931. WEBB & WEBB, Solicitors, Ararat, Proctor for the Executor.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 12th APRIL, 1931.

Church of England.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Trawalla, 3—Rev. A. Talbot.

Methodist Church.—Beaufort, 11—Mr. C. Waldron. Chute, 11; Raglan, 2; Waterloo, 3.30; Beaufort, 7—Sister Dora.

Presbyterian Church.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Buangor, 3—Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A.

NOTICE.

Casual Advertisements.

PERSONS 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 expense.

"THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE."

SHIRE OF RIPON.

INTEREST ON RATES.

NOTICE is hereby given that Interest will be charged on all Rates remaining unpaid after 30th APRIL, 1931.

NORMAN B. ACTON, Shire Secretary.

Beaufort. 10/4/31.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

THE General Public and School Children are invited to the opening of the New Pipe Line for the Beaufort Water Supply, at the BAND ROTUNDA, at 2 o'clock p.m., on MONDAY, 13th APRIL.

After this Ceremony, the Official Opening of the School Playground will take place.

A. C. RODDIS, President.

CRICKET.

ARARAT V. BEAUFORT.

Beaufort journeyed to Ararat on Easter Monday (writes the "Advertiser"), to engage Ararat in an all day match. Owing to a misunderstanding, a turf wicket was not made available, and the game had to be played on the Show Grounds. Ararat batted first, and made the splendid total of 209. Harricks was in fine form with the bat, and made 60 in 30 minutes, including four beautiful sixes. Gourley made 52 nicely, and then retired. Beaufort had lost 4 wickets for 71 when play was stopped by heavy rain; Farish being 40, not out, made in slashing style. Lunch and tea were taken at the Railway Refreshment Rooms, where again every attention was given. Scores:—

Ararat.

McDonald, c Martin, b Pringle	19
Dr. Joyce, c Hyde, b Farish ..	10
Allgood, l.b.w., b Cole	1
Gourley, retired	52
Harricks, b Farish	60
Webb, c Farish, b Pringle ..	10
Bell, b Farish	2
Flavell, not out	15
Robertson, l.b.w., b Cole	0
Grano, b Farish	5
Harbeck, run out	1
Dans, std. Cole, b Martin	9
Sundries	25
Total	209

Bowling—Farish, 4/50; Pringle, 2/20; Dromey, 0/30; Hyde, 0/25; Cole, 1/39; Martin, 1/21.

Beaufort.

Cole, c Harbeck, b Allgood ..	0
Hodgetts, l.b.w., b Dr. Joyce ..	8
Farish, not out	40
Martin, std. Robertson, b Dr. Joyce	4
McKay, run out	8
Dromey, not out	4
Sundries	7
Total .. ..4 for	71

Bowling—Allgood, 1/7; Flavell, 0/11; Dr. Joyce, 2/16; Gourley, 0/14; Harricks, 0/15; Dans, 0/1.

COMING EVENTS

Two Important Ceremonies.

Two important ceremonies will take place at Beaufort on Monday afternoon, when the new pipe line from Mt. Cole, in connection with the Beaufort Water Supply, and the new school playground will be officially opened.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Golf Club will be held at the C.W.A. Rooms on Wednesday evening, 15th inst.

Rev. A. Talbot will conduct harvest festival services at St. John's Church of England on Sunday.

The Lexton R.C. sports will be held on Saturday, April 18th.

"Head Over Turkey."

When the writer was a youngster, we used to call it "Head over turkey"—hands on the ground, legs and heels in the air, and a turn over. On Monday, whilst walking up to the Park, three girls were noticed in the golf links paddock practising this trick, and making a good job of it, too.

Serious Motor Accident.

Two motor cars collided about two miles on the Beaufort side of Buangor on the Western Highway on Easter Saturday night at about 8.30. Mr Frank Jones, commercial traveller, of Melbourne, who was driving one car, received a fracture of the base of the skull, and a badly broken arm. He was taken to the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital, and removed on Wednesday to the Ballarat Hospital. He partly recovered consciousness at intervals. A boy who was in the car with Mr Jones escaped with bruises on the legs. The car was extensively damaged. The occupants of the other car escaped injury.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

BUANGOR.

The Buangor and Middle Creek Football Club has re-formed for the 1931 season with the following office-bearers:—President, Mr A McRae; secretary, Mr T. Edson; treasurer, Mr A. Petrie; vice-presidents, Messrs Joe Clough and J. Jess; delegates, Messrs H. Hovey and T. Edson. The club has joined up with the Ararat and District Junior Football Association, which takes the place of the Churches Association at Ararat. To date seven teams have signified their intention of competing, viz., Ararat (3 teams), Buangor, Warrak, Elmhurst, and Moyston. This association will play under Wimmera League rules, and umpires will be supplied from the Wimmera headquarters at Stawell. The draw will be arranged next week.

The newly-elected school committee at Buangor comprises Mr C. McPherson (chairman), Mr Joe Clough (treasurer), Mr W. H. McDonough (correspondent), Mrs G. Green, Messrs D. MacInnes, G. Baker, and W. Torney.

The Hospital ball has been arranged for a date early in May. Music will be supplied by a Ballarat Orchestra, and a committee of ladies is busy arranging details. This ball promises to be the outstanding social event of the year.

MIDDLE CREEK.

A euchre tournament and dance, organised by Miss Alice Franc, in support of the Beaufort district queen (Miss Lewis), in connection with the queen carnival to raise money for the Ballarat Base Hospital, took place at Middle Creek on Wednesday night. There was a very large attendance, representative of Beaufort, Ballarat, Buangor, Ballyrogan, Shirley, and the surrounding district. The prizes for the euchre tournament were won by Miss Alice Franc and Mr O. Bowd respectively; the booby prizes going to Mrs W. Hillman and Mr W. Ahern. The music for the dance was supplied gratis by Mrs Grant, Miss S. Hughes, Mr J. O'Brien (piano), Mr E. Wilson (violin), Mr Peterson (cornet), and Mr E. Boyd (piccolo). During an interval, Cr. D. F. Troy gave an outline of what was being done in other districts in connection with the appeal. A queen had been chosen from each country district adjacent to Ballarat, whilst Ballarat City was running four queens. Although he admitted that the Ararat Hospital had a prior right to the support of Middle Creek and district, he was very pleased to see Miss Franc's effort crowned with the success it deserved. He then called on the energetic and hard-working secretary, Mr J. J. Duke, to say a few words. Mr Duke said that he wished to endorse the remarks made by Cr. Troy, and also desired to take the opportunity of thanking all for their wonderful patronage. He wished to expressly thank Miss Franc, who had organised the effort, the musicians (who had provided up-to-date music free of charge), the Burrumbeet &Windermere Co-op. Society, and also private car owners, who had brought the people out from Beaufort and other districts, the ladies for providing supper, and all who had assisted in any way to make the function the success it was. He also reminded the gathering that there were still a few Easter eggs left to dispose of, and advised all to avail themselves of the opportunity of procuring one, as, besides helping the cause, each egg contained a ticket entitling the holder to a valuable prize. He also reminded them of various entertainments coming off in different parts of the district to further the interests of the cause, and said that he would be pleased to see some of the people from here present. Dancing was resumed till about 2 a.m., and a good profit will result from the effort.

Mr W. Liston, of the Railway hotel, Beaufort, donated a pair of geese for a guessing competition, which was won by Mr F. Webster.

PERSONAL.

Misses A. and L. Franc, of "Hazelwood," Middle Creek, Mr J. O'Brien, and Mr J. Bowd, of Middle Creek, were the guests of Mrs H. Jones, of Rutherford street, Avoca, during Easter.

Mr A. Grace spent the Easter holidays at Warrnambool.

Mrs J. T. Glover and her little daughters have gone to Rupanyup for a holiday.

Mr W. Gray, of the B. & W. Co-op. Society's staff, Beaufort, has gone to Mt. Gambier for a holiday.

Mrs M. Kersey and her little daughter went to Melbourne for the Easter vacation.

Miss E. O'Sullivan, of Beaufort, is on holiday leave.

Mr and Mrs W. Stevens, of Beaufort, have been away from the town on holidays.

Easter visitors to Beaufort and district included Mr and Mrs E. J. Emery, Mr H. J. Driver, Mr and Mrs I. Hay, Mr and Mrs L. B. Scharp, Mr and Mrs Knight, Miss D. Watts, Mr and Mrs N. Stokes, Mr J. McCracken, Mr R. Guyatt, Mr J. Lloyd, Mr P. Hains, Mr H. Coates, Misses L., V., and K. McMahon, Miss Winnie Glover, Mr F. Leuenhagen, Mr W. Glover, Mr and Mrs S. Smith, Mr W. Miabecker, Mr A. McKeich, Mrs J. McKeich, Mrs McMahon, Mr and Mrs Clive Tompkins, Miss K. Meaney, Mr Pat Lynch, Messrs B. and W. Talbot, Mr and Mrs Tilley, Mr and Mrs W. Pearce, Mr and Mrs Berry, Mr and Mrs S. Lynch, Mr and Mrs J. McCurdy, Mrs S. Holdsworth, Mr S. Stuart, Mr J. Jackson, Miss Hanley, Misses R. and A. Buchanan, Miss J. Stevens, Miss J. Glover, Mr and Mrs C. Barker, Mr J. O'Sullivan, Messrs L., A., and N. Wotherspoon, Mr T. Schlicht, Mr T. E. Sands, Mr P. Harris, Mr J. Jaensch, Mr V. Pringle, Miss L. Wyatt, Messrs B. and F. Day, Mr and Mrs A. Wilson, Mrs G. Nothnagel, Miss L. Nothnagel, Miss A. Hobson, Mrs Carlyon, Miss Carlyon, Mr G. Day, Mr W. Day, Mrs H. Baker, Mr W. Nixon, Mr R. Becker, Mr N. Lloyd, Miss L. Wilson, Messrs B. and A. Bates, Mr F. Jay, Mr N. Muntz, Miss N. Tulloch,, Miss M. Morley, Mr Gil. Smith, Mr and Mrs C. Honeybyn, Messrs L. and N. Miller.

Mrs A. E. Guyatt, of Beaufort, has had to undergo rather a serious operation, and the fact was mentioned with regret at the monthly meeting of the local branch of the Country Women's Association on Thursday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs P. Kelly, of Beaufort, have been away holidaying.

Mr and Mrs T. M. Bowe and family spent Easter at the Grampians.

Mr Gleeson, senr., has been on a visit to Beaufort as the guest of Mr and Mrs W. Fitzpatrick.

Severe Cut on Arm.

Mr L. Moran, a resident of Melbourne employed with a gang of men clearing the forest at Mt. Cole, slipped on a wet log, and falling, attempted to throw his axe away from him. Unfortunately, he fell on the blade, and received an extensive cut on the back of the left arm, to close which a number of stitches were required.

Sale of Police Paddock.

On account of Mrs M. M. Chibnall, Messrs Kelly & McDonald and Theo. W. Schlicht (auctioneers in conjunction), offered for sale at their office, 36 acres of land, situated on the Waterloo road, close to Beaufort, and known as the police paddock. The land was passed in at public auction at £9/4/6 per acre, and later sold privately to Mr N. Lyons at a slightly increased price.

OBITUARY.

MR. J. S. McINTOSH.

A very old resident of the Buangor district passed away suddenly at High Street, Ararat, on Tuesday morning, in the person of Mr John Spencer McIntosh, at the age of 60 years. He was the eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs W. H. McIntosh, of Doveton Street North, Ballarat, and was born at Ballarat. He followed the occupation of an orchardist at Buangor for many years. He is survived by two sisters, both of whom reside in Perth, W.A. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, when the remains of the late Mr McIntosh were interred in the family grave in the Ballarat New Cemetery, in the presence of a number of relatives and old friends. A number of beautiful wreaths was placed on the coffin. The coffin was borne to the grave by Messrs H. Brown, J. Avent, C. Matthews, and E. Matthews; the pall-bearers being Messrs F. Morrell (representing the North-western fruitgrowers), H. Gregory, T. Gregory, R. Matthews (cousins), T. Fishwick, T. Kinnersley, J. Watkin, and A. Neate. Rev. B. H. Dewhurst, of the Church of England, Ballarat, read the burial service. Mr J. Dunn, undertaker, of Ararat, had charge of the mortuary arrangements.

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Graham Anderson and Ron Macdonald, of the Beaufort troop of boy scouts, assisted as messengers at the Waterloo sports on Easter Saturday and the Beaufort sports on Easter Monday, and were commended by the officials for the thorough way in which they carried out the tasks allotted to them.

WATERLOO DINNER.

CRICKETERS ENTERTAINED BY LOCAL LADIES.

In honor of their having been runners-up for three seasons in the Ripon cricket competition, the ladies of Waterloo entertained the members of the local cricket team and their supporters, to the number of about 40, at a dinner at the Mechanics' Hall on Tuesday night. The Beaufort Country team was represented by Messrs R. Hodgetts (captain) and Neville Oddie, and the Beaufort Town team by Messrs H. V. Martin (captain) and H. O. Collier. A very dainty and appetising repast was provided, and the ladies waited at the tables. A great deal of trouble was gone to in preparing the dinner, which was a credit to the ladies, and was greatly appreciated by all present. Mr G. Boyd (president of the club) made an excellent chairman. The secretarial duties were in the capable hands of Mr T. Ryan.

The toast of "The King" was loyally honored.

The chairman said the cricketers should feel proud of their lady supporters, who had given them this fine dinner.

"The Ladies and Supporters of the Waterloo Club," was proposed by Mr D. Lynch (captain), who commended both the supporters and the ladies for their loyalty to the club, and complimented the ladies on the recherche repast they had set before them that night.

Mr J. Hewitt responded on behalf of the ladies.

"The Ripon Cricket Association" was proposed by Mr C. M. Flynn, who said it gave him pleasure to do so. He had been in the district many years, and remembered cricket a long way back, but he could not remember when the game had been better catered for. Each year the Association had improved on the rules. They thought that probably the arrangements for the final could be better, but they knew the difficulties the Association was up against. Although the final not being played out might seem unsatisfactory, the same thing had happened in bigger cricket in Melbourne. The Association was doing its best for cricket in the district, and the past season was the best within his recollection. He was pleased to see representatives of the outside clubs here, and their club had done very well. These little gatherings helped to brush aside any little friction, and encouraged them to look forward to next season's cricket.

Mr R. C. Hodgetts, in responding, apologised for the absence of the president (Mr T. Williams). He concurred to a great extent with what Mr Flynn had said. He had been connected with other associations, and this was the best he had ever been associated with. The teams were keen, and a lot of fun was derived from the matches. His team had had a very agreeable season. As the years went on they were continually learning, and anomalies that had arisen this year would be rectified. If a census of the players were taken, it would be found that the system of dividing the time would be considered to have worked admirably. He thanked the ladies for having provided in such a wonderful way. Gatherings of this nature were to be commended. The other teams not represented would be most envious when they knew what those present had partaken of. The Association, he felt, would continue to thrive.

Mr J. J. Dunn gave the toast of "The Premier Team." He congratulated Beaufort Town on the fine way they had come to light and put up such a good job.

The toast having been enthusiastically honored, Mr H. V. Martin (captain) responded. He said that he did so with pleasure, although his team had not made a clean sweep of it and won the final right out. He thanked the Waterloo team for the invitation to be present. He hoped another team would win the shield next season, and no team was more deserving of the honor than Waterloo. They went very close to it this year, and he hoped that next year the final would be played out, and that Waterloo would win.

Mr W. Lynch proposed "The Waterloo Cricket Club." He said he thought they had had a wonderful season, and they were certainly a happy family. He hoped there would be the same good feeling in the team next year. They had not too many to pick from, and he congratulated the veteran player, Mr C. M. Flynn, on winning the only trophy given to the club. As far as honors were concerned, Waterloo, if they analysed it, had the better of the final. He hoped they would wind up next season in the same friedly manner. He congratulated the ladies on this repast, and the team on their performance during the season.

Mr T. Ryan (secretary) responded on behalf of the club. They had had, he said, an enjoyable and successful season. They did not win the premiership, but congratulated Beaufort Town on doing so. There had been criticism outside, but the Waterloo team admitted that they were fairly and squarely beaten. The light was not good enough, and had Waterloo won, they would have done so under conditions unfavorable to their opponents. They were out to foster a good sporting spirit, and did not envy Beaufort. On the cricket field he would rather make one friend than a century.

"The Press" was proposed by Mr E. Jay, supported by the president, and responded to by the representative present.

Mr P. Grant proposed "The President," and said that Mr Boyd had given solid support to the club.

In responding, Mr Boyd said he had done what he had out of love of the sport, and was always pleased to do anything he could to help the game along.

Mr H. O. Collier presented a silver cup (donated by himself) to Mr C. M. Flynn (who was described by the president as the Barney Oldfield of the club) for taking the most catches during the season. The fielding this year, he said, had been remarkably keen. He had enjoyed playing with the Waterloo boys, who were always on their toes, and had done their best. He hoped that for many more seasons they would see Mr Flynn in the field. He hoped the trophy would bring Mr Flynn as much pleasure in future years as he had experienced in presenting it to him.

Mr Flynn briefly returned thanks. He said that every member of the club appreciated Mr Collier's generosity in giving the trophy. George Grant and he had been running neck and neck for the trophy for some time. When Vic. Martin, an easy catch from whom he had missed in the final, brought the whisky along, he would fill the cup. (Laughter).

Mr D. Lynch thanked the Waterloo boys for their loyalty to him as captain, and said he was proud to have been their leader. No captain could have been in charge of a better lot of boys.

A happy function concluded with three cheers for the captain, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The chairman said that a cup had been given for the highest aggregate for three years, and Mr Ryan was leading for it this year.

The following ladies assisted in preparing and serving the dinner:—Mesdames C. Flynn, J. Dunn, Lamb, Rutherford, Laney, Lynch, Lyttle, Gardiner, Vowles, and Jay, and Misses Jay, Meaney, Vowles, Kay, Dunn, and Laney, Mrs Dromey, and Miss Hanley.

An enjoyable dance was after-

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wards held. About 50 couples attended. The music was provided by Mrs R. Grant, Mr W. Peterson, Mr E. Wilson, and Mr A. Boyd; the duties of M.C. being carried out by Mr W. Kay. A card dance was won by Mr T. Rutherford and Miss Kath Meaney. The prizes (two boxes of chocolates) were donated by Mr H. Collier. A very nice supper was provided by the ladies, and partaken of in an ante-room. During the evening Mr T. Ryan thanked Mrs R. Grant far providing music for the season free of charge, and Mr G. Boyd heartily endorsed his remarks. Mrs Grant briefly responded. Mr W. Kay was also thanked by the president and secretary for acting as M.C. for the season without fee. Mr Ryan acted as secretary.

Councillors at Cricket.

The Avoca Shire councillors and officers were the guests of the Lexton Shire President at lunch at the Pyrenees Hotel, Lexton, on Wednesday, and afterwards played the annual cricket match, which resulted in a win for Avoca Shire by 120 runs to 36.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

MT. EMU.

During the Easter holidays many campers were on the banks of the Emu Creek, where they spent their time in such sport as fishing, shooting, and mushrooming.

Wheat was grown extensively on portions of the Trawalla settlement this season, but, unfortunately, through unforeseen circumstances, and the collapse of the wheat market (which, up to date has not recovered itself), the harvest was not a profitable one. Many settlers took off their crops with modern machinery, thus saving a big outlay on threshing operations. Several types of these "Header Harvesters" were to be seen at work; some makes being evidently heavier than others, judging by the number of horses used. On one farm was to be seen the latest type of Massey Reaper-thresher. Although it was the standard 8 ft. type, yet five horses drew it along with comparative ease in a wheat crop, and the simplicity of the workings of this machine was shown by the fact that a 17-year-old youth was in complete charge, assisted by his younger brother.

Since the rain, ploughing has been general. Some farmers are busy breaking down fallows, while others are ploughing their stubble lands. In some cases, drilling has commenced, but this will be general within the next week or two.

Grass is making rapid growth under ideal conditions, and ample autumn and winter feed is assured.

Many of the stations are burning off the rough grass in the paddocks to ensure green feed for the early lambs. In some paddocks are to be seen young lambs.

Mushrooms are very plentiful this year, and should another fall of rain come within the next week or two, there should be a bounteous supply for all lovers of this edible fungus.

CARRANBALLAC.

The service at the Church of England harvest festival at Carranballac was conducted by the Rev. Mr Gooden, from Linton. There was a good display of fruit, flowers, and vegetables, and the Church was nicely decorated by the ladies. Miss Inez Waldron was presented by the congregation of St. James' Church with a dinner waggon, in appreciation of her long service as honorary organist. Rev. F. S. Legge, in making the presentation, spoke highly of Miss Waldron; commending her for her constant attention to duty, and the happy manner in which she had carried it out. Mr Hinton endorsed the rev. gentleman's remarks.

The rainfall for March was 287 points, and for the three months ending 31st March 360 points, as against 437 points for the corresponding period last year. The total rainfall for 1930 was 24 inches 73 points.

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The Beaufort Rifle Club held a practice match on Saturday afternoon at the 500 yds. range, and the leading scores off the rifle were:—W. J. B. Johnson, 36; E. Lightfoot, 33; J. P. Fraser, 33; and M. Crick, 29. In the ladder competition J. P. Fraser (32) successfully challenged E. Lightfoot (32) for fourth position; Fraser winning on the count back.

On Unusual Experience.

Mr D. Stevenson and his son, Mr L. D. Stevenson, had an unusual experience on Saturday when motoring on the Ballarat road. A magpie flew up from the road and struck the thermometer on the bonnet of the car; breaking the instrument. The bird then struck the windscreen and fell to the road, apparently dead. Some time back Mr P. Kelly, of Beaufort, had a similar experience; the magpie on that occasion breaking the windscreen of the car.

BOWLS.

The Beaufort Bowling Club finished the season on Saturday with a team's match for spoons, which was won by R. Halpin's team. Halpin had as his partners R. G. Beggs, J. R. Wotherspoon, and J. George. The championship was also decided; J. Hosking being the winner against H. Cuthbertson by 23 to 15. The rooster badges were won by H Cuthbertson and H. Clark. The president, in a few, well-chosen words, alluded to the enjoyable season spent, and spoke in appreciation of Mr R. Young's association with the club. The president's health was drunk, with musical honors. Reds won the color competition, and instead of a dinner, it was suggested that a trip to the Ballarat gardens be substituted. The Blues will meet and decide the matter, which will be submitted to the members for adoption.

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

Cr. Stewart apologised for the absence of Cr. Elder, who arrived later.

The meeting commenced at 10 a.m. (an hour earlier than usual), owing to the opening of the new water supply scheme and the school playground in the afternoon.

Correspondence.

From Department of Public Works, intimating that £200 had been allocated to the council, for unemployed relief, on works on Eurambeen—Streatham road, Trawalla road, and Waterloo road; the council to contribute £100, and the whole amount to be expended solely on wages.—In answer to Cr. Roddis, the secretary said the council had applied for £300. They had cut it down by £33 odd for each riding. The president—It seemed remarkable that they should be cut down, as in Grenville Shire they had got £1300, and also a lot of money in Ballarat Shire. It was unsatisfactory that Ripon Shire should get only £200, as a lot of men were wanting work. Cr. Russell moved that the shire apply for the other £100, pointing out that local unemployed required work, and works had been arranged on the £300 grant, and that other shires were getting larger sums. Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and carried.

A similar letter was received from Sir A. J. Peacock, M.L.A.—Received.

From secretary to Premier, asking for a weekly return, showing number of men who have been provided with unemployment and municipal relief works, subsidised by the Unemployment Relief Fund.—The secretary replied that work had not yet commenced, but returns would be sent after work had started.—Received. In answer to Cr. Troy, the engineer said he had set out work to the men required, to start in the East and West ridings next week. The men had to register at their local police stations. Cr. Troy—The men must re-register every four weeks.

From Sir A. J. Peacock, M.L.A., stating that he could see very little prospect of the proposition that the money collected from Relief Tax within a municipality should be expended in that municipality receiving favorable consideration; the bulk of the money having been already allocated, and the proposal could only be made applicable for the next financial year, but it would be surrounded with difficulties, and was quite a new proposition in connection with matters of this kind. However, he would give it consideration, should it come up for discussion.—Cr. Sinclair—It might be a new proposition, but it was a sensible one. Why should the money contributed not be spent in the district that gave it. He moved that the matter be referred back to Sir Alexander Peacock, and that he be asked to try and see that some of the money was spent here. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick (who said the local men had a call on their money), and carried.

From Forests Commission of Victoria, stating that it has only a few men employed on relief works, and regretting that arrangements have been completed for engagement of men whom it will be able to employ with the limited funds at its disposal.—Cr. Sinclair—Why should some of their own men not be employed there? Practical bushmen were out of work here, and men were sent up from Melbourne. He moved that this matter be also referred to Sir A. J. Peacock, and their disgust at such methods expressed. Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and carried.

From same, re pipe line through Mt. Cole State forest, asking to be informed as to the result of the council's meeting in this direction on the 9th inst.—Cr. Sinclair—They should get some of their money back. Cr. Troy moved that the money be passed for payment. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick, and carried; Cr. Sinclair voting against.

From Victorian Railways, re tours.—Referred to councillors.

From Country Roads Board, requesting that only such works as are urgently necessary to prevent deterioration of main roads be carried out before 10th June, and that all other works on main roads which can be conveniently delayed be held over until next financial year.—Cr. Russell—All the council's work had been carried out. The engineer—Two little jobs on the Ballarat—Hamilton road and Lynch's corner had not been done, and for which £200 had been allotted. Cr. Stewart—They would have to stand over. The matter was referred to the officers.

From State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, stating that Minister of Water Supply has approved of statement of estimated receipts and expenditure for 1930—31, and requesting that rating by-law be passed by council and then submitted for approval of Governor-in-Council.—Received.

From Public Health Department, forwarding copy of cleanliness (food) regulations.—Referred to health officers.

From Education Department, inviting co-operation in the celebration of Empire Day.—Received.

From Country Fire Brigades' Board, asking Council to consider the framing of a by-law for controlling the storage of empty cases, rubbish, etc., in order to prevent as far as possible the many fires which have their origin through lack of care in this regard.—Referred to the ridings to take individual action, on motion of Crs Mackenzie and McDonald.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, notifying a 10 per cent reduction in salaries and wages of municipal officers and employees made by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, operating from 31st March. — Cr. Sinclair—That would be noted by the secretary. In answer to Cr. Troy, the secretary said the reduction on the two officers would be £107/10/, and next year there would be a reduction of between £4000 and £5000 in revenue, and the two officers would lose nearly a further £100. Cr. Troy—The salaries would be down nearly £200 next year. Ripon had been observing the award, and Ararat had been paying their engineer-secretary over the award, and he had been coming down. The secretary said that the men's wages would come down 10 per cent. on the basic wage. Cr. Sinclair—If we start this discussion to-day, God knows where it will end.

From same, notifying change of offices.—Received.

From same, suggesting that council communicate with State Parliamentary representatives, asking them to strongly oppose any move to give effect to proposal that motor registration fees should be paid into the consolidated revenue, and that funds for maintenance of public highways and main roads be allocated as part of the budget, and to indicate their opposition to the Government before it definitely committed itself to the same.—Cr. Stewart—They should support that.

From City of Ballarat, to same effect as last letter.—Cr. Stewart moved that the council support the Municipal Association and the City of Ballarat, and ask their Parliamentary representatives to co-operate. Seconded by Cr. Russell (who said he looked upon this as one of the best things working in the interests of country districts), and carried.

From Borough of Maryborough, intimating that a telegram had been received from Mr Crouch, M.H.R., that Corangamite would be retained; also forwarding copies of resolutions passed at a conference on the subject.—Received.

From F. Liston, Middle Creek, intimating that at a meeting held at Middle Creek on 26th March, a deputation was appointed to put before the council proposals for retrenchment (already published).—The president—The officers had been instructed to ask these gentlemen to defer the matter till next meeting. The president's action was endorsed, on the motion of Cr. Kirkpatrick.

From Mrs W. Anderson, junr., Buangor, asking for repairs to boundary road; the washaways being dangerous. — Cr. Mackenzie—Was this ratepayer at the meeting at Middle Creek? (Laughter). Cr. Sinclair moved that the matter be referred to the engineer to get in touch with Mr Speed and do something. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick. Cr. Troy then moved as an amendment, that the matter be referred to the North riding members. Cr. Sinclair withdrew his former motion and moved that the matter be referred

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IN MEMORIAM.

BROADBENT.—In loving memory of my beloved husband and our dear father, Edgar ("Masher"), who passed away 16th April, 1930.
A patient sufferer at rest.
—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

BROADBENT.—In loving memory of our dear father, who passed away on the 16th April, 1930.
In our hearts you are fondly remembered;
Sweet memories cling to your name;
Hearts that loved you with deepest affection,
Still love you in death just the same.
—Inserted by his loving son Eddy, and daughter-in-law Lorna, and grandchildren, Robert and Ivan.

BROADBENT.—In loving memory of my dear son and our brother Edgar ("Masher"), who passed away 16th April, 1930, result of motor accident.
In memory a constant thought.
In heart a silent sorrow.
—Inserted by his loving mother and brother Bob.

We miss you so, brother dear,
You were always happy and bright;
That kindly word and loving smile,
Brings memory's tear to-night.
—His loving sisters and brothers-in-law Edie, Elsie, and Myra, Tom, King, and Joe.

His gentle ways and happy face,
Are pleasant to recall;
He had a smile for everyone,
And died beloved by all.
—His loving nieces, Thelma and Valma.

BROADBENT.—A tribute of love to the memory of my dear brother, Thomas Edgar ("Masher"), died result of motor accident, 16th April, 1930.
There is someone who misses you sadly,
And thinks of you day by day;
But we'll meet again, dear "Masher,"
At the dawn of a beautiful day.
Loved by all.
—Inserted by his sorrowing sister and brother-in-law, Alice and Cliff Coltish, Queenscliff.

BROADBENT.—In affectionate memory of Edgar Broadbent, who passed away on April 16th, 1930.
Remembrance is a golden chain,
Time tries to break, but all in vain.
—Inserted by a Friend.

BROADBENT.—In memory of our dear friend, E. Broadbent, who passed away on April 16th, 1930.
Thinking of those days gone by,
Makes memory deepest pain;
But closer nearer by the link
Of friendship's golden chain.
—Inserted by T. and M. Lakey and family.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gave himself for a principle."

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1931.

Rainfall.

On Monday night and Tuesday morning 115 points of rain were registered at Beaufort. Tuesday afternoon was showery, and six points of rain were recorded.

Water Supply Souvenir.

As a souvenir of the official opening of the new pipe line from Mt. Cole, in connection with the new Beaufort water supply scheme, we have printed a number of copies on cards of the group photograph appearing in this issue, which are on sale at this office at 6d each.

B.N. Hospital Committee Meeting.

Seven members were present at a meeting of the managing committee of the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital, held in the Shire Hall on Monday night. Mr D. F. Troy was in the chair. Routine correspondence was dealt with. It was decided not to accept a tender for painting the hospital. At the end of the financial year the Hospital had a credit balance of £84 in the bank. On the motion of Mr Stevenson and Miss Lewis accounts amounting to £151/13/10 were passed for payment. An effort is to be made to collect outstanding accounts. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair and G. H. Cougle.

Tenders.

The Shire of Ripon is calling tenders for the erection of a travellers' hut on the Western Highway, Beaufort. The engineer requires horses and drays.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

On Sunday morning and evening harvest thanksgiving services were conducted in the Presbyterian Church by the Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., whose evening text was, "As a man soweth, so shall he reap." An anthem was rendered by the choir; the solo part of which was taken by Mr A. Grace. Miss H. Wotherspoon presided at the organ. A good collection of fruit and vegetables was donated by the church members, and the church was tastefully decorated by the ladies with Easter daisies and autumn leaves. A similar service was held in the Church of England by the Rev. A. Talbot. His text was, "He that observeth the wind, shall not sow. He that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." The interior of the building was nicely decorated, and there was a fine display of garden and field products.

Beaufort Fire Brigade.

The Beaufort Fire Brigade met on Monday evening. Captain J. J. Fitzpatrick was in the chair, and there was an attendance of nine active and five reserve members. A letter was read from the Shire of Ripon, asking that two firemen assist in the opening ceremony in connection with the new water supply. The Country Fire Board wrote, re revised regulations, and forwarding the balance-sheet of the Accident and Relief Fund. The correspondence was received; on the motion of Firemen J. Duke and L. Fitzpatrick. Accounts amounting to £14/1/9 were passed for payment. Captain Sinclair, who was present, thanked the brigade for the attendance of firemen at the opening of the water supply. On the motion of Firemen J. Duke and Day, it was decided to hold a euchre tournament and dance on 28th April, in support of the local queen (Miss Lewis). Reserve-members J. Cole and R. McCormick were placed on the active list. Firemen Ben Trowell and J. Cole were appointed for patrol duty at the hall for the month.

Fire Brigade Football Club.

A meeting of the Beaufort Fire Brigade Football Club was held on Monday night, and was presided over by Mr R. A. D. Sinclair (president). There was a good attendance of members. As there is to be no Ripon Football Association this year, it was resolved that the club be disbanded. The secretary (Mr J. Duke) presented the 1930 balance-sheet, which showed a credit balance of £7/4/1. Receipts for the year were £75/14/4 (including £10/8/3 credit balance from 1929) and expenditure £68 10/3. This was received on the motion of Messrs R. McCormick and W. Smith. In the discussion that followed, the fact that only 17/ was the total cost of footballs for the year was humorously commented on, and it was suggested that evidently the secretary had found a good process for renewing same. The balance-sheet was adopted, on the motion of Messrs Sinclair and J. Fitzpatrick. The balance-sheet of the sick fund showed receipts amounting to £10/11/2 and expenditure to £8/17/3, leaving a credit balance of £1/13/11. The secretary stated that during the year two members had received £2/10/ each as compensation for injuries received. It was decided, on the motion of the secretary, that the guernseys be made the property of the Fire Brigade. The disposal of old footballs was left in the secretary's hands. It was decided that the knickers be given to the Beaufort Football Club. Mr Duke moved that the sick fund credit balance of £1/3/11 and interest be donated to the funds of the State Fire Brigades' queen for the Blind Appeal. This was carried. It was resolved that £2 be placed to the credit of the brigade's funds for the entertainment of the Streatham football team, in the event of their coming to Beaufort for a return match with the brigade. It was decided to make the secretary's son a little presentation, in appreciation of the work done by his father. On the motion of Mr J. Fitzpatrick, it was decided to hand the balance and interest over to the brigade towards their effort for the Queen of Charity (Miss Lewis) on 28th April. Messrs Sinclair and J. Fitzpatrick complimented the secretary on the work he had done for the club during the past two years. Mr Fitzpatrick said they could not forget the founder of the club, Mr Bert Hughes, through whose efforts the movement started. Although the club had only run for two years, it had done some of the boys good. It was very unfortunate that the club was not still going.

BEAUFORT H.E. SCHOOL.

NEW PLAYGROUND OPENED.

An interesting ceremony took place on Monday afternoon, when there was a large attendance of the school children, shire councillors, Parliamentary representatives, teachers, and members of the Mothers' Guild and School Committee, and the general public, at the new Beaufort H.E. School playground, which was officially opened. The ground will be a great asset to the school, and the money was raised by the Mothers' Guild, with the assistance of the School Committee, Education Department, and Shire Council.

Mr H. J. Buchanan (correspondent of the School Committee) presided, and apologised for the absence of the chairman (Mr W. R. Glover), the former correspondent (Mr A. J. Saph), and Mrs Saph (president of the Mothers' Guild), owing to a bereavement. Their absence had upset the arrangements somewhat on short notice. The chief inspector (Mr McRae) had also been unable to come. He called on Mrs J. R. Hughes, secretary of the Mothers' Guild, to cut the ribbon and declare the ground open. At a public meeting some 18 months or two years ago, it was decided that this playground be known as the Jeannie Hughes playing oval. That would go down in local history. But for Sir Alexander Peacock, they would not have been able to purchase this ground.

Mrs Hughes, to whom the children of the H.E. School acted as a guard of honor, then performed the opening ceremony by severing the ribbon over the entrance.

Sir Alexander Peacock said he was pleased to be here, and apologised for the unavoidable absence of Lady Peacock. Some years ago he had promised to do what he could to establish a Higher Elementary School here, if the parents provided the necessary building. At that time he was Minister of Education and Treasurer. So Peacock as Minister of Education had a yarn with Peacock as Treasurer, and they got on very well; the result being that they got the H.E. School. The local people provided the additional money required for a properly equipped building. Everyone knew it had been a great boon to the people generally and their children. The speaker recalled the fact that the father and mother of Mr McRae, now the chief inspector, came to his home shortly after he first became Minister of Education, and asked him to make Johnny a teacher. They had here a fine Mothers' Guild, an active School Committee, an indefatigable schoolmaster, and an excellent staff, and he was brought, with Mr McRae, to see this spot, with the suggestion that it might be possible to secure it for a playground. The result was before them. "The scene has changed," to use the words of the old recitation describing incidents in the life of Mary Queen of Scots. They now had a grand playground as portion of the school property. They had one of the best H.E. Schools in the State. Ministers in the early days showed want of pre-vision, particularly in the cities, in not taking up sites suitable for playgrounds. Many schools in Melbourne, with 700 or 800 children, had not half the width of this road to play on. He knew of Mrs Hughes' work, and the work of the committee. Some people told him what a fine time he had, but he was going morning, noon, and night. People had been asking why had not Lord and Lady Baden-Powell come to Ballarat, but they did not go the right way about it. He recalled a great impromptu gathering at the Ballarat station, at which General Booth was present 25 years ago, when he, as Premier, stopped the train for an hour. He told the Ripon Shire Council to-day that Lord Baden-Powell was going through to Hamilton by train, and as the council business was over, Cr. Sinclair said, "Stop him." They did not have time to tell the boys and girls he was coming, but met him at the station. He (Sir Alexander) had to go back to Melbourne, or he would like to stop and play kiss in the ring with some of the girls or their mothers. (Laughter). He took the chair at 9.30 to-night, and they said Peacock was on holidays. (Laughter). Lady Peacock and he liked coming to Beaufort because the people were always so kind to them. He hoped the children would enjoy themselves in this beautiful ground. They must work hard in school and do what their teachers told them, and when they came out to play throw heart and soul into their games, so as to develop themselves and become healthy and useful citizens. They must try and get the idea into their minds that their parents were the best parents, their school was the best school, and that their town, country, and Empire were the best, and there would be no need for any fear as to the future of their race. He would come back some day and play roley-poley with them or anything they liked. Like Cr. Sinclair, he had no youngsters simply because they had none. Their house was always full of their relatives' children. One young niece said to him, "What a good job you have no children, because we can have such a fine time." (Laughter). He hoped the children here would prosper and get on in the world, and try and bring credit on their parents, school, and country. (Applause).

Mr Buchanan, in formally handing the improvements over to Mr Heathcote (district inspector), said the option had been secured in the first instance by Mr Saph, than whom there was no keener man in the town in the interests of the children.

Mr Heathcote said it was rather a pity Mr McRae was not here, as he was interested in this school as well as others. He was glad to see this gathering, and realised that wonderful work had been done by the people of Beaufort on behalf of the school and children. In accepting the improvements, on behalf of the Department, he congratulated them on their work. The boys and girls should be exceedingly grateful for the interest taken in them, and he congratulated the people on the fine addition to their educational facilities.

Mr Buchanan said the Department purchased the land, the Mothers' Guild found the money, and the committee went to the council and asked them to fence the ground. They did not have very much hope, but tried, and came away with it, which was the main thing.

Cr. A. C. Roddis (shire president), on behalf of the council, expressed sympathy with Mr and Mrs Saph and Mr Glover in their bereavement, and said they had taken a deep interest in the welfare of the school and children. Mr Buchanan was inclined to give the council a pat on the back, and they did not often get it. He had not expected that they would get from the council what they had, but he was delighted that they had got it. He looked on the children of to-day as the future men and women of the Empire, and any money spent on education was well spent. He thanked them on behalf of the council for the invitation to come along, and hoped that the reserve would be a great benefit.

Hon. E. G. Bath, M.L.C., said that the boys and girls had wonderful opportunities, and he urged them to take advantage of their chances. There was no need for boys to miss their track, and be like the man trudging along the wallaby track. They must get on the right track, and be honest in school and out, observe the golden rule, and not keep up little puarrels and be one-sided.

Mr Buchanan thanked all those who had assisted this movement, the gentlemen who had spoken, and the representatives of the Department. They had striven a little in this town to better the conditions of the school and the children, and their striving had met with success. The matter of improvements to the playground lay in the future. They had attained so far, and had no need to stop. They should make this place one that the children who went to this school would remember all their lives.

The children gave three hearty cheers for the speakers, and a memorable function terminated.

COMING EVENTS

To further the cause of Miss Lewis, Beaufort district queen in the Ballarat Hospital queen carnival, a challenge football match will be held today (Saturday), at Raglan. There will be a ball at the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Wednesday, 22nd inst, and Rexton's Orchestra from Ballarat has been engaged. A ball will also be held at Lake Goldsmith on 6th May.

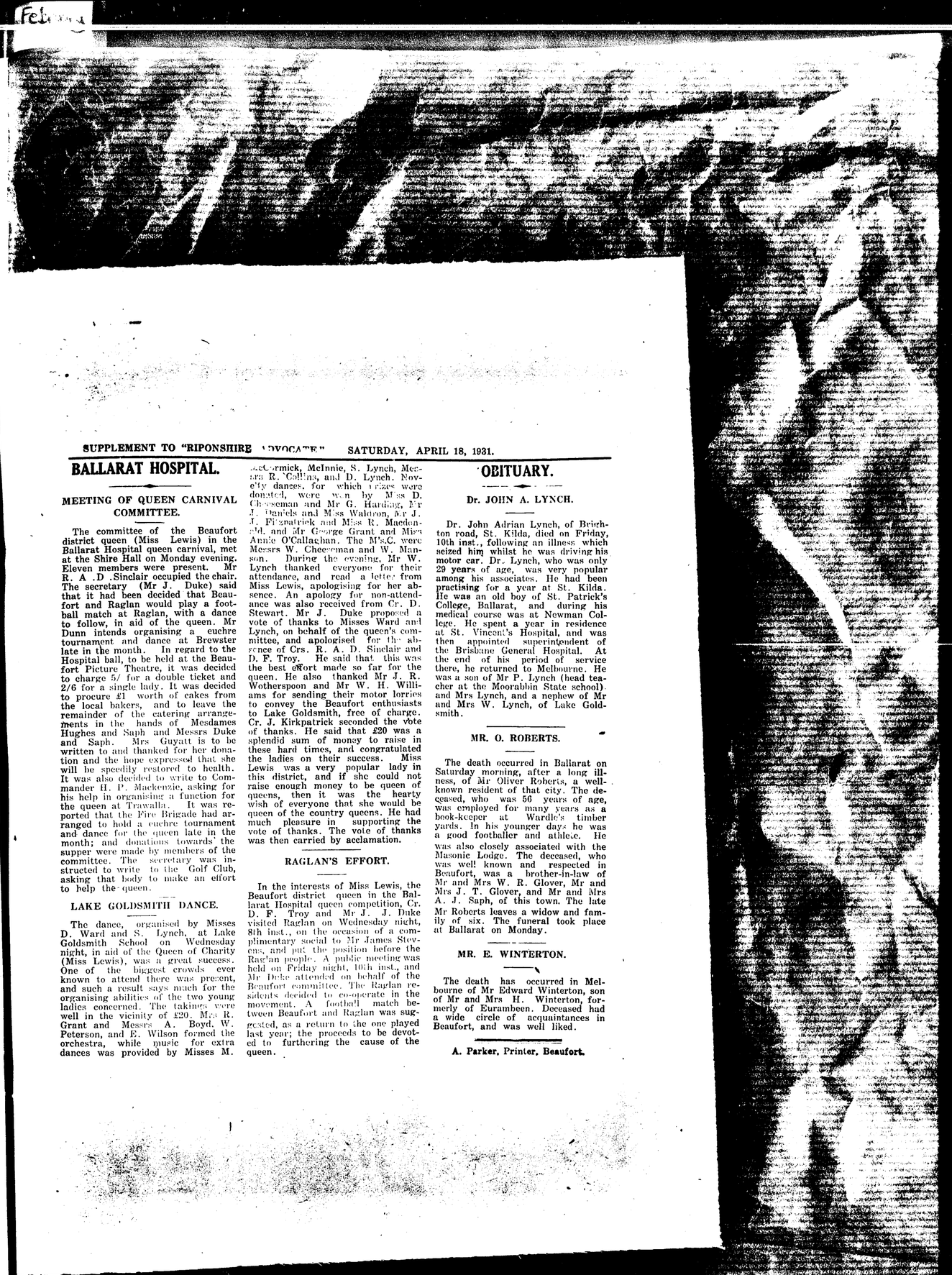
The Beaufort C.W.A. will hold an opportunity shop at the Club Rooms on Thursday, April 23rd.

A public meeting of ratepayers will be held in the Raglan Hall on Wednesday evening, 22nd April, to protest against the inaction of the Ripon Shire Council to reduce overhead expenses, and to consider matters affecting ratepayers generally.

The monthly meeting of the Beaufort sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League will be held in the Shire Hall Beaufort, to-night (Saturday).

Home Mission Services.

Sister Dora conducted home mission services at the Beaufort Methodist Church on Sunday, and also held successful meetings at the various preaching places in the circuit.



SUPPLEMENT TO "RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE." SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1931.

BALLARAT HOSPITAL.

MEETING OF QUEEN CARNIVAL COMMITTEE.

The committee of the Beaufort district queen (Miss Lewis) in the Ballarat Hospital queen carnival, met at the Shire Hall on Monday evening. Eleven members were present. Mr R. A .D .Sinclair occupied the chair. The secretary (Mr J. Duke) said that it had been decided that Beaufort and Raglan would play a football match at Raglan, with a dance to follow, in aid of the queen. Mr Dunn intends organising a euchre tournament and dance at Brewster late in the month. In regard to the Hospital ball, to be held at the Beaufort Picture Theatre, it was decided to charge 5/ for a double ticket and 2/6 for a single lady. It was decided to procure £1 worth of cakes from the local bakers, and to leave the remainder of the catering arrangements in the hands of Mesdames Hughes and Saph and Messrs Duke and Saph. Mrs Guyatt is to be written to and thanked for her donation and the hope expressed that she will be speedily restored to health. It was also decided to write to Commander H. P. Mackenzie, asking for his help in organising a function for the queen at Trawalla. It was reported that the Fire Brigade had arranged to hold a euchre tournament and dance for the queen late in the month; and donations towards the supper were made by members of the committee. The secretary was instructed to write to the Golf Club, asking that body to make an effort to help the queen.

LAKE GOLDSMITH DANCE.

The dance, organised by Misses D. Ward and S. Lynch, at Lake Goldsmith School on Wednesday night, in aid of the Queen of Charity (Miss Lewis), was a great success. One of the biggest crowds ever known to attend there was present, and such a result says much for the organising abilities of the two young ladies concerned. The takings were well in the vicinity of £20. Mrs R. Grant and Messrs A. Boyd, W. Peterson, and E. Wilson formed the orchestra, while music for extra dances was provided by Misses M. McCormick, McInnie, S. Lynch, Messrs R. Collins, and D. Lynch. Novelty dances, for which prizes were donated, were won by Miss D. Cheeseman and Mr G. Harding, Mr J. Daniels and Miss Walshon, Mr J. J. Fitzpatrick and Miss R. Macdonald, and Mr George Grant and Miss Annie O'Callaghan. The M.'s.C. were Messrs W. Cheeseman and W. Manson. During the evening, Mr W. Lynch thanked everyone for their attendance, and read a letter from Miss Lewis, apologising for her absence. An apology for non-attendance was also received from Cr. D. Stewart. Mr J. Duke proposed a vote of thanks to Misses Ward and Lynch, on behalf of the queen's committee, and apologised for the absence of Crs. R. A. D. Sinclair and D. F. Troy. He said that this was the best effort made so far for the queen. He also thanked Mr J. R. Wotherspoon and Mr W. H. Williams for sending their motor lorries to convey the Beaufort enthusiasts to Lake Goldsmith, free of charge. Cr. J. Kirkpatrick seconded the vote of thanks. He said that £20 was a splendid sum of money to raise in these hard times, and congratulated the ladies on their success. Miss Lewis was a very popular lady in this district, and if she could not raise enough money to be queen of queens, then it was the hearty wish of everyone that she would be queen of the country queens. He had much pleasure in supporting the vote of thanks. The vote of thanks was then carried by acclamation.

RAGLAN'S EFFORT.

In the interests of Miss Lewis, the Beaufort district queen in the Ballarat Hospital queen competition, Cr. D. F. Troy and Mr J. J. Duke visited Raglan on Wednesday night, 8th inst., on the occasion of a complimentary social to Mr James Stevens, and put the position before the Raglan people. A public meeting was held on Friday night, 10th inst., and Mr Duke attended on behalf of the Beaufort committee. The Raglan residents decided to co-operate in the movement. A football match between Beaufort and Raglan was suggested, as a return to the one played last year; the proceeds to be devoted to furthering the cause of the queen.

OBITUARY.

Dr. JOHN A. LYNCH.

Dr. John Adrian Lynch, of Brighton road, St. Kilda, died on Friday, 10th inst., following an illness which seized him whilst he was driving his motor car. Dr. Lynch, who was only 29 years of age, was very popular among his associates. He had been practising for a year at St. Kilda. He was an old boy of St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, and during his medical course was at Newman College. He spent a year in residence at St. Vincent's Hospital, and was then appointed superintendent of the Brisbane General Hospital. At the end of his period of service there, he returned to Melbourne. He was a son of Mr P. Lynch (head teacher at the Moorabbin State school) and Mrs Lynch, and a nephew of Mr and Mrs W. Lynch, of Lake Goldsmith.

MR. O. ROBERTS.

The death occurred in Ballarat on Saturday morning, after a long illness, of Mr Oliver Roberts, a well-known resident of that city. The deceased, who was 56 years of age, was employed for many years as a book-keeper at Wardle's timber yards. In his younger days he was a good footballer and athlete. He was also closely associated with the Masonic Lodge. The deceased, who was well known and respected in Beaufort, was a brother-in-law of Mr and Mrs W. R. Glover, Mr and Mrs J. T. Glover, and Mr and Mrs A. J. Saph, of this town. The late Mr Roberts leaves a widow and family of six. The funeral took place at Ballarat on Monday.

MR. E. WINTERTON.

The death has occurred in Melbourne of Mr Edward Winterton, son of Mr and Mrs H. Winterton, formerly of Eurambeen. Deceased had a wide circle of acquaintances in Beaufort, and was well liked.

A. Parker, Printer, Beaufort.

FOUND DROWNED.

Deep sympathy was felt for the Pedder family, of Beaufort, when it became known that Mrs Rose Pedder, wife of Mr Alfred Pedder, senr., had been found drowned in her back yard in 3 ft. of water, early on Friday morning. The deceased, who was a highly respected resident of the district for many years, had been in ill-health for some time. She leaves a widower, a daughter (Miss M. Pedder), and two sons (Messrs Arthur and Alfred Pedder).

On Friday afternoon an inquest touching the death of Mrs Rose Pedder was opened at the Beaufort Police Station by the Deputy-coroner (Mr R. A. D. Sinclair, J.P.)

Arthur Ernest Pedder, laborer, Cummins Street, Beaufort, stated that he identified the body as that of his mother, who was 65 years of age. She resided with his father, sister, and himself, at the above address. At about 11 p.m. on Thursday, he returned home and entered the kitchen, where a lamp was burning. There was no one in the kitchen. He attached no importance to the lamp burning, as either his sister or his mother were often up at that hour. He went to bed and was awakened by his sister about midnight. She informed him that her mother had not been to bed. Witness made a search of the back yard, and in looking over the fence, saw something white in the dam. On going to the dam, he saw the body floating face downwards. He plunged into the dam, and carried the body into the dining-room to the sofa. Life was extinct. Dr. Humphreys was called, but could do nothing. During the past five years she had been in ill-health, and unable to get about much. Accompanied by his sister, she usually went for a walk around in the evenings. His mother had not at any time mentioned about taking her life. As far as he knew, his mother had never been away from the back yard at night.

To the Deputy-coroner—It was quite possible, being a dark night, that his mother could have walked into the dam, as her eyesight at night would be somewhat defective. To the best of his belief, his mother was not in the house when he returned at 11 p.m. His mother was inclined to worry about small matters.

After hearing the foregoing evidence, and perusing the report of the police, the Deputy-coroner gave an order for burial, and adjourned the inquest to Monday afternoon next at the Beaufort Court House.

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Messrs D. R. Hannah & Co. report:—Cattle—13 cows and steers, Mr M. Troup, Tourello Lodge, Tourello; 11 cows and steers, Mr T. Oddie, Pretty Tower, Beaufort; 5 calves, same owner. Sheep—200 ewes, Mr H. Dawson, junr., Brewster; 160 ewes and wethers, Mr T. Delahenty, Piggoreet; 119 wethers, Mr Geo. Fraser, Addington; 50 ewes and wethers, Mrs J. Dunn, Trawalla, to 13/10; 100 ewes, Mr T. Lakey, Brewster, at 9/6; 63 ewes, Messrs Vowles Bros., Trawalla, at 8/8; 40 merino wethers, Mrs J. R. Hughes, Beaufort, at 9/9; 50, Mr W. Lamb, Burrumbeet; 25 wethers, Mrs A. Kay, Trawalla, at 11/; 32, Mr Geo. McIvor Ascot; 22 wethers, Mr Jas. Ford, Blowhard, 10/1; 6 B.L. ewes, Mr J. S. Thomas, Ascot, at 14/7; 33, Mr E. L. Gilbert, Durham Lead; 5, Mr D. McMahon, Ballarat. Lambs—94, Messrs Vowles Bros., Trawalla; 44, Mr W. Lamb, Burrumbeet; 35, Mr D. McMahon, Ballarat, to 14/7; 33, Mr E. Gilbert, Durham Lead; 15, Mr George McIvor, Ascot.

The following sale was effected by another auctioneer:—1 cow, Mrs G. Davis, Snake Valley, £6/12/6.

PERSONAL.

Miss E. Bywater, of Beaufort, has returned from a holiday in Melbourne.

Miss M. Sinclair, of Beaufort, has been away from the town for a holiday.

Mr and Mrs A. DeBaere, of Hopetoun, and their family, spent a few days at Beaufort last week with Mrs P. DeBaere and Miss E. DeBaere.

Mr and Mrs W. Stuart, of Tasmania, and Mr S. Stuart, of Melbourne, have been holidaying in Beaufort as the guests of Mr H. M. Stuart and Miss L. Stuart.

Mr T. M. Bowe and Mr K. Bowe are spending their holidays at Krongart Station, Kalangadoo, S.A.

Mr L. Dawson, the Beaufort stationmaster, and Mrs Dawson and family, are away on holidays. Mr Cain is the relieving officer.

Mr L. D. Stevenson, of Melbourne, spent a week at Beaufort with his father and brother, Messrs D. and P. T. Stevenson.

Mr W. Gray, of Beaufort, and Mrs R. S. Featherstone, of Ballarat, spent the Easter holidays with their parents at Snake Valley.

Mrs H. Bending is on a visit to relatives at Beaufort.

Mr R. Lamb, of the Geelong Post Office staff, has been on holidays at his parents' home at Main Lead.

Soldiers' League.

At the monthly meeting of the Beaufort sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, held at Brewster, it was decided to co-operate with the Ballarat sub-branch in regard to the sale of Anzac Day tokens. It was also resolved to invite Lieut-colonel R. A. Crouch, M.H.R., to deliver an address at the annual service at Beaufort on Anzac Day.

Council Meets Lord Baden-Powell.

Lord and Lady Baden-Powell were passengers to Hamilton on the midday train on Monday, and were met at the Beaufore station by Sir Alexander Peacock and the members of the Ripon Shire Council. Sir Alexander Peacock, addressing the leader of the Boy Scout movement, said the Ripon Shire Council had adjourned, and wished to express their delight at Lord Baden-Powell's visit to Australia, and their admiration of him. His name was known throughout the length and breadth of the Commonwealth, and many in this district had served with him in the South African War and the Great War. They also appreciated his wonderful record in regard to the Scout movement, which was one of the greatest in the Empire. Lord Baden-Powell, in responding, said he liked to see people take a holiday from their proper business. (Laughter). He had played the same game himself. He was just snatching a few days to spend with his cousin, Sir Neville Smythe, at Hamilton. He had had a strenuous time, and was proud of the young Australians he saw in Brisbane and Melbourne, whose fathers and elder brothers had rallied at the call of the Empire in the Great War, and made the name of Australia famous. In the near future they would take the responsibility of restoring prosperity to the country. He hoped they would grow up to put the welfare of the community before personal success. He urged his hearers not to pay too much attention to political parties. He was grateful to them for turning up today. It was a joy to be in Australia once more, and to see how enormously the country had progressed. At the call of Cr. Sinclair, three cheers were given for the hero of Mafeking.

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BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB.

That another successful season is ahead of the Beaufort Golf Club was plainly apparent by the attendance of over 50 members at the annual meeting at the C.W.A. Rooms on Wednesday night. Mr N. B. Acton (president) presided until the election of officers. Comprehensive and encouraging annual reports by the committee, the associates, and the social committee were adopted, together with their balance-sheets. The general balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £10/1/7, and the balance of assets over liabilities is £708/13/1. After presenting the club with a clock valued at £2/5/, the associates showed a credit balance of 2/1, and the social club ended the season with a credit balance of £14 12/6. The opinion was expressed generally that the season had been a very enjoyable, satisfactory, and successful one. Mr R. C. Hodgetts was elected president, and Mr S. Young secretary in succession to Mr F. J. Martin, who declined nomination for re-election. Keen regret was expressed at Mr Martin's decision, and the club's appreciation of his valuable services for nine years placed on record. A minute is also to be recorded in appreciation of the work of Mr and Mrs Acton as president of the club and the associates respectively. The remaining officers were elected as follow:—Vice-president, Mr A. L. Wotherspoon; treasurer, Mr S. Young; auditors, Messrs A. J. Saph and P. T. Stevenson; general and greens committee, Messrs N. B. Acton, C. McKay, M. Watkin, J. A. Harris, and P. Jensen; handicapper, Mr T. Williams. The subscriptions and entrance fees were fixed at the same as last year. Opening day was arranged for Saturday, 2nd May. It was decided that the annual tournament be of three days' duration. A social committee was appointed. The matter of making an effort on behalf of the Beaufort queen in the Ballarat Hospital queen carnival (Miss Lewis) was left in the hands of the committee. Mr F. J. Martin was appointed captain of the club, and the captain, president, secretary, and handicapper as selectors of teams. Many minor matters in connection with the club were discussed and dealt with. The president said that the committee would give the question of reducing the club's liabilities, totalling £500, serious consideration. The associates afterwards met, and elected Mrs Acton president, Miss Athole Stewart captain, and Miss E. Muntz secretary and treasurer. Matches start on May 6th. The full report of the club's meeting is held over, owing to pressure on our space.

The newly-elected committee met after the annual general meting, and resolved that the opening day function should take place at 2 p.m., and afterwards that a mixed foursomes should be played, in which players should select their own partners. It was arranged to hold the gymkhana, in aid of the local queen appeal for the Ballarat Hospital, on Saturday, 9th May. It was also decided to engage the greenkeeper for full time service for the season.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

TRAWALLA.

On Easter Saturday a very enjoyable tournament was played on the Trawalla tennis court for trophies donated by Misses Willis and Foreman, and resulted in a win for Mr and Mrs A. Stowell, who defeated Mr and Mrs Hughes in the final.

On Saturday last a team from the Trawalla Tennis Club journeyed to Lexton to try conclusions with the local B grade team. After a very enjoyable afternoon, not the least of which was the excellent afternoon tea supplied by the Lexton ladies, the local team came out losers by the narrow margin of four games. The return match has been arranged, and the locals are in hopes of reversing the result.

Mushrooms are plentiful and of a large size. A local gatherer bagged one 29 inches in circumference, and weighing 22 oz.

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Held Over.

Owing to pressure on our space, several reports from correspondents and other items are held over till next issue.

BEAUFORT FOOTBALL CLUB invites Tenders, closing with the Secretary, on APRIL 24th, for the conveyance of players to matches for the coming season. C. G. PRINGLE, Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING BEAUFORT SUB-BRANCH RETURNED SOLDIERS' LEAGUE will be held in SHIRE HALL, BEAUFORT, on SATURDAY, 18th APRIL, at 8 p.m. sharp. Business:—To make final arrangements for Anzac Day. A. E. GUYATT, Secretary.

A PUBLIC MEETING of RATEPAYERS will be held in the RAGLAN HALL on WEDNESDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1931, at 8 o'clock, to protest against the inaction of the Ripon Shire Council to reduce overhead expenses, and consider matters affecting ratepayers generally. All interested are invited to attend. G. WALDRON, Convener.

C.W.A. AN OPPORTUNITY SHOP (in aid of the Building Fund) will be open on THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd, at 2 p.m., in the CLUB ROOM. The Committee would be grateful for donations of Cakes, Sweets, new or discarded Clothing.

GRAND Return Challenge FOOTBALL MATCH, RAGLAN V. BEAUFORT, at RAGLAN, SATURDAY, APRIL 18th. DANCE at NIGHT. In aid of Queen (Miss Lewis), Raglan Appeal. G. CUTHBERTSON, Secretary.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 19th APRIL, 1931.

Church of England.—Beaufort, 8 and 7; Trawalla, 3—Rev. A. Talbot. Beaufort, 11—Mr. E. J. Muntz.

Methodist Church.—Chute, 11; Buangor, 3; Beaufort, 7—Rev. J. Mellor. Beaufort, 11; Raglan, 3—Mr. V. J. Parson.

Presbyterian Church.—Lexton, 11; Waterloo, 3; Beaufort, 7—Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A.

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BEAUFORT WATER SUPPLY.

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to the great boon that water conservation had proved to the people of the North-western part of Victoria, where there were fine homesteads, surrounded by beautiful gardens, in what would otherwise be a drought-stricken area. He understood that Bishop Moorhouse said, "Pray less, and dam more." The speaker touched on the depressing time through which Australia was passing in politics and private life. In every party there were some good men, and if these good men would work together in unison, something would be done to bring Australia and Victoria out of their present deplorable position, and they would soon be on the high road to recovery. He urged them all to do their utmost as citizens to endeavor to strengthen the old British Empire, and to preserve the good name of Australia and her honor among the nations, which was made by the self-sacrifice of their gallant soldiers. If they could do that, they would have done something to gain the way back to the prosperity, which sooner or later would blossom over this fair land. He thanked them for the opportunity of saying these few words, and congratulated them on their fine water scheme. (Applause).

Associated With Great W.A. Scheme.

Hon. H. A. Currie, M.L.C., congratulated the council of Ripon Shire and the residents of Beaufort on the water supply scheme that had been carried out. He was glad to say he had something in a small way to do with the provision of the loan money that had enabled the water supply to be completed. He congratulated the council on the way they had carried out the work. It was a most unusual thing to find that a scheme had been carried out at less cost than estimated. It said a good deal for the organisation of the scheme that that had been done. He congratulated the council on having a gravitation scheme, because after the first cost there was a minimum upkeep. The speaker referred to his association with the great pumping scheme carried out to supply the goldfields of W.A. with water; the distance of the nearest source being 400 miles. He was one of three civil engineers appointed to make a flying survey of the proposed pipe track. The scheme proved a success, in spite of the fact that the water had to be pumped eight times before it reached Coolgardie. After its completion, the goldfields steadily declined, but that scheme, by going through the country for 400 miles, enabled Western Australia to open up the finest wheat belt in the world. He remembered well listening to Lord Forrest's appeal in the House for the water. Probably the people of Beaufort did not realise the benefits which they would get from the completion of this scheme. All country towns that had been supplied had steadily gone ahead, and that was what was going to happen to Beaufort. Instead of 1400 people he hoped to see in a few years 3000 people here. He hoped to see some of the people in Melbourne coming out and living in the country, the roads kept up, and the decentralisation of Victoria come about. Movements like that initiated to-day were one of the greatest means of bringing that about. (Applause).

Workers in the Dark.

Cr. H. P. Mackenzie said that he was most relieved when his turn came to speak that no one had "stolen his thunder," which meant that someone else had said what he intended to say. He wished to call attention to the people who were working outside their view. They knew the councils and the members of Parliament had been working, but among the people in the background working in the dark were the Chairman of the Water Commission (Mr Cattanach) and his assistant (Mr Nevill), who was here to-day, as well as the contractors, engineers, clerk of works, and officers of the council. He had been down on two or three deputations to Messrs Cattanach and Nevill in the Water Commission's office, and had been received with unfailing courtesy. These gentlemen had done everything they could for them. To all these people who had been working in the dark he would like to give their hearty and most sincere thanks in the words of the old Latin quotation, "Fidelis atque in tenebris in lumine floret."—"Faithful even in the darkness in the light he shines."

Mr Nevill said that Cr. Mackenzie had stolen the last of his thunder. He apologised for the absence of the chairman, Mr Cattanach, who had taken a keen interest in the scheme, and would have liked to have been here, but times were pretty troublous, and that was quite impossible. He could assure them that this new scheme was nothing to be ashamed of. It was one of the soundest schemes that they had ever had to deal with. They would have nothing to regret in regard to the expenditure of this money. They had had a slight increase in the rate, and when they narrowed it down, they would find that it meant only 1/4 a week, and for a good supply of water, no one should object to that. He congratulated the councillors and ratepayers on undertaking this scheme. The old race was absolutely unsuitable for the water supply of a town, as it did not give the necessary quantity, and was subject to pollution. The new scheme would last many years.

Engineers and Others Thanked.

Cr. Sinclair, who was introduced by the chairman as "the Lord Mayor of Beaufort," said that "the Lord Mayor of Snake Valley" was having the time of his life to-day. (Laughter). When Lord Baden-Powell stepped out of the Governor's carriage at the station that day, and was introduced to them by Sir Alexander Peacock, he looked the happiest man he had ever met in his life, and made a little speech he would never forget as long as he lived. He tendered to Messrs Walters and Creswell the sincere thanks of the council and ratepayers for the very capable manner in which they had carried out their work. The council had no regrets in regard to them, and he hoped they would get many more undertakings, and carry them out as well as they had done in Ripon Shire. He thanked Mr Crouch, who made the preliminary survey and a plan that had been of great assistance to the consulting engineers. In regard to the other engineer, Mr Young, who had acted as clerk of works, no gentleman had done his work better than he. He had come to Beaufort and lived here, and brought his wife, and their only regret was that he was leaving the district, and that they would only have one Young in the town. They hoped it would not be long before he got another position. Mr Acton had not been in the limelight, but had done his work in a very capable manner. The Hume Pipe Co. had done their work in a very satisfactory manner, and had assisted the council by a loan. No doubt, in two years, if the loan money was not forthcoming, they would let the council have it for another two years. (Laughter). They might not want it, but would like them to promise it. Then the Government said that wooden pipes must be laid in certain parts, on account of the pressure, and the Australian Wood Pipe Co. had done their work excellently. He thanked them all sincerely for the efficient and capable manner in which they had carried out their jobs.

Mr Walters said that, in reply to Cr. Sinclair's breezy address, he took the opportunity, on behalf of the executive officers and firms behind them, of thanking them very much for the appreciation of their services shown. He thanked the council for the wonderful co-operation given during the preparation of the scheme and its construction. He thanked Mr R. A. Young, who acted as engineer during construction, Mr Crouch (shire engineer), Mr Acton (shire secretary), and the various contractors for the support given in carrying out the scheme. As far as those who had the privilege of paying for it were concerned, any small loss incurred in having to pay the rate would be more than made up in the saving in doctor's bills—(laughter)—and the added beauty of the gardens. He hoped this valuable asset would take a definite part in the development of the town and its future prosperity.

Remember the Pioneers.

Mr J. B. Cochran, as the oldest colonist present and the oldest ratepayer, said he was here before Beaufort and the shire were established. He was grateful to the pioneers and miners, now lying in their graves, who cut the race into Muggridge's 70 years ago. Fiery Creek rush broke out in 1855, and his mother and father lived then. The only water that came in for sluicing was that at Muggridge's dam. Most of those old pioneers were now in the "Yam Holes," and his father, who lived to the age of 93 and 10 months was one. A lot of things were done by the early pioneers of 70 years ago, and he asked them to remember them. Cr. Sinclair was one of the sons of the pioneers.

Cr. Sinclair—You are proud of them, are you not? (Laughter).

Presentation to Mrs Troy.

Cr. Roddis asked Mrs Troy to accept, as a memento of the occasion, a silver model of a water valve on an oak stand (the gift of Messrs Walters & Creswell), bearing the inscription, "Beaufort Water Supply. New scheme opened by Mrs D. F. Troy, 13/4/31."

With the assistance of Captain J. J. Fitzpatrick and Lieut. W. Smith, of the local Fire Brigade, Mrs Troy then turned on the water through a hydrant, and a splendid stream was sent through the hose, amidst applause.

In accepting the memento and performing the opening ceremony, Mrs Troy said she had very much pleasure in accepting the pretty and handsome memento donated by Messrs Walters and Creswell, and she considered it a great honor to be asked to turn the water on, and in doing so, she hoped they would all enjoy it for many years to come.

The water was turned on a second time to enable Messrs Campbell & Wilson, of Ballarat, to take a photograph of the ceremony, to be hung in the council chamber.

The councillors and visitors received a spraying, and Cr. Sinclair said, "Some of you fellows need a good wash."—[A voice: There is no kick in it.]

The remark, in a feminine voice, was also overheard, "Jimmy, you'd better not wet me," but the captain of the Fire Brigade was too busily occupied to even smile.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the chairman thanked the public for their attendance.

Later in the afternoon, the shire president entertained the visitors at the Shire Hall, and extended to them a cordial welcome to the town; Sir Alexander Peacock responding.

FOOTBALL.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF BEAUFORT CLUB.

On Monday evening a meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Football Club, presided over by the vice-president (Mr R. T. Macdonald), was held in the Aussie Cafe, and was attended by six members. The secretary read a letter from the Ballarat Imperial Football Club, stating that they were sorry that a match could not be played between Beaufort and their second team, as another fixture had been arranged for the 18th April. They wished the Beaufort queen every success. The secretary notified the committee that the local queen's committee had arranged a match between Beaufort and Raglan at Raglan. Mr C. G. Pringle, who attended the delegates' meeting at Learmonth on Thursday evening, 2nd inst., said there was likely to be a big cut in umpire's fees this season. The secretary was instructed, on the motion of Messrs W. O'Sullivan and H. Weinert, to get the necessary printing done. The prices for members' tickets were fixed at 5/ for men and 2/6 for ladies. The matter of procuring the necessary uniforms for the coming season was left in the hands of the secretary. Mr Pringle said that Mr J. J. Fitzpatrick was willing to act as joint secretary with Mr Weinert and he (Mr Pringle). Mr Fitzpatrick's offer was thankfully accepted by the committee. The Fire Brigade kindly offered to donate a few pairs of football knickers to the club, as they were not forming a team this year. The offer was accepted with thanks. On the motion of Messrs H. Lardner and Weinert, it was decided to add the following to the general committee:—Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair, R. McCormick, senr., J. J. Fitzpatrick, J. Cole, D. Sievewright, C. Rose, and A. J. Saph. Mr Pringle moved that the club hold a grand ball on the 20th May, and that every endeavor be made to make this function a big success. This was seconded by Mr H. Lardner, and carried. Arrangements for the music, catering, etc., were left over for a further meeting. The committee decided to endeavor to obtain the assistance of some of the ladies by forming a ladies' committee. Tenders are to be called for the conveyance of players to matches, closing with the secretary on 24th May. Arrangements for the conveyance of Raglan and Waterloo players to Beaufort were left in the hands of the secretaries.

Marquee Lent.

Mr R. Ward kindly lent a marquee used as a card room at the Lake Goldsmith dance on Wednesday night.

Nelson Province Seat.

At a meeting of the electoral council of the United Country party, attended by representatives of the Lake Bolac, Willaura, Ararat, Callawadda, and Minimera branches, Councillor G. Hucker was asked and consented to accept nomination for the Nelson province in the Legislative Council.

Firemen's Social.

The Beaufort Fire Brigade held a card social on Tuesday night. The winners of the euchre tournament were Miss N. Anderson and Mr H. McCracken; the prizes at the secret table being awarded to Mr Newey and Mrs Whitfield.

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Railway Revenue.

The revenue at the Beaufort railway station for March totalled £748, and was made up as follows:—Inward goods, 381 tons, £245; outward goods, £217; inward live stock, 15 tons, £21; outward live stock, 56 tons, £44; passenger tickets, £172; parcels, etc., £41; miscellaneous, £8. During the season 12,386 bags of oats and 7091 bags of wheat were sent away from the station to the seaboard.

Australian Natives' Association.

THE Fortnightly MEETING of the Beaufort Branch, A.N.A., will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on TUESDAY Evening next, at 8 o'clock sharp.

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RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL.

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C.R.B. a/cs.—A. J. Skene, 6/; vouchers, £93/2/6; C.R.B., £6/6/8; total, £99/15/2.

The secretary—There was over £5000 due to the C.R.B.

Cr. Troy moved that the travelling allowance to Mr R. Young, who was leaving Beaufort, be increased by £10. Seconded by Cr. Sinclair, and carried.

The electric light committee reported that at a meeting held on 17th March, Crs. Troy, Mackenzie, and Sinclair being present, accounts were passed for payment as follows:—Shell Co., £15/2/3; Williams, £1 9/6; "Courier," 12/; Ronaldson & Tippett, £1/1/6; J. Roderick, £1 17/7; wages, £55/18/; M. Hill, £5; telephone, £1/18/10; total, £82 19/8. The report of the engineer in charge was received.—Adopted, on motion of Cr. McDonald. Cr. Troy stated that the new engineer had taken over, and the work was being done satisfactorily. An excusable mishap occurred, but was remedied with the assistance of Messrs Crouch, Young, D. Stevenson, Page, and others. The committee would take action to make a recurrence almost impossible.

The North riding members reported that at a meeting held on 30th March, Crs. Sinclair and Troy being present, arrangements were completed for the official opening of the new pipe line on 13th April, 1931. With regard to requests from the Thistle Club, it was resolved to reply that the committee could not provide an addition at copper stand, but that the racing track would be put in order, and that the engineer would attend to water for publican's booth. Letter from H. Crocker, Eurambeen, re wandering stock, referred to herdsman. Letter from A. P. Reardon, asking for assistance in obtaining tools, etc., for mining. Correspondence to be sent to Mines Department, asking for directions, and pointing out that there are several local unemployed men in the district, who would be prepared to engage in similar work if assistance was provided. From A. Kneebone, re water tables in road at his place, Main Lead.—Referred to engineer. From Day Bros., asking for lease of old water ram for sluicing purposes.—To be asked to advise when in Beaufort, so that interview can be arranged with North riding councillors. It was resolved that Mr Young take charge of clearing out main in Neill and Havelock Streets. Permission was granted to Mr A. C. Jaensch to connect to nearest water supply.—Adopted, on motion of Crs. Elder and Kirkpatrick. Cr. Troy said they had opened up one or two mains, which were in a deplorable condition. A plan of cleaning the whole system and relaying certain mains would have to be gone into.

General Business.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—The Stockyard Hill road near Buln Gherin was in a rough state.

The engineer—The grader would be there for two days this week.

Cr. Elder—The fence round Stewart Park, Skipton, was down.—Referred to East and West riding members, and fence to be attended to, on motion of Crs. Stewart and Russell.

Cr. Elder—The road to the Skipton Cemetery was in a bad state, and he drew the attention of the East riding members to it.—Cr. Kirkpatrick spoke in support.—Referred to East and West riding members.

Cr. Russell—A price should be obtained for fencing the Skipton dam. Had the engineer had the tree in front of O'Connell's lopped?

The engineer—He had no instructions in the matter.

Cr. Russell—It had been decided to have the tree lopped.

The engineer noted this.

Cr. Russell—They agreed that the new Skipton footbridge wanted painting. He moved that Hampden Shire be asked to co-operate in the matter.

The engineer—It had been agreed to do that.

Cr. Russell—It would be well to put tin over the top of the posts.

Cr. McDonald—Some netting was also required. The bridge should be lighted at both ends. He understood that Hampden Shire would look after the light at their end, if Ripon installed it. He moved that the engineer have the netting put on, and a lamp placed at each end. Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and carried.

Cr. McDonald—A contrivance should be put on the bridge to keep the stock off.

Cr. Russell—He would prefer posts to a turnstile.

Cr. McDonald included the matter in his motion.

The matter of patching the road to the Cemetery at Skipton was left in the hands of the engineer, on the motion of Crs. Kirkpatrick and Stewart.

Cr. Sinclair—The road to the Church of England, Beaufort, was in a deplorable state, and something should be done to it.

The engineer—The surfaceman already had instructions to do it.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—On the East and West road from Boyle's farm, Lake Goldsmith, there was a plank on the bridge broken, and the water tables needed attention.—Noted by the engineer.

Cr. McDonald—Complaints had been made that the charges for weighing at the Snake Valley weighbridge were too high.—Referred to East riding councillors.

Cr. Kirkpatrick — Gravel was needed on the lane to Flannery's (now Whitfield's), and it should be attended to.—Noted by the engineer.

Motion by Notice.

Cr. Mackenzie moved, pursuant to notice—"That the resolution passed at the meeting of the council on 9th March, 1931, adopting by-laws Nos. 39, 40, and 41, be confirmed." Seconded by Cr. Troy, and carried.

Cr. Sinclair congratulated the president on getting through the business so quickly; the meeting concluding at 11.25 a.m.

The president welcomed Cr. A. McDonald, of Ararat Shire, who responded.

The health of Cr. McDonald was also drunk.

Cr. McDonald, who is a fluent speaker, afterwards addressed the councillors at some length on retrenchment in municipal matters, and congratulated the council on the consummation of its new water scheme. He also touched on the political situation, and said he felt that Mr Lyons was the man who could lead Australia out of the most unfortunate position she had ever been in.

TENNIS.

BEAUFORT CLUB'S MIXED DOUBLES.

The Beaufort Tennis Club closed a successful season on Saturday with a mixed doubles handicap for club trophies. Sixteen pairs competed, and the winners were Miss D'Helin and R. Beggs. Results:—

First Round.

Mrs Dunn and A. A. Grace (owe ½ 30) d. J. Pickford and Mrs A. DeBaere (owe ½ 15), 6—5.

Miss Christie and R. Nicol (owe 30) d. Miss A. Stewart and P. Jensen (owe ½ 15), 6—1.

Miss G. Young and G. Page (scr.) d. Miss Fox and H. Norman (owe 30), 6—4.

Mrs A. M. Parker and A. DeBaere (owe ½ 30) d. Mrs C. McKay and L. Stevenson (owe 30), 6—3.

Miss A. Lucardie and F. Fox (scr.) d. Miss L. Lucardie and A. Dunn (scr.), 6—5.

Miss Pickford and C. McKay (owe 15) d. Miss L. Stewart and S. Young (owe ½ 30), 6—4.

Miss D'Helin and R. Beggs (owe ½ 30) d. Miss S. Lynch and D. Knight (scr.), 6—2.

Miss M. Glover and H. V. Martin (owe ½ 30) d. Miss Norman and G. Wood (scr.), 6—1.

Second Round.

Miss Christie and R. Nicol d. J. Pickford and Mrs DeBaere, 6—5.

Miss A. Stewart and P. Jensen d. Mrs Dunn and A. A. Grace, 6—5.

Mrs Parker and A. DeBaere d. Miss G. Young and G. Page, 6—3.

Miss Fox and H. Norman d. Mrs McKay and L. Stevenson, 6—5.

Miss L. Stewart and S. Young d. Miss Lucardie and F. Fox, 6—2.

Miss Pickford and C. McKay d. Miss L. Lucardie and A. Dunn, 6—1.

Miss D'Helin and R. Beggs d. Miss M. Glover and H. V. Martin, 6—5.

Miss S. Lynch and D. Knight d. Miss Norman and G. Wood, 6—3.

Third Round.

J. Pickford and Mrs DeBaere d. Miss A. Stewart and P. Jensen, 6—2.

Miss Christie and R. Nicol d. Mrs Dunn and A. Grace, 6—2.

Mrs McKay and L. Stevenson d. Miss G. Young and G. Page, 6—1.

Miss Fox and H. Norman d. Mrs Parker and A. DeBaere, 6—5.

Miss A. Lucardie and F. Fox d. Miss Pickford and C. McKay, 6—5.

Miss L. Lucardie and A. Dunn d. Miss L. Stewart and S. Young, 6—4.

Miss D'Helin and R. Beggs d. Miss Norman and G. Wood, 6—4.

Miss M. Glover and H. V. Martin d. Miss S. Lynch and D. Knight, 6—2.

Final.

Miss D'Helin and R. Beggs d. Miss Christie and R. Nicol, 9—6.

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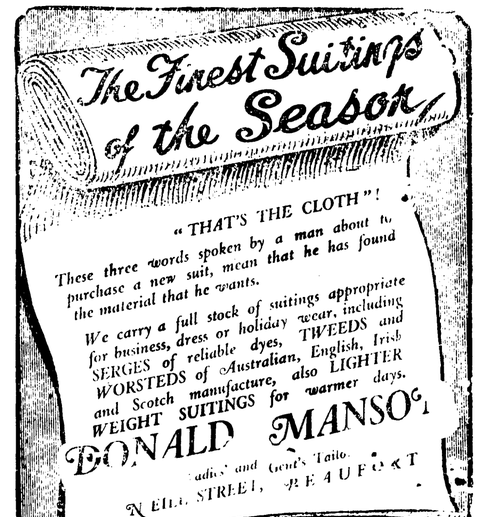

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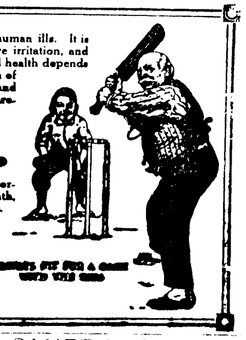

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LYDIARD STREET (BALLARAT) V. BEAUFORT.

Weather conditions were ideal on Saturday afternoon, when an enjoyable cricket match was played at the Beaufort Park between the Lydiard Street team from Ballarat and the local club. Bainbridge captained the visitors, and R. C. Hodgetts had charge of Beaufort. Lydiard Street batted first for a total of 103. Gilbert contributed 22, Crosswaite 20, and Williams 17. E. S. Crouch kept wickets for Beaufort. The bowling honors were shared by H. V. Martin (3/13), K. Hyde (2/8), V. Jenkin (2/18), and J. Cole (2/25). Beaufort's score was 94, and the light was failing in the closing stage of the game, in which the batsmen and fieldsmen were at a disadvantage. When the last man (R. C. Hodgetts) went in to partner C. Pringle, Beaufort wanted 23 to win. These two batsmen succeeded in increasing Beaufort's total until the difference between the scores was only 9 runs. J. Cole was top scorer with 25, and R. Davis made 17, C. Pringle 16, and V. Jenkin 11. Gilbert (6/26) had the best bowling average. The visitors' wicket-keeper was Crosswaite. Each side played 12 men. The Beaufort ladies provided refreshments. Scores:—

Lydiard Street.

V. Martin, b Hyde	17
[illegible], b Cole	4
Crosswaite, b Hyde	20
Bainbridge, b Davis	4
Hall-Jones, c Pringle, b Cole	7
Ward, b Jenkins	2
Gilbert, Haw., b Jenkins	22
Stevens, l.b.w., b Martin	4
Harland, std. Crouch, b Martin	1
Macklin, not out	9
Black, c Cole, b Martin	6
Trainor, c Jenkin, b R. Pringle	1
Sundries	6
Total	103

Bowling—H. V. Martin, 3/13; K. Hyde, 2/8; V. Jenkin, 2/18; J. Cole, 2/25; R. Pringle, 1/0; R. Davis, 1/13; C. Pringle, 0/20.

Beaufort.

N. Oddie, c and b Gilbert	5
E. S. Crouch, std. Crosswaite, b. Gilbert	5
R. F. Manley, c Macklin, b. Gilbert	4
J. B. Hall, c Bainbridge, b Black	0
J. Cole, l.b.w., b Hall-Jones	25
K. Hyde, std. Crosswaite, b. Gilbert	0
H. V. Martin, run out	3
V. Jenkin, b Gilbert	11
R. Davis, b Quick	17
C. Pringle, c Harland, b Bainbridge	16
R. Pringle, c and b Gilbert	0
R. C. Hodgetts, not out	1
Sundries	7
Total	94

Bowling—Gilbert, 6/26; Hall-Jones, 1/3; Quick, 1/3; Ward, 1/5; Bainbridge, 1/15; Black, 1/16; Williams, 0/1; Macklin, 0/8; F. Harland, 0/10.

New Name Plates.

The new cast-iron name plates on steel standards have been placed in the Beaufort honor avenue between the town and Trawalla. They are of neat appearance and should for centuries to come preserve the names of the men who fought in the Great War.

Potted Butter.

Miss Jane Daniels, of Mt. Emu, Victoria, writes as follows to the "Argus":—About 12 months ago "Vesta" published a recipe for potting butter by melting it and skimming the scum off. We found it an immense success. No other way, such as salting and washing it, equals this recipe, so I pass it on so that some of your other readers may benefit by it as we did. The recipe is as follows:—When making butter I keep out just enough for table use. The rest I wash well, and put in an enamel or aluminium saucepan, and put it on the side of the stove to melt slowly. When all is melted, take it off the stove, and let it stand for a little while. There may be a little to skim off, but generally all milk and water goes to the bottom. Pour off slowly into an earthenware jar, but be careful that none of the sediment goes in with the pure butter. I keep adding until the jar is full, and then cover with pasted cloth. It is best to add salt to taste while the butter is oily, but it will keep without. Butter potted by this recipe never gets very hard, and is splendid for cooking. Springtime is the best time to pot it, as the color is good, but I have done it in the summer.

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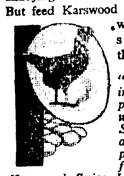

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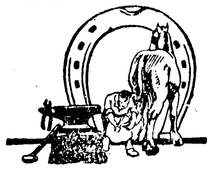

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BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Keen interest is again being shown in the Beaufort Golf Club for the coming season. The annual meeting, held at the C.W.A. Rooms on Wednesday night, 15th inst., was attended by over 50 members.

Mr N. B. Acton (retiring president) presided during the first stage of the meeting, and expressed pleasure at the large attendance.

The following annual reports were typewritten and circulated:—

Committee's Report.

"Your committee has pleasure in presenting its annual report and statement of accounts for the year ending April 3rd, 1931. Despite the depression, the revenue of the club was well maintained, being only £2 11/ less than last year. The cash credit balance is equal to last season, but we have to thank the social committee for this, as they have donated their credit balance to the club funds. The main items of permanent works carried out during the season were as follow:—Repairs to mower, new roller, raising of four greens, wire netting bunker replaced with earth, and wire netting bunker remodelled. We have to acknowledge with thanks special donations of trophies from the following: — Miss Lewis, Mrs Acton, Mrs T. Beggs, Mrs Oddie, Miss Oddie, Mrs A. L. Wotherspoon, Mrs Young, Mrs White, Messrs D. R. Hannah, J. Connell, P. Lewis, H. Cuthbertson, R. B. White, T. J. Buchan, N. B. Acton, C. Campbell, N. H. Oddie, P. Jensen, Marks & Co., and the social committee. The social committee appointed at the last annual meeting held a series of card parties and dances during the season, which proved very successful and enjoyable, and donated its credit balance of £14/12/6 to the club funds. We also desire to thank the Rev. J. P. MacDougall and Mr S. Young for the right to play on their property during the season. The annual tournament was most successful, the entries totalling 1159 (a record); and the net profit was £85/6/7. Congratulations are extended to Miss A. Stewart on winning the ladies' championship, and to Mr M. E. L. Watkin on winning the men's championship. The associate committee, with its capable secretary (Mrs Guyatt), has carried out its functions in an excellent manner. We congratulate their team on winning the Ballarat District Pennant competition for the second time. We also wish to congratulate the men's team on winning the Beaufort District Kal Kal Cup competition. Special thanks is due to the associates' committee and members for the fine luncheon provided for the Kal Kal competition; also for the afternoon tea provided during the tournament, and for the excellent arrangements made for the tournament luncheon. We thank the members for the enthusiastic support given to us during the season, and trust that the incoming committee will receive the same loyal co-operation, so that the club may continue to progress and great pleasure be derived from membership. On behalf of the committee,—NORMAN B. ACTON, President; F. J. MARTIN, Hon. Secy."

Associates' Report.

"On behalf of the golf associates, we submit the report for the year 1930. The Wednesday matches were held during the whole season, and great interest taken. The V.L.G.U. silver spoon was played for, and the winner was Miss Bowe. Miss Athole Stewart donated a brooch for competition. This was won by Mrs J. A. Harris. Mr W. H. Hedge donated a cup, which the club called the Nevis Cup; Miss Beth Schlicht being the winner for 1930. These competitions were keenly contested, and we heartily congratulate the winner of each. A team entered for the Ballarat District Pennant, and were again victorious; winning the cup two years in succession—a meritorious performance. We wish to thank all who assisted us at the annual tournament and other times; also those who decorated the room with flowers. A clock has been presented to the club by the associates. Our best thanks is given to the following:—Mrs Oddie, a gift of four tables for dining-room; Mr W. H. Hedge, cup; Miss Athole Stewart, brooch; Mrs Troy, flowers; and trophies from Mrs J. Connell, Mrs Young, Mrs Guyatt, Mrs Acton, Miss Schlicht, Miss Glover, and Mr J. A. Harris. We trust the incoming committee will receive the same loyal support as we have had.—MILDRED ACTON, President; M. GUYATT, Secretary."

Social Committee's Report.

"We have pleasure in submitting the social committee's report and balance-sheet for the 1930 season. During the golf season, a series of social evenings was held. The committee was disappointed with the patronage accorded these socials, and in the event of a social committee being re-formed this year, it would be advisable for the committee to seriously consider whether it would be advisable to run these evenings or not. The golf ball was again a wonderful success; the decorated theatre presenting a very pleasing appearance, and being the subject of many laudatory remarks. The committee was particularly gratified with the attendance, not only from Beaufort, but also from all outlying districts. It is to be hoped that this ball can be made an annual fixture—and we suggest as a date a couple of weeks or so before the annual tournament—for we consider that it is a means of great advertisement for the club. We are delighted to report a credit balance of £14/12/ on the season's activities. With this money, the committee had thought to have the club house painted. Realising, however, that, at the moment, the money could be more advantageously spent on the improvement of the links, it was decided that the amount should be handed to the club funds and spent for that purpose. As a committee, we have had a very enjoyable year. We would like to thank all members who have supported our undertakings, and we are of the opinion that the social committee should be re-formed for the coming season. On behalf of the social committee,—R. C. HODGETTS, Chairman; P. C. JENSEN, P. T. STEVENSON, Hon. Secretaries.

The general balance-sheet showed receipts totalling £339/4/4, and expenditure amounting to £329/2/9, leaving a Cr. balance of £10/1/7. The year commenced with £12/4/6 at credit. Messrs J. B. Hall and R. W. Stevenson certified to the correctness of accounts.

The statement of assets and liabilities showed assets totalling £1212 3/7 and liabilities amounting to £503/10/6, leaving a balance of assets over liabilities of £708/13/1.

The associates' balance - sheet, which was audited and found correct by Mr J. B. Hall, showed receipts totalling £18/14/8, and expenditure amounting to £18/12/8, leaving a Cr. balance of 2/1, after a clock valued at £2/5/ had been donated to the club.

The social committee's balance-sheet showed that receipts totalled £73/5/6, and expenditure £58/13/, leaving a Cr. balance of £14/12/6.

The annual reports and balance-sheets, as typewritten and circulated, were received, on the motion of Messrs A. L. Wotherspoon and Beggs.

Mr H. Miller said he would like to see a separate levy on all single men for afternoon tea.

Mr A. L. Wotherspoon—A bachelor tax.

Mr S. Young—Would they get a refund on marriage?

Mr J. A. Harris—It all depended how many children there were. (Laughter).

Mr Acton, in moving the adoption of the balance-sheets and reports, said they had to thank the social committee for the credit balance.

Mr E. S. Crouch seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr Acton, as retiring president, thanked the members, the committee, and the secretary for their loyal support, on behalf of his wife and himself. He thought they had had a successful season.

Mr Williams, in nominating Mr R. C. Hodgetts (vice-president) for the position of president, said that he had proved a thorough sportsman in all branches of sport.

Mr Hodgetts said he was reluctant to take the position, as his wife would in no circumstances take the position of president of the ladies' committee, owing to inexperience. He had another reason, and that was because he lived out in the country.

Mr Hodgetts was unanimously elected president, and installed by Mr Acton, who wished him a happy term of office.

Mr Hodgetts, in returning thanks, said he would do his best for the club. They should place on record their appreciation of the valuable services of Mr and Mrs Acton, who had been most energetic. He moved to that effect.

Mr D. F. Troy seconded the motion and heartily supported the president's remarks.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

On behalf of Mrs Acton and himself, Mr Acton briefly acknowledged the compliment, and said that it had been a most enjoyable season for them.

The president said that they would all regret to learn that Mr F. J. Martin was not seeking re-election to the position of secretary. He had held the position for nine years, and had done much to further the interests of the game in the district. He moved that this club place on record its appreciation of his services. Seconded by Mr Crouch, and carried by acclamation.

Mr Martin thanked the speakers for their kind remarks. He was sorry to vacate the position, but he had quite a lot of his own work to do, and had decided to leave the golf work to someone else, and look after his own.

Mr Acton nominated Mr S. Young for the position, and said they could not get a better man than that gentleman.

Mr Young was duly elected unopposed.

In returning thanks, Mr Young said no one received the news of Mr Martin's resignation with greater regret than he. He felt that Mr Martin would stand by him and assist him in the work. In his time Mr Martin had received much undeserved criticism, but had been too loyal to the committee and president to say anything. When things went wrong, he (Mr Young) urged players to just think that there might be something wrong with themselves. He would try to do his best, and hoped the success of the club would continue.

The remaining officers were elected as follow:—Vice-president, Mr A. L. Wotherspoon; treasurer, Mr S. Young; auditors, Messrs A. J. Saph and P. T. Stevenson; general and

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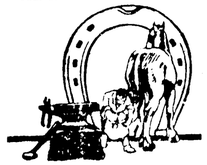

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BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB.

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greens committee, Messrs N. B. Acton, C. McKay, M. Watkin, J. A. Harris, and P. Jensen; handicapper, Mr T. Williams.

Apologies were received for the absence of Mr P. T. Stevenson, Miss Nickols, Mrs Parker, Messrs R. and J. Pickford, Miss Pickford, Miss Lewis (who promised her usual trophy), Major and Mrs H. Bastin, Mr and Mrs R. Halpin, Mrs J. R. Wotherspoon, Miss M. Glover, and Miss J. Stevenson.

Mr D. F. Troy moved that the subscriptions be the same as last year (£2/2/ for men and 31/ for ladies) Seconded by Mr P. Jensen.

Mr T. Williams spoke in support, and the motion was carried.

Mr J. A. Harris moved that tthe men's entrance fee be increased to £1 and the ladies to 10/, as t he course was being improved every year. Mrs Acton seconded the motion.

Mr P. Kelly moved, as an amendment, that the entrance fee be the same as last year, as they should encourage new members to join. Seconded by Mr T. Williams, and supported by Messrs Young and C. McKay.

The amendment was carried.

The election of the ladies' committee was deferred till the ladies held their meeting.

Mrs J. A. Harris moved that opening day be fixed for Saturday, 18th April. Seconded by Mr H. J. Troy.

Mr Williams moved, as an amendment, that the opening day be 2nd May. Seconded by Mr M. Watkin.

Mr Crouch suggested that the ordinary matches be held before opening day, and that the opening day be on 9th May.

After some discussion, the amendment was carried.

Miss Athole Stewart moved that the duration of the annual tournament be three days. Seconded by Mr G. Ellis, and carried.

Mr D. F. Troy considered that it would be more profitable to hold the tournament a month earlier.

The president—It was inadvisable to change something that had been successful.

Mr Williams—They could not cater for many more people than last year.

Mr A. L. Wotherspoon—The depression will be over by then.

The president said that a clock had been donated to the club by the ladies' committee, which would be a great benefit, and for which he thanked them on behalf of the members. The clock would register their official time.

The president moved that there be six ladies and six gentlemen on the social committee. Seconded by Mr Acton, and carried.

Mr Crouch moved that the social committee be re-formed. Seconded by Mr J. F. Wotherspoon, and carried.

The following were appointed as a social committee:—Miss E. Muntz, Miss Jean Stevenson, Mrs Hodgetts, Miss Dowie, Miss N. Bowe, and Miss M. Glover, and Messrs R. C. Hodgetts, A. L. Wotherspoon, P. T. Stevenson, M. Watkin, J. F. Wotherspoon, W. Ashley, C. McKay, and E. S. Crouch.

Mrs Young said that the ladies' handicaps should be union ones the whole time.

Mr Williams said that his idea was to make the ladies play off union handicaps on Saturdays. All the handicaps for ladies and men would be re-adjusted this year.

Mr J. A. Harris suggested A and B divisions.

The president—It would incur the club in more expense.

Mr Young—It was absurd for one person to have three different handicaps in a club.

The matter was left in the hands of the handicapper.

A letter was read from Mr J. J. Duke, secretary of the Beaufort queen in the Ballarat Hospital queen competition (Miss Lewis), asking the club to run a tournament in her interests.

Mr Williams said that they should do something for the local queen, and he moved tthat the matter be left in the hands of the committee, with power to act. Seconded by Mr J. A. Harris, and carried.

Invitations were received from the Lexton and Avoca clubs to their official openings.

The president—He hoped as many members as possible would attend.

The president said greater efforts should be made by members to attend other club's tournaments this season.

Mrs J. A. Harris suggested that the annual meeting be held earlier. She moved that this be a recommendation to the committee. Seconded by Mr J. A. Harris, and carried.

Mr H. V. Martin said that he would like to see more trophies played for, in which members had the privilege of selecting their own partners. He moved that in all cases during the season the members be allowed to select their own partners and opponents. Seconded by Mr Williams.

Mr J. A. Harris—Do you mean that it is not necessary to play with one's wife. (Laughter).

Mrs Young moved, as an amendment, that this be left as in the past. Seconded by Miss Oddie.

Miss Muntz moved, as a further amendment, that the donors of the trophies be consulted in the matter. Seconded by Mr Crouch.

Mr Crouch suggested that, if a donor did not stipulate how a trophy should be played for, there be a little of each.

Miss Muntz agreed to alter her further amendment to the effect that the matter be left to the discretion of the committee, to which Mr Crouch agreed.

The first amendment was carried.

Mr Williams moved that in the case of a draw of an unequal number, the names of members be put in first. Seconded by Mr H. Miller.

Mr McKay said that the visitors should be given preference.

Mr N. Oddie spoke in support.

Mr Williams said that this was the only club that allowed it.

Mr McKay moved, as an amendment, that visitors be given priority. Seconded by Mrs Theodore Beggs.

Mr Troy suggested that the visitors and members be given equal rights.

Mr McKay altered his amendment accordingly.

The amendment was carried.

Mr Troy suggested that all pay their own telephone calls at the links. He moved to that effect. Seconded by Mr Kelly.

The president — The sum of 2/ had already been added to each man's subscription for telephone calls, and 1/ to each lady's.

Mr Troy withdrew the motion.

Mr Kelly moved that 3d be charged for each telephone call. Seconded by Mr McKay.

Mr Young—Why should the president or secretary be charged for calls for the benefit of the club? In any case, the postal authorities regarded it as illegal.

Mr Kelly—He used the telephone for personal matters.

Mr M. Watkin—You can always make a donation to the club.

Mr Crouch—They should amend it to putting a box there for donations for private calls.

Mr Kelly amended his motion accordingly.

After further discussion, the motion was lost, and the telephone arrangements are to remain as at present.

In answer to Mr H. Miller, the president said that the levy for single men for afternoon tea was included when fixing the subscriptions. Those who did not partake of afternoon tea were not expected to pay.

Mr Miller advocated a levy of 2/6 or 3/ on every single man.

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Anzac Day.

Under the auspices of the Beaufort branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, a special service will be conducted by the local ministers at the War Memorial to-day (Saturday). Yesterday the day was observed in the district schools, and the Beaufort children were taken to Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon & Co's. to hear the school ceremony in Melbourne over the wireless.

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Twins.

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WOOL MATTRESSES FROM BEAUFORT ATTRACT NOTICE.

If the C.W.A. of Victoria grows as it has done this last year, the annual meeting will have to be in the lower Town Hall. There were over 200 delegates to the conference last week, and the upper hall was taxed to the uttermost for room.

Lord Somers, in opening the meeting, said how delighted he was to have the opportunity of once more telling of his personal interest in the C.W.A., that was working so well for their happiness and prosperity. One of the most important branches of the work of the association was the training in handicrafts and home-making, for it was an old saying, and a true one, that the prosperity of a country was directly in proportion to the prosperity and happiness in the country homes. £ s. d. did not always mean happiness, nor were marble and gold necessary to make a home. "One of the most beautiful little homes I have ever seen," he said, "is made of matchboard, hessian, and a few sheets of iron." It was more beautiful inside than any palace, for it reflected the remarkable enthusiasm and work that had been put into it by the little mother. Country women made their lives much more happy, and gave their men folk much more encouragement to face the future with hope, if their homes were attractive.

Lady Somers said that nothing had given her more pleasure than her association with the C.W.A., and she suggested that younger sets might be formed from the Guides, who, when they were 18, passed on from the Guide movement.

Besides the 15 matters that were debated, there were very interesting addresses from "Vesta," of the "Argus," Professor Wadham, Colonel Merritt, and Mrs Herbert Brooks.

Mrs Fairfax (the president of the Queensland C.W.A., who is liaison officer for Australia, keeping us in touch with what women of the world are doing, and reporting what we in Australia are doing, too) gave a most interesting address on her work abroad, and also her presidental work in Queensland, where she travels many thousands of miles each year.

A happy ceremony ended a delightful party on the Wednesday night, at which Mrs F. Creswick, as metropolitan vice-president, entertained at her home, "Yarrien," Irving road, Toorak, nearly 200 country delegates to the conference of the Country Women's Association. Lady Somers, patroness of the association, was the guest of honor. After supper, which was served in the ballroom, the guests assembled at the foot of the wide staircase in the spacious entrance hall, while Lady Somers, with the retiring president (Mrs J. S. Fraser), the president-elect (Lady Mitchell), Mrs Creswick, and Mrs Murray Waller, stood above them at the turn of the stairs. Mrs Fraser handed to Lady Somers a beautiful box of Australian blackwood, which she told her "contained 5,000 good wishes," and was inscribed, "From members of the Country Women's Association of Victoria, in affectionate remembrance of much sympathetic help and interest. April 15, 1931."

Lady Somers said:—"It is always a very difficult thing to say 'thank you' adequately, but never more so than when one feels it very deeply. You have always been so very kind to me, and our deepest regret at leaving you is that we go at such a bad time. No one will be so happy to hear that everything is bright again with you as we will be in England. I wish you the greatest possible success in the future."

On the Thursday night, most of the delegates attended the performance of "The Gondoliers," and it is to be hoped the players entered into the spirit of the thing as the audience did. There were often three encores, and the dress circle presented a delightfully gay sight—like old times.

At Howey Court the H. & H.I. wool exhibition of wool-work, old and new, was most successful. Space forbids a full description, but Beaufort scored a tremendous success with its matress-making. Quite 300 people were enquiring all particulars as to where they could get these or the wool for them. The quilt (made of wool) from Queensland, that had been in use for 15 years, was making most women anxious to go home and make one like it.

The various teachers had a busy time instructing members who were anxious to take some new ideas back to their branches.

The "Hard Times Sale" realised over £50, and was run by the Yarra Branch Younger Set.

Amongst the resolutions dealt with was one urging representation on the Film Censorship Board of a country woman; tuition of needlework in State schools, where there is only a male teacher, by C.W.A. members; necessary shelter for children's ponies at country schools; from the Mallee settlers, an appeal for the reinstatement of the payment of sustenance, instead of the 'order' system; that the time of the annual meeting be the second week after Easter.

SCORES.

BEAUFORT BRANCH AGAIN

The Beaufort branch of the C.W.A. has again scored a success. In the exhibition of work, held by the Wangaratta C.W.A., Beaufort scored three firsts, two seconds, and two exhibits were commended. Miss Hilda Miller obtained first for gloves and eyelet work tray-cloth, and second for crochet doyleys. Mrs R. G. Beggs secured first for raffia work, and the gloves she exhibited were commended. Miss Helen Beggs was awarded second for a soft toy (a pig), and Miss Lalla Stewart's soft top (a dog) was commended. As the entries were sent to help a sister branch with its first show, the result has been most gratifying, and the exhibitors are to be congratulated.

FOOTBALL.

RAGLAN V. BEAUFORT.

To further the cause of the Queen of Charity in the Ballarat Hospital queen carnival (Miss E. Lewis, of Stoneleigh), a football match was played at Raglan on Saturday between the local team (which was augmented by several Buangor men) and Beaufort (who filled up their ranks with several Fire Brigade players). There was a fair attendance of spectators, and the gate receipts totalled £5. This was supplemented by the sale of Easter eggs and a guessing competition. The secretarial duties were shared by Messrs G. Cuthbertson and J. Duke. The game was a very one-sided one, and was not taken seriously; Raglan winning by the wide margin of 54 points. Mr Thompson acted as central umpire. H. Lardner captained the visitors, and J. Wilkinson was the Raglan skipper. The goal umpires were Messrs J. Cuthbertson and J. Hewitt.

In the first quarter Raglan scored 2 goals 4 behinds to Beaufort's 1 behind.

Raglan also obtained 1 goal 4 behinds in the second term, and Beaufort registered 2 behinds: the tallies at half-time being:—Raglan, 3 goals 8 behinds; Beaufort, 3 behinds.

Beaufort did better in the third quarter, when they secured 3 goals; Raglan obtaining 5 goals 2 behinds. Three-quarter-time scores:—Raglan, 8 goals 10 behinds; Beaufort, 3 goals 3 behinds.

Several players left the field before the game finished, and in the closing quarter Raglan added 3 goals 5 behinds to their tally, and Beaufort 1 goal. Final scores:—Raglan 11 goals 15 behinds (81 points); Beaufort, 4 goals 3 behinds (27 points).

The gaol-kickers were:—Raglan—Cuthbertson (5), E. Mathews (2), G. Grant(2), K. Lowe, and O'Brien. Beaufort—J. Pearce (2), R.Phillips, and J. F. Fitzpatrick.

Those who showed best form on the winning side were E. Mathews, O'Brien, J. Gillingham (goalkeeper), J. Wilkinson, G. Grant, Hovey, and J. Cuthbertson. For Beaufort the outstanding players were T. Allender, R. Smith, J. Wallish, and G. Gellie.

At night a successful dance was held and about £5 netted.

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DEATH.

PEDDER.—On 16th April, 1931, at Beaufort, Rose, loving wife of Alfred, and mother of Alf., Thomas (deceased), Myrtle, Ivy and Violet (deceased), and Arthur.

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IN MEMORIAM.

BROADBENT.—In memory of our dear friend, E. Broadbent, who passed away on April 16th, 1930.

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Carpet Bowls.

Carpet bowls were played for the first time at the Beaufort Fire Station on Thursday evening.

A.N.A. Jubilee.

The diamond jubilee of the Australian Natives' Association will be celebrated by all branches on Monday.

A Good Effort.

At the Lexton sports on Saturday, workers for the Beaufort district queen in the Ballarat Hospital carnival (Miss Lewis) raised £14 by the sale of Easter eggs, etc. At Raglan on Saturday £9 was netted.

Card Social.

The Beaufort Mothers' Guild held a card evening at Mesdames Bates & Dunstan's tea-rooms on Tuesday evening. The winners of the card tournament were Miss N. Fels and Mr Willis; the prizes at the secret tables being won by Mrs A. M. Parker and Miss Nothnagel.

Place of Ball Changed.

The ball advertised last week to take place at Lake Goldsmith on 6th May, in aid of the Queen of Charity for the Ballarat Hospital appeal, has been altered to Kirkpatrick's old hall at Stockyard Hill. This will recall memories of happy times gone by to many residents, and no doubt there will be a large attendance.

Beaufort Public Cemetery.

The quarterly meeting of the trustees of the Beaufort Public Cemetery was held at the Shire Hall on Wednesday evening. Present—Messrs D. Stevenson (in the chair), W. O'Sullivan, and A. Parker (secretary). The secretary's financial statement showed that £16/14/4 had been received for the quarter, and £21/3/4 expended (£8/10/- in painting gates and work in the cemetery), and that the balance to the credit of the trust was £62/11/7. There were three interments, three purchases of ground, and three memorials erected. Some necessary improvements had also been effected in the cemetery.

Hospital Ball.

The ball held in the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Wednesday night, in aid of the Queen of Charity (Miss Lewis), was well attended, and was a great success. The hall was tastefully decorated with flowers and streamers of many colors. During the evening, Cr. R.A.D. Sinclair thanked all those who had helped to make the effort a success, and especially Mr Rexton's Ballarat band, which had come up free of charge. He also thanked Miss Franc and her helpers, Misses D. Ward and S. Lynch for their fine efforts, and Mr J. Duke for acting as secretary. The prizes for the novelty dances were carried off by Miss Brannigan and Mr King, and Mr R. Hancock and partner. The competition for the dinner (donated by Mrs R. G. Beggs) was won by Mr F. Green. Music for extra dances was provided by Mrs R. Grant and Miss McInneny, while Messrs J. Kelly and W. Manson shared the duties of M.C. The proceeds were about £18.

Home Being Re-modelled.

Mr W. R. Glover's residence at Beaufort is being re-modelled, and Messrs Stevenson Bros. have the work in hand.

Skipton Aviator.

In company with another University student (Mr K. Shenstone), the Skipton aviator, Mr Pat Fairbairn, landed at Darwin on Saturday in a successful flight from England.

Postal Business.

To-day (Saturday), Anzac Day, the Beaufort post office will close at 10 a.m. After that hour all business, with the exception of the telephone service, will be suspended. No delivery by letter carriers will be effected.

Skipton Golf Associates.

Skipton golf associates have re-elected Mrs W. R. Borbidge as president for the third year in succession. Mrs A. P. Notman and Miss Earles have been elected vice-presidents, and Mrs G. Anderson hon. secretary. Mesdames E. W. Austin, Merton, Peart, and Andrews have been appointed as a committee.

Skipton Tennis.

The finals of the events in the Skipton Presbyterian tennis tournament have resulted:—Mixed doubles—Arch. Madden and Miss B. Stoddart d. Dr. Reid and Mrs Reid, 9—6. Ladies' doubles—Miss Waldron and Miss O. Waldron (rec. ½ 15) d. Miss Knight and Miss Wells (owe 30), 9—3. Gentlemen's doubles—W. E. Belford and W. J. Worrall (owe ½ 15) d. Dr. Reid and W. Brand (owe 15), 9—2.

Lexton Sports.

At the Lexton sports on Saturday, W. McCurdy's Vasco, from 20 yds. bhd., won the 1½-mile trot; S. Pascoe's Grattalene, 100 yds bhd., being second. J. L. McErvale's Seaplane, 100 yds. bhd., won the 1½-mile trot; P. McCallum's Linda, scr., being second. S. Pascoe's Grattalene., 80 yds. bhd., won the one-mile trot; J. L. McErvale's Seaplane, 40 yds. bhd., being third. In the dancing events, B. Macdonald, of Beaufort, won the Sheantruis, and was second in the Irish Jig.

Baptismal Tea.

A pleasing ceremony took place at St. John's Church of England, Beaufort, on Tuesday last, when the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Ricardo Beggs, of "Niauwanda," was baptised by the Vicar (Rev. A. Talbot, Th. L.) Wee Ruth Ricardo wore the family christening robe, which had been most beautifully embroidered for her mother's great grandfather over 200 years before, and had been worn by her own grandmother and mother. The font had been most tastefully decorated by Miss Dorothea Talbot, and Ruth Ricardo gurgled happily during the service. After the ceremony, the guests motored to "Niauwanda" to the christening tea. After walking through the grounds of the homestead, Mr and Mrs Arthur Beggs entertained the guests in the drawing-room, which had been decorated with Easter daisies, dahlias, and gladioli in the pastel shades to match the room. The guests were Mr and Mrs Shaw, of Digby, and their four daughters, Mr and Mrs Robert Beggs, of "Buln Gherin," Miss Helen and the Messrs Ralph and George Beggs, Miss Lewis ("Stoneleigh"), and the Vicar and Mrs Talbot.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

MIDDLE CREEK.

The monthly meeting of the Middle Creek branch of the A.N.A. was held in the local Public Hall on Saturday evening, 12th inst. The president (Mr W. M. O'Brien) occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. A letter was received from Mr R. F. Toutcher, M.L.A., who is an ex-Chief President, stating that he would be pleased to come along to the diamond jubilee meeting on the 27th April, and give an address on the history of the A.N.A. It was decided to hold a social evening on that date, to which all ex-presidents of the branch who have left the district, members for the North ridings of the Ararat and Ripon Shires, local members of kindred societies, members' friends and ladies, be invited. The following were nominated as office-bearers for the ensuing six months:—President, Mr J. Franc; vice-president, Mr O. Bowd; secretary, Mr W. Hillman; assistant-secretary, Mr L. Farish; treasurer, Mr J. Ahern (the former treasurer, Mr W. Ahern, who had acted for about 20 years, declining nomination); committee, Messrs A. Hillman, F. Liston, J. K. Pickford, L. Franc, Q. Farish, W. J. Roberts, and W. Ahern; auditors, Messrs J. Hillman and E. A. Fay; press correspondent, Mr E. A. Fay. It was arranged that the ex-treasurer (Mr W. Ahern) instal the officers at the half-yearly meeting. Accounts amounting to £11/3/4 were passed for payment, and two members were reported on the sick-list.

At a meeting of parents and guardians of children attending the local State school, the following were nominated as members of the school committee for the ensuing three years:—Mesdames J. J. O'Brien and H. Dunn, Miss A. Franc, Messrs H. Dunn, W. Brent, W. M. O'Brien, and E. A. Fay. The names have been sent to the Education Department for approval, on receipt of which the officers will be appointed.

Afetr a very strong wind which blew all day on Monday, 13th inst., and part of the night, heavy rain set in during the night, and continued till about noon on Tuesday. While this will be welcomed by graziers, farmers, who have had their land worked up ready for the drill, are not at all pleased, as they will need a few weeks of fine weather to complete sowing, and any rain that comes now will only delay operations. In some cases, oats are showing above ground, and grass is very plentiful. This is an ideal season for early lambs.

RAGLAN.

COMPLIMENTARY SOCIAL.

A goodly number of Raglan people were present at the complimentary social tendered by the school to Mr J. Stevens on Wednesday, April 8th. Mr Stevens had retired from the school committee, of which he had been correspondent for nearly 20 years. It was thought fitting to make some recognition of his valuable work.

Items were rendered by Mrs A. Panther, Miss Lucardie, and Mr A. Stevens. Dancing was enjoyed to music supplied by Miss D. Tucker, Mr G. Gillingham, and Mr F. Thorpe, while Mr L. Tucker carried out the duties of M.C.

Messrs Troy and Duke, of Beaufort, took advantage of the occasion to attend and set before the people present the appeal for the Ballarat Hospital, and to ask them to organise some effort to augment the Beaufort and district total.

Mr Troy briefly outlined the needs of the Ballarat Hospital, and the means being employed to raise the necessary money. He took occasion to congratulate the guest of the evening on the honor done to him, and said that although public work generally brought a number of "knocks," he was glad to see that Raglan people appreciated all that Mr Stevens had done in his long time of public work.

Mr Duke supplemented Mr Troy's remarks, and explained that he would be present at a public meeting on the Friday following, which was to be convened by Mr G. Cuthbertson. He called for a volunteer to sell 60 Easter eggs, and Mr A. Wilkinson accepted.

Later in the evening, a presentation of a pair of silver-mounted pipes, suitably inscribed and in a case, was made to Mr Stevens.

Speaking on behalf of the school committee, Mr E. J. Tiley (chairman), said that there had been difficulty in getting a school committee for the present period, though he was glad to say that they had been successful at last. It showed how much Mr Stevens' valuable services were going to be missed. Although a bachelor, and not directly interested in the school as a parent would be, he had thought nothing of attending meetings and assisting at various functions, without regard to himself or the weather. He trusted that Mr Stevens would have many years of good health and prosperity.

Mr G. Cuthbertson spoke on behalf of the other public bodies which Mr Stevens had been connected with. He said that he did not regard himself as a speaker, but all he could say about Mr Stevens was the truth, so he could not go far wrong. It was 17 years since he had first been associated with Mr Stevens in public work, and before and since that time, Mr Stevens had been connected with every public committee in Raglan, generally as chairman. He had not spared himself in his efforts to help in public work in the district, and would long be remembered alone for the many years he had played the violin at all dances held in the hall.

In making the presentation, Mr K. W. Lewis said that they were met together to do honor to a man whose record in public work could not be surpassed or even matched by anyone in the district. Mr Stevens had been correspondent of the school committee from the time it had first been elected, and his constant re-election showed the confidence of the parents in him. The correspondent was the link between the school community and the Department, and on the quality of his work often depended the results obtained from the committee's efforts on behalf of the school. In this respect, the school was fortunate in having had a man of Mr Stevens' calibre and ability as correspondent. Not always was it possible to find in a farming district a man so well fitted to carry out those duties as their guest. The response of the people to the question of the presentation had been wonderful, and in accepting it, Mr Stevens could be sure that it came from all Raglan. Though he (the speaker) did not know much about it, it was said that a good pipe and quiet contemplation went together, and when Mr Stevens used the pipes, he would be able to think of what he had done for Raglan, and that it was appreciated.

In replying, Mr Stevens said that it was difficult for him to express himself on this occasion, but he had to thank the people for gathering together in the way they had to do him honor, and also to thank the previous speakers for the many complimentary, perhaps too complimentary, things they had said about him. Whatever he had done for Raglan, and especially for the school, had been a pleasure to him. He recalled that many of those present had lost "many a pound of sweat" to his violin-playing.—[Mr Cuthbertson—And many an hour's sleep, too.]—Yes, but nobody worried about that. (One lady recollects dancing to Mr Stevens' music 36 years ago). As he had carried on for so long, he had thought it was time some of the younger men took over the duties, so he had gradually dropped out. In conclusion, Mr Stevens again thanked the people for their presentation to him, and promised to still do whatever lay in his power for the good of Raglan. (Applause).

The audience then sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," with great gusto, and joined in three hearty cheers.

Dancing was then further enjoyed until midnight, when the ladies served a very tasty supper, and a very fine evening terminated shortly after.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Raglan Tennis Club held a mixed doubles tournament on the local court on Saturday, 11th inst., to swell the funds for the new court. With fine weather and keen play, every set was well fought out. The second round was not completed, and the tournament was continued before the football match on the following Saturday. Scores:—

First Round.

E. E. Tiley and Mrs Tiley (owe 30) d. E. V. Tiley and Miss S. Gillingham (owe 15), 6—3.

C. Fisher and Miss J. McPherson (scr.) d. P. Gillingham and Miss D. Tucker (scr.), 6—5.

J. Tiley and Mrs A. Johnston (owe ½ 15) d. J. Fisher and Mrs V. Tiley (owe 15), 6—5.

I. Grant and Miss L. Tiley (owe ½ 30) d. F. Mitchell and Miss White (owe 15), 6—5.

G. Grant and Mrs A. Panther (owe 15) d. J. Hutton and Mrs J. Fisher (owe ½ 40), 6—5.

K. W. Lewis and Mrs Lewis (owe ½ 15) d. W. Newman and Miss D. Connor (owe ½ 15), 6—3.

Second Round.

C. Fisher and Miss McPherson d. G. Grant and Mrs Panther, 6—5.

E. E. Tiley and Mrs Tiley d. I. Grant and Miss L. Tiley, 6—3.

A successful dance was held in the hall at night, and the funds further increased. Music was supplied by Mr H. D. Panther (piano), Mr G. Gillingham (violin), and Misses D. Tucker and L. Tiley (piano). Mr J. Tiley was in charge of affairs as M.C. A chocolate dance was won by Mr W. Hutton, junr., who was unable to find a partner to share his ticket. The whole effort swelled the funds of the club by over £2.

MIDDLE CREEK.

On Saturday the grand final of the Mountain district tennis competition was played on the Warrak court, the competing teams being Crowlands and Middle Creek. On the previous Saturday in the final, Middle Creek had an easy win against Crowlands (minor premiers), but on Saturday Crowlands proved victorious, but only by the small margin of two games. Following are the scores; Middle Creek being mentioned first:—

H. Carmichael and J. McMartin d. R. Williams and G. Start, 8—5.

J. Bowd and J. O'Brien d. E. Boatman and R. Fowler, 8—3.

Misses L. Franc and S. Hughes lost to Mrs Wiedeman and Miss Hall, 7—8.

Miss A. Franc and Mrs Hillman lost to Mesdames Price and Boatman, 3—8.

J. McMartin and Miss Hughes lost to R. Williams and Mrs Wiedeman, 7—8.

H. Carmichael and Miss L. Franc d. G. Start and Miss Hall, 8—6.

J. Bowd and Mrs Hillman lost to Mr and Mrs Boatman, 7—8.

J. O'Brien and Miss A. Franc lost to R. Fowler and Mrs Price, 4—8.

Totals:—Crowlands, 5 sets, 54 games; Middle Creek, 3 sets 52 games.

TRAWALLA.

The return of the Trawalla railway station for the month of March is:—Inward goods, 144 tons; outward goods, 632 tons; total revenue, £344. To date this season there has been despatched from this station 24,160 bags of oats and 3561 bags of wheat, compared with March, 1930, when the totals were:—Oats, 17,013 bags; wheat, 2852 bags.

On Saturday last the local Tennis Club held their end-of-the-season tournament among members. The result was that Mr Campbell and Miss N. Lynch defeated Mr Corrie and Miss K. Fitzpatrick in the final. The trophies were donated by Mr Tolliday and Mr Campbell.

An enjoyable euchre tournament and dance took place on Friday, 17th inst., in aid of the funds of the Trawalla Tennis Club. The euchre prizes, which were donated by Messrs Campbell and Rutherford, were won by Mrs Hughes and Mr C. Anderson. The music was provided gratis by the Beaufort Orchestra, and was much appreciated by all.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute was held on Monday evening. Present—Messrs T. Williams (president), H. Cuthbertson, R. A. D. Sinclair, C. McKay, H. V. Martin (secretary), and A. Parker. The secretary reported that at the present time there was a profit from the flower show of £12/15/1. He read an approximate balance-sheet, showing the receipts to have amounted to £31/0/1, and the expenditure to £18/5/. All the prize money had not been paid, and some had been returned. The amount uncollected he was sending by post. The result was much better than he had anticipated. The president considered it very satisfactory indeed, and thought if they had received £10 they would have done exceptionally well these hard times. The secretary reported that the receipts for the month amounted to £8/15/3, which was about the same as this time last year. No forms had been received in connection with the Government grant. The president considered it a foregone conclusion that there would be no grant. Mr Sinclair's suggestion that the secretary write to Sir Alexander Peacock, M.L.A., and ask if there was any Government grant to Mechanics' Institutes this year was adopted. Accounts amounting to £16 2/9 were passed for payment. It was resolved that Mr Cuthbertson attend to the spouting. Mr Cuthbertson suggested that the large tree in front of the building, which was causing the trouble, be removed; but Mr Sinclair opposed the removal of such a fine tree, but thought it might be lopped under the supervision of the president. This suggestion was approved of. A complaint having been made that the Institute was not opened punctually at 7 p.m., the president undertook to speak to the librarian about it. Mr Cuthbertson pointed out that now that Beaufort had an orchestra, it would be a payable proposition to hold a dance in aid of the funds of the Institute. As several dances in the town had already been arranged, it was resolved that the matter be discussed at next meeting. Mr McKay was informed that country subscribers were permitted to borrow month-old magazines or periodicals. It was decided to hold a bridge evening in about a fortnight's time; arrangements being left in the secretary's hands.

COMING EVENTS

In St. John's Parish Hall, in aid of the Queen of Charity (Miss Lewis), a Cafe Chantant and gift afternoon will be held on Thursday, afternoon, April 30th.

Beaufort Thistle Club general meeting, Mechanics' Institute, Wednesday, 29th April.

Hospital Queen Carnival.

The following efforts are being made in aid of the Queen of Charity (Miss Lewis) in connection with the Ballarat Hospital Queen Carnival:—Tuesday night: Beaufort Fire Brigade, euchre and dance. Friday, 1st May: Trawalla, euchre and dance. Saturday, 2nd May: Waterloo, euchre and dance; also a dance at Raglan the same night. Wednesday, 6th May: Stockyard Hill, euchre and dance (transferred from Lake Goldsmith). As the appeal closes on 13th May, at Beaufort, the secretary (Mr J. Duke) asks that donations be forwarded to him immediately.

"CAVEAT EMPTOR"—"LET THE BUYER BEWARE!"

Whilst this phrase aptly describes the doubtful tactics practised by some merchants of a past decade, such a policy would not be long tolerated by the value-wise shopping public of the twentieth century.

Progressive merchants have found that honesty is a virtue that pays handsome dividends—they realise that to-morrow's business is dependent on to-day's satisfaction.

Hence our long-practised policy of uncompromising truth in every advertisement!

Some comparative idea of the values we offer may be gauged by the undermentioned bargains made available during our Pre-Winter Price Revisions, which commence on THURSDAY, APRIL 30th, throughout our 86 Chain Stores. We offer you Unbleached Towels, large size, soft absorbent pile, O. GILPIN'S GIVE-AWAY PRICES, 1/9 and 2/9 each. Striped Winceyette, in good quality, suitable for men's and boys' shirts and pyjamas, O. GILPIN'S GIVE-AWAY PRICES, 9d and 10½d yard.

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 live.

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.

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PERSONAL.

Mr J. Jones, who is at present at Buangor (where he has property interests), has retired from the railways after 45 years' service. He was on the Bendigo railway staff for 30 years, and was in charge of the parcels office at the time of his retirement.

Mr Max Cuthbertson, of Beaufort, recently had to undergo an operation in a private hospital in Ballarat.

Miss Dorrie Grant spent last week-end as the guest of Mr and Mrs W. E. Saddlier, of Waterloo, on the way to the north to spend a few weeks with her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs H. Saddlier, of Cohuna. Miss Grant intends breaking the return journey here to spend some time visiting friends and relatives in Beaufort and district, before returning to her home in Melbourne.

Mr R. G. Beggs, of Buln Gherin, who has been confined to his room for some days, owing to a severe chill, is now able to be out again.

Mrs R. G. Beggs, president of the Beaufort branch of the C.W.A., has travelled 1800 miles and given demonstrations at branches all over Victoria. The fact was mentioned in the annual report submitted at the C.W.A. conference in Melbourne last week.

Mr H. V. Martin, of Beaufort, has been away from the town for a short holiday.

Miss E. DeBaere, of Beaufort, has been holidaying in Melbourne and Hopetoun.

Mr George Loft, an old resident of Beaufort, became suddenly ill on Thursday.

Mr Basil Talbot, who has been in the employ of the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney at Queenscliff for the past two years, received notice of his transfer on the relieving staff at Terang.

Mrs E. Kewley and Miss Marj. Kewley have returned to Beaufort, after spending three weeks in Melbourne.

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Messrs D. R. Hannah & Co. report:—Cattle—1 cow, Mr Lloyd Lindsay, Wendouree, £9/12/6; 1 bull, Mr Geo. Topper, Beaufort, £6/12/6. Sheep—218 ewes, Messrs Bell Bros., Cherrytree East, Sebastopol, at 10/10; 172 2-tooth crossbred wethers, same owner, at 10/10; 137 ewes, Mr Sellwood, Learmonth, to 10/2; 95 ewes and wethers, Mr Geo. Topper, Beaufort, wethers to 13/7, ewes to 11/10; 106 merino ewes, from Ross Creek; 95 ewes, Commander H. P. Mackenzie, Trawalla; 87 ewes and wethers, Mr Jas. Gordon, Learmonth, wethers to 12/4, ewes to 12/1; 66 wethers, Mr A. Fraser, "The Grange," Lake Goldsmith, 14/10 to 12/1; 60 ewes, Mr J. McKenzie, Mt. Rowan; 55 ewes, Mr J. Kirkpatrick, Stockyard Hill, at 9/9; 47 ewes, Mr W. Townrow, Minersrest, to 11/10; 45 ewes, Mr T. Topper, Beaufort; 38, Mr R. Dowling, Alfredton, to 10/6; 20, Mr Jas. Jolly, Ballarat, to 12/4; 17, Mr D. McMahon, Ballarat; 3 rams, Mr J. McKenzie, Mount Rowan. Lambs—140, Mr T. W. Hannah, "Lamonde," Stockyard Hill, to 12/1; 150, Mr T. Sellwood, Learmonth, to 10/11; 129, Messrs Coutts Bros., "Quoin Hill," Waubra, to 13/4; 77, Mr T. Topper, Beaufort, 72, Mr Jas. Gordon, Learmonth, to 11/1; 17, Mr Geo. Topper, Beaufort, at 16/7; 35, Mr J. Kirkpatrick, Stockyard Hill.

The following district sales are reported by other auctioneers:—22 merino wethers, the executors late Geo. Clark, Shirley, 9/8; 78 merino ewes, same owners, 8/7; 17 lambs, Mr J. R. Gibb, Skipton, 16/4; 37 comeback ewes, Mr W. Morcombe, Carngham, 8/11 to 10/3.

A GENERAL MEETING of BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB will be held in MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on WEDNESDAY, 29th APRIL, at 8 p.m.

CAFE CHANTANT.

IN ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL, in aid of the Queen of Charity (Miss Lewis), a CAFE CHANTANT and GIFT AFTERNOON will be held on THURSDAY, APRIL 30th, 3 p.m. Afternoon tea, 1/. Everybody welcome.

TENDERS FOR FIREWOOD.

TENDERS are returnable to the Secretary of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute, on or before 4th MAY, 1931, for the supply of 20 tons dry box wood (2 feet) or 20 tons dry ordinary wood (2 feet), delivered and stacked at the Institute, Beaufort.

H. V. MARTIN, Hon. Secy.

CAPTAIN ARCH. WARNER, expert for Wertheim and Singer sewing machines, will be in Beaufort on MONDAY. Repairs all makes machines. Orders at "Advocate" Office.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 26th APRIL, 1931

Church of England.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Main Lead, 2; Waterloo, 3.15—Rev. A. Talbot.

Methodist Church.—Raglan, 11; Beaufort, 7—Rev J. Mellor. Beaufort, 11; Chute, 3—Mr C. Waldron.

Presbyterian Church.—Buangor, 11; Middle Creek, 3; Beaufort, 7—Rev J. P. MacDougall, M.A.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

INTEREST ON RATES.

NOTICE is hereby given that Interest will be charged on all Rates remaining unpaid after 30th APRIL, 1931.

NORMAN B. ACTON, Shire Secretary.

Beaufort, 10/4/31.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

NOTICE is hereby given that By-law No. 40, for making and levying a Rate for Water Supply Purposes for the Beaufort Water Supply and Waterloo Water Supply, has been approved by the Governor-in-Council, and is published in the "Victorian Government Gazette" of the 1st April, 1931, pages 1073-1. A copy of the said By-law may be inspected by persons interested at the offices of the Council, Beaufort, during office hours.

NORMAN B. ACTON, Shire Secretary.

Beaufort, 24/4/31

SHIRE OF RIPON.

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited, and will be received up to 11 a.m. on MONDAY, 27th April, 1931, for:

Construction of a Travellers' Hut on the Western Highway, West of Beaufort.

Plans and Specifications may be seen at Shire Offices, Beaufort; at Mechanics' Institute, Snake Valley; and Skipton.

Deposit, 5 per cent.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

E. S. Crouch, C.E., L.S., Shire Engineer.

17/4/31.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

NOTICE to owners of tenements in O'Neill, Havelock, Pratt, Burke, Willoby, Cummins, Becker, Sturt, Stuart, Warburton, South, Gregory, Wills, Speke, Livingstone, Burton, Lawrence, Sinclair, Halpin, Beggs, Muntz, Church, Albert, King, High, Leichhardt, Market, Parker streets, Park Road, Brick-Kiln Road, and the private streets, lanes, courts, and alleys opening thereto, and the streets and roads in the Township of Waterloo.

The main pipe in the said streets, etc., being laid down, the owners of all tenements situated as above are hereby required, on or before the 29th MAY, 1931, to cause a proper pipe and stop-cock to be laid, so as to supply water within such tenements from the main pipe.

A. C. RODDIS,
Chairman of the Water Supply District of the Shire of Ripon.

Beaufort, 24/4/31.

BALLARAT HOSPITAL.

TUESDAY NIGHT NEXT, 28th: FIRE BRIGADE, EUCHRE and DANCE. Euchre, 8 o'clock sharp.

FRIDAY, 1st MAY, at TRAWALLA: EUCHRE and DANCE. C. BROADBENT, Secy.

SATURDAY, 2nd MAY: EUCHRE and DANCE, WATERLOO. C. FLYNN.

SAME NIGHT, DANCE at RAGLAN. G. CUTHBERTSON.

MAY 6th, at STOCKYARD HILL: EUCHRE and DANCE (transferred from Lake Goldsmith). C. CUSHING.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

As APPEAL CLOSES on 13th MAY, at BEAUFORT, kindly forward all donations to Secretary (J. DUKE) immediately.

SHIRE RETRENCHMENT.

MEETING OF RATEPAYERS AT RAGLAN.

On Wednesday night a meeting of ratepayers, convened by Mr G. Waldron, was held at the Raglan Public Hall, to protest against the inaction of the Ripon Shire Council in not reducing overhead expenses, and to discuss matters affecting ratepayers generally. There was an attendance of 21 residents. An apology was received for the absence of Mr J. B. Cochran.

Mr J. Lancey, who was voted to the chair, said this was one of the most important meetings held for some time.

Mr W. Ahern said that recently a similar meeting was held at Middle Creek. When things were good, they did not object to the present overhead expenses, but not one man on the land was not right up against it at the present time. None of them had as good an income as the officers of the shire. The officers' salaries should come down. Overhead expenses should be reduced 50 per cent., no new works undertaken, and, the Middle Creek meeting considered, the services of the engineer dispensed with for 12 months. The valuation was too high, and no new rate should be struck on the present high valuation. They were sending two delegates from Middle Creek to the next council meeting.

Mr A. MacPhie—Their incomes had been cut in half, and they must have some redress. They had nothing against the officers, and were entering into this in no vindictive spirit. They had to do with less money, and thought it only fair that the officers' salaries should be reduced also. Many councillors might think with them, but did not care to take action. The time of a man with a motor car could not be fully occupied in one shire, like it was with the old-time buggy. He could not see that the secretary should be at the offices every day. He thought the work should be done in two or three days of the week. They could alter the day of the council meeting to save the secretary having to work on a Sunday to prepare matter for the meeting.

The chairman—The Ripon Shire secretary had a lot more to do than the Lexton secretary. He had to keep books for the waterworks, electric light, and Park. The Beaufort people should pay an extra rate for the shire secretary, who did a lot of work for them. The Beaufort people went to the shire for everything. If the people here wanted anything for the recreation reserve, they had to do it themselves. It was not fair for the outside ratepayers to pay for the street lighting in Beaufort.

Mr MacPhie—The reason he came to-night was that the time had come to cut down their expenses. Some people thought that these things would come from the heavens like manna, but they wanted them to fall quick and lively like hailstones.

Mr Barney Drew said he fell in with Mr MacPhie's views.

In answer to Mr MacPhie, the chairman said that £96 a month was paid in officers' salaries, and last month there was £12/10/ for car allowance.

Mr Ahern—He thought the car allowance was £150 a year.

The chairman—As to the valuation, there was a difference in Ripon and Ararat shires. The valuer for Ararat went over the land, and did not merely drive along the roads. In the Ararat Shire they valued on the productive value, and in Ripon the valuation was based on the selling prices. He knew a bit about that himself. (Laughter). It was not a fair basis of valuation.

Mr MacPhie—The rate book of a shire should be closed to an outside valuer. The principle was wrong, and land should be valued on the unimproved value. It surprised him why some of their councillors had never brought that forward.

The chairman—It had been brought up several times, and if fair for the State and Federal land tax, was fair for shire values.

Mr Ahern—He had a block he bought some years ago at £7 an acre, and the shire valuation to-day was £8.

Mr A. Stevens—He was not altogether in sympathy with the movement. If anything could be done in a reasonable way, without anyone having to suffer, he would agree, but if anyone lost their employment now, it was hard to get work again.

Mr Ahern—The officers could come down a bit, without their doing away with them altogether. They got £1200 a year between them, and should come down in proportion. There was not a ratepayer here who had a living wage to-day, after paying his expenses, although the farmer had thousands of pounds invested. At Middle Creek they did not want this retrenchment as a permanent thing, but wanted the officers' salaries to come down in this time of depression to help the ratepayers. When things got good again, let them go up once more. They were not after councillors' positions. They were satisfied with the council's past actions, but wanted a lower valuation and lower rate. There were a lot of rates they would not get this year.

Mr G. Cuthbertson (humorously)—Why not be like Lang and repudiate?

Mr Ahern—That was the kind of thing that led to repudiation.

Mr A. Wilkinson—Any ratepayer in Ripon who had to pay his rates out of his revenue this year could not do it. He thought the shire expenses should come down.

Mr MacPhie—If the ratepayers were apathetic, they could not expect any reduction.

Mr Ahern—Some of the business people of Beaufort were rationing their men at the present time, and it seemed the fairest way.

Mr Wilkinson—If he had to pay wages, he would be going back.

Mr MacPhie suggested that two delegates be appointed to confer with the Middle Creek ones, and approach the council.

Mr Ahern—There was a petition from the ratepayers of Beaufort before the council, something similar to the Middle Creek resolutions.

Mr Stevens—They would all like to see economy, as they had to economise themselves.

Mr Ahern—If the secretary and engineer were rationed, they would save the salary of one, and by rationing some of the other employees, they might save £400 or £500 a year. Everyone in Australia had to come down a bit before things would get right.

The chairman—Under the Arbitration Court award, they could not reduce the officers' salaries.

Mr Ahern—They could employ them half-time.

Mr MacPhie—Another year like this, and a lot of rates would not be collectable at all.

Mr Ahern—Since the Middle Creek meeting, the Ararat Shire Council had reduced their expenses by over £1000. The secretary and engineer and other officers reduced their salaries voluntarily, and the council cut out £300 besides, and they collected dog fees in the office now.

Mr Wilkinson—They saved a lot of money there.

The chairman asked the shire engineer (Mr E. S. Crouch), who was present, if he had anything to say.

Mr Crouch said he presumed that the meeting would be something of the same nature as at Middle Creek, and thought that perhaps if there were any questions asked, he would be able to answer them. There had been one or two remarks passed as to savings. He had perused the Ararat savings, and in looking over their own works, there was nothing comparable in their estimates to what Ararat had. The Ararat people were saving where Ripon had already saved. That was the position. With regard to rationing or altering things, that was a matter for the council and not for him to discuss. The council were his employers, and practically their directors, as shareholders. They had given the ratepayers good service. He had close personal contact with some of them, and they viewed this almost in the light of a no-confidence motion. They had been very canny for years. For years he had seen the breaking of the bubble coming. In 1923 he was engaged in survey work, and saw the dead end of it then. In and around Melbourne there were subdivisions of land sufficient for the estimated increase in the population of Melbourne for 17 years. Money was flying, and the like of that could not last. It had been coming, and as a State and nation, they had been spending a lot of money, and being boosted by outside money, and under the present conditions of finance and depression, they were feeling it. He could quite sympathise with the man on the land who had his capital invested. Their officers, it had been said, had no capital invested. That was wrong. The officers, from the time they were 14 till they left school or the University, had been an expense to their parents. Then they had to obtain experience, and did not get a wage at all. On an average, nearly 10 years of their lives were devoted to acquiring the knowledge which they had to put out in works after they finished. If that was not capital, it was very like it. They wanted some expenses cut down. It was quite right they should. There had just been an award come through whereby the officers lost £100. After the end of September, they would lose a further £100 because of the new revenue rate. The position was that on their revenue, their overhead expenses were something like 7 per cent. It was argued that about half that should be cut down. Already they would have a quarter of it by the end of September. Did they think that 5 per cent. was over and above a fair thing to administer the affairs of their business? It was a very small proportion. Voluntary contributions had been suggested. Was it fair to ask a man who had never had more than his just due to be prepared to cut? If they had given him, when things went up, a proportionate increase, it would be alright. He had got one setback, and the trend of things always was that wages and salaries were slow to follow a rising market. The people here were hit this year, and he hoped they would not be hit next year; by when they would probably have forgotten all about it. The salaried men were a long time getting up, if they ever did get up. Had they ever thought it out? An officer's salary was round about £500. It had been above it, and would be below it. How long was it going to take him to put behind him what many of them had got behind them, if they had not got the ready cash? It would take him till he lived to the age of Methuselah to do it. He did not have the bumper years and the years of such bad depression as the man on the land. Taking it on an average, the successful man on the land was far more successful than the professional man. Was he right?

Mr Wilkinson—To a certain extent.

Mr MacPhie—I would swap jobs with Mr Clapp.

Mr Crouch—That was comparing one man in a State with hundreds. Some men rose out of the ruck, but the professional man did not get far. They seldom saw where a professional man died and left many thousands of pounds. They got a regular salary and spent it.

Mr Wilkinson—It was alright on a Saturday night.

Mr Barney Drew—A property worth £6 an acre was still worth that, but the products of that land were now only worth half what they were. Many landholders would have to go into debt. If he go thalf the return from his property, was it not fair for wages and salaries to go back in in proportion? They could be raised again when the depression was over.

Mr Crouch—We are going back.

Mr Drew—He did not know how far they were going back till Mr Crouch explained it. A man's labor on the land was nearly as valuable as Mr Crouch's education. The councils had the right to raise and lower rates. They did not want to put men out of work, but if the council had no money, it could not employ the men. It was no use people outside dictating to the council. They could simply go to them and ask them for consideration, to see if they could balance the budget, and request them to reduce the rates, if possible.

Mr Crouch said that at the other end of the shire they were asking why the council were not going to spend more of the unemployment relief money. He had to report on that at next meeting. They wanted works done, and they wanted expenses cut down.

Mr Drew—Five shillings worth of work on a wash-out to-day was going to cost £10 in a year's time. It was no use their saying they should have no work done. There would have to be patching. There were many more miles of road to repair now than years ago, although they had a very little larger population.

Mr Crouch—The engineer went home at night, and oftetn had to plan out next day's work. He seldom had an evening to himself. On Sunday he had four callers at his home in regard to office-work. He got home at 6.30 that evening, and his wife said he was wanted to attend to so and so. It was in regard to matters he could not have foreseen.

Mr Wilkinson—Perhaps it was private.

Mr Crouch—It was a shire matter.

Mr Wilkinson—The meeting was not here to pick out one man. They only wanted to appoint delegates to go to the council to see if they could economise more than they were doing.

Mr G. Cuthbertson—That was the spirit.

Mr Crouch—He realised that it was. They had to carry on absolutely essential works. Not one of them was not going to sow for next year.

Mr Wilkinson—You have ceased work out our way 12 months or more.

Mr Crouch—What about the unemployment money that was spent on the Elmhurst road?

Mr Wilkinson—That was alright, but it did not come out of the shire.

Mr Crouch—The shire had to pay proportionately.

Mr Ahern—For the past three years, how much money had been spent on that side of Box's cutting? He lived a mile from the road. There ha dnot been the engineer, a surfaceman, or any council official there for over three years to his knowledge. He had a property on the road leading to the waterfalls. He was working there six weeks ago for two or three days. The surfacemen were making a road for foreign traffic to the waterfalls. Barring the Western Highway, there was more traffic on that road than on any in the shire. He did not think £100 or £150 had been spent for the past four years on the by-roads. The road was not too bad, and they were not complaining. If this movement was out to cut down the officers' salaries for all time, he would not take part in it, because he did not think it would be a fair thing. When the man on the land did not know where to turn, it was a fair thing for everyone to come down.

In reply to Mr Ahern, the engineer enumerated a lengthy list of works carried out west of the cutting and on the Eurambeen side within three years.

Mr Ahern said that at a certain time and season the baby grader might be alright, but a lot of money was wasted on it at other times.

Mr Crouch—There were places that the baby grader would not do, and the man's instructions were to leave them. Mr Cuthbertson's statement that the man got 30/ a day was wrong.

Mr MacPhie said he was pleased Mr Crouch was here. At the same time he had said nothing that had convinced him that they were wrong. He might think that the ratepayers were against him, but he would find that they were the men who were looking ahead, and trying to stick to him. If they allowed things to go on as they were doing, and got another bad year and a financial crash, the council was not going to get the money to pay the engineer or secretary.

Mr Ahern—No one was going against the officers. They were only asking for a concession in bad times.

Mr Crouch—He realised that the matter was not personal at all. He was of two minds whether to come or not. He had heard it said that their first engnieer, Mr H. H. Jackson, had said to his successor, Mr Muntz, "They will want to sack you. They have been going to sack me for the last 30 years, and they have not done it yet. Don't worry about it, and don't think about it." He had thought on that line, and that he should just take no notice. Another line he had thought along was that at the Middle Creek meeting there were a lot of remarks about the engineer; that if thy sent in a deputation, the engineer did not have much to say in a council meeting; and he just thought if he came out he could answer any questions.

Mr MacPhie moved that the council be requested to cut down the overhead expenses in the office in Beaufort considerably, and that two men be appointed from the meeting to attend the next meeting of the Ripon Shire Council. Seconded by Mr G. Waldron, and carried by a large majority.

After come discussion, Messrs A. MacPhie and G. Cuthbertson (secretary) were appointed as the two delegates.

The secretary was instructed to write to the council and inform them that the deputation was coming.

Mr Lancey—He noticed that some of the councillors had objected to motor car fees going into the consolidated revenue. They should either go there or be spent in the district in which they were gathered. It was not a fair thing to spend the money on a highway running parallel with the railway. He knew the Country Roads Board had done good work in Gippsland. They had borrowed money to build railways, and were now being taxed to build roads to compete against the railways. It should go to help those struggling in the Mallee, or the unemployed. He had mentioned two matters required four months ago, and had simply been ignored. The council should treat every man alike. If certain people asked for anything, it was seen to right away.

The meeting then terminated.

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BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB.

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Mr Saph suggested that the committee deal with the matter.

Mr Crouch supported this.

Mrs Harris moved that all pay 5/ additional for afternoon tea. Seconded by Miss Schlicht.

This was withdrawn.

Mr Crouch moved that the arrangements be left as at present. Seconded by Mr Kelly, and carried.

Mr Oddie moved that the out of bounds rule be altered to prevent congestion of play.

The president said that the committe found last year, after great consideration, that they could not alter this rule.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Mr Young suggested that they have a captain of the club, whose main duty was to assist the secretary, and captain the teams in matches against opposing clubs. He moved that Mr F. J. Martin be appointed captain, and that the captain, president, secretary, and handicapper act as selectors. Seconded by Mr McKay, supported by Mr Williams, and carried.

Mr J. F. Wotherspoon drew attention to the liabilities of the club (£500).

Mr Young (humorously) — We could repudiate them, like Mr Lang. (Laughter).

Mr J. F. Wotherspoon—They should have an entrance fee for Saturday matches of 1/ for men, and 6d for ladies.

Mr D. F. Troy moved that it be a recommendation to the committee to seriously consider the financial position, and to carry out no further improvements until some of their liabilities were met. The £35 a year interest was better in their funds than in the pockets of someone else.

Messrs A. L. Wotherspoon and T. Williams spoke in support; the latter suggesting that portion of the profits from the tournaments be earmarked to reduce their liability.

Mr Kelly—The bunkers would have to be repaired.

Mr Troy—That was maintenance.

Mr J. F. Wotherspoon moved that they charge 1/ entry for men and 6d for ladies, and that the trophies be valued at 10/ and 5/. Seconded by Mr N. Oddie.

Mr H. J. Troy—The motion was out of order, as the subscriptions were raised to cover entry fees on Saturdays.

The president upheld Mr Troy's contention, and Mr Wotherspoon withdrew his motion.

Mr H. V. Martin—Let them play for nothing for 12 months.

The president—He guaranteed that the committee would give the question of the financial position serious consideration. No motion was necessary.

Mr D. F. Troy withdrew his motion.

The meeting then closed; the president thanking the members for their attendance and co-operation. He asked the members for their hearty co-operation during the year for the benefit of the club.

The associates afterwards met and elected the following office-bearers:—President, Mrs N. B. Acton; captain, Miss Athole Stewart; secretary and treasurer, Miss Muntz; committee, Mrs Hodgetts, Mrs Young, Mrs J. A. Harris, Mrs C. McKay, Mrs T. Beggs, and Mrs P. J. Kelly. The associates will commence their matches, under the same conditions as last year, on May 6th.

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RETURNED SOLDIERS' LEAGUE.

Mr L. R. Scott (president) was in the chair at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, held at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Saturday night. Seven members were present. An apology wes received for the absence of the secretary, Mr A. E. Guyatt. The meeting opened with two minutes' silence, in memory of fallen comrades.

Correspondence.

From State branch, re sale of Anzac Day tokens, in aid of general welfare work for ex-service men.—The president said that it had been decided to join with the Ballarat sub-branch in the sale of tokens. Mr Pascoe said that every distressed soldier in the district was eligible for aid from the Ballarat appeal.

A circular was read from the State branch, re attempt by picture theatre interests to flout Anzac Day Act, and asking branches to organise to defeat same. The proper observance of Anzac Day was essential to the maintenance of soldiers' privileges.—Mr Pascoe moved that the sub-branch support the league in their endeavor to have Anzac Day properly observed, and that headquarters be notified. Seconded by Mr C. Broadbent, and carried.

From Ballarat sub-branch, drawing attention to appeal by that branch for relief of distress among returned soldiers and their dependents in Ballarat and district, and asking to be advised of number of Anzac Day tokens required.—The president said that the secretary had been instructed to obtain tokens from the Ballarat sub-branch.

From Mrs Roberts, Beaufort, stating that she intended making wreaths for Anzac Day for the sub-branch and the Scouts, and offering the services of herself and her daughters to sell Anzac Day tokens.—The president said that Mr Saph had guaranteed to obtain seven wreaths for Anzac Day, and to get Mrs Roberts to make some. He would call on Mrs Roberts to-morrow. Mr Broadbent moved that the secretary get the usual number of tokens from the Ballarat sub-branch. Seconded by Mr A. Ringin, and carried.

A report of the Ballarat District Council meeting on 13/3/31 was read by the assistant-secretary (Mr A. Campbell). It was stated in the report that Mr S. R. Pascoe, of the Beaufort sub-branch, a soldier settler, had been appointed as a State Council representative pro tem for soldier settlers.—Received.

From State branch, re conference in regard to the future of soldier settlement, held at Anzac House.—Received.

From same, re meeting of Soldier Settlers' Council, prior to same.—Received.

From Commonwealth of Australia, re distribution of historical war books, dealing with the activities of the A.I.F.—Received.

From Lieut.-Colonel R. A. Crouch, M.H.R., accepting invitation to speak at Beaufort on Anzac Day.—Received.

From Altona sub-branch, re effort to relieve unemployment, and forwarding book of tickets.—Received.

From Newlyn sub-branch, forwarding invitation to smoke social.—Received.

General Business.

The president said that they were here to arrange the Anzac Day service. Mr S. Young had consented to lead the procession and take charge of the proceedings. He read a draft of the dodger it was proposed to distribute round the district. A pilgrimage would afterwards be made to the cemetery to place wreaths on graves of deceased soldiers. A draft of the order of service was also read. Mr Saph had consented to arrange about the making of the wreaths.

Mr Pascoe moved that the arrangements for Anzac Day be approved. Seconded by Mr A. Campbell, and carried.

Mr Pascoe said that the members of the Ballarat sub-branch were holding a smoke-night on the eve of Anzac Day, and would be pleased to see any representatives of the Beaufort sub-branch who cared to attend.

The president said that soldiers would fall in at the rotunda at 2.45 p.m. on Anzac Day.

As Mr F. J. Martin did not wish to do so, it was decided to invite Mr Ron Dunn to sound "The Last Post" at the Anzac Day service.

It was resolved to hold a drive for new members before 30th June.

The next meeting was fixed for the third Monday in May at Mena Park, on the motion of Messrs Pascoe and Campbell.

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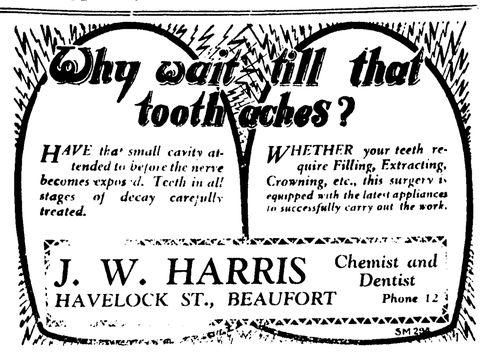

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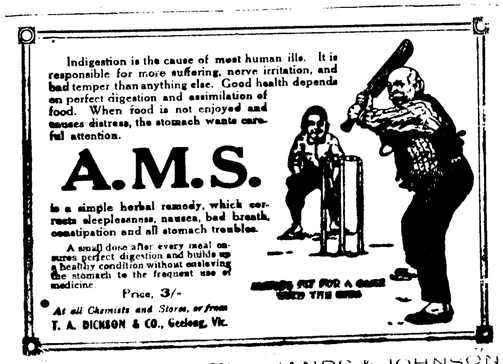

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RIFLE SHOOTING.

The Beaufort Rifle Club held a practice match at 500 yds. on Saturday afternoon, and the leading scores off the rifle were:—W. J. B. Johnson, 38; C. McCook, 35; J. B. Roderick, 33; M. Crick, 31. There will be no match to-day (Saturday), which is Anzac Day.

In the Beaufort Boy Scouts' test for the marksmanship badge—ten shots at 15 yds., at the standard miniature target, with a possible of 100—the following scores were registered:—M. Johnson, 92; Arnold Green, 62; Chas. Meredith, 49; Allan Day, 34. For a pass 85 points are required. Although the majority failed to pass, the scores on the whole were good, as the test is a severe one. A candidate to pass must group 10 shots within a space not bigger than a shilling piece.

FOUND DROWNED.

THE INQUEST.

At the Beaufort Court House on Monday, Mr R. A. D. Sinclair, J.P., Deputy-coroner, concluded the inquest concerning the death of Mrs Rose Pedder, of Beaufort, 65 years of age, who was found drowned in about 3 ft. of water, in a dam in her back yard, at about midnight on Thursday, 16th inst.

The evidence of Arthur Pedder, son of deceased, who testified to finding the body and recovering it from the dam, was taken at the preliminary inquiry on the previous Friday.

Alfred Pierre Pedder, Beaufort, husband of deceased, gave evidence that at about 7 p.m. on 16/4/1931, after his daughter Myrtle had retired to bed, deceased stated that she was going out for a while. Witness said, "Where are you going?" She said, "Oh, not far—just round the back" (meaning that she was going round the block for a walk, as was her habit). Witness said, "You had better not go out without Myrtle." She replied, "I will not go far," but she did not go out. About 9 p.m. he stated that he was going to bed, and she said, "I will go soon." She then went up to the daughter's room, and he retired to bed, and slept till he was awakened about midnight.

To the Deputy-coroner—His wife seemed very worried, mostly on account of her daughter's ill-health, and he had been trying to cheer her up. He had never heard her on any occasion threaten to take her life.

Myrtle Annie Pedder, Beaufort, daughter of deceased, stated that her mother slept in the same room as she did. On the 16th inst., as she was not well, she retired to bed soon after 6 p.m. Some time after, she heard her father speaking to her mother, and her mother came into her room, but went out again. About midnight she awoke, and finding that deceased was not in bed, she got up and searched the house, and as she could not find her, she woke her brother Arthur and he searched the yard. She went round the yard and garden before she woke her brother Arthur, and also searched the house. She went to the front gate. She then went to the back fence, and saw her mother in the water, before her brother jumped in the dam and recovered the body. She then went for Dr. Humphreys.

To the Deputy-coroner—Her mother worried about a lot of little things about the housework. She did not at any time hear her mother say that she would take her life, and she had no suspicion of her doing so.

Dr. S. E. Humphreys, Beaufort, gave evidence that he was called to the residence of the deceased on April 17th. Deceased's clothes were wet, and the body cold. All signs of heart action had ceased. He was of the opinion that the body had been in the water for two hours. She had been ill for six years, and suffered from heart trouble, and occasionally severe mental depression. His opinion was that death was due to asphyxia by drowning.

To the Deputy-coroner—He had never heard of her threatening to take her life. It was quite possible for her to have slipped into the dam.

Senior-constable R. McCormick, Beaufort, stated that at about 12.5 a.m. on 17/4/31, from something he was told, he proceeded to the house in Cummins street occupied by the Pedder family, and saw the body of deceased, Rose Pedder, on a sofa in the dining-room. With the exception of stockings and shoes, the body was fully dressed. The clothing was saturated with water, and there were water-marks on the dining-room and kitchen floors. There were no external marks of violence on the body. In company with Arthur Pedder, son of deceased, and Dr. Humphreys, he went through the back yard into a small paddock, and inspected a small dam from which Arthur Pedder stated he had recovered the body. The water in the dam was from 2 ft. 6 ins. to 3 ft. deep, and there was a bank about 2 ft. high at the back of the dam. Witness searched for, but could find no footprints around the dam.

The Deputy-coroner found that death occurred from suffocation by drowning at Beaufort on 16/4/31, and that there was not sufficient evidence to show how deceased got into the dam. He was very sorry for the family in their sad bereavement, and trusted that Miss Pedder's health would improve, and that before long, she would be enjoying much better health than she had today.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Mrs Rose Pedder, wife of Mr Alfred Pedder, of Beaufort, took place on Saturday, and being of a private nature, only immediate friends and relatives were present. The remains of the deceased were removed from the late residence, and interred in the Beaufort Cemetery. Many floral tributes were received from sympathising friends. The coffin-bearers were Messrs Alf. Pedder, Arthur Pedder, C. Pringle, and W. Ellis. The chief mourners were Messrs Alfred Pedder (husband), Alfred and Arthur Pedder (sons), Cliff Pringle, George Pringle, W. Ellis, and A. Patterson (nephews), and other relatives. They were accompanied by many near friends. The Rev. James Mellor, of the Methodist Church, read the service at the house, and the Rev. J. P. MacDougall, of the Presbyterian Church, officiated at the grave. The mortuary arrangements were in the hands of Messrs G. Ludbrook & Son.

Police Court.

Mr R. A. D. Sinclair, J.P., presided over the Beaufort Police Court on Monday, and a debt case listed was settled out of court. An adjourned case against two boys was dealt with in the Children's Court. One was discharged, and the bond for good behaviour for a year extended for a further 12 months in the case of the other

Ararat Shire Economies.

At a meeting of the Ararat Shire on 14th inst., the council considered a report submitted by a committe appointed for the purpose upon means for effecting economies in the expenditure of the council. The report, in effect, was (1) that grading work now being done be completed, and graders then put off until next season, when the work not carried out be the first to be put in hand next year; the approximate cost of the grading works until the end of the year being £1250; the proposal resulting in a saving of £500. (2). That no new works be undertaken this year other than those which are absolutely necessary. (3). That all the daymen should be rationed on the principle of one month out of twelve—meaning that each of the 17 men engaged on maintenance work should be put off for two weeks by the end of September—a saving of about £200 with a further reduction of 10 per cent. in all wages, making a total of about £350. This, with the previous anticipated saving of about £1000, will make a total of £1350. The council previously effected the following saving by the officers carrying out the duties of dog inspector, width of tyres inspector, valuing, etc., £400; reduction of 1/ per day in horse hire by arrangement with the men, approximately £150; reduction in officers' salaries, £250; total, £1100. Estimated revenue for balance of year, £10,409; estimated expenditure for same period, £13,416; debit balance, £300. Against this the council held a war bond of £3000. In answer to questions, the engineer said his salary was £700, Mr Anderson received £278, and Mr Henderson £350. Clauses 2 and 3 of the report were adopted, and clause 1 amended so as to read:—That the works that the graders are engaged upon should be completed, and that the graders should then be put off for two months before the end of September, and works not carried out this year to be the first works to be put in hand next year. The shire has a 1/9 rate.—Abridged from the "Ararat Advertiser."