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RURAL TOPICS

WHAT DISTRICT FARMERS ARE DOING.

In the Beaufort district the continued dry weather is adversely affecting the clover sown in the paddocks. Root crops in the district, such as potatoes and maize, are also deteriorating. Everyone is looking anxiously for rain. The dams are all very low, and several farmers at Trawalla contemplate carting drinking water. Most of the settlers' dams are just about dry, are getting the silt out of them; this being the first opportunity they have had to do so for five or six years. It will be general this year. Some lambs did not hold as well as expected by the end of January, the continued wet weather being responsible. The majority of the farmers are ploughing. There has been such a small harvest, farmers will have big areas under cultivation this year, as they have been able to make such an early start with the ploughing. Some of them have 100 acres turned over already. They will sow a great deal of the old ground again this year; being the opinion that there is a certain amount of last year's manure left in it. As the cropping season was so bad, many people at Trawalla and elsewhere have resumed dairying again. Owing to the low price of butter-fat, they consider that it is better to milk cows and feed cows than to sell cream. A man who had a good herd of dairy cows and the necessary plant could profitably work them instead of selling his cream. Cream is payable, last week, at 1s. 2d. per lb. butter-fat. Lambs are being bought in the district. Some inquiries have been attacked wattle trees for the bark, and owners are cutting them down and stripping them, instead of their limited life, in order to get the bark and wood into use. A portable loading ramp for sheep is badly needed at the Trawalla railway station. Any sheep to be taken to Ballarat have to be driven through five miles to Beaufort to be put through the race, or loaded from the Trawalla platform or station yard, which means that each sheep has to be caught, handled, and thrown into the truck, and is very hard on both the animal and the man. It is claimed that the railways would receive a payable amount of revenue from a portable sheep ramp at Trawalla.

LEVEL CROSSING SMASH.

Car Driver Killed.

Young Woman Seriously Injured.

Failure on the part of the driver of a motor car to observe an approaching train led to a shocking fatality late on Monday night, at the cattle yards crossing, about two miles west from the city of Ballarat. Mr Charles Sands, 23 years of age, garage proprietor, of Ballarat, was killed, and Miss Jean Stevenson, 22 years of age, clerk, Ballarat, was injured. Mr Sands was driving Miss Stevenson and her brother, Mr Colin Stevenson (formerly of Ingliston), Victoria Pears, her senior, to Wendouree. The accident occurred at 10.30 o'clock. When approaching what is known as the cattle yards level crossing, at which a load of sheep was proceeding to the Corporation Saleyards to be in readiness for Tuesday's market, Apparently Sands failed to observe the train until it was too late to avert disaster, although the engine driver declared that the whistle was repeatedly sounded for some distance before the scene of the tragic occurrence was reached.

When Sands was about to pass over the level crossing, he observed the locomotive almost upon him, driving in the hope of avoiding a collision. Sands appears to have closed the front of the car into the side of the crossing. He was travelling at a fair speed at the time. The impact caused the rear portion of the car to swing around and strike the tender of the engine, by which it was dragged along for a distance of about 18 yards, and completely wrecked.

The occupants were thrown out. Colin Stevenson had a miraculous escape. He was precipitated from his seat when the collision took place, and received only superficial injuries. The train was pulled up as speedily as possible, and the city ambulance was summoned. It was accompanied by Dr. Salter, who on arrival, pronounced Sands to be dead. He ordered Miss Stevenson's immediate transfer to the Hospital, where she arrived in a critical condition. She was seriously injured about the head and body, and her right arm was badly lacerated. Her name was placed on the danger list.

Sands' body was frightfully knocked about, and it was obvious from the nature of his injuries that death was instantaneous. His body was taken to the morgue in charge of First-constable Cooper, who was early on the scene. The circumstances were reported to the Coroner (Mr P. H. V. Elliget, P.M.).

Later particulars show that two fractures of the skull, three lacerations in the scalp, and a badly-mutilated right arm, together with extensive body abrasions, were received by Miss Stevenson, who regained consciousness on Tuesday afternoon, and showed slight improvement. All three were in the front seat of the car; Miss Stevenson being in the centre. Mr Colin Stevenson was carried forward in the remains of the front seat and left side of the car. Miss Stevenson was picked up 6 yds. from the engine, whilst the body of Mr Sands was lying about 18 yds. further on.

BEAUFORT RIFLE CLUB.

ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR V.R.A. MEDAL.

J. P. FRASER WINS BAR TO MEDAL.

MEDAL WON BY T. G. BEGGS.

Under fairly good weather conditions, the Beaufort Rifle Club held the annual competition for the V.R.A. medal on Saturday afternoon. The matches were fired at three ranges, and the highest score was registered by J. P. Fraser (151), who won a bar to his medal. Next on the list were T. G. Beggs and W. J. B. Johnson, who each ran on 124. As Beggs had the best record at the longest range, he secured second place, so the count-back award won the medal; having previously obtained one, V.R.A. medals have previously been won by W. B. Johnson (medal and bar), Roy Dunn, and J. P. Fraser. Following are the scores:—

600 yds., 10 shots.—J. P. Fraser, 46; W. J. B. Johnson, 43; T. G. Beggs, 43; Ron Lightfoot, 41; E. Lightfoot, 38.

500 yds., 10 shots.—W. J. B. Johnson, 45; J. P. Fraser, 48; T. G. Beggs, 46; Ron Lightfoot, 46; E. Lightfoot, 39.

300 yds., 10 shots.—E. Lightfoot, 40; T. G. Beggs, 42; J. P. Fraser, 40; Ron Lightfoot, 40; W. J. B. Johnson, 39.

Aggregate at three ranges, 30 shots.—J. P. Fraser, 134; T. G. Beggs, 131; W. J. B. Johnson, 131; Ron Lightfoot, 127; E. Lightfoot, 126.

In the ladder competition, E. Lightfoot (17) defeated T. G. Beggs (12) at 300 yds., and displaced him from fourth position.

CRICKET.

RIPON COMPETITION.

WATERLOO V. BEAUFORT.

AN EXCITING FINISH.

The Waterloo-Beaufort match, played at Waterloo on Saturday last, proved to be one of the most exciting and pleasant games of the season. Beaufort, winning the toss, decided to bat, and Martin and Oddie opened to the attack of D. Lynch and Dromey. Runs came at a steady rate from the outset, but when the score was 28, a misunderstanding between the batsmen resulted in Oddie being run out for a well-made 13. Cole was next, and with Martin, put on 50 runs in quick time, but a double change in the bowling (Jay having taken over from the Waterloo captain) brought about Cole's dismissal, as he was out l.b.w. to R. Lynch, after making 23. The total was 2 for 78. At this stage Beaufort were on top, but in R. Lynch's next over—which accounted for the wickets of Martin (who had made 30), Pringle (0), and Crouch (0)—the score went to 5 for 91. Then, when D. Lynch secured Thompson's wicket (who was out l.b.w. for 1), C. were down for 3. Waterloo had definitely regained the advantage that Beaufort appeared to have secured. At this stage, two left-handers in Hodgetts and Jenkin stopped the "rot," and attacked the bowling again, with the result that 28 runs were added to the score before Jenkin (who added 17) was caught off Jack Lamb, who was having his first try with the ball. This made the total 7 for 114. Hyde was next in, but after making one, fell to a catch in the slips off B. Lynch. Pascoe held up his wicket, while Hodgetts continued to go for the runs; but when six Pascoe was caught off L., who had bowled well without much success. Morvell followed, but with the addition of two runs, was caught off Dromey, leaving Hodgetts not out for a splendidly-made 23. The total was 127. B. Lynch was the most successful bowler; taking 3 wickets for 37. Jack Lamb (1/14), Dromey (1/17), Jay (1/18), and D. Lynch (1/34) took the remainder of the wickets. A score of 128 to make to win looked a big task for the home team to complete in two hours. Nevertheless, they set about the job in a business-like way, with the result that, at the call of time, they only required 14 runs, with one wicket to fall. Dromey and Joe Lamb opened to the attack of Cole and Morvell, and from the outset Dromey was aggressive; getting 18 of the first 21 runs secured, before he fell a victim to Morvell l.b.w. D. Lynch was next in, but he, too, fell to the l.b.w. decision, after making 3; this wicket going to Hyde, who was bowling very accurately, and keeping runs down. Ryan was next, but after making 3, was run out by a wonderful throw-in by Hyde from the boundary, from a position square with the wicket. This was a severe blow to Waterloo, as the score was now 3 for 35. B. Lynch followed, and, with Joe Lamb, set about pulling the side together. For a time, runs came very slowly. Then Lamb, who had made slowly. Then Lamb, who had made 19 very patiently, hit out at Jenkin, and was caught by Hyde when the score was 4 for 56. Jack Lamb was next, and he soon enlivened matters, with the result that 44 runs were added in very quick time, and things were now looking bad for Beaufort. Dromey, another of those quick changes, common to cricket, took place, and in one over, Waterloo lost both Lamb and Lynch to two good catches by Oddie and Jenkin, off the bowling of Martin, making the score 6 for 101. B. Lynch (26) had played a great hand for his side, being steady at the outset, and scoring many smart singles when the field spread for the hitting of Lamb. Lamb's score of 30 was made quickly, when runs were needed, and with a little luck, may have won the game. Flynn was joined by Jay, and both men hit out at the bowling, but after making five, Jay was bowled by Martin, and the score was 7 for 110. R. Smith was next, and held his end up well; assisting Flynn to add 11 to the score. Cole, who had relieved Martin, bowled Flynn with a ball that kept low. L. Lyttle followed, but with 14 runs needed, it was almost impossible for the batsmen to win, as time was almost up. However, in trying for a short run Lyttle was run out, with the score at 3 for 123. R. Smith, the last man, hurried in, but the umpires decided that time was up, leaving Beaufort winners by the narrow margin of 14 runs. Martin (3/31), Hyde (1/9), Morvell (1/16), Cole (1/26), and Jenkin (1/38) shared the wickets. Scores:—

BEAUFORT

H. A. Martin, b. R. Lynch	39
H. Oddie, run out	13
J. Cole, l.b.w., b. R. Lynch	23
E. Crouch, c. R. Smith, b. R. Lynch	0
R. Pringle, c. R. Smith, b. R. Lynch	0
S. G. Thompson, l.b.w., b. D. Lynch	0
C. Hodgetts, not out	23
V. Jenkin, c. B. Smith, b. Jack Lamb	17
K. Hyde, c. Dromey, b. B. Lynch	1
W. Pascoe, c. Joe Lamb, b. E. Jay	6
C. Morvell, c. B. Lynch, b. Dropey	9
Sundries	14
Total	137

Bowling—B. Lynch, 5/37; Dromey, 1/17; Jay, 1/18; Jack Lamb, 1/14; D. Lynch, 1/34.

WATERLOO

N. Dromey, l.b.w., b. C. Morvell	18
Joe Lamb, c. Hyde, b. Jenkin	19
D. Lynch, l.b.w., b. Hyde	3
T. Ryan, run out	3
B. Lynch, c. Jenkin, b. Martin	26
Jack Lamb, c. Oddie, b. Martin	30
C. Flynn, b. Cole	6
E. Jay, b. Martin	5
L. Lyttle, run out	1
R. Smith, not out	11
R. Smith, not out	1
Sundries	
Total	123

Bowling—Martin, 3/31; Hyde 1/9; Morvell, 1/16; Cole, 1/26; Jenkin, 1/38.

WARRAK V. BUANGOR.

The batting time for each side was limited to 1 hour 15 minutes, as play did not commence till 3.15; some of the players on both sides being late, which is not in the best interests of the game. The remedy for this is in the players' own hands, and when local players arrive on the ground 15 minutes late, they can hardly expect their visitors to be early. Buangor, who fielded a weak side, made the decent score of 109 runs; J. Petrie batting very nicely for 36, and Joe Clough hitting strongly for 20. Warrak tried six bowlers, but none of them made much impression on the visitors. Warrak replied with 136, and were all out just on time. J. Petrie was Buangor's best bowler, though C. Petrie backed well with his getting a wicket. Scores:—

BUANGOR.

C. Petrie, c. A. McGuiness, b. Parish	0
W. Murray, junr., c. E. Parish, b. Creenaune	6
J. Murray, run out	36
J. Petrie, run out	7
W. Boscence, b. Creenaune	10
W. Mathews, b. Dadswell	3
J. O'Brien, b. Padgett	20
Joe Clough, b. Parish	4
A. Parish, b. Padgett	2
W. Hutcheson, b. Parish	2
Jack Murray, not out	13
Sundries	
Total	109

Bowling—E. Parish, 3/18; L. McGuiness, 0/16; J. Creenaune, 2/28; S. Dadswell, 1/9; A. McGuiness, 0/5; A. Padgett, 2/10.

WARRAK.

A. McGuiness, c. and b. J. Petrie	10
A. Padgett, c. J. Murray, b. J. Petrie	5
E. Parish, retired	32
L. Lewin, b. J. Murray	31
P. Ord, c. W. Mathews, b. J. Murray	28
S. Dadswell, retired	12
L. McGuiness, c. and b. W. Mathews	3
H. Williams, b. W. Mathews	6
J. Creenaune, b. J. Petrie	6
R. deCleren, b. J. Pearie	2
W. Shields, not out	2
Sundries	
Total	136

Bowling—J. Petrie, 4/32; J. O'Brien, 0/9; J. Murray, 2/44; C. Petrie, 0/30; W. Murray, junr., 0/10; W. Mathews, 2/6.

January Rainfall.

During the month of January 15 points of rain fell at Beaufort. This is the driest January for 26 years; eight points being recorded in January, 1906. For the past two months the rainfall has been only 42 points.

Snooker.

On Saturday, whilst playing snooker pool at Mr George Nothnagel's billiard room at Beaufort, Mr E. Day made a break of 47. Prior to this, the best snooker break for the room (37) was made by Mr Nothnagel himself.

Farmer's Will.

James Brown, of Chepstowe) farmer, who died on December 28, left by will dated December 23, 1931, real estate of a gross value of £1614 and personal property of a gross value of £2277 to his wife and daughter, subject to a gift of £100 to the Presbyterian Church, Carngham.

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WOOL SALES.

At the Geelong wool sales on Thursday, the following district clips were sold:—W. HW./Skipton, sup. over., 15½d; AMC/Skipton, fleece, 134d; JT (comp), W/Main Lead, Beaufort, 1st lms., 163d, sup. com., 141d; WR/MI. (Middle Creek), A 161d; L & H/T (Trawalla), 1st lms., 164; TL/McK (Beaufort), AAA 151d; F/Spring Bank (Skipton), 1st com. 151d; HE/Skipton, sup. com., 15d; Skipton/BT (comp.), 1st com., 15d; TJT/BFT (Beaufort), sup. com., 15d; TT/Chute (Beaufort), MF 145d; J. Young/Trawalla, sup. AA 149d; JJ/—/CK (Ballyrogan), 1st lms., 143d, 1st com. 135d; CR/R (Raglan), sup. com. 145d; ECE/Skipton, 1st com. 141d; JF/MCK (Middle Creek), AA com., 133d; KKK/B (Beaufort), AA com., 125d; FD (Raglan), MF 134d; 137d; KK/T (Beaufort), ME 123d; RAR/Trawalla, MF 131d; T/Chute, ME 125d; AH/B (Beaufort), ME 123d; ML/W (Beaufort), MFH 123d; Exors. J. Hood/Stockyard Hill, AAF 142d, IXF Ltd.

At the Geelong wool sales on Thursday, lambs' wool realised 21d a lb., which was paid for Ercildoune lambs', and was the highest price of the season. Ercildoune and Carranbalac fleece sold to 163d. Jillamatong, Skipton, sup. com. 154d; AM 8810, AAA 154d; M Tim hoyt (Beaufort), AAA 145d; AM/Carmgham, sup. 143d; AS/Skipton, AA 145d; McSAY Chepstowe, sup. com. 164d, sup. lms., 181d; RMC Chepstowe, sup. AA 153d; R/Chepstowe, AA fine 140.

BEAUFORT WATER SUPPLY.

NOT ONLY ONE THAT HAS RESTRICTIONS.

For the benefit of some Beaufort ratepayers, who find the mild restrictions on the local water supply irksome, it might be pointed out that the water commissioners are only acting in common with practically every other township elsewhere. Restrictions are in force in Stawell, whilst at Ararat private gardens can only be watered from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Beaufort commissioners are of the opinion that no further restrictions will be necessary, provided that the present restraint is practiced by consumers.

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Reminded of the day;
For deep in my heart is a memory
Of a loved one passed away.
Although her voice is silent,
And her smile I see no more;
In my heart her memory lingers,
Just fondly as before.
No space of time, no lapse of years,
Can dim my loved one's part—
A loving memory holds it dear,
Affection holds it fast.
—Inserted by her loving husband, Jack.

CROCKER.—In loving memory of my dear sister and our dear daughter Ruth, who died February 4th, 1931.
Sweetly she sleeps while others smile,
Softly her peaceful head doth lie;
United in heaven, God's glory to share.
Free from all sorrow, pain, and care.
—Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, Lily and Robert Crocker, and family, Ercildoune.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"The man who can treat his troubles like a duck's back treats water has an invaluable weapon for the battle of life."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1932.

An Early Frost.

A frost on Tuesday night caused considerable damage in district vegetable and flower gardens.

Rainfall.

Rain began to fall early on Friday morning, and by 4 p.m., 107 points had been recorded. This will replenish water supplies, which were getting low.

Success at Ararat Tournament.

At the Ararat tennis tournament on Friday, 30th ult., the Schoolboys' Open Singles was won by Leo Young, of Beaufort, who defeated Hugh McDonald after a well-fought match, 6—1, 6—3.

Swimming Carnival Postponed.

"If you want it to rain, arrange a swimming carnival," is an old saying in Beaufort that has too often come true. Once again the next weather, the Beaufort School swimming carnival, to have been held to-day (Saturday), has been postponed to a date to be fixed.

Card Social.

The Beaufort Mothers' Guild held a card social on Tuesday night at Mrs J. T. Glover's residence. The euchre tournament was won by Mesdames A. J. Saph and W. Willis; the prizes at the second table going to Mrs. W. Gillingham and Miss Willis. Mrs J. R. Hughes acted as secretary.

Land Sale.

On Thursday, at the office of Mr Theo. W. Schlicht, auctioneer, Beaufort, the property of the late Mr John Simpson (Middle Creek, 226 acres) was sold by auction. The purchaser was Sir Bruslee11 White, of Middle Creek, who paid £8 an acre for it. The auctioneer states that there was a better attendance at this sale than at any he has seen for some time.

The National Game.

The thoughts of ballhandlers are again turning to the national game, and if current gossip can be relied on, the Ripon football competition is likely to be revived this year, with Beaufort, Raglan, Waterloo, and Buangor meeting each other on their old leading grounds. The Ripon competition means less travelling and expenses for all the teams concerned, and because the public are able to follow most of the matches, it also means greater interest and better gates. For several years past the Beaufort club has been feeling the burden of the long journeys necessitated by the Learmonth competition, and the heavy expense involved. Last year Raglan players augmented the Beaufort and Buangor teams; Buangor playing in a junior competition at Ararat. It is hoped that the whole question will be fully discussed early in the season, and a lead given for the resumption of the local competition, which, after all, provided the real sport for those who support the district clubs.

Beaufort's Representative Wins Title of Champion of Champions With the Gun.

J. W. Sutherland ("Calrossie"), who is well-known throughout the State at "Gentleman John"—a nickname thoroughly deserved, on account of his straightforwardness and kindness on all occasions in assisting and tendering valuable advice to all young and other shooters—has added another championship to his long string, making 13 championships in all. He has won the title of champion of champions. "Calrossie" is the Beaufort Gun Club's delegate to the Gun Clubs' Association, and is the club's official referee in all its principal events. A few years ago he visited Monte Carlo with Downie, Medway, and others, and held his own with the world's best. The late Downie, on that occasion, although minus a hand, won the world's title. Following is the list of "Calrossie's" championships:— Commonwealth — Sparrow, three times; starling, twice; pigeon, twice; mixed bird, three times; single barrel, once. Victorian—Starling, twice; pigeon, four times. New South Wales—Sparrow, twice; pigeon, four times. South Australia—Starling, twice; pigeon, once. Melbourne Gun Club—Sparrow, twice; pigeon, once. Northcote —Sparrow, twice; starling, twice. Wimmera—Sparrow, once; pigeon, once. Goulburn Valley—Sparrow, once; starling, once. Western District, Hamilton, Williamstown, Tasmanian, Nobel Clay Bird.

CRICKET.

BALLARAT COUNTRY WEEK COMPETITION.

Ulina v. Ripon.

Ulina, runners-up to Western Plains last season, and always consistent performers, had an easy victory over Ripon on Tuesday. Ripon were without the services of E. Furbish and J. Yawkins. Ripon were dismissed for 55, and Ulina responded with 171 for three wickets. They tried to get Ripon out again, but just failed to do so, and had to be content with a first inning victory. In the first innings H. V. Martin made 21 for Ripon, and N. Denney 12. Leishman (2/7), Ilbatt (2/13), Rogers (2/11), and Fish (2/6) took the wickets. In the second innings Martin scored 10 for Ripon, E. Lynch 31, and Joe Lamb 11. Bowlines: Hoot, 4/26; Rogers, 3/22. For Ulina, F. Newton made 94, M. Rogers 29, G. Dunn 17, and N. Newton 13. Bowlines—Martin, 2/61; Lynch, 1/26.

Evansford v. Ripon.

A very keen game marked by some spectacular hitting and some good bowling, was witnessed on White Flat, between Ripon and Evansford on Wednesday. The latter won the toss, and sent Ripon in. The scoring was much faster than on the previous day in the Western Plains—Molesworth match, and this was largely due to a fine display of hitting by Dunbar, an old player of the Ballarat Football Club. In a score of 59 he hit three sixes (one of them landing in the creek) and five fours. D. Lynch (37) and Cole (27) gave him good support. Denney made 15, and Liddle 12. McWilliams (4/20) and Grills (3/19) were the most effective bowlers. Evansford's first two wickets fell rather cheaply, but a defensive innings by Dean for 31, and a display of sound batting by McWilliams (one of the successes of the week) for 55, well supported by Grills (20) made the game fairly safe. Double-figure scores by Willis (10), Findlay (14), Moore (11), and Reinfelt (10) enabled Evansford to win just before time. B. Lynch (4/29) was Ripon's most successful bowler. Denney took 2 for 43, D. Lynch 1 for 90, and Hyde 1 for 23.

Ripon Defeats Bullarook.

Despite the fact that neither Ripon nor Bullarook had won a match, their enthusiasm did not wane on Thursday, when they met on the Wesdource ground. Each was keen to win. Batting first, Ripon, whose team included for the first time for the week, E. Furbish, the stalwart of many a game in which he has taken part, made 85. Their most successful batsmen were J. Cole, who distinguished himself last season, and who made 45 on Thursday, and D. Lynch, who made 18. Useful scores were made by Liddle (22 not out) and Jay (12). Powell captured 4 wickets for 34, Rodgers 27 and Inglis 2 for 20. A good partnership by Powell and Bullarook, whose presence of mind at cricket never went astray, brought the total to 136. Bullarook failed to do so, and had to be content with a first inning victory. In the first innings H. V. Martin made 21 for Ripon, and N. Denney 12. Leishman (2/7), Ilbatt (2/13), Rogers (2/11), and Fish (2/6) took the wickets. In the second innings Martin scored 10 for Ripon, E. Lynch 31, and Joe Lamb 11. Bowlines: Hoot, 4/26; Rogers, 3/22. For Ulina, F. Newton made 94, M. Rogers 29, G. Dunn 17, and N. Newton 13. Bowlines—Martin, 2/61; Lynch, 1/26.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Editor, "Riponshire Advocate."

Dear Sir,—I should like to take up a little space in your paper to mention a very important matter, which, perhaps, very few people who consider it vastly amusing to tie telegraph wires to fences—thus grounding the line and generally completely out of action. This was done—the line being firmly connected to the fence by a length of wire—during the last week and so cutting off two telephones. The inconvenience at the telephonists desk must be considerable. The damage done to the line and subscriber is considerable. He has to leave other important work to walk or ride slowly along several miles of telegraph line. Apart from the inconvenience, business and social obligations are upset, causing trouble for others, and possibly loss of trade; also in these times when bush fires are so prevalent, it is an appalling thing to think that homes, valuable properties, and acres of grass or timber may be destroyed for want of a telephone message for help or of warning. There is also a grave danger that a sudden illness or accident may call for the presence of a doctor. Must lives be lost or put in jeopardy because of the thoughtlessness and stupidity of a person perpetrating such a misplaced practical joke? Yours, etc.—

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BOWLS.

For the third time this season in the Beaufort Bowling Club's color competition, a tie between the Reds and Blues resulted on Saturday afternoon, both teams in a four-rink match scoring 69 points. The Blues at the close of Saturday's play were 2/2 in the lead.

On Tuesday evening the Reds had a run of luck, and were 10 up—82 to 36—reducing the Blues' lead from 23 to 7.

In a four and an odd rink match on Thursday night, the Reds were 12 up—98 to 86—[illegible] and over the Reds from 7 to 20.

Appointed Head Teacher

Miss M. Person, daughter of Mr V. J. Person, head teacher of the Ercildoune school, has been appointed head teacher of the Tarrayurk South school, near Dimboola, and has commenced duty.

Skipton Train Service

Skipton Progress Association has decided to request that the motor train service from Ballarat to Linton be extended to Skipton. They claim that the motor could not negotiate the grades between Skipton and Linton has been proved to be unfounded.

Car Strikes Cow.

When Mr Peart, head teacher of Skipton State school, was returning to that town after the holidays, his car struck a cow, which rose from the roadside, as he was attempting to avoid some others on the road. His car was damaged, but the occupants were fortunate enough to escape serious injury.

Carngham Sports Club.

The secretary of the Carngham Sports Club presented a balance-sheet of the sports gathering, held on New Year's Day, and it showed a credit balance of £20/16/10. The proceeds are to be paid over to the Mechanics' Hall building fund. The officials were thanked for their assistance. The secretary was instructed to send a letter to the Ripon Ripponshire Council for having cleaned up the racecourse.

Kitchen Tea at Buangor.

In honor of her approaching marriage with Mr J. Kneebone, of Middle Creek, Miss A. Meadows, of Buangor, was the guest of honor at a social evening, which took the form of a kitchen tea in the Buangor hall. There was a large attendance, and Miss Meadows received a very useful and attractive collection of presents in testimony of the esteem in which she and Mr Kneebone are held in Buangor district. After dancing and a musical programme had been enjoyed, Mr Colin McPherson, in a few well-chosen words, presented Miss Meadows and himself that evening, and he assured their friends that their kindness was very much appreciated.

Social at Middle Creek.

On Wednesday night the fourth of a series of euchre tournaments and dances was held at the Middle Creek hall, in aid of the local Tennis Club. There was a good attendance. The euchre tournament was won by Mr F. K. Smith and Mrs Ovens. The "booby" prizes were carried off by Miss H. O'Brien and Mr Osborne. The dance music was supplied by Messrs R. Boyd, A. Humphrey (accordeon), J. Frane, and J. O'Brien (piano). Mr Con Liston carried out the M.C. A recitation was given by Miss Dickman. Supper was provided by the ladies.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The following report by the engineer (Mr E. S. Crouch, C.E., L.S.) will be dealt with at the meeting of the Ripon Shire Council on Monday:-

1. Beaufort Baths.—These baths could be reticulated from the Goldfields Reservoir, in lieu of from the town mains, at an estimated cost of £70, using 1-inch pipe. Half-inch pipe would cost about £10 less, but the former is preferable.

2. Application of J. Lancey to Acquire Portion of the Width of the Eastern Belmont Road, Adjoining Lancey's Property.—As directed, a suitable scheme will be submitted for approval.

3. Beaufort Water Supply.—In common with other schemes throughout the State, the Beaufort Water Supply Scheme is undergoing a severe test. The restriction of sprinklers recently imposed, and the appeal to diminish waste, has resulted in the reserves being considerably better conserved, and should enable this very difficult period to be passed, with every assurance of continued adequate supply.

MINING NEWS.

The manager of the North Hope Revival Co. reports:—No. 2 bore struck coal at 109 ft., and pumped, and bored through 5 ft. of heavy wash; bottomed at 114 ft; completed bore at 115 ft; results washed gold from borings very satisfactory. As there are two more tributaries in this lease, besides the main gutter, it is not necessary to bore them, as I have a record of them, thus saving the company expense. Boring has been temporarily stopped for the present. Two more leases have been pegged out.

On behalf of the North Hope Revival Co. No. 2, Mr E. S. Crouch is applying for a lease of 250 acres in the Parish of Beaufort.

RAGLAN'S BIG DAY.

ATHLETIC CLUB'S SPORTS. RECORD ENTRY AND SUCCESS-FUL GATHERING.

It is 10 years since the revival of the Raglan Athletic Club's sports (formerly run by the Miners' Association), and in that period no better meeting has been held than that which took place on the Foundation Day holiday — Monday last. The weather was warm, without being unpleasantly hot, and a large and representative gathering of residents of the surounding district and neighboring townships thronged the Recreation Reserve, where fully 100 motor cars were parked. The gate receipts amounted to about £85, compared with £40/0/3 last year, and £145 in 1930. A record entry (127) was received, independent of post entries, and a very interesting and enjoyable programme of footracing, woodchopping, and novelty events was got off. Most of the finishes were fairly close, and reflected credit on the work of the handicappers. The house of the publican's and soft drinks booths was Mr W. Liston, and they were under the management of Mr A. J. Saph. Mr Clark was in charge of the fruit and sweets stall, and Mrs. Fisher conducted the luncheon and afternoon tea booth. She provided a tasty meal for the officials. A couple of bookmakers attended, so that punters had an opportunity to back their opinions. Constable J. J. Duke was present on duty, and the hardest task he had to perform was that of keeping the arena free of the public, which he carried out in a cheerful and tactful way. The sports were conducted by a small, but energetic and enthusiastic band of officials. Mr M. Welsh was at his old post as president, and again proved his worth as a wise and practical leader. He had a worthy lieutenant in the vice-president, Mr Jas. Grant. The secretary (Mr Geo. H. Cuthbertson) carried out his duties in his customary methodical and thorough way, and was courteous and obliging to all who had occasion to visit his office. Following is the full list of officials:—President, Mr M. Welsh; vice-president, Mr J. Grant; color steward, Mr C. Mitchell; judges, Messrs A. Mitchell, E. J. Tiley, J. Grant, and M. Welsh; referee, Mr T. Williams; supervisors of woodchops, Messrs W. Connor and J. J. Dunn; starters, Messrs J. A. Bates and T. Williams; secretary, Mr G. H. Cuthbertson; handicappers, Messrs J. A. Bates, J. Murphy, and W. Connor; timekeeper, Mr W. Dixon; gatekeepers, Messrs K. W. Lewis and Evan Grant.

The winner of the Sheffield Handicap was W. H. Walker, who beat the second man (C. Williams) by two yards. M. E. Martin won the Underhand Chop by a blow; E. Anderson being second. A protest lodged by the latter against the winner, on the ground that his performance was not correct, has not yet been disposed of. K. Kirk had a victory over W. H. Walker in the 100 yards flat, by two yards. Sprint, but was disqualified on a protest lodged against him by Walker that he had furnished incorrect performances. The first prize was awarded to Walker. The 880 yards second to C. Williams. The winner of the Novice Woodchop (E. Tiley) had seven or eight blows to spare, but J. Rutherford and R. Baker were a dead-heat for second. Baker winning the decision by a blow. W. H. Walker won the 100 yds. Handicap by a yard and a half, with C. F. K. Smith and Mrs Ovens. The "booby" prizes were carried off by Miss H. O'Brien and Mr Osborne. Fiery Creek Trot, R. E. Burkinshaw's Blue Derby was six lengths in front of Mr McEvale's Scaplane (accordeon), J. Frane, and J. O'Brien (piano). Mr Con Liston carried out the M.C. A recitation was given by Miss Dickman. Supper was provided by the ladies.

Anderson, on the grounds that he did not furnish correct performances. The prize money was withheld, pending the signing of a declaration, and the making of inquiries.

75 yds Sprint—£1/10/ and 15/.

First heat—A. Dunstan, 10½ yds., 1; G. Mawbey, 9½ yds., 2. Time, 4-5 sec. Won by less than a yard. Two starters.

Second heat—W. H. Walker, 8½ yds., 1; W. Broadbent, 11 yds., 2. Time, 8 2-5 sec. Won easily. Two starters.

Third heat—C. J. Williams, 5 yds., 1; D. Lynch, 8½ yds., 2. Time, 7 3-5 sec. Won by a foot. Four starters.

Fourth heat—K. Kirk, 11 yds., 1; J. E. Martin, 9 yds., 2. Time, 7 sec. Won by a couple of yards. Four competitors.

Final—K. Kirk, 1; W. H. Walker, 2; C. Williams, 3. Won by nine inches, with half-a-yard between second and third. Time, 7 2-5 sec. Five starters. Walker lodged a protest against first place being given to Kirk, on the ground that the winner had furnished incorrect performances. The protest was upheld, and Kirk disqualified for the day. First place was awarded to Walker, and second to Williams.

Novice Woodchop—£2 and trophy. For competitors who had never won a prize of £2 or over.

First heat—R. Baker, scr., 1; E. Tiley, scr., and J. Rutherford, 2 sec. bhd., dead heat, 2. Time, 7 3-5 sec. Won easily. Six starters.

Second heat—J. Collinson, scr., 1; R. R. Boyd, scr., 2. Time, 73 2-5 sec. Won by two blows. Four starters.

Final—E. Tiley, 1; J. Rutherford, and R. Baker, dead heat, 2. Won by seven or eight blows, with an exciting contest for second place. Five starters. Time, 52 sec. Rutherford and Baker chopped off for second place, which was won by Baker in 61 sec.

100 yds. Handicap—£2/10/, 15/, and trophy.

First heat—D. Lynch, 10½ yds., 1; A. Dunstan, 12 yds., 2. Time, 10 2-5 sec. Won by inches.

Second heat—W. H. Walker, 10 yds., 1; C. Williams, 6½ yds., 2. Time, 10 1-5 sec. Won by a yard. Three starters.

Final—W. H. Walker, 1; C. Williams, 2; C. Bates, 3. Time, 9 4-5 sec. Won by a yard and a half, with inches separating second and third. Three starters.

Running High Jump—£1 and trophy.—G. Grant, 2 in., 1; W. Clark, scr., 2. Height, 5 ft. 5½ in. There was a good entry.

Foundation Day Trot, 3 furlongs—£3, £2, and £1.—J. L. McEvale's Scaplane, scr. (owner), 1; F. A. Burkinshaw's Prince, 100 yds. bhd. (owner), 2; R. E. Burkinshaw's Blue Derby, 20 yds. bhd. (owner), 3. Time, 2 min. 28 sec. Won by four lengths, with about six lengths between second and third. Six starters.

Standing Block Chop, 12 inch logs—£1, £1/10/, and trophy.

First heat—J. Palmer, 5 sec. bhd. scr., 1; R. Davis, 9 sec. bhd., 2. Won easily by 11 blows. Time, 53 sec. Five competitors.

Second heat—A. Marshall, 1 sec. bhd. scr., 1; E. Martin, 7 sec. bhd., 2. Won by eight blows. Time, 48 4-5 sec. Six competitors.

Final—T. Pearce, 7 sec. bhd., 1; E. V. Broadbent; 9 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 58 sec. Won by a blow. Six starters.

Final.—R. Davis, 1; T. Pearce, 2; E. V. Broadbent, 3. Won by six blows, with a blow between second and third. Time, 49 3-5 sec. Six starters.

Fiery Creek Trot, 8 furlongs—£4 and £1.—R. E. Burkinshaw's Blue Derby, 20 yds. bhd. scr. (owner), 1; J. L. McEvale's Seaplane, scr. (owner), 2; F. A. Burkinshaw's Prince, 100 yds. bhd. (owner), 3. Time, 2 min. 22 1-5 sec. Won by six lengths, with eight or nine lengths between second and third. Six starters.

The Raglan Handicap Trot, 9 furlongs—Purse of £5 and double-reined bridle (gift of Mr Allchin), and £2 each. — McEvale's Seaplane, scr. (owner), 1; R. E. Burkinshaw's Blue Derby, 30 yds. bhd. scr. (owner), 2. Won easily by about 75 yds.; the other starters not finishing. Time, 2 min. 42 sec. Four starters.

Consolation Trot—£2 and 10/.—F. A. Burkinshaw's Prince, 150 yds. bhd. scr. (owner), 1; A. Brown's Knight Direct, scr. (owner), 2; P. Snell's Knight Direct, scr. (owner), 3. Won by six or seven lengths, with a big gap between second and third. Time, 2 min. 22 sec. Five starters.

Boys' Race, under 14—3/ and 2/.—G. Glenister and G. Cuthbertson, dead heat, 1; W. Finch, 3. A close finish.

Boys' Race, under 10—3/ and 2/.—A. Spicer, 1; W. Waldron, 2. Won by a foot.

Girls' Race, under 10—3/ and 2/.—Joyce Cuthbertson, 1; Lois Buchanan, 2. Won by two yards.

Sale of Sports Booths.

The booths for the forthcoming sports at Waterloo on Easter Saturday will be sold at Mr Theo. W. Schlicht's office on Thursday. The publican's booth was purchased by Mr E. Bell, of Ballarat, for £8; the fruit, lollies, and soft drinks booth going to Mr A. Clark for £4. The booths for the Thistle Club's Easter Monday sports at Beaufort were sold at the same time. After rising to £4, the publican's booth was passed in for sale. Mr R. F. Macdonald purchased the fruit, lollies, and soft drinks booth.

Oddfellows' Lodge.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Beaufort Oddfellows' meeting on Thursday night. Sister Williams, N.G., was in the chair, and 17 members were present. One new member was initiated. Bro. Whalley, who is leaving Beaufort and going to Gunbower, was presented with a handsome gift. A circular was received from the head office, in regard to the enormous increase in the sick-to the enormous increase in the sick-pay being paid out by the lodges, and urging officers of lodges to see that no sick-pay was passed for payment unless the member was justly entitled to same, and fully adhered to the rules. If necessary, a member drawing sick-pay could be sent for a special medical examination at any time. Sick visitors have been appointed to visit sick members and see that the rules are being carried out.

TENNIS.

At the Beaufort Courts to-day (Saturday), in the competition for the Gorrian Cup, the Beaufort team will play a strong team from the Stawell Club, comprising, amongst others, J. H. Webb and R. A. Hughes, winners of the doubles championship at the Ararat tournament last Monday and R. C. Vernon, winner of the handicap singles. At the same tournament, Leo Young, of Beaufort, won the Juniors' Championship for the mixed doubles handicap (Miss Pickford's trophies) also. To-day, and for the Ripon Cup, which is open to all men residing within 20 miles from Beaufort, on Monday, 15th February. A large entry is anticipated from outside players. Miss A. Stewart, of the Beaufort Ladies' Club, has been selected to represent the Ripon Association team, to compete in the Pickford Trophy Championship at Kooyong on 17th February.

COMING EVENTS

In aid of the Presbyterian Hospital, a fete will be held at Stockyard Hill on Saturday, 13th Feby. There will be numerous stalls and amusements (including cookery). A feature of the fete will be a comical dog show.

A Cafe Chantant will be held in the Presbyterian Sunday School by the cake stall holders on Thursday afternoon, Feby 11th.

Subscribers to the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute are earnestly requested to attend the annual meeting, to be held on Monday evening, February 8th.

A Methodist Maypole Fair will be held on Thursday, February 18th, in the Picture Theatre, Beaufort, at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. The fair will be opened by Mrs S. E. Humphreys. There will be numerous stalls and midget golf, quoits, and a shooting gallery.

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METHODIST MAYPIE FAIR.

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Area applied for—250 acres.

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

Full description and precise locality of the land—Part of Allots. 43, 44A, 45A, 46, 47, 48, Parish of Beaufort.

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Term required—16 years.

Estimated expenditure—£1000.

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General remarks—Nil.

Signature of Applicant—E. S. CROUCH.

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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.

FETE.

IN aid of PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL, at Stockyard Hill, on SATURDAY, 13th FEBRUARY. Competitions, Afternoon Tea, Comical Dog Show, Prizes for Pound Cake, Sponge Cake, Bread, Spanish Sandwich, Scones, Shortbread, Pastry. Entry, 3d.

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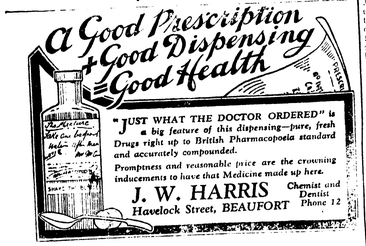

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BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB

SPORTS PROGRAMME ADOPTED.

The committee of the Beaufort Thistle Club met at the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday night, Mr R. J. Macdonald (chief) presided, and 12 members were present. An apology was received for the non-attendance of Mrs W. Newey. The chief reported that the sub-committee had drawn up an amended programme of the sports. The secretary (Mr W. Manson) read the amended programme, which contained several alterations in the dancing and athletic events. The chief said that about £7 would be saved on last year's programme. After discussion, the following programme was adopted:—Dancing Events.—Under 16—Prizes, 11 and 7/6.—Sheantruis, Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Irish Jig, Sailor's Hornpipe.—Under 12—Prizes, 11 and 7/6.—Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Irish Jig, Sailor's Hornpipe.—Consolation Sheantruis—15/, and 5/. Local dancers, under 16—Prizes, 10/ and 5/.—Highland Fling, Sheantruis, Irish Jig. Pas-de-Quatre. Ward promised to donate the kilt and blue ribbon for the dancing competitive Athletic Events.—Under 16—Boys' Race, 75 yds.—2/ and 1/. Girls' Race, under 14, 75 yds.—2/ and 1/. Girls' Race, under 16, 75 yds.—2/ and 1/. Standing Block Chop, 36 in. girth logs—4/ and 2/. Handicap Underand Over-Chop, 28 in. girth logs—4/ and 2/. Silver ribbon, gift Mr H. J. Buchanan), £1/10/, and trophy, gift of Mr Green). Mile Bicycle Race—4/ and blue ribbon (ribbon, gift of secretary), and £1. Half-mile Bicycle Race—3/ and £1. Two-mile Bicycle Race—3/ and £1. Games.—Kicking Football—10 and 5/. Bowling at Wicket—10/ and 5/. Running High Jump—15/ and 5/. Guessing Weight of Fat Sheep—Prize, the sheep. Stepping the Distance—10/ and 5. Siamese Race (boys), 75 yds.—4/ and 2/. Skipping Race (girls), 50 yds.—3/ and 2/. Blindfold Barrel Race—7/6 and 2/6. It was decided to allot 20/ for fire brigade events, to be chosen by the brigade. The ladies undertook to run the afternoon tea booth. It was resolved to engage Miss Oliver and another piper from Ballarat. The chief and the sub-committee considered that getting artists from Melbourne was too expensive, and suggested that Mr Green be asked to run a domestic show on. Mr Green said he had written away for a piece, but had not yet got a reply. He had a doubt whether there was time to work it up in seven weeks. In the event of Mr Green being unable to supply a programme, the matter of obtaining a concert party was left in the hands of the sub-committee. It was resolved that a dance follow the entertainment.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

LAKE GOLDSMITH.

(Contributed).

December 18th, 1931, will be long remembered by the children attending the Lake Goldsmith school; the occasion being the annual break-up, etc. The function was under the dual control of the school committee and Mothers' Club, and under the very capable leadership of the officers of these two committees, members worked assiduously to make the function a success, and their efforts were well rewarded, judging by the sunshine of smiles on the children's happy faces, and the large attendance of visitors, both at the afternoon and evening celebrations. The afternoon was devoted to a concert given by the pupils, who had been trained by their popular teacher (Miss Beardman), and a special word of praise is due to her for the trouble she went to in training those young scholars without assistance, and which must have involved a good deal of extra work. Cr. D. Stewart, in his usual capable manner, presented each child with a prize, and also congratulated the children on their attainments. The new tennis court, which the Mothers' Club presented to the school, was also officially opened. Afternoon tea was partaken of. After the children's races, etc., they left for home, tired, but happy, in anticipation of returning later in the evening to make the acquaintance of their dear and cherished friend, Santa Claus, who arrived at about 8.30 p.m., amidst the jingling of bells, and entered the school in all the glory of his picturesque raiment, to the delight of his young friends. After being warmly welcomed by the officers of the combined committee, he turned his attention to the beautifully-decorated and well-laden Christmas tree and to his little friends. As he found a nice gift for each child, he called the name of the boy or girl. They advanced to Santa Claus—the younger ones with awed feelings, but the older ones with their faces wreathed in smiles. No doubt,to most of the visitors present, this would recall happy memories of bygone childhood. As the children received their presents, they also had the honor of shaking Santa Claus by the hand and of having an informal friendly chat. It must have gladdened the heart of his dear old friend of the children to see so much happiness amidst this terrible depression, which is making itself felt throughout the whole universe. Having distributed all his presents, and having calls to make to other schools, he took his departure, amidst great cheering. The room was then cleared for dancing; the floor being reserved for children's dances for an hour. Inspiriting music was supplied by Mrs Grant and Messrs Boyd and Day, of the Beaufort Orchestra. Mr W. Cheeseman, in his usual jovial style and efficient way, carried out the duties of M.C., and left nothing to be desired. During the evening the musicians were relieved by local players and Miss D. George, of Beaufort, who also presided at the piano and led a number of community songs. A novelty dance was won by the little Misses J. Cheeseman and M. Cushing, who coincided with the adults. A presentation to Mrs Grant and another to Mr Cheeseman, who have always given their services gratuitously, was made by the chairman of the school committee (Mr A. Kirkpatrick), and both recipients suitably responded. Mr Kirkpatrick also took the opportunity, in a very neat speech, of thanking the visitors and the public in general for the whole-hearted support they had always accorded the school. All were agreed that this function was a fitting termination to the year's activities. Several competitions were held, and were won by Misses Lewis and O'Brien, and Mr K. Hyde. The success of these was due to Mrs C. Ward's capable supervision. A very dainty and tasty supper was handed round by the ladies. Dancing continued till the small hours of the morning.

TENNIS.

BEAUFORT DISTRICT COMPETITION.

In connection with the Beaufort district tennis competition on Saturday, Waterloo defeated Beaufort Methodists on the Waterloo courts. Results (Waterloo players being mentioned first):—

R. Vowles and D. Laney d. K. McErvale and R. Saph, 6—5.

Misses H. Dunn and A. Vowles d. Misses M. Parker and Elsie Morcell, 6—0.

Misses E. Jay and K. Flynn lost to Misses Evelyn Morvell and A. Ellis, 4—6.

A. Boyd and R. Boyd lost to R. Hancock and A. Day, 5—8.

Miss A. Vowles and R. Vowles lost to Miss A. Ellis and K. McErvale, 6—8.

Mrs H. Dunn and D. Laney d. Miss M. Parker and R. Hancock, 6—3.

Miss E. Jay and A. Boyd d. Miss Elsie Morvell and A. Day, 6—1.

Miss K. Flynn and R. Boyd d. Miss Evelyn Morvell and R. Saph, 6—1.

Total:—Waterloo, 8 games; Beaufort, 3 games; 31 games.

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

Mount Cole were at home to Middle Creek last Saturday, but Middle Creek proved too strong for the hosts, winning by 29 games. Following are the results (Middle Creek players being mentioned first):—

J. McMartin and J. Bowd d. H. Shalders and L. Pilgrim, 8—3.

H. Carmichael and R. Davidson d. S. Shalders and A. deClerq, 8—3.

Mr. Bossence and Miss Hillman d. Misses R. and M. Padgett, 8—1.

Misses L. and A. Frane d. Misses E. Shalders and Fleming, 6—5.

Mrs Bossence and J. McMartin d. Miss R. Padgett and L. Pilgrim, 6—4.

Miss Hillman and J. Bowd lost to Miss M. Padgett and H. Shalders, 4—6.

Miss A. Frane and R. Davidson d. Miss Pilgrim and A. deClerq, 8—1.

Miss L. Frane and H. Carmichael lost to Miss E. Shalders and S. Shalders, 4—6.

Totals:—Middle Creek, 55 games; Mount Cole, 35 games.

COMMERCIAL

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Cattle—151 penned; the majority being good and well bullocks. The demand was better. Prime heavyweight bullocks, £11 to £11/10/; prime medium, £9/10/ to £10/10/; good 48 to £9; prime lightweights, £8 to £9; useful, £7 to £7/10/; good cows, £6 to £7/7/6; useful, £4/10/ to £5/10/. Calves—Competition was fair, best making £6/17/6.

Sheep—2711 forward. Scarcely any were prime; the majority being useful and middling merinos and comebacks. Demand throughout was keen; values advancing 1/ to 1/6. Quotations: Prime crossbred wethers, to 15/3; good, 12/6 to 14/; useful, 9/ to 11/6; prime crossbred ewes, 11/6 to 13/4; good, 10/ to 10/; useful, 7/ to 8/; prime merino wethers, 12/ to 13/1; good, 10/ to 11/; useful, 8/ to 9/. About 400 store sheep offered. Values were well sustained. Lambs—2009 offered. Sales opened with brisk demand, towards the close, however, an easier tendency prevailed. Woolly prime, 14/ to 15/; good, 10/6 to 12/; useful, 8/ to 9/6; shorn, prime, 12/ to 14/; a few, to 15/4; good, 9/6 to 10/; useful, from 6/.

Messrs D. R. Hannah & Co. report:—Cattle—20 steers, Major Phillip Russell, Carngham, to £8/2/6; 11 heifers, Mr Duncan Baxter, Egerton; 1 cow, Mr W. Franks, Ballarat; cow, Major Phillip Russell, Carngham. Calves—1, Mr H. Birkett, Windermere, at £6/17/; 1, Mr R. Jones, Alfredton, £5/10/. Sheep—116 merino wethers from Amphitheatre; 90 2-tooth ewes and wethers, Mr Duncan Baxter, Egerton; 1 ewe, Mr S. R. Thomas, Minersrest, to 12/6; 39 merino ewes, from Cape Clear; 12 crossbred ewes, Mr W. Townrow, Minersrest, at 9/; 6 wethers, Mr H. White, Schastopol, at 9/4; 1 ram, Mr W. Townrow, Minersrest. Lambs—163 shorn, Mr Thos. W. Hannah, "Lamonche," Stockyard Hill, at 10/6; 58 shorn, Mr W. Townrow, Minersrest, 11/11 to 9/5, averaging 10/2; 12 shorn, Mr A. Patterson, "The Elms," Learmonth, at 8/; 1 woolly, Miss Jean Townrow, Minersrest, 14/1.

The following district sales are reported by other auctioneers:—20 steers, Mr S. J. S. Mackinnon, Mooramong Estate, Beaufort, to £8/10/, averaging £7/16/; 10 bullocks, Major C. Osborne Fairbairn, Banongill Estate, Skipton, to £11; averaging £10/7/3; 1 heifer, Mr J. R. McErvale, Snake Valley, £4/17/6.

Light Harvest at Skipton.

Harvest returns are very light in the district this season. Up to date, approximately 6000 bags of wheat have been received at the local railway station, and it is estimated that the season's yield will be between 10,000 and 11,000 bags.

WEDDING BELLS.

BROWN—HEATH.

At Ebenezer Church, Ballarat, on Saturday, 23rd ult., Gladys Ashmore, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Heath, Heath, of South street, Ballarat, was married to Alfred Charles, only son of Mrs and the late Mr Brown, of Snake Valley; Rev. Mr Elliott, of Snake Valley, officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a blue floral georgette, black lace hat, and carried a posy of carnations. She was attended by Miss M. Brown, who wore autumn-tinted floral georgette, and carried a posy of brown pansies and nasturtiums. The bridegroom was attended by Mr O. Snell. Mr and Mrs Brown, who were the recipients of some very choice gifts, left for a motor trip, amid showers of confetti. Their future home will be at Skipton. At the wedding breakfast, presided over by the Rev. Mr Elliott, the usual toasts were honored, and numerous telegrams were read.

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WATERLOO SPORTS.

Mr J. J. Dunn (president) presided over a general meeting of the Waterloo Sports Club, held at the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday night, and attended by 11 members. Enquiries were received for programmes from intending competitors. The hall trustees wrote, granting the use of the building for dances on the night of the sports (Easter Saturday), and March 2nd, and April 9th and 16th, for the use of the Waterloo Cricket Club. The secretary (Mr A. Vowles) reported that the sub-committee had drawn up an amended programme of the sports. The secretary (Mr W. Manson) read the amended programme, which contained several alterations in the dancing and athletic events. The chief said that about £7 would be saved on last year's programme. After discussion, the following programme was adopted:—Dancing Events.—Under 16—Prizes, 11 and 7/6.—Sheantruis, Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Irish Jig, Sailor's Hornpipe.—Under 12—Prizes, 11 and 7/6.—Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Irish Jig, Sailor's Hornpipe.—Consolation Sheantruis—15/, and 5/. Local dancers, under 16—Prizes, 10/ and 5/.—Highland Fling, Sheantruis, Irish Jig. Pas-de-Quatre. Ward promised to donate the kilt and blue ribbon for the dancing competitive Athletic Events.—Under 16—Boys' Race, 75 yds.—2/ and 1/. Girls' Race, under 14, 75 yds.—2/ and 1/. Girls' Race, under 16, 75 yds.—2/ and 1/. Standing Block Chop, 36 in. girth logs—4/ and 2/. Handicap Under- and Over-Chop, 28 in. girth logs—4/ and 2/. Silver ribbon, gift Mr H. J. Buchanan), £1/10/, and trophy, gift of Mr Green). Mile Bicycle Race—4/ and blue ribbon (ribbon, gift of secretary), and £1. Half-mile Bicycle Race—3/ and £1. Two-mile Bicycle Race—3/ and £1. Games.—Kicking Football—10 and 5/. Bowling at Wicket—10/ and 5/. Running High Jump—15/ and 5/. Guessing Weight of Fat Sheep—Prize, the sheep. Stepping the Distance—10/ and 5. Siamese Race (boys), 75 yds.—4/ and 2/. Skipping Race (girls), 50 yds.—3/ and 2/. Blindfold Barrel Race—7/6 and 2/6. It was decided to allot 20/ for fire brigade events, to be chosen by the brigade. The ladies undertook to run the afternoon tea booth. It was resolved to engage Miss Oliver and another piper from Ballarat. The chief and the sub-committee considered that getting artists from Melbourne was too expensive, and suggested that Mr Green be asked to run a domestic show on. Mr Green said he had written away for a piece, but had not yet got a reply. He had a doubt whether there was time to work it up in seven weeks. In the event of Mr Green being unable to supply a programme, the matter of obtaining a concert party was left in the hands of the sub-committee. It was resolved that a dance follow the entertainment.

The children of Mr and Mrs C. M. Flynn, of Waterloo, kept up the family reputation in the Catholic schools last year. Jack Flynn, who gained honors in four subjects at the University examinations at St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, is to train for a Missionary Order, and has entered the Catholic seminary, Knowsas St. Mary's Towers, at Douglas Park, N.S.W. Nancy Flynn, who is a student at the Sacred Heart Convent, Ballarat, secured her intermediate certificate. Kathleen Flynn, a student at the same convent, obtained passes in four leaving certificate subjects, and gained her teacher's certificate.

Luke Fay, son of Mr W. L. Fay, of Carranballac, is to enter a monastery at Geelong, to study for the Redemptionist Order.

Mr George Whalley, mechanic at the B. & W. motor garage, Beaufort, for about two years, has been chosen out of 160 applicants for the position of engineer-in-charge of the butter factory plant at Gariewerr, near Echuca. He leaves Beaufort on Monday.

Mr Alex. Grant, of Queensland (formerly of Raglan) is visiting relatives in the Beaufort district.

Mr W. Peterson, bandmaster of the Beaufort band, received an offer from the Ararat band to play solo cornet for them at a contest at Dimboola.

Miss Jean Stevenson, of Ballarat, who received a double fracture of the skull in a motor accident early in the week, had improved on Wednesday night.

Mr R. A. D. Sinclair returned to Beaufort on Thursday night, after spending five months' holiday in New Zealand.

Hector, the 11-year-old son of Mr and Mrs G. Webb, of Coomealla (formerly of Beaufort), has been successful in winning a bursary, tenable for three years, at the Hay College, N.S.W. This award covers residence at the college, and all expenses connected with the course. As quite a young child, when a scholar of the Beaufort school a few years ago, Hector gave promise of outstanding ability, and his Beaufort friends wish him every success.

PERSONAL.

NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE.

Mr and Mrs H. Ball and their daughter spent a very enjoyable holiday at Red Cliffs and Mildura, and returned to Beaufort on Saturday.

Mr Watson, assistant-stationmaster at Middle Creek, has been on annual leave for five weeks. He was relieved by Mr Howard.

Mr and Mrs N. S. McLeod, of Beaufort, returned to the town last week after a holiday.

Mrs Si Roberts and Miss Mabel Roberts, of Beaufort, have been spending a holiday in Melbourne.

Rev. J. Andrew Barker, superintendent of the Australian Inland Mission, spent the week-end in Beaufort as the guest of the Misses Wotherspoon and Mr and Mrs A. L. Wotherspoon, and preached at Lexton on Sunday, on the occasion of the Church anniversary. Mr Barber is a former Beaufort Presbyterian minister.

Mrs J. B. Hall, of Beaufort, has been away on a holiday trip.

Mr D. Stevenson, of Beaufort spent a short holiday at Queenscliff.

OBITUARY.

MR. T. McL. ROBERTSON.

Many residents of Beaufort learned with regret of the death of Mr Thomas McLaren Robertson, which occurred at Geelong West on the 2nd inst., after a long illness. Mr Robert son, who frequently visited Beaufor, was a cousin of Messrs J. J. and A. L. Wotherspoon and the Misses Wotherspoon, of Beaufort.

MRS. MARGARET MURPHY.

The death occurred at Ballarat on the 31st ult. of Mrs Margaret Murphy, widow of the late John Murphy. Deceased, who was 88 years of age, was a respected resident of the Ballarat district for many years. She was the mother of Mrs W. R. Glover, of Beaufort, and leaves four daughters, and two sons to mourn their loss.

BEAUFORT C.W.A.

LARGE GATHERING AT MONTHLY MEETING.

Even though Thursday left much to be desired in the way of weather, there was a large attendance of members of the Beaufort branch of the C.W.A. at the monthly meeting, held in the club rooms.

The president (Mrs S. E. Humphreys), who occupied the chair, explained that headquarters had written to say that country week was not intended to last a whole week, as had previously been thought, but only one day. The idea of the word week being brought in, was that each branch was to endeavour to hold its effort during the same week. She expressed the sympathy of the members for Mrs W. R. Glover in her recent sad bereavement—the death of her mother. She mentioned that it had been moved at the last committee meeting that the National Anthem should be sung at the end of each monthly meeting, so that it should thus be formally closed, instead of members drifting off at will after the business was over, as they usually did. Of course, this did not mean that they could not stay and talk, if they wished. She asked the members to vote upon the motion.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mrs Humphreys said she also wished to congratulate the Younger Set on their very successful tennis tournament and dance. The profit had been £4, which was a very satisfactory result; and she also thanked them for their help with the afternoon tea in the monthly meetings. They were making themselves really indispensable. In regard to the Somers' House, for 25/ a week for adults and 15/ for children (those under three years free of charge), a most delightful holiday could be enjoyed by any C.W.A. member. The matron who was most capable, and managed wonderfully. She had written that if any persons required a rest holiday during the winter, she would be prepared to give them breakfast in bed, and take care of them generally. The knitting competition was to be held on the date of the monthly meeting in April. There were 26 sections, so surely everyone would be able to do something. There was also a prize for the most articles by one competitor. The entries were to go to Miss Helen Beggs. The babies' stork basket was quite empty, and if any person were feeling energetic, she might make something for it. The C.W.A. was constantly being called upon to help in these matters. It was proposed to hold a garden competition within a 2-mile boundary of the town, but the particulars would come later on. Mrs Beggs was planting small gum trees in pots, and these would be for sale in a short while. The branch considered it a great honor that their former president, Mrs R. G. Beggs, had been asked to send in her name for the election of State president for this year. They were very proud of her, for this showed that others must appreciate her as Beaufort did. All fees were due by March, and thus, for "Country Craft" were now due. Would everyone see that they were paid as promptly as possible? The opportunity shop was to be held in May.

Sister E. Francis then gave a most interesting and helpful address on "Baby Welfare." She said she wanted all mothers to bring their babies along to the Health Centre at the Bush Nursing Hospital every Tuesday for advice. This would be given quite free of charge, and she would endeavour to help them all as much as possible.

A vote of thanks was accorded Sister Francis, on the motion of Mrs Lewis and Mrs McMahon.

A song was then rendered by Mrs Crouch, Miss E. DeBarr playing the accompaniment. They were thanked by the president.

Mrs Humphreys gave an interesting demonstration of making string mats.

During the meeting a dainty afternoon tea was served by the hostesses appointed for the day.

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.

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RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL.

Monday, 8th February, 1932.

Present—Crs. R. A. D. Sinclair (president), D. F. Troy, W. J. Robson, P. Russell, A. C. Roddis, McDonald, D. Stewart, H. M. Elder, and J. Kirkpatrick.

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

Correspondence.

From Public Health Department.—re septic tanks, Beaufort, stating road arrangements would be made for Mr Hepburn and Dr. Telford to go to Beaufort after New Year.—The next Beaufort after New Year.—The secretary—They had not arrived yet. Russell, the secretary said they had been waiting six months. The letter was received.

From Department of Public Works, inviting attention to provisions of section 16 of Unemployed Relief Amendment Act, fixing rates of pay and hours of labor.—Received.

From Country Roads Board, approving of shire engineer's recommendation to accept contract 1418/37 on Ballarat—Hamilton road, and also action taken to re-advertise the work; and asking that cheque for £100 Birds of the forfeited deposit be forwarded.—The secretary—It had been placed up at last meeting, and the contract was about finished.

From Sir A. J. Peacock, M.L.A., forwarding letter received from chairman of State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, re grant for Main Grands Beaufort water supply.—Cr. Troy moved that Sir Alexander Peacock be sincerely thanked for his effort. It was really more than expected. They appreciated it very much. It would not be long before the account would be in credit again. He thanked the other councillors for backing the Trust's members in the venture. The motion was seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

From same, stating that no money was available under the old scheme of £2 for £1 to be given to councils for relief work, and that the £1500 applied for by the council could not be financed by the Sustenance Department.—Cr. Roddis—This was anti-climax. He was shocked that the police had some power in the matter of sustenance. Isolated places were not provided for. They had been cut out of this; Grenville having got a vote and employed 100 men. Hampden had got a fair cut. It was not fair to Ripon Shire. Sustenance was only for people really in need. He moved that in the opinion of the council the sustenance was of no value to them, and that they would rather have the scheme of providing work for unemployed, and that Mr Chandler Peacock be written to, and a share of the Unemployed Grant asked for. Cr. Troy seconded the motion. Cr. Troy seconded the motion. Cr. Russell—They should also apply to the Public Works Department, and point out that this was the first year they were cut out, whilst some of their neighbors had got a considerable amount. He agreed to add this to the motion. Cr. Kirkpatrick — Any money should be used to give employment to men out of work. People did not want sustenance, but work. He supported the motion.

From Department of Lands and Survey, stating that letter re gravel reserve at Waterloo would have due attention.—Received, and referred to officers to frame regulations before next meeting.

From W. Holdsworth, Beaufort, asking for council's approval to the occupation of premises in Lawrence street, as a small goods factory.—Approval granted, on motion of Cr. Troy.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, asking council to agree communicate with their parliamentary representatives reaffirming their strong opposition to Government's proposal to seize a further £190,000 from the funds of the Country Roads Board.—Received; the secretary stating that it had been knocked out by Parliament.

From same, re Bankruptcy Act, and statutory charge on land for rate.—The secretary—The same clause of the Local Government Act still stood. The letter was received.

Amendments of Health Act.—Received, and referred to inspectors.

From School of Mines, Ballarat, forwarding certificate of analysis of samples of mustard, lard, and cheese forwarded by inspector at Beaufort, all of which complied with requirements of Food and Drug Standards Regulations.—Received.

From same, forwarding annual report of analyst, showing that 15 samples had been analysed by the shire for the year, and that all were in compliance with the Food and Drug Standards Regulations. Attention was drawn to flour being artificially bleached, and re-processed cheese being practically on the limit for moisture.—Received.

From Police Force Canteens, appealing for assistance as a Soldier and Closer Settlers' Relief Association, suggesting that council urge its parliamentary representatives to do all in their power to bring about an adequate readjustment of the settlers' obligations, and convene public meetings with a view of forming similar associations.—Cr. Kirkpatrick moved that a copy of the letter be sent to the local Returned Soldiers' League, asking them if they intended to take any action, and they let the council know. Seconded by Cr. Roddis. Cr. Elder—It was not a matter for the council, but the Government. The motion was carried.

From City of St. Kilda, appealing for donation towards the Albert Jacka fund.—The president—It was a deserving case, but a matter for individual councillors, who could hand contributions to the secretary. The letter was received.

From Philip Nunn, secretary Carnegham Sports Club, thanking council for necessary work of cleaning up the Carngham Recreation Reserve, which was well carried out by local unemployed.—Received. Cr. McDonald—The West riding did not get letters like that. Cr. Troy—Or the North riding, either.

From surveyor, applying on behalf of Carngham Turf Club for use of Carngham Recreation Reserve for sports on Easter Saturday.—Granted

From R. C. Guthrie, Linton, stating that the road leading in to his house from the north and south road was becoming very full of not holes, which, if attended to before winter, would not need much doing to them. For the last three years he had been doing this himself, but would be unable to do so this year.—Referred to engineer for attention, on the motion of Crs. McDonald and Roddis.

Applications for renewals of dancing saloon licences for C.W.A. hall, Beaufort; Snake Valley hall, and Middle Creek hall.—Granted, under usual conditions, on motion of Cr. Roddis.

Application for renewals of registration:—Eating houses — R. T. Macdonald, H. O. Collier, J. Clark, Beaufort; Lamplighters—E. M. Snell, Snake Valley; D. Smith, Snake Valley; W. R. Glover, Beaufort; M. Shannon, Skipton; ice-cream—J. Clark, J. E. Day, Beaufort; hoarding house—J. Marks.—Granted, under usual conditions, on motion of Cr. Roddis. The secretary informed Cr. Elder that a dance could not be held in any hall without a license.

Senior-constable R. McCormick, health inspector, Beaufort, reported that the premises of H. O. Collier, J. Day, J. Clark, and R. T. Macdonald were in a clean, sanitary, satisfactory condition, when inspected, and that the provisions of the Health Act were being complied with.—Received.

Senior-constable McCormick also reported upon premises, Beaufort, in which there was a case of scarlet fever: the house had been thoroughly fumigated, the drains well flushed and disinfected, and quarantine regulations observed. He had been informed that the patient was making satisfactory progress.—Received.

Senior-constable McCormick reported that the slaughterhouses of W. Glover, W. Holdsworth, B. Sutton, and D. Thomas, Beaufort, were in a clean and sanitary condition on dates of inspection.—Received.

Similar report by health inspector with regard to boarding houses of Miss E. T. Bywater and Miss J. Marks; also as to saleyards of Kelly & McDonald and Grant, Hedge & Bignell.—Received.

Constable J. J. Brady, Skipton, reported that slaughteryard of M. Shannon was in a clean and sanitary condition.—Received.

Constable T. J. Vinnecombe, Linton, reported that slaughterhouses of D. Smith and W. Snell at Snake Valley were in clean condition, and in conformity with the Act.—Received.

Applications for renewals of licences of petrol pumps:—B. & W. Co-operative Society Ltd., Beaufort; J. and W. Wise, Skipton; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., F. R. Wilson, and J. F. O'Brien, Beaufort.—Granted.

The Beaufort applicants applied for a reduction in the fee for licences; Ararat Shire charging £1/1/, as against £2/2/ charged by Ripon Shire.

—Cr. Kirkpatrick moved that they make the reduction and the fee be £1/1/— for the whole shire for 12 months. The secretary informed Cr. Russell that there were 12 or 15 petrol pumps in the shire. Cr. Elder—It should be made as uniform as possible. Cr. Dobson seconded the motion. Cr. Stewart moved, as an amendment, that there be no alteration. Seconded by Cr. Elder. The amendment was lost, and the motion carried. Cr. Elder said the adjoining shires should be notified. Cr. Russell—Let them find out. Ararat did not notify Ripon.

From Trustees, Executors & Agency Co. Ltd., Melbourne, forwarding objection to valuation of Laughland-Kil-Kivi land in Chas. Campbell's estate (£1855 on 5236 acres and 84 acres in roads), with notice of intention to appeal.—The secretary replied that the council had appointed a valuer to value the whole of the shire for the rate year 1932-33, and that a rate of 1/6 in the £ had been made—a reduction of 3d in the £. Received. The president stating that it was satisfactory.

A later letter from the T.E. & A. Co., advised that in view of the facts mentioned in the secretary's letter, it had been decided to withdraw the objection to the valuation.—Received.

A letter from the solicitors for Mr T. G. Beggs, St. Arnaud, re estate, re valuation, was dealt with in committee.

From H. J. Buchanan, correspondent Beaufort H.E. school committee, asking, in view of many complaints as to condition of water, that swimming baths be emptied and refilled before school swimming carnival was held.—Dealt with by North riding members.

From A. W. Bossence, Buangor, drawing attention to road between Mr Brennan's property and his; the water having broken through its course and washed out the middle of the road to a depth in places of from 2 to 3 ft.—Referred to North riding members.

From Country Roads Board, intimating that, as already advised, the board could not see its way to comply with request for proposed section of Trawalla West road be redeclared a developmental road —Cr. Kirkpatrick—It should not be allowed to drop. They should persist till they had it redeclared. Cr. Roddis moved to that effect, as it was necessary. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick (who said the soldiers were very keen about it), and carried.

From W. McCurdy and 12 ratepayers and landholders, drawing attention to sheep having been worried by dogs on several occasions recently quite close to the town, and appealing to council to instruct its officers to destroy all unregistered dogs and to insist upon rigid enforcement of the provisions of the Act.—Cr. Troy moved that the letter be received, and the recommendation acted on. There were a lot of mongrels about, and one in the main street chased every car. The matter was referred to the North riding members, on the motion of Cr. Stewart. Cr. Roddis moved that the dog inspectors in the East and West ridings be re-appointed. This was not seconded.

From M. Mulcahy, Lake Goldsmith, re his complaint about damages to property, and alluding to published report of council meeting, and stating that Crs. Elder and Stewart had never left the road to look at the damage done. His complaint was that the council was bringing the water down Chee-eman's road to Whitfield's crossing that should never come there—it should take its natural course through Mr R. Ward's property to Lake Goldsmith. He asked the council to let him know at once what they intended to do, as the plough was working in the paddock.—Cr. Elder—The engineer should have a report on it to-day. The engineer—He had a supplementary report.

From Geo. Pringle, secretary Beaufort Agricultural Society, forwarding cheque for £4/15/, gate percentage for show, made up as follows :—10 per cent. on gate takings of £41/13/9, £1/6/3; slips at gate for members' wives and children, 10/6.—The secretary—It looked as if the council had dropped out this year. They took the actual tickets used this year. Cr. Troy—That represented 46 tickets. It was most remarkable that so few members attended the show. Some members or their wives or families must have gone in without one of those tickets. He would refer it back for an explanation from the gatekeeper. He moved to that effect. Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and carried.

Cr. Elder enquired if there were a letter from Hampden Shire about stock on the roads at Skipton. Cows were not being impounded.

Cr. Roddis reported that Cr. Russell and he attended a conference held with the Hampden representative in regard to cattle. He told them that Ripon would let them out for a certain time with someone in charge, if put in the enclosure at night. He told the common managers if they did agree with the shire resolution the cattle would have to go back to the common.

Cr. Russell said they did not seem to understand the ruling in Ripon. They could not find out what the people really wanted that day. He told them that this case was not in favor of Cr. Rowe's idea to let stock out with a label on them. He told them that the council would let them out if needed. According to the report of the Hampden Shire meeting, Hampden council had decided to do nothing at all.

The secretary read a new cutting showing that the opinion of the Hampden Council was that the present rule should not be altered, in view of Ripon's attitude in the matter.

Cr. Elder was informed by the secretary that there was no letter from the R.S.L. at Skipton.

Cr. Elder said they should deal with the matter at once. It either had to be made uniform or knocked out altogether. He would like to see the regulations carried out.

Cr. Stewart moved that the herdsman be instructed to enforce the regulations. Seconded by Cr. Elder, and carried.

General Business.

Cr. Troy said another North riding meeting had been held in regard to filling the baths; Cr. Dobson coming all the way from Burrumbeet. That was dealt with in the correspondence.

Cr. Troy—There was a request from Fred Raglan, ratepayers to deal with the creek through Raglan. It was a very serious matter. He had promised that the North riding members would go into the matter thoroughly. He suggested that they go out that day.

Cr. Dobson spoke in a similar strain. They would have to consider it before they did anything.

Cr. Troy—The people said the council kept the creek open years ago.

The matter was referred to the North riding members.

Cr. Kirkpatrick drew attention to a complaint in regard to the road near Daniel's. Could the surfacemen do it immediately? Another piece, east from Beaufort—Skipton road, below Mr. R. Ward's, was badly tracked, and needed attention. He would like the engineer to report. Another piece over the Sheoak Hill, on the Stockyard Hill road, was badly tracked, and the engineer should report on that also.

Cr. Troy referred to a road in the West riding, which was one of the worst patches he had been on. It was the one leading to Cr. Kirkpatrick's home. He moved that the engineer report. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

Cr. Russell—What was the engineer's opinion of the scoria they were getting out now?

The engineer—They had a good pit now, and pretty good material. They had a face 50 ft. wide, with a depth of 15 ft. He was satisfied with it on the road, but it was still undergoing the trial period.

The secretary asked for new authority to operate on the council's bank account.

This was attended to.

The secretary said that £397/7/11 in rates on the Trawalla settlement were not recoverable.

Cr. Roddis moved that it be wiped off. Seconded by Cr. Dobson, and carried.

The secretary reported that £314 in soldier settlers' rates was now owing, and £142 in closer settlers' rates.

Cr. Elder—In regard to the contract on the Vite Vite road, it had been pointed out to him that there was not sufficient work to keep the spreader going, on account of the carting distance.

The engineer—They made the contractor responsible for a fixed sum for a spreader's wages. There was no need to alter it in this case.

In answer to Cr. Troy, the engineer said the spreader did not stand idle when not spreading.

The following contracts were dealt with:—

Contract 6/32 (re-advertised) — Construction of 140 chains in scoria, on the Vite Vite road.

Alf. Nunn (accepted), £326; Whitfield's, £344/5/; W. S. Grigg, £585.10/.

Contract 7/32.—Supply of 300 cubic yds. quartz gravel, west of the Stockyard Hill P.O.

Whitfield's, £56/6/ (accepted); E. Gillingham, £60.

Contract 8/32.—Supply of 500 cubic yds. buckshot gravel, on various roads.

E. Gillingham (accepted), £90; W. S. Grigg, £95/16/6; Alf. Nunn, £118 10/; A. H. Wilkie, £141/13/4; W. H. Williams, £100/10/, £107/10/, and £156/8/8.

Contract 9/32.—Supply of 500 cubic yds. scoria, on various roads.

Alf. Nunn, £108/15/ (accepted); W. H. Williams, £127/10 ; W. S. Grigg, £111/15/10.

C.R.B. Contract.

Contract 141/D.—Metalling 1600 feet, on Modesty Lane.

Broadbent, Williams, & Jaensch, £206/10/ (recommended for acceptance).

In accordance with notice, Cr. Troy moved that the following charges be made for the carrying out of the sanitary services in the following places: —Beaufort, 20/ per pan per annum; Skipton, 28/ per pan per annum. That such charges be due and payable in advance on the 29th February, 1932, for the year ending 28/2/32, and that the rate collector for the time being be duly authorised to demand and collect the said charges. Seconded by Cr. McDonald, and carried.

PRESIDENT STANDS ON HIS DIGNITY.

CRS. SINCLAIR AND TROY AT VARIANCE.

A difference of opinion between Crs. R. A. D. Sinclair (president) and D. F. Troy raised a little dust at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday. The matter arose after the following letter had been read:—

From R. A. D. Sinclair, president, stating that he would not attend any dance meeting of the North riding till his position as president had been defined by the whole council.

The president—He was sorry to bring the matter up. It was not a personal matter with him, but affected him as president. Some years ago when the electric light machinery was installed, he suggested that Mr. Mackenzie be chairman of the committee, because he knew more about engines than anyone else. Cr. Mackenzie said he had not the time, and suggested Cr. Troy. He (the president) seconded it. He understood that the time would be 12 months, and that Cr. Troy would automatically go out of office, and if eligible, would be re-elected. That had never been done. Mr Roderick, the engineer-in-charge, rang him up one morning, and said that his comrade, Captain Jacka, V.C., had died, and he would like to go to the funeral, as he wished to pay his respects to his dead comrade. He (the president) said, "Yes, it would be very good of you." Mr Roderick told him that young Coates would be in charge. He (the president) said that was the boy who took charge for three weeks, and was complimented by the council on the efficient way he had carried out his duties. He told Mr Roderick he could certainly go away in the morning and be back at night. Later, he heard that Cr. Troy, who claimed to be the chairman of the committee, had rung up Mr Roderick—he thought he should have rung him—and said, "I do not think it is advisable for you to go." Mr Roderick then informed him that he was not going, because Cr. Troy had told him he had better not go. He heard a lot about Cr. Troy, and the soldiers got to work, and asked a soldier to ring up Cr. Troy, and Cr. Troy said he was sure the small engine would not carry the load. That afternoon, unfortunately, two wires fused, which was a common occurrence with electric lighting schemes. If such a thing had happened when he was away, Mr Roderick said the boy could have done the work. The boy was there three weeks alone, and should have been able to carry on for a day. Cr. Troy had gone over his head as chairman and he objected. As president of the shire, he (Cr. Sinclair) claimed to be chairman of all committees.

Cr. Troy—He thought at the last minute the president would have abdicated," and dropped this. Regarding the letter, Cr. Sinclair wanted his position defined as president, or the position of any president, and he took no objection to that. They were not dealing with Cr. Sinclair's position, but the position of president. For instance, Cr. Sinclair might not have happened to have been president. It might have been an East or West riding member. The next question was whether a shire president in the East or West riding had the power to interfere with and control the workings of the electric light trust. Mr Roderick had tried to get him on the 'phone in the morning, as chairman of the electric light trust, and did not get him. Failing to get him, he got Cr. Sinclair, and asked for a day's leave of absence to attend Captain Jacka's funeral in Melbourne. Cr. Sinclair, as shire president, granted it. On reaching home, he (Cr. Troy) was informed by Mr Acton, who rang him up in regard to another matter, that Mr Roderick had been trying to get in touch with him, but Mr Acton did not inform him, nor did Mr Roderick, when he discussed the matter with him later, that the president had granted this day's leave. He then rang up Mr Roderick, and as they had just started the 24 hours' service, they discussed the risk and responsibility should anything happen during Mr Roderick's absence. There was nothing about the little engine. He (Cr. Troy) thought it inadvisable for Mr Roderick to leave, and the latter decided not to go. As it happened, a serious fault did occur that day, and had Mr Roderick not been here, one-third of the town would have been in darkness that night; later, a meeting of the North riding councillors was called to deal with an important matter, that of putting restrictions on the use of the Beaufort water supply, and it was left to Cr. Dobson and he to do that. Cr. Sinclair declining to attend, and sending the letter which had been read. Although he (Cr. Troy) rang Cr. Sinclair up, and asked him to come and discuss the matter, he would not come. In regard to his position as chairman of the electric light trust, at the first meeting of that body he moved that Cr. Mackenzie be elected chairman. Cr. Mackenzie said that he (Cr. Troy) was the prime mover, and knew sufficient about machinery to occupy the position, and he was elected. He had occupied the position ever since, taking it for granted that it was permanent as long as he was a councillor; nothing ever having been said to the contrary. As they all knew, he had always paid the utmost respect to the chair. Up to that time, Cr. Sinclair had never objected. He (Cr. Troy) had kept the chair and conducted the meetings. At the time Cr. Mackenzie was here, that gentleman was more competent to take the position than he, but would not take it. At the first meeting—he had Cr. Mackenzie to back him up—there was no question of re-election. He (Cr. Troy) concluded that he was the most capable man there, and carried on.

The president—Why the most capable man?

Cr. Troy—What was the atomizer on the engine?

The president—There was an engineer's job.

Cr. Troy—The chairman needed to know a little about the gauges.

The president—Was a layman supposed to know all about working the power house? Did they not employ the best man they could possibly get? That had been the trouble here, which he tried to do in the first place. When speaking to Mr Roderick, he did not know that Cr. Sinclair had granted him permission.

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Cr. Troy—He would have got the president, and discussed the matter.

In answer to Cr. Elder, Cr. Troy said he pointed out the rock, and Mr Roderick said he thought the boy could carry on. He said he would rather Mr Roderick did not go.

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Cr. Roddis—On our behalf, you seconded the motion.

In reply to Cr. Sinclair, Cr. Roddis said he did not think a man should be elected chairman for all time. The North riding members should talk it over, and the other councillors would not interfere.

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Cr. Kirkpatrick—The thing was a little irregular. Cr. Troy should have been elected for 12 months or a stipulated time. The president should be chairman of all committees he was connected with, and the North riding members should appoint their own chairman of the electric light committee. He was sorry the matter had cropped up.

Cr. Dobson agreed with Cr. Kirkpatrick. He was not personal, and was sure Cr. Troy thought he had been appointed. He had heard a good deal of talk about it, and the recognised him for the past four years as chairman, and sat under him. It would be courtesy on his part to consult him.

The president—You were no more the permanent chairman than anyone else. I never thought you would interfere with the engineers.

Cr. Troy—He had run his car to get emergency stuff from Rosebrook & Tippett's, and Cr. Mackenzie and he had spent a great deal of time over the power house and water trust, and had never grudged a gallon of spirit.

The president—Telling them what he had done was ridiculous.

Cr. Troy—You have never paid 1/ for car hire.

The president—Cr. Mackenzie and you are monied men, and I am a poor man. (Laughter).

The secretary read the minute placed on the books four years ago at the original meeting of the electric light committee, at which Cr. Mackenzie moved that Cr. Troy be chairman, and it was seconded by Cr. Sinclair, and carried.

Cr. Troy—He had not said he wanted to retain the position, but he was the most capable man to carry it on, and he had been recognised as chairman up to the present. It was Mr Roderick's duty to refer to him, which he tried to do in the first place. When speaking to Mr Roderick, he did not know that Cr. Sinclair had granted him permission.

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Cr. Dobson agreed with Cr. Kirkpatrick. He was not personal, and was sure Cr. Troy thought he had been appointed. He had heard a good deal of talk about it, and the retirement of Cr. Troy should have been mentioned at the time. He was sorry the matter had cropped up.

Cr. Troy—That was night work. The fault happened at 11.30 in the morning, and was not discovered till 2 o'clock that afternoon. Had Mr Roderick not been there, what boy would have been plucky enough to go out and leave the engines, which was at a right thing to do? One-third of the town would have been in darkness till Mr Roderick got home at night. It would have taken him longer to find the fault at night.

The president — No; the sparks would have shown it. Did not Cr. Troy compliment the boy?

Cr. Troy—He still complimented him. He was only emphasising that a chairman should have knowledge of the job. His brains and Cr. Mackenzie's put it there.

The president—Now Cr. Troy was saying the whole thing in a nutshell. Cr. Troy had all the brain power of the council, and went over his head to do it. God help the rest of the council if Cr. Troy had all the brains!

Cr. Kirkpatrick—Does the president, by virtue of his office, take charge of all committee meetings?

The secretary—The president was chairman of the council.

Cr. Roddis—When the light was installed, the council took the responsibility of the road, and the North riding members were to carry it out. The North riding members appointed their chairman. He did not consider he was chairman of the electric light committee when he was president. He understood he was only to find fault if they did not maintain it properly, and he had confidence in the North riding councillors. He knew there was one chairman, and there had been no complaint about his capabilities. If a man wanted to get away when he was president, he said yes, after consulting the engineer. This could easily have been done by the chairman and members of the electric light committee. He recognised Cr. Troy as chairman at the present time.

The president—He had to be elected every year.

Cr. Roddis—That was the fault of the North riding members.

The president—When the officers wanted a holiday they had to ask him as president.

Cr. Roddis—Yes.

The president—Why did they not ask him now?

Cr. Roddis—For this particular scheme, the council appointed the North riding members to act on their behalf.

The president—Is the electric light committee the council or the North riding members?

Cr. Roddis—They appointed the North riding members to take the responsibility.

The president—He was chairman, though.

Cr. Roddis—They had a chairman.

The president—Who was chairman of the water commission?

Cr. Roddis—The president would be.

The president—Why was he not chairman of this also? Cr. Troy claimed that he was the chairman for the term of his natural life. He was president of the council, and he was not going to be overridden by a councillor. It was not necessary that he should go to a member of the council and say, "What about it?" and he was not going to do it.

Cr. Troy—Cr. Sinclair had re-

The president—He did not have time to breathe, before it was refused by Cr. Troy.

Cr. Roddis—They should have said yes, after a talk together, and the council would have backed them up. There was some misunderstanding. The president had sat under Cr. Troy for four years.

The president—The first thing he would have said, if he were Cr. Troy, would have been, "You are president, and are elected chairman for the time being."

Cr. Kirkpatrick—They should get a legal opinion. There was nothing in the Local Government Act about it.

The president—It was the unwritten law, and a chairman should be elected every 12 months.

Cr. McDonald—It was not necessary that the chairman should be the president.

Cr. Troy moved that the chairman of the electric light committee be elected annually by the committee at the beginning of the financial year in October. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

Cr. Troy—Was it clearly understood that the councillors left it to the North riding, and the president for the time being did not interfere?

The president—Of course, he did not.

Cr. Troy—He understood that the councillor elected chairman was the head of the committee, and the president was not over him.

The matter then dropped.

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HEALTH REPORTS.

The following health reports came before the Ripon Shire Council at the meeting on Tuesday :—

From J. B. Donaldson, health officer for East riding, reporting for the month of December that there were no infectious diseases to notify, with the exception of a few cases of influenza. Hay asthma was always prevalent at this season. They had the usual chronic ailments, as valvular heart disease, etc., due to senile decay. On the whole, everything was satisfactory. He also reported for January a few mild cases of influenza.—Received.

Dr. C. C. Reid, health officer for West riding, reported for December that no notifiable infectious diseases had been dealt with, nor had there been any infectious diseases showing undue prevalence. The Carranballac State school was visited by the bush nurse early in the month, and the children were inspected, and received instruction in health matters. He also reported for January that no notifiable infectious diseases had been reported from the riding during the month.—Received.

Dr. Reid reported :—For the past 12 months no notifiable infectious diseases have been reported. Influenza, as usual, was prevalent during the winter and spring, but showed remarkably few pulmonary complications. Whooping cough was also not with, but did not reach the extent of an epidemic, as in previous years. Several cases of chicken pox occurred, but caused no great trouble. There have been very few cases of gastro-enteritis. This is probably due to the increased alertness of parents in recognising the dangers of contaminated water and milk supplies during the hot, dry weather, and taking the necessary precautions. The Carranballac State school has been visited periodically by the bush nurse from Skipton, and she has given the children many talks and lessons on health matters, in addition to three physical examinations. No births or deaths have occurred in this riding of the shire.—Received, amidst laughter; one councillor remarking, "We will have to look into this."

Dr. J. B. Donaldson's annual health report was as follows:—The general health and sanitary condition has been about the same for years. Fresh air, pure water, sunlight, plain, good food, plenty of exercise, and frequent baths are the first requirements for health. All fatal diseases have a beginning; many of them can be arrested if taken in time. During 1930 there were 7 births and 7 deaths. During 1931 there were 9 births and 6 deaths. Two died from carcinoma or cancer out of six deaths in 1931. The same number died from cancer in 1930 out of 7 deaths. One died in 1929 out of a total of 5 deaths. Three died in 1928 out of 6 deaths. We are still in the dark as to the natural cause of malignant disease. A power of money is being spent on research. While the death rate from tuberculosis and typhoid fever has shown a steady decline, cancer has shown an uninterrupted increase. Out of the present population of Australia, more than half a million persons will die from cancer. Statistics show that one death in every four females between the ages of 45 and 49 is due to cancer. Cancer is essentially a disease of later life. On the average people suffer from the disease for a year before seeking medical assistance. Many cases regarded as inoperable are now being successfully treated with the X rays and radium. Two residents of Snake Valley lost their lives from motor accidents. One was registered at Symthesdale. The deaths from accidents are steadily rising, and are more numerous than the combined deaths from all infectious diseases, except tuberculosis. Deaths from motor car accidents are a daily occurrence. Two died from senile heart disease, and one from cerebral hæmorrhage. The only epidemic was ordinary influenza. We were never actually free from it. It generally took on a bronchial form—sometimes a gastric. At the outset it is best to go to bed and keep warm. At Skipton there were a few cases of whooping cough. Gallstones and appendicitis are common—no typhoid fever, diphtheria, or infantile paralysis. Sanitary requirements.—The slaughteryards are in good order, but in the country the animals killed are not inspected. There are no offensive trades. At Skipton there is a sanitary pan system, but it is hardly required in a small, healthy, scattered, old mining town like Snake Valley. The water pipes connected with the Snake Valley reservoir were thoroughly cleaned recently with iron rods, with decided benefit. General inspection.—Have found all parts of the East riding in a good sanitary condition. The public buildings, as the Mechanics', State schools, and churches, are in good order. Inspectors of Nuisances.—They have done all that was required for the public weal. Advice to Council.—A regular monthly report has been sent in. Epidemic and contagious diseases have been reported. Vital Statistics.—The population of the riding is about 1400. Births—3 males, 6 females; total, 9. Deaths—Under 5 years, nil; over 5 years, 6; total, 6. From accident or violence, 1 over 5 years; from other causes, 5 over 5 years.—Received.

From Dr. Sheil, Ballarat Hospital, reporting case of pulmonary tuberculosis from Raglan.—Received.

From A. Parker, registrar, Beaufort, reporting death from an infectious disease.—Received.

BUTTER WRAPPERS, printed Cheaply on grease - proof paper, obtainable at "Riponshire Advocate" Office, Beaufort.

CRICKET.

RIPON COMPETITION.

MT. LONARCH V. BEAUFORT.

Mt. Lonarch visited Beaufort on Saturday, and being shorthanded, made up their team with two of Beaufort's men. The Beaufort captain won the toss, and sent Mt. Lonarch in to bat to the bowling of Cole and Morvell. From the outset, the bowlers were on top, and wickets fell rapidly, with the result that the whole side was out for 31 runs. Manley played for Mt. Lonarch, getting top score with 11. Cole (6/9) and Morvell (4/22) took the wickets. Beaufort opened with Oddie and Cole, and runs came very slowly, as the bowlers (L. Neil and W. Bright) were both on the spot; making it difficult to score. With the score at 26, Oddie snicked a ball as he reached forward, and was run out by the wicket-keeper. Beggs was next in, but soon lost Cole, who was been caught at point, low down. Hyde added thirty, and was caught and bowled by Bright. Pringle, who followed, also failed to settle down, and 4 wickets were down for 40. Jenkin then took the bat, and with Beggs (who was more aggressive) added 37. Beggs, in trying for a second run was run out for a well-made 37. Hodgetts was next, and with a change of bowling (F. Neil and R. Phillips having relieved the opening bowlers), runs came more rapidly. This pair took the score from 77 to 118, without losing their wickets, and the Beaufort captain declared the innings closed; Jenkin being 25 not out, and Hodgetts 20 not out. W. Bright was the most successful bowler, taking 2/20. In the Mt. Lonarch second innings, Manley again showed good form in making 21, and was well supported by A. Trengove, who made 10. The bowling honors in this innings were divided between Hyde (2/3), Cole (3/10), Morvell (2/5), and Martin (1/6).

Scores :—

First Innings.

MT. LONARCH.

W. Bright, c. Martin, b. Cole,	0
P. Trengove, b. Cole	6
F. Neil, b. Morvell	0
R. Phillips, c. Beggs, b. Morvell,	9
L. Neil, l.b.w., b. Morvell	0
A. Trengove, b. Cole	1
V. Neil, b. Cole	0
M. Crick, not out	0
B. Neil, b. Cole	0
R. Manley, b. Cole	11
C. Pringle, c. Hyde, b. Morvell,	1
Total	31

Bowling—J. Cole, 6-9; C. Morvell, 4/22.

BEAUFORT.

N. H. Oddie, run out	12
J. Cole, c. A. Trengove, b. L. Neil	10
Geo. Beggs, run out	37
R. Hyde, c. and b. W. Bright,	3
R. Pringle, b. W. Bright	1
T. Jenkin, not out	25
R. C. Hodgetts, not out	20
Sundries	8
Total (closed) 5 for	118

Bowling—L. Neil, 1/33; W. Bright, 2/20; R. Phillips, 0/34; A. Neil, 0/21.

Second Innings.

MT. LONARCH.

P. Trengove, b. Hyde	0
L. Neil, run out	1
R. Manley, b. Cole	21
C. Pringle, b. Hyde	0
W. Bright, run out	8
F. Neil, b. Martin	0
A. Trengove, c. Beggs, b. Morvell	10
R. Phillips, b. Morvell	1
B. Neil, c. Hyde, b. Cole	0
V. Neil, c. Pascoe, b. Cole	1
M. Crick, not out	0
Sundries	5
Total	47

Bowling—K. Hyde, 2/3; V. Jenkin, 0/17; Cole, 3/11; Morvell, 2/5; Martin, 2/6.

AMPHITHEATRE V. BUANGOR.

Amphitheatre defeated Buangor.

WATERLOO V. WARRAK.

At Warrak a close finish was witnessed to the game between that team and Waterloo; Warrak only losing the match by the small margin of three runs, after having five wickets down for 38 runs, 7 for 48, and 8 for 78. The two closing batsmen failed to score, and one of them was run out. Waterloo is now a point ahead of Beaufort on the premiership list; Warrak occupying third place, and Amphitheatre fourth. Waterloo batted first for a total of 83 runs, of which Jack Lamb made 39. He batted well, and was unconquered. N. Dromey hit up 22, and D. Lynch 12. E. Farish captured 6 wickets for 37 runs, and L. McGuinness 4/12. Warrak responded with a tally of 80. J. Greenaume topped the score with 22, and A. Padgett made 12. D. Lynch had the creditable bowling average of 4/23; N. Dromey taking 2/46. Scores :—

WATERLOO.

N. Dromey, c. A. Padgett, b. Farish	22
Joe Lamb, b. L. McGuiness	1
D. Lynch, b. Farish	3
B. Lynch, c. Ord, b. McGuiness	12
T. Ryan, b. Farish	1
C. Flynn, l.b.w., b. Farish,	0
Jack Lamb, not out	39
E. Saph, b. Farish	0
G. Grant, c. Shields, b. Farish,	4
J. Hewitt, c. Padgett, b. McGuiness	0
A. Farish, c. E. Farish, b. McGuiness	0
Sundries	4
Total	83

Bowling—E. Farish, 6/37; L. McGuiness, 4/42.

BEAUFORT RIFLE CLUB.

The Beaufort Rifle Club held a practice match at the 600 yds. range on Saturday afternoon, and the leading scores off the rifle were :—W. J. R. Johnson, 32; T. G. Beggs, 30; A. M. Parker, 28.

TENNIS.

METHODIST CLUB'S MIXED DOUBLES.

On Saturday afternoon the members of the Beaufort Methodist Tennis Club played a mixed doubles tournament. Results :—

Semi-finals.

K. McErvale and Miss P. George d. J. A. Day and Miss M. Liston, 6—0.

R. Hancock and Miss A. Ellis d. White and Miss J. Lyons, 6—4.

Final

R. Hancock and Miss A. Ellis d. K. McErvale and Miss D. George, 6—2.

GORRINN CUP COMPETITION.

STAWELL V. BEAUFORT.

Stawell visited Beaufort on Saturday, and played a tennis match against the locals, in connection with the Gorrinn Cup competition. The visitors were victorious. Results (the Beaufort players being mentioned first):—

E. S. Crouch and A. W. Ashley lost to Webb and Snilson, 1—6, 2—6.

A. Gace and S. Young lost to Vernon and Hotham, 4—6, 2—6.

Misses D'Helin and A. Stewart d. Mrs McKella and Miss Larkan, 6—2, 6—3.

Mrs S. G. Thomason and Miss D. Parker lost to Mrs J. McDonald and Mrs. Gray, 6—2, 3—6, 3—6.

Crouch and Ashley lost to Vernon and Hotham, 6—3, 3—6, 5—6.

Grace and Young lost to Webb and Snilson, 2—6, 2—6.

Misses D'Helin and A. Stewart d. Mrs Macdonald and Miss Gray, 6—2, 6—4.

Mrs Thompson and Miss Parker lost to Mrs McKellar and Miss Larkan, 4—6, 6—2, 4—6.

Totals :—Stawell, 6 rubbers, 12 sets, 92 games ; Beaufort, 2 rubbers, 7 sets, 76 games.

WARRAK.

A. McGuiness, b. D. Lynch	8
A. Padgett, c. and b. D. Lynch,	12
E. Parish, c. D. Lynch, b. Dromey	5
P. Ord, c. G. Grant, b. Dromey,	2
S. Dadswell, b. D. Lynch	3
L. McGuiness, b. D. Lynch	6
W. Shields, c. D. Lynch, b. B. Lynch	9
R. Hunter, b. D. Lynch	0
J. Greenaume, b. D. Lynch	22
C. deClercq, not out	0
R. deClercq, run out	0
Sundries	13
Total	80

Bowling—D. Lynch, 6/23; N. Dromey, 2/46; B. Lynch, 1/0.

RIPON ASSOCIATION TEAM IN BALLARAT.

The Ripon Association cricketers who were playing in the Ballarat district country week all report a most enjoyable, if not successful, trip. The team were perhaps unfortunate in that they met the strong combination of Ullina on the first day, before they had time to settle down under the new conditions, and when they had the misfortune, through illness, to be deprived of one of their players, leaving the side with 10 men. The best performance on the opening day was registered by B. Lynch, who made 34 in Ripon's second innings. In this match they had the opportunity of witnessing a good batting performance by the Ullina men; E. Newton reaching the score of 94. On Wednesday the team played on the White Flat ground, where the association has put down a new wicket, which is a robberoid covering on dammon asphalt; and after the players had sampled the wicket, it was unanimously agreed that it was vastly superior to matting on concrete. Such things as "shooters" and "high-flyers" were not encountered. This was a most interesting struggle against the neighboring association (Evansford), and when Ripon made 167 (thanks to the fine hitting of Thompson, 59, and the steady batting of D. Lynch, 37, and J. Cole, 29), they appeared to have the game in hand; but Evansford were not to be denied, and with about 20 minutes to play, they had two wickets in hand, and 12 runs wanted. The batsmen were equal to this, and at the call of time, a most interesting match was won by Evansford by 21 runs. B. Lynch was the outstanding bowler for Ripon; taking four wickets. The last match at Wendouree Oval was between Bullarook and Ripon—two teams who had failed to register a win. It was therefore a keenly-fought game, and Ripon, after a poor start, made the respectable score of 165. The best performers were D. Lynch (48), Cole (45), and Oddie (29, not out). Bullarook also started poorly, but the batsmen gradually got the upper hand, and at the afternoon tea adjournment, there were 3 wickets down for 85. Then, on resumption, a big change came over the game, as Dromey, striking his best form with the ball, accounted for 6 wickets for 24 runs, leaving Ripon winners by 33 runs. In the time left to play, Ripon lost 4 wickets in making 55 runs; Cole getting 27 (not out). The Ripon team was captained by D. Lynch, the Waterloo skipper, and all players did everything in their power to assist him in every game, with the result that all returned well satisfied with the outing.

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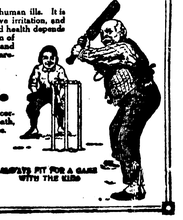

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM OUR FILES.

Twice on Saturday, the railway gates near the Raglan road were smashed by engines.

Mr J. E. Wotherspoon, Beaufort, obtained highest points in the clay for champion rabbi at the A.N.A. competition, Melbourne.

Eighteen thousand acres of grass and 1000 head of stock were destroyed by a fire at Banongil and Vite Vite estates.

Mr C. W. Vowles, of the Camp hotel, Beaufort, has purchased the Skipton hotel.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Waterloo A.N.A., a cheque for £2 3/ was received from Cr. D. Sheart, as a life honorary member.

A fire occurred at the house of Mr John Freeman, Beaufort, and was extinguished by the Rev. J. A. Barber, who was at the house christening a child.

The monthly meeting of the Ripon Shire Council was attended by Crs. Douglas (president), Sinclair, O'Shaughnessy, Byrne, Lewis, Stewart, and Stevenson, and Messrs E. J. Munz (engineer) and J. M. Carroll (secretary).

The Nil De perandum (Hancock & Party) having worked out their claim, drew late. They have been the most successful co-operative party for many years.

Gold yields for week:—Government battery crushed 115 tons for S Baker for 2 oz. 1 dwt. All Nations Extended, 18 oz. 5 dwt. Sons of Freedom, 70 oz. 12 dwt. Sons of Freedom Extended, 70 oz. (For the half-year 1641 oz. of gold won from this mine, and £2000 paid in dividends). Sons of Freedom South, 15 oz. 12 dwt. All Nations Consols, 14 oz. Hancock & Party, 42 oz.

Beaufort defeated Chute in a cricket match by 26 runs and 3 wickets (12).

Mr J. W. Harris, junr., advertises that he has commenced business as a chemist and dentist, next to Mechanics' Institute.

Messrs W. Browne and John Humphreys, of Beaufort, were present at a special meeting of the Ararat and Stawell Mining Board.

CROQUET CLUB.

MATCH WITH ARARAT.

Eight ladies from the Alexandra Club, Ararat, visited Beaufort on Monday, to play a match, and had a very enjoyable outing. The weather remained fine whilst the games were in progress, and the cool air was very pleasant for playing. The game were played to a time limit, and interesting contests resulted in a win for Ararat on points. On arrival, the Ararat ladies were entertained at morning tea at Mrs. Troy's home, and after some matches had been played, they were the guests of Mr Troy at dinner at the hotel. When the games were concluded in the afternoon, the Beaufort ladies entertained the visiting players at tea. The individual matches resulted as follow; Ararat players being first mentioned:—

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DEATH.

MACDONALD.—On 11th February, at the residence of his niece, Mrs. A. Hillman, Middle Creek, Alan Macdonald, aged 80. Passed peacefully away. Funeral today (Saturday).

IN MEMORIAM.

MARKS.—In sad but loving memory of our dearly loved father and sisters (Mrs. M. Retallick and Mrs McDonald), also our loving mother and nephews (Keith McDonald, 2224 Sapr C. F. McDonald, 2nd Pioneer Battalion, A.I.F., killed in action in France, 19th July, 1916); also Alec McDonald, 2 McDonald, A. Retallick, Mrs. J. A. Retallick, and Mrs. McCann, our loved nephew, Charles McPhee, dearly loved son of Mrs. Dowrless; also A. H. Young, A.I.F., died of wounds in France, 15th July, 1917. R.I.P. We think of them in silence.

Our griefs are never known;
Why should our tears in sorrow flow,
When God has called His own.

—Inserted by their loving daughters, aunts, and sisters, J. Marks (Beaufort), L. McNally, Mrs. J. B. Douglas (Beechworth).

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"A happy thought can go a long way towards breaking the monotony of a dreary day."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1932.

C.R.B. Plant at Beaufort.

During the week a large Country Roads Board plant, known as the "dying gang," has been at work in Beaufort, spraying the Western Highway with bitumen.

Methodist Social.

An enjoyable social was held at the Beaufort Methodist school hall on Monday night, and various games were played. A competition was won by Max Johnston. The ladies provided supper.

Taxation Prosecutions.

In the Melbourne district court on 4th inst., Bruce Sutton, Mildura, was fined £5 for 1928, £7 for £1929, and £7 for 1930, for having failed to lodge an income tax return within the required time.

Shire President Startled.

When at Mt. Cole on Monday, Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair, president of Ripon Shire, was aroused from a reverie by a big black snake, which basked past him, within a few inches of his clothing.

Gift to Zoo.

Mr E. S. Crouch, engineer, of Ripon Shire, found a porcupine in the bush near Mt. Cole during the week-end. After showing it to the school children and shire councillors, he made a present of it to the Ballarat Zoo.

British and Foreign Bible Society Lecture.

On Thursday evening, Mr Stewart of the British and Foreign Bible Society, gave an interesting lecture to the society's world-wide work, in the Beaufort Presbyterian Sunday School. In thanking Mr Stewart, Rev. J. Mellor said that the society sent a representative here every year. It had begun humbly, but was now one of the greatest forces in the world. He was sure all present had learnt something of the value of the word of God in their lives, from the words of Mr Stewart to-night. He extended his best wishes for the success of the society.

Cafe Chantant.

A most enjoyable entertainment in the form of a Cafe Chantant was held in the Beaufort Presbyterian Sunday School on Thursday afternoon. It was organised by the ushers of the cake stall, and was held to raise funds to furnish this stall at the forthcoming fair. Mesdames Lewis, Bell, and Mellor presided over the morning tea at Mrs. Troy's home, and after some matches had been played, they were the guests of Mr Troy at dinner at the hotel. When the games were concluded in the afternoon, the Beaufort ladies entertained the visiting players at tea. The individual matches resulted as follow; Ararat players being first mentioned:—

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Herdsman Wanted.

Applications are invited by the Shire of Ripon for the position of herdsman, etc., for six months.

Child's Mishap.

Jean, the little daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Coffey, of Beaufort, fell off a heap of wood on to a fence, and received a nasty cut under the chin, which required stitching.

Good Catch at Park.

Messrs S. G. Thompson, J. J. McColl, and J. McBean obtained a catch of 35 fish at the Beaufort Goldfields Reservoir during the week, including a few four-pounders.

The Kiddies' Train.

A humorous incident was noticed during a tennis tournament at the Beaufort courts on Saturday. A number of children riding tricycles, paced with the machines coupled together like a train. The idea was no doubt born in the mind of some unusually imaginative youngster.

Rainfall.

Rain began to fall steadily at about 8.30 p.m. on Monday, and ceased at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday. 41 points had been registered. Tuesday night was again showery, and heavy rain fell on Wednesday morning; another 76 points being recorded. On Wednesday night six points fell, and with the addition of two points recorded on Thursday evening, the total for the week is 128 points.

Beaufort Jockey Club.

Mr J. T. Glover (president) presided over a meeting of the Beaufort Jockey Club, held at the C.W.A. rooms on Tuesday evening; six members attending. The balance-sheet for the Boxing Day gymkhana showed receipts totalling £95/5/4, and expenditure amounting to £71/14/7, leaving a debit balance of £21/9/3. The assets totalled £97/17/6 (including £32 owing for rent and £65 in cash and bonds). Mr A. J. Saph certified to the correctness of accounts, and complimented the secretary on his bookkeeping. The balance-sheet was adopted, on the motion of Messrs W. Ellis and T. Rodgers. Mr Rodgers moved that a fee of £1/1/ be passed to the auditor (Mr Saph). Seconded by Mr A. M. Parker, and carried. After discussion, the secretary was instructed to interview the trustees, and convey a recommendation from the meeting that certain action be taken in regard to the lease of the racecourse. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Bush Nursing Hospital.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital was held in the Shire Hall on Monday evening. There were present: Mr R. G. Beggs (president, in the chair), Mesdames C. G. Beggs, E. T. Macdonald, E. J. Muntz, Misses Lewis, Messrs J. W. Harris, W. J. Stevenson, E. J. Muntz, and T. Williams (hon. secretary). Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs F. T. Stevenson, G. H. Coughe, and the Rev. P. F. MacDougall. Correspondence was received from the Central Council, forwarding Red Cross allocation of £4. Accounts amounting to £115/1/6 were passed for payment. The support of the committee was given to the application from the Younger Set for permission to hold a hospital ball on May 25th; the proceeds to go towards painting the hospital building. During the past two months donations of fruit, vegetables, milk, cream, poultry, fish, etc., have been received from Mesdames R. G. Beggs, H. Briody, H. Dawson, R. McCormick, J. Parker, M. Fitzpatrick, N. McLeod, and Hughes, Misses Schlicht, Lewis, Muntz, and Parker. The hospital committee is very grateful to these ladies for their generous gifts.

North Riding Health Report.

Dr. S. E. Humphreys, health officer for the North riding of the Ripon Shire, reports as follows, regarding the public health in the North riding during 1931:—Births and deaths—Births, 50 (28 males and 22 females); deaths, 9 (4 males and 5 females). The ages varied from 65 to 87 years. This is the lowest recorded death rate, and the high average of age at death is noteworthy.—General health—General health of the community has been good. There have been no epidemics of any serious disease, and the average of days lost by the community through ill-health has been below the usual low one. Infectious disease—Only one case of notifiable disease, i.e., Poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis), i.e., scarlet fever. There was no spread of disease from the original cases. Sanitation—Very satisfactory. Several drains have been replaced by concrete drains in several streets. The long-standing cause for complaint, viz., effluent from septic tanks, is likely to be remedied permanently very shortly. Water supply—The drinking water from Mt. Cole has, in my opinion, benefited the health of the community, particularly in respect to digestive disturbances. I wish to record my thanks to the health inspector (Senior-constable McCormick) for his help at all times.

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Messrs D. R. Hannah & Co., report:—Cattle—3 steers, Mr F. Collings, Learmonth, to 43/; 1 cow, Messrs J. and F. Draffin, Cardigan. Sheep—240 ewes, Mr J. McKellar, Mt. Rowan; 161 wethers, Mr H. Birkett, Windermere; 13/4 to 9/10, averaging 12/2; 11 ewes, same owner, at 10/1; 101 ewes, Mr L. Hunt, Cressy, to 7/4; 23 wethers, same owner; 11 wethers, Mr S. H. Thomas, Learmonth, sheep, at 17/11 Mr F. Collings, Learmonth, at 10/1; 5 ewes, Messrs Smith Bros., Learmonth, to 8/7. Lambs—135 short, Mr T. Smith, Pittong, 11/7 to 10/3, averaging 10/2; 106 short, Messrs Smith Bros., Learmonth, 12/1 to 9/6, averaging 10/9; 73 shorn, from Park; 35, Messrs Jas. Creelman, Learmonth, shorn, at 17/11 to 10/4, averaging 15/11, being top prices and highest average of the market. 1, Mr H. Birkett, Learmonth, at 13/7.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

CARRANBALLAC.

Harvesting is completed, and yields generally are below the average; oat crops in particular being very poor, and stripping only about five bags per acre. Wheat averaged about 20 bushels.

Good rains have fallen; 185 points being registered. It was much needed for household supplies, but is too early for feed. The January rainfall was only seven points. For the year ending December 31st, 1931, 2036 points were registered, as against 2473 points for 1930.

MIDDLE CREEK.

Two Inches of Rain.

Following a very hot and disagreeable day on Thursday, 4th inst. (the heat continuing throughout the night), rain commenced to fall about 5 o'clock the following morning, and continued almost unceasingly till about 1 p.m. About 150 points were registered here, although further to the south on the plains about two inches was recorded. A further rain set in on Monday evening, and, although not heavy, continued throughout the night; resulting in another half-inch. This was very welcome, mostly by householders, as domestic supplies of water had, in many cases, given out, owing to the abnormally dry January experienced. The rain had the effect of temporarily stopping wheat carting to the local railway station, but, with a couple of fine days, this will be resumed, and will soon be completed, as the bulk of the wheat has been sent away.

The Tennis Club.

In connection with the Mountain District Tennis Association's competitions, Crowlands visited Middle Creek on Saturday, and were defeated by 27 games. The following are the results; Middle Creek players being mentioned first:—J. McMartin and J. Bowd d. G. Start and R. Williams, 8—5. H. Carmichael and R. Davidson d. W. Scantleton and W. Tucker, 8—1. Mrs. Bossence and Miss Hillman d. Mrs T. Start and Mrs G. Start, 8—1. Mrs Hillman and Miss A. Frane lost to Miss Weidermann and Mrs Tucker, 7—8. Mrs Bossence and J. McMartin d. Mrs Start and R. Williams, 8—3. Mrs Hillman and J. Bowd d. Mrs G. Start and G. Start, 8—6. Mrs Hillman and H. Carmichael lost to Miss Weidermann and W. Scantleton, 5—8. Miss A. Frane and R. Davidson d. Mrs Tucker and W. Tucker, 8—1. Total:—Middle Creek, 60 games; Crowlands, 33 games.

PERSONAL.

Mr and Mrs Alex. Grant, of Toowoomba district, Queensland, who were accompanied by their son, motored to Beaufort for a holiday. Mr Grant formerly lived at Raglan, and is a prominent resident of his own district in Queensland, where he is a successful pastoralist, and is well-known as one of the State's leading sheep-breeders. Mr and Mrs Grant stayed with relatives and friends whilst in the Beaufort district.

On Friday night, 5th inst., Mr Albert Vowles, of Trawalla, underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital.

Mr and Mrs Frederick Olsen, and two children, paid a visit to Beaufort last week. Mr Ben Olsen is assistant secretary at Broadmeadows. They were the guests of Mr and Mrs Robert Ramsay, of Beaufort.

Misses Mary McCormick and Verna Cuthbertson, of Beaufort, have gone to Queenscliff for a month's holiday.

The infant son of Mr and Mrs E. George, of Beaufort, was very ill in the Ballarat Hospital last week-end, and was suffering from pneumonia.

Miss Mary Pearson has returned to her home in East Malvern, after spending a holiday with her cousins, Miss Jean and Mrs H. J. Bastin, at Challicum South, Buangor.

During the week Senior-constable E. McCormick, of Beaufort, has been on the sick-list.

Miss Frances Georgina Beggs, Eblana, via Balclutha, Otago, Elsternwick, who died on January 1, left real estate of a gross value, of £750 and personal property of a gross value of £28,401. The will, which was dated Dec. 6, 1919, has been lodged for probate. To Gertrude Ivy Beggs the income from the residue of her estate to her for life, Miss Catherine Beggs, for life, and after her death the estate will go to three cousins of testatrix—Theodore Beggs, Robert Gottlieb Beggs, and Hugh Norman Beggs. Miss Catherine Beggs and Mr H. Hamer (of Messrs Smith and Emmerton), solicit, were appointed executrix and executor.

Mr L. Anderson, the Beaufort stationmaster, is away on sick leave; having to undergo an operation.

Mr A. J. Hughes, of the Beaufort B. & W. Co-operative Co's. staff, has been on holidays.

Mr Jack Pope came home to Beaufort from New South Wales during the week-end.

Mr Geoff Allnutt, of the staff of the E.S. & A. Bank, Beaufort, is on holiday leave.

Mr and Mrs A. E. Guyatt, of Beaufort, have been holidaying at Point Lonsdale. Mr Guyatt has obtained six months' leave of absence from the Shire of Ripon owing to indifferent health.

COMING EVENTS

A Methodist Magpie Fair will be held on Thursday, February 18th, in the Picture Theatre, Beaufort, at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. The fair will be opened by Mrs S. E. Humphreys. There will be numerous stalls and midget golf, quoits, and a shooting gallery.

The postponed Beaufort school swimming carnival is to take place on Saturday, 20th inst.

Younger Set Hospital ball, May 26th.

Wool Sales.

At the Sydney wool sales on Thursday, 3814 was paid for merino fleeces, the highest price obtained since the 1928-1929 season.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

SUBSCRIBERS' ANNUAL MEETING.

Fourteen members and subscribers of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute (including several ladies) were present at the annual meeting at the Institute on Monday night. Mr Thos. Williams (president) occupied the chair. An apology was received for the non-attendance of Mr H. E. Cuthbertson, who was away in the country.

The balance-sheet for the past year showed that receipts amounted to £157/16/7, and expenditure to £156/11/, leaving a Cr. balance of £1/5/. The year commenced with a credit balance of 19/2.

The secretary (Mr H. V. Martin) read the following annual report:—It must be considered fortunate that the committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute is able to report a credit balance for the year ending 1931. The credit for the year is 5/10, and although small, is better than a loss; but is must be remembered that this balance has only been brought about by the sacrifice of the readers, who have not received the number of new books their subscriptions entitle them to have. The total receipts for the year were £157/16/7, as against £205/17/ the previous year; the difference being that we received no Government grant (a loss of £30), £9 less profit from the flower show, and £20 less from members' subscriptions. The latter item needs careful consideration, and can only be accounted for by the fact that members were not getting the books required and have dropped out. The billiards have shown a slight improvement, which can be accounted for by the running of billiard tournaments for a trophy donated by Mr J. Hosking, to whom the members are very grateful. The card table receipts have improved also, as well as the bridge evenings; and again I wish to take this opportunity of advising the incoming committee to try and develop the bridge evenings, as a considerable sum of money can be obtained by this method. The expenditure for the year was £157/10/9, against £254/12/9 during the previous year; the most notable differences being £21 in salaries, £7 in sundry expenses, and the repayment of a loan of £50. As we have not carried out any improvements or renovations to the Institute during the year, and the new committee will doubtless be confronted with an extra expense for repairs (which are usually done each year), and it would be advisable for the committee to set aside an amount of about £10 for this work. I wish to remind members that our librarian has now completed 25 years' faithful service to the Institute—truly a remarkable performance—and no doubt members owe a great deal to Miss McNaughton for her many years of librarianship during that lengthy term. It is to be hoped that the incoming committee will be able to give members better service in the way of new books, and that in turn, the members will rally round the committee, and give every encouragement and assistance to the committee.

The president moved that they adopt the balance-sheet, subject to audit. He said the balance-sheet was very satisfactory, considering the state of the country. The committee had done good work. He thanked the expenditure down. Seconded by Mr H. J. Troy, and carried.

Mr W. W. Ashley was elected president for the ensuing year.

Mr Ashley passed Mr Williams to continue as president, but that gentleman declined.

Mr Williams thanked the committee and secretary for their assistance during his term. He was pleased to be president when Miss McNaughton completed her 25 years' service. No one could have been more painstaking than she. He asked the secretary to convey their congratulations to her.

Mr H. E. Cuthbertson was elected vice-president.

Mr Ashley nominated Mr H. V. Martin as secretary, and Mr Martin said he had definitely made up his mind not to continue in the position.

Mr Williams pressed Mr Martin to continue.

Mr Martin said it was his intention to move that they close the Mechanics' owing to complaints from subscribers of insufficient books, and the drop of £20 in subscriptions. He suggested that they lease the back room, and carry on the library at a reduced subscription. It looked as if they were drifting into debt.

Mr Williams said there would be difficulty, but they should keep the thing going as long as they could.

Miss Lewis—If it were closed, people would miss it very much indeed.

Mr Sinclair—The committee had tried to do their utmost, and something drastic had to be done. If a new committee were elected, they might get better results. They were not providing the goods, and people were going elsewhere for books. They must improve the reading-room, and the public were not supporting them as they should. If Mr Martin went out of the position, that was the dead end, and he urged him to re-consider his decision.

Mr Ashley—If they could get the books at a cheaper rate, as was done recently they should be able to carry recently, they should be able to carry on if Mr Martin would not continue. It was ridiculous to talk about closing the Institute, to his mind.

Mr Martin—It was not on a sound business footing, and he would not carry on till it was.

Mr McKay—One thing they wanted to work up thoroughly was the card evenings. By doing that and getting cheaper books, they should be able to carry on. He would give a trophy for the ensuing year, if that would revive the billiards. He thought Mr Martin should re-consider his decision.

Dr. Humphreys—What did Mr Martin mean by putting it on a more business-like footing?

Mr Martin—Giving subscribers more value for their money.

Upon the flower show being referred to, Mr Hughes said too many things were cut out last year.

Mr Ashley said it would be held in the Mechanics' Institute this year.

Mr Martin consented to continue as secretary, if they got a secretary for the flower show.

Mr Ashley said they were grateful to Mr Martin, and it was understood that a secretary would be obtained for the flower show.

Mr T. M. Bowe was elected auditor, and the following as a committee, in addition to the officers:—Messrs A. Parker, C. McKay, Williams, and G. Wilson; social committee, Miss Lewis, Mrs DeBaere, Miss Pollock, Miss Wotherspoon, Mrs J. H. Hughes, Mrs R. T. Macdonald, and Miss Bywater; book committee, Mrs Acton, Mr Ashley, Mr T. Williams, and Mr C. McKay.

Mr Ashley said they would be able to get books at 6d each, and they hoped to put many more books on the shelves. He would like to see 50 per cent. of the proceeds of the flower show spent on books.

Miss Lewis promised to donate some books to the Institute, for which the president thanked her.

The president referred in a eulogistic strain to the work of the librarian and secretary, and moved that a bonus of £10 each be voted to each of them. Seconded by Mr C. McKay, and carried.

Mr Martin—He felt that was too much to take. He thought Miss McNaughton was entitled to her bonus, but his should be left in abeyance.

It was suggested by Mr Sinclair that the money be paid to Mr Martin by the committee when available; and this suggestion was adopted.

The president said the flower show was fixed for 17th March. The schedule was out, but not the prize list. If anyone cared to give prizes, they would be gratefully accepted by the committee.

Misses Lewis and Wotherspoon, and Messrs A. Parker, Sinclair, Martin, McKay, and Ashley, each promised 10/ prizes.

The appointment of a secretary for the flower show was deferred till next Monday night; Mrs Hughes declining nomination.

Mr Sinclair moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their services. Seconded by Mr Parker, supported by Miss Lewis, and carried.

Mr T. Williams returned thanks, and said this was one of the oldest institutions of the town, founded by men whose names would ever be remembered here, and it was their duty to carry it on. He paid a high tribute to the work of Mr Martin.

Mr Williams moved that this meeting convey to Miss McNaughton their congratulations on completing 25 years' faithful service. Seconded by Mrs Humphreys, and carried.

Mr Martin said there was a profit of £12/10/1 on the last flower show.

Mrs Hughes said they should have more children's sections.

Mr Ashley thanked the members for their attendance, and hoped to receive their support in the coming year.

BOWLS.

In conjunction with the usual Reids of Flowers competition on the Beaufort Bowling Club's green on Saturday afternoon, a spoon competition was held; the highest aggregate of rink scores winning the spoons. The Blues were 11 up 87 to 69—and increased their lead from 20 to 54. The spoons were won by C. T. Dowling, D. F. Troy, N. McLeod, and L. McMahon, who had a victory of 28 to 9 over their opponents. Owing to the wet weather, there was no play on Tuesday on Thursday nights.

OBITUARY.

MR. ALAN MACDONALD.

On Thursday night, Mr R. T. Macdonald, of Beaufort, suffered a bereavement by the death, at Middle Creek, of his uncle, Mr Alan Macdonald, at the ripe age of 80 years. For many years the deceased, who was highly esteemed for his integrity and uprightness, carried on a blacksmithing business at Middle Creek. Since his retirement from active work, he has been residing with his niece, Mrs A. Hillman.

TENNIS.

TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

The full draw of matches is as follows:—

November 28th—Raglan v. Trawalla; Methodists v. Waterloo.

December 5th—Waterloo v. Raglan.

December 12th—Trawalla v. Methodists.

December 19th—Waterloo v. Trawalla; Raglan v. Methodists.

The matches will be on the courts of the first-named club.

Second round of home and home matches on January 20th, February 13th, and February 27th, on on opposite courts.

Semi-finals, March 5th and 12th. Final, March 19th.

Grand final (if necessary), March 26th.

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BEAUFORT & BUANGOR.

SWIMMING.

MEETING OF BEAUFORT CLUB.

The committee of the Beaufort Swimming Club met at the Shire Hall on Wednesday night; 11 members being in attendance. Mr W. Glover (vice-president) presided. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs C. T. Stevenson and A. E. Wotherspoon, and Mesdames Johnston and Holdsworth. H. J. Buchanan, correspondent of the school committee, wrote, asking for the use of the baths for the school swimming carnival on the 20th inst.—granted. Accounts amounting to £12/15/ were passed for payment. The secretary (Mr J. J. Fitzpatrick) said the life belts had arrived, and had been erected at the baths. The credit balance on the last dance held was £9/10/, which was regarded as very satisfactory. As the club is in debt to the amount of about £12, it was decided to get in as many members' subscriptions as possible; very few having paid up this season. Mr Glover said the council would put a 2-in. pipe in at the baths, if the club would concrete the bottom. It would be well to swing over and say the club would put in the pipe, if the council did the concrete work. Mr Webster—They would have to concrete the sides as well as the bottom to make a job of it, and it would cost over £200. Mr Glover said a 1-in. pipe would not be large enough to fill the baths, although alright as a refresher; a 2-in. pipe being needed to fill the baths if they emptied them. Reference was made to the unfairness of allowing people to swim in the Middle Creek reservoir, to the detriment of the swimming baths, but it was understood that this had been remedied. Mr Webster—Concreting the baths would be nothing if they could get the Mothers' Guild behind them. Mrs J. R. Hughes—It should be done at once, to give some of the men in the town work. Mr Johnston moved that Mr Crouch be asked to draw up plans and specifications for concreting the sides and floor of the baths, and to provide an estimate of the cost. Seconded by Mr Webster, and carried. The matter of arranging for an entertainment or dance in aid of the club was left in the hands of the secretary and Mr Green; the Skipton Dramatic Club and Ararat Revue Co. to be written to and asked for their terms. The secretary said there was an honorary caretaker at the baths, who was keeping order there. Mr Harding was elected an honorary member of the club, and is to be thanked for his services. It was reported that the ladies' shower bath was out of order. The secretary said he had obtained permission to burn the grass at the baths, and he asked a few of the members to assist him. It was resolved that the building committee confer with Mr Crouch in regard to the concrete work. The secretary was empowered to call next meeting as soon as convenient. Mr Green said that Mrs J. G. Macdonald, of Stawell, had promised to bring a revue company here for any local cause. They might consider that later on.

BEAUFORT C.W.A.

MEETING OF YOUNGER SET.

There were 11 members present at the monthly meeting of the Younger Set of the C.W.A., held in the club rooms at Beaufort, on Monday night. The president (Sister E. Francis) occupied the chair, and as the secretary (Miss Mackness) is at present away, Miss B. Schlicht acted in her stead. It was decided to give the tennis club a donation in the shape of a kettle, because they were so obliging as to lend their courts, and do everything possible to help on the occasion of the recent tennis tournament. The secretary was instructed to write and thank them. Sister Francis said that Mrs R. MacMahon was willing to cook lunches for the members of the Younger Set who desired to learn. She would do this on the Tuesday night, after the business was over. A discussion was held upon the advisability of holding a Younger Set ball. It was finally decided to hold one, with the aim of making a profit large enough to furnish the Bush Nursing Hospital. The date was fixed for late in May. All the other offices which the Younger Set had held had been for Somers House. Mrs R. G. Beggs stated that because that was the aim in forming the Younger Set, for it was their special duty to try and do all they could towards the upkeep of Somers House. Any woman could go there for a holiday, even if she were not a member of the C.W.A., providing she had their recommendation, and 25/ a week was wonderfully reasonable. A date was fixed for a bridge party in March, as the usual monthly entertainment to be run by the Younger Set. The proceeds are to go towards defraying the expenses of the ball. During the evening music was supplied by Miss E. DeBaere, and a delightful supper was provided by Sister Francis. The next meeting night was fixed for the second Monday in March.

I SINCERELY thank my many Beaufort and district friends for their kind wishes on my departure for Gunbower. G. WHALLEY.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1932.

Church of England.—Waterloo, 8; Beaufort, 11 and 7; Trawalla, 3—Rev. A. Talbot.

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

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

METHODIST MAGPIE FAIR.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1932

THE PICTURE THEATRE, BEAUFORT. The Fair will be opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs. S. E. HUMPHREYS, of Beaufort. Stalls—Cakes, Produce, Needlework, Confectionery, Sweets, Flowers, Children's and Refreshments. Midget Golf, Quoits, Shooting Gallery, and other attractions. Afternoon and Evening Sessions at 3 and 7.30. Admission, 6d each session. Children, 3d.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

APPLICATIONS will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on SATURDAY, 20th FEBRUARY 1932, for the position of Road Ranger, Dog Registration Officer, etc., for the North Riding, and Herdsman for the Beaufort Common, for a period of Six Months, commencing on 22nd FEBRUARY, 1932.

Particulars of duties, etc., may be obtained at the Shire Offices on and after MONDAY, the 15th inst.

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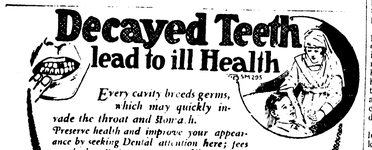

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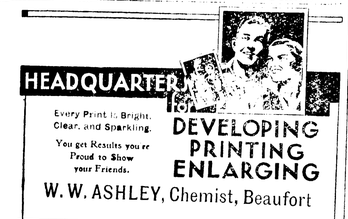

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT

Monday, 8th February, 1932.

(Before Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair and D. F. Troy, J.s P.)

Motorists Prosecuted.

Constable Duke v. William Leslie Holthouse—Driving a motor car at Beaufort on 27th December, 1931, on the Western Highway, without being licensed for that purpose. No appearance of defendant. Senior-constable R. McCormick conducted the prosecution.

Evidence was given by the complainant to the effect that whilst conducting a motor lookout on the date in question, defendant produced the registration of the car, but said he had not his licence as a driver with him. He was told to produce it to the police at St. Kilda within 7 days, and complainant had since ascertained that he had no licence. Defendant did not tender any explanation.

Mr Troy said that defendant, in a letter to the bench, said he did not know he could get a licence in Ararat, but got one next day. He had been driving in Adelaide for seven years, and omitted to renew his licence. The explanation seemed feasible.

Senior-constable McCormick said would have been feasible if defendant had made that statement to the constable at the time.

Defendant was fined £1; in default distress.

Senior-constable R. McCormick v. Francis Robertson.—Same offence. No appearance of defendant.

Evidence was given by the prosecutor that defendant produced the registration certificate, but said he had no licence, and was given 7 days to produce it to the police at Kerang. Three days later, he called at the police station and said he had no licence, having been in hospital and allowed it to expire. He produced a certificate from the motor registration branch to show that he was not licensed. A fine of £1 was inflicted; in default distress.

Same v. James Boyd, junr. — Driving a motor car at Beaufort on 27th December, 1931, on the Western Highway, such car not then being registered by the Chief Commissioner of Police. No appearance of defendant.

Senior-constable McCormick said that defendant produced his driver's licence, which was correct, but said he did not have his registration certificate with him. Enquiry at the registration branch showed that the car was not registered at that date, but that the registration had expired on 17th December. He was liable to be charged with using the number when the car was not registered. He said he was away when the registration notice came, but posted the cheque on the 24th, and it was not received till the 30th. He had committed two offences, and should not be dealt with leniently.

A fine of 40/ was inflicted; in default distress.

Debt Case.

A debt case was struck out, having been settled out of court.

RIPON SHIRE REPORTS.

The following reports were dealt with at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday:—

Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports.

The treasurer reported that £1942 11/3 had been received and banked since last report; that cheques paid in December and January amounted to £1533 14/6, and interest and charges, £26 1/; and that the Dr. balance was £974/12/8, as against £1258 9/5 at last report.—Adopted.

The secretary (Mr N. B. Acton) reported that the ridings account was as follows:—North, Dr. £327 3/3; East, Dr. £86 13/; West, Cr. £675 6/2; Beaufort water supply, Dr. £356 7/10; total, Cr. £217/2/.—Adopted.

Finance.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the finance committee:—Government Printer, £1/13/1; A. Parker, £8/12/2; Whitehead & Co., £1/12/9; salaries, £74 16/10; current expenses, £12/19/; A. E. Guyatt, £6; secretary's petty cash, £3; M. Roberts £3; R. Guyatt, 10/; A. G. Hayward, £1/2; W. C. Cheeseman, 10/2/; Morcell, £21 10/; T. E. Millis, £6/14/8; Electric Light account, £12/8/; E. Day, 16/; Murray's Stores, £2 0/2; Ripon Hotel, £2/4/10; Lyons Bros., £10/11/6; Griffiths, 10/6; A. W. Dunstan, £8; H. George & Co., £5 1/; Ironman Bros., £5/18/9; R. Ward, 19/6; Ryan and Stevens, £2 3/4; A. J. Skene, £15/5/4; W. H. Williams, £1/12/9; Buchanan Bros., £16/2/; J. R. Harrison, 18/; Shire time Oil Co., £9/15/9; H. Norman, £12/12/; J. Brown, £1/16/; J. Nothnagel, 17/; A. Broadbent, £2/1/; J. W. Nunn, £20/1; Nothnagel, £2; F. Webster, £2/17/; Lightfoot & Anderson, £10; E. Gillingham, £1 10/; Hume Pipe Co., £1877/16/1; Walters & Cresswell, £21/16/2; British General Electric Co., £4/9/5; Hamilton Bros., £7/3/; E. Day, £9 2/6; day labor vouchers, £203/5/10; total, £2538/14/10. Country Roads Board payments:—Hamilton Bros., £7/6/6; W. H. Williams, £9/15/; A. J. Skene, £10/16/10; Shire of Ripon, £10; Lyons Bros., 13/6; Whitfield Bros., £4/17/6; vouchers, £80/17/; Ironmongers, £76; vouchers, £71 18/; total, £201/8/1.—The secretary said there was £2000 on the principal final payments in the payshoot.

Electric Light Committee's Report.

The electric light committee reported that at a meeting held on 14th Dece., and attended by Crs. Troy, Sinclair, and Dobson, the following accounts were passed for payment, on the motion of Crs. Sinclair and Dobson:—B. & W. Co-op., £12 12/4; A. J. Harris, £2/8/2; Shire account, 11/7; wages, £43; total, £58 12/1. It was decided to notify consumer disputing meter reading that if he is still persisting, the meter to be tested by an outside authority; cost to be charged to consumer. Resolved, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and Dobson, that the plant be run for 24 hours daily, and wages of engineer-in-charge be increased by 30/ per week from 4/1/32; he to provide own assistance. At a further meeting on 11/1/32, attended by Crs. Troy, Sinclair, Dobson, and Kirkpatrick, the following accounts were passed for payment, on the motion of Crs. Sinclair and Dobson:—Shell Co., £19/7/9; Arnall & Jackson, £2/16/8; A. Grace, £/; W. O'Sullivan, 8/6; Ronaldson Bros. & Tippett, £5 12/10; wages, £34/8/; General Electric Co., £7/7/10; total, £70/6/3. Report of engineer-in-charge was received. Resolved that a consumer be given to 18/1/32 to settle account, otherwise current to be cut off. If cut off, and request made to reconnect, a fee of 10/ to be charged, and a deposit of £3 lodged as security for payment of future accounts.—Adopted, on motion of Cr. Stewart, who congratulated the committee on running the plant 24 hours daily, which must be a great boon to the town.

The North riding members reported that at a meeting held on 14/ 12/31, and attended by Crs. Sinclair, Troy, and Dobson, it was resolved:—That application of hand for use of rotunda be held in abeyance to see if Fire Brigade will still allow them use of room. That application of G. Pringle for supply of water to allotment near cemetery be granted, provided a half tap is put in trench. That cattle be not allowed to graze in streets. That matter of keeping Stockyard Hill road in repair be left in hands of engineer, big expenditure to be made without consulting North riding councillors. That Mrs Miller have option of having supply of water from J. Jaensch's at rate of 2/6 in the £ on valuation of house, or from pipe line at rate fixed. At a further meeting on 11th January, 1932, attended by Crs. Sinclair, Troy, Dobson, and Kirkpatrick, it was resolved:—That accounts amounting to £147/18/1 ordinary account, and £334/1/9 C.R.B. account be passed for payment. That road crossing, Church street, at Bowling Club corner, be attended to by the engineer, and pipe to be put in. That meeting has no power to grant request of a deputation that a public holiday be proclaimed throughout the shire for school picnic to St. Kilda. That fencing at Deep Lead-Moonambel road be referred to engineer. That dangerous water tap at Park build-ings be seen to. That engineer enquire re damages to Trawalla East road by motor truck with solid tyres. Engineer to attend to repairs to road at Ellis' corner. Re culvert on dam at Hold-worth's. Engineer to repair track at Westbrook's dam. That damages to bitumen drums on road be referred to summoning officer. At a further meeting on 19th January, attended by Crs. Troy and Dobson, it was resolved:—That notice be put up at Waterloo reservoir warning persons against polluting water, and catchment drains to be cleaned out. That recommendation of engineer that a race be cut at Braidwicks at Mt. Cole to bring in more water, estimated cost of £75, be adopted. That the officers draw up a circular pointing out to consumers of water in Beaufort that owing to excessive waste, it is necessary to restrict supplies; hoses to be held in hand, and sprinklers not allowed. An inspector to be appointed to 8th Feby., 1932, to see that restrictions are carried out.—Adopted, on motion of Crs. Elder and McDonald.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The following report by the engineer (Mr E. S. Crouch, C.E., L.S.) was dealt with at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday:—

Beaufort Baths.—These baths could be extended from the Goldfields Reservoir, in lieu of from the present source, at an estimated cost of £70, using 4 inch pipe. Half-inch pipe would cost about £10 less, but the former is preferable.

Clause 1—Cr. Troy—It should be seriously considered before next summer. He would like the people interested to take action to provide a permanent bottom, as the baths were not satisfactory this year. He hoped the citizens would take it up. The management of the baths should be more strict. The valve to let the water in had been smashed. Dobson—He was asked to suggest that they try and get a working-bee to do what Cr. Troy mentioned. The matter was referred to the North riding members.

2. Application of J. Lancey to Acquire Portion of the Width of the Racian—Euranbeen Road, Adjoining Property.—As directed, a suitable scheme will be submitted for approval.

Clause 2—Received.

3. Beaufort Water Supply.—In common with other schemes throughout the State, the Beaufort Water Supply Scheme is undergoing a severe test. The restriction of sprinkling recently imposed, and the appeal to diminish waste has resulted in the reserves being considerably better conserved, and should enable this very difficult period to be passed, with reasonable assurance of continued adequate supply.

Clause 3—Received; Cr. Russell stating that it should be alright now.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

4. Scour at Mulcahy's, Lake Goldsmith.—The council should not admit any liability in this matter. Any water allowed to go down the drain should be confined of, passed through a natural depression. The portion of the water referred to has now been diverted down the water table of adjoining road, under council instructions last year.

Clause 4—Cr. Stewart—There had been washouts owing to the wet winter. Mr Mulcahy reckoned that the damage was done through the council making a culvert. If the council did, they were responsible. He moved that the report be adopted.—Carried.

Beaufort.—About 80 sq. yds of pav. could be effected at a cost of £16, or 28 half-cost to the council.

Clause 5—Received.

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FIRE BRIGADE.

MONTHLY MEETING.

On Monday night, the monthly meeting of the Beaufort Fire Brigade was held at the local fire station. Captain W. Smith occupied the chair, and there were 12 active and two reserve members present. Fireman J. Duke (secretary) apologised for the non-attendance of Mr Roderick, who was to have given a lecturette on "Precautions With Electric Wires."

Correspondence.

From Country Fire Board, enclosing specifications for painting of fire station.—Received.

From same, accepting the resignation of Fireman J. Hunt; also approving of the enrolment of W. Hill as an active member.—Received.

From Robt. Parnell, asking for work of conveying the brigade's reel, etc., from Geelong railway station to running track.—Received.

From Hobart Fire Brigade, stating that it was their intention to start an antique museum, and asking for old caps, coats, spanners, etc.—Received.

From W. Humphries, Beaufort, thanking the brigade for the respect which they showed the late Mr Thos. Whitfield. As an ex-captain of the old Volunteer Brigade, he admired this greatly.—Received.

From Methodist Church, Beaufort, thanking the brigade for the manner in which they worked at the recent fire on the church property.—Received.

On the motion of Lieut. W. Day and Fireman W. Bridges, accounts amounting to £1/8/3 were passed for payment.

General Business.

The secretary expressed his appreciation of the fine muster of firemen who turned out in uniform at the funeral of the late Mr Thos. Whitfield.

Fireman J. J. Fitzpatrick (secretary of the Swimming Club) applied for permission to burn the grass at the local baths, which was granted.

On the motion of Firemen W. Bridges and E. Hopkins, the secretary was instructed to write to Thos. Evans Pty. Ltd., for a sample of flexible hose; the matter of purchasing a length of same to be held over till practice night on Monday next.

The final arrangements were made for sending teams to the annual demonstration at Geelong in March.

Fireman W. Bridges moved that the expenses of the team visiting Geelong be paid; this being seconded by Fireman C. Pringle, and carried.

The secretary reported on the social recently held by the brigade, and presented the balance-sheet. Receipts amounted to £7/2/, and expenditure to £6/8/; leaving a credit balance of 13/10. Out of this, a sum of 9/10 would probably have to be paid, leaving a balance of 4/.

On the motion of the lieutenant and secretary, it was decided that, as a little grant had been left over from the painting of the fire station, and the permission of the board to use same had been obtained, the meeting-room be renovated. The painting of the hall was carried out by Firemen C. Pringle and W. Hill, who were unemployed at the time.

The next meeting of the brigade was, on the motion of Apparatus-officer L. Fitzpatrick and the secretary, fixed for next practice night.

On the suggestion of Fireman J. J. Fitzpatrick, it was decided to apply to the board for long-service badges for Fireman A. J. Hughes and the secretary.

On the motion of Fireman J. J. Fitzpatrick and the secretary, it was decided to make Chas. Meredith, junr., an honorary member of the brigade.

G. Cuthbertson, P. Maston, and W. Fitzpatrick, junr., were placed on the reserve list.

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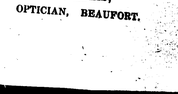

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CRICKET.

RIPON COMPETITION.

MT. LONARCH V. WATERLOO

Waterloo journeyed to Mt. Lonarch on Saturday afternoon, and had an outright win. Mt. Lonarch batted first for a total of 11 runs; F. Neil being top-scorer with four. N. Dromey was in great bowling form; taking 7 wickets for 4 runs; D. Lynch capturing 3 for 6. Waterloo responded with 87. Jack Lamb contributed 25, C. Flynn 19, Joe Lamb 16 (not out), and A. Ryan 12. The bowling honors were shared by F. Neil (4/13), W. Bright (3/22), and R. Phillips (2/28). In their second innings Mt. Lonarch made 56. F. Neil was responsible for 20, Dromey again bowled well; his average being 5/38. B. Lynch (5/5) also did some effective work with the ball. Scores:—

First Innings.
MT. LONARCH

P. Trengove, b. D. Lynch	0
W. Bright, b. D. Lynch	2
R. Phillips, b. D. Lynch	2
F. Neil, c. R. Smith, b. Dromey	4
A. Trengove, c. J. Lamb, b. Dromey	1
V. Neil, c. R. Smith, b. Dromey	1
A. Renkin, c. and b. Dromey	0
B. Neil, c. Grant, b. Dromey	0
M. Crick, b. Dromey	0
B. Smith, not out	0
R. Bright, b. Dromey	0
Sundries	1
Total	11

Bowling—N. Dromey, 7/4; D. Lynch, 3/6.

WATERLOO.

N. Dromey, l.b.w., b. Bright	7
B. Lynch, b. Phillips	1
D. Lynch, c. F. Neil, b. Phillips	1
J. Lamb, run out	25
C. Flynn, l.b.w., b. F. Neil	19
T. Ryan, l.b.w., b. F. Neil	12
Joe Lamb, not out	16
R. Smith, c. W. Bright, b. F. Neil	4
G. Grant, c. F. Neil, b. W. Bright	0
R. Smith, c. and b. Bright	0
E. Jay, b. F. Neil	0
Sundries	2
Total	87

Bowling—F. Neil, 4/13; W. Bright, 3/22; R. Phillips, 2/28; M. Crick, 0/5; V. Neil, 0/11.

Second Innings.
MT. LONARCH.

W. Bright, b. Dromey	1
A. Trengove, c. Jack Lamb, b. Dromey	5
F. Neil, c. Grant, b. Dromey	20
P. Trengove, b. Dromey	1
R. Phillips, b. B. Lynch	4
M. Crick, c. Jack Lamb, b. B. Lynch	9
F. Neil, b. B. Lynch	5
A. Renkin, not out	4
B. Neil, b. Dromey	1
B. Smith, b. B. Lynch	1
B. Bright, b. B. Lynch	4
Sundries	2
Total	56

Bowling—B. Lynch, 5/5; N. Dromey, 5/38; D. Lynch, 0/7.

BUANGOR V. BEAUFORT.

The Beaufort team visited Buangor on Saturday last, and although a number of their regular players were absent, a good team was put in the field. A most exciting and interesting game was the result. First Buangor, then Beaufort got again, had decided advantages, and twice the match appeared to be won outright, but eventually finished in a win for Beaufort on the first innings. Batting first, Beaufort commenced badly; their top wicket falling when the score was one. This appeared to give the Buangor bowlers confidence, with the result that wickets continued to fall quickly, and the whole team was out for the small score of 45; the top-scorers being Manley and Crouch, with 8 each. J. Petrie (5/13) and J. O'Brien (1/24) put up a very creditable bowling performance for Buangor. Buangor started better than Beaufort; their first wicket falling at 13; but a slump followed, and 3 were down for 14. Another stand was made, and the score was taken to 24 before the fourth wicket fell, after which the Beaufort bowlers were on top, and the whole side was out for 35. The best scorers were J. Murray and H. E. Mathews with 9 each. W. C. Jenkin was in good bowling form; taking 5 wickets for 8. P. White, a new member of the Beaufort team, captured 4 for 8, and Morvell 1 for 17. Beaufort went in again, and this time did better. Going for the runs, they soon had 66 on the board for the loss of 3 wickets. Then the Beaufort captain (W. C. Jenkin) declared the innings closed. Crouch (18) and Manley (11) again showed the best form with the bat, and Petrie (3/18) was the best bowler. Buangor were now faced with the score of 77 to win outright, or to play out time. At one stage it looked as though they would pull off an outright win, as they had 44 runs up for the loss of only 4 wickets. A big reverse followed, and 9 wickets were down for 46 runs, and it looked any odds on Beaufort gaining the outright win. However, a stubborn defence by Joe Clough and his son (W. Clough) kept the bowlers from getting their wickets before time was up, although the fieldsmen failed to take a couple of catches that would have ended the match. Good batting form was shown by E. Mathews, who scored 18 runs, including one six and three fours. J. Murray also batted well for 11 runs. Jenkin was again in remarkable form with the ball; taking 8 wickets for 32 runs. White (1/9) accounted for the remaining wicket. The Buangor players showed very fine sportsmanship throughout the match, and gave the Beaufort team every opportunity of gaining the extra point allotted for an outright win, and they are to be congratulated on the sporting way in which they played the game. Scores:—

First Innings.
BEAUFORT.

R. C. Mathews, c. J. Parker, b. O'Brien	1
R. F. Manley, c. E. Mathews, b. Petrie	8
P. White, b. O'Brien	8
H. O. Collier, hit wicket, b. O'Brien	6
S. G. Thompson, c. Parker, b. Petrie	0
W. C. Jenkin, b. Petrie	0
E. S. Crouch, run out	8
W. Lainson, c. J. Clough, b. Petrie	4
Ron Macdonald, not out	4
Sundries	8
Total	45

Bowling—J. Petrie, 5/13; J. O'Brien, 4/24.

BUANGOR.

J. Murray, b. Jenkin	9
W. Grouch, c. b. Hodgetts, b. Jenkin	5
W. Mathews, c. and b. Jenkin	0
J. Petrie, c. Pringle, b. Jenkin	1
J. Petrie, c. Crouch, b. White	1
J. Parker, std. Crouch, b. Jenkin	0
J. O'Brien, b. White	0
W. O'Brien, c. Jenkin, b. White	4
Joe Clough, c. Lainson, b. Morvell	3
E. Mathews, c. Jenkin, b. White	9
W. Clough, not out	2
Sundries	2
Total	35

Bowling—W. C. Jenkin, 5/8; White, 4/8; Morvell, 1/17.

Second Innings.
BEAUFORT.

Thompson, c. Petrie, b. O'Brien	6
Collier, l.b.w., b. Petrie	0
Manley, b. Petrie	14
Crouch, c. and b. Parker	18
Hodgetts, not out	7
White, c. and b. Petrie	9
Sundries	11
Total (d.c.)	5 for 66

Bowling—Petrie, 3/18, O'Brien, 1/8; Parker, 1/8; Murray, 0/4; Mathews, 0/11.

Second Innings.
BUANGOR.

J. Petrie, b. Jenkin	3
J. Murray, c. Pringle, b. Jenkin,	1
E. Mathews, c. Pringle, b. Jenkin,	18
W. Mathews, b. Jenkin	0
W. Green, c. Hodgetts, b. Jenkin,	0
J. O'Brien, b. Jenkin	0
Jack O'Brien, b. Jenkin	0
C. Petrie, l.b.w., b. Jenkin	0
J. Parker, b. White	0
Joe Clough, c. Pringle, b. Morvell	0
W. Cyough, not out	6
Sundries	6
Total	9 for 54

Bowling—W. C. Jenkin, 8/32; White, 1/9; Thompson, 0/7.

AMPHITHEATRE V. WARRAK.

On Saturday Amphitheatre were at home to Warrak, and suffered a defeat at the hands of the visitors. Warrak batted first for a total of 112 runs, of which E. Farish (retired) made 39, A. McGuiness 28, and A. Padgett 12. For Amphitheatre G. McDermott (5/34) and B. Clancy (3/34) showed good form with the ball. When Amphitheatre took their stand at the wicket, they could only manage 76 runs, of which C. Neil (17), J. Jolly (12), and W. Barry (12) were the chief contributors. The bowling of E. Farish (6/29) was effective, and L. McGuiness (3/24) gave him good support. Scores:—

WARRAK.

A. Padgett, c. Yates, b. McDermott	12
A. McGuiness, c. Murphy, b. F. Jolly	28
E. Farish, retired	39
G. McGuiness, l.b.w., b. Clancy,	3
Dadswell, b. Clancy	0
K. Irwin, c. Murphy, b. McDermott	5
W. Shields, b. McDermott	4
J. Cheesman, b. Clancy	4
R. Hunter, not out	6
R. Mewitt, b. McDermott	0
H. T. Bowling, b. McDermott	10
Sundries	0
Total	112

Bowling—G. McDermott, 5/31; B. Clancy, 3/34; T. Murphy, 0/12; C. Neil, 0/12; J. Jolly, 1/14.

AMPHITHEATRE.

J. Jolly, c. Hunter, b. Farish	0
C. Neil, b. Farish	17
G. McDermott, b. Farish	4
T. Montgomery, std. Irwin, b. Farish	1
E. Murphy, b. McGuiness	3
W. Barry, c. deCerces, b. Hunter,	12
B. Clancy, b. McGuiness	10
T. Montgomery, b. Farish	9
F. Jolly, not out	13
F. Yates, c. and b. Farish	0
J. Joseph, b. McGuiness	0
Sundries	6
Total	75

Bowling—Farish, 6/25; L. McGuiness, 3/24; R. Hunter, 1/23.

OBITUARY.

FUNERAL OF LATE MR. ALAN MACDONALD.

The funeral of the late Mr Alan Macdonald took place on Saturday afternoon, from the residence of his nephew (Mr A. Hillman), Middle Creek, to the Buangor Cemetery. There was a very large attendance of all floral tributes. The casket was also a very large number of beautiful floral tributes. The casket was carried by the following:—Messrs R. T. Macdonald, J. McLeod, A. Macrae, D. McInnes; and the pall-bearers were Messrs J. Hillman, W. Ahern, A. Dunn, G. Clark, C. Waldron, W. Hillman, J. O'Brien, and L. Fay. Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., of the Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, conducted the services at the house and graveside. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr John Dunn, undertaker, Ararat.

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Cattle—130 yarded. Prices showed a firmer tendency. Quotations:—Prime heavy-weight bullocks, £11 10/ to £12/10/, extra to £13/7/6; prime medium-weight bullocks, £11 to £11/10/; good, £9 to £10; prime lightweight bullocks, £8/10/ to £9 10/; useful, £7/10/ to £8; best cows, to £8; good, £6/10/ to £7/10/; useful, £5 to £6. Calves—41 penned. Best made £8/18/6. Sheep—1,400 offered. Quality showed a decided improvement, with prices very firm. Prime crossbred wethers, 16/ to 17/2; good, 14/ to 15/; useful, 11/ to 12/; ewes, 2/6 to 13/11; good, 10/ to 11/; prime merino wethers, 14/ to 15/; good, 12/ to 13/; useful, 9/6 to 10/6. Lambs—2872 offered. A rise of 2/ a head was record-ed. Prime, 13/6 to 16/7; good, 11/6 to 13/; useful, from 9/.

Messrs D. R. Hannah & Co. report:—601 ewes and wethers, Mr J. Nugent, Clarendon; 174 ewes and wethers, Messrs Elder & Co., Skipton; wethers to 10/6; 112 crossbred wethers, Mr H. Birkett, Windermere, to 9/; averaging 11/4; 68 2-tooth wethers, Mr A. E. Burgess, Elaine, at 11/7; 74 comeback wethers from Meredith, at 10/10; 64 wethers, Mr Geo. Fraser, Claines, to 14/, averaging 10/10; 36 crossbred ewes, Mr Robt. Ward, Derry Farm, Lake Goldsmith; 31 ewes, Mr Thos. Broadbent, Main Lead; 61 ewes and wethers, Messrs F. and H. Franklin, Ballarat; 23 ewes from Buninyong; 6 merino rams, Mr A. Kirkpatrick, Lake Goldsmith; 5 B.L. ewes, Mrs D. Ward, Lake Goldsmith, at 14/7; 1 B.L. ram, Miss Moore, North Creswick, at 22/6. Lambs—62 shorn, Mr J. McKenzie, Pittong, to 10/2; 49, Mr Robt. Ward, Lake Goldsmith, to 13/7; 40 shorn, from Meredith; 31 shorn, Messrs Franklin Bros., Ballarat, to 12/4; 19 shorn, Mr Thos. Broadbent, Main Lead; 12 shorn, Miss D. Ward, Lake Goldsmith, to 13/1.

The following district sales by other auctioneers are reported:—75 merino wethers, Mr T. Greenbank, Snake Valley, 12/ to 10/10, averaging 11/3; 66 merino wethers, Mr J. Riggin, Chepstowe, 12/12; 49 merino wethers, Mr J. T. McIntosh, Beaufort, 14/10; 17 merino wethers, Mr A. Humphrey, Shirley, to 15/8; 3 merino wethers, Miss Humphrey, Shirley, 15/8; 20 merino wethers, Mr Les. Gardiner, "Marella," Skipton, 12/7; 28 merino wethers, same owner, 13/, topping the market for merino ewes; 20 lambs, Mr W. A. Humphrey, Shirley, 9/1; 8 lambs, Mrs Woodard, Carngham, 9/7; 152 comebacks, Mr J. Wookey, Snake Valley, wethers to 13/1, ewes to 9/1; 56 comeback and merino wethers, Mr J. Greenbank, "Deanbank," Snake Valley, wethers to 11/10, ewes to 9/; 5 sheep lambs, same owner, 13/1.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

Euchre Tournament at Snake Valley.

A successful euchre tournament was held in the Mechanics' Hall at Snake Valley on Saturday evening, in aid of the hall funds. The prize winners were:—Ladies—Mrs Carroll and Mrs Dreyer; gentlemen—Messrs W. McLean and Sid Howlett. The musicians for the dance were Mrs W. Callaghan, Misses Ethel and Rose Hayward, and Mr H. Hayward, and they were assisted by Misses W. Carroll and M. Martin. Mr A. T. Brumby was check steward, Cr. A. C. Robbs M.C., and Mr Jas. Whittle secretary.

Dance at Mt. Lonarch.

A dance, held in aid of the Mt. Lonarch school funds, proved very successful. The night was anything but pleasant for dancing, although dancers turned up in large numbers. Visitors were present from Beaufort, Waterloo, Amphitheatre, Glenlogie, Raglan and Avoca. Mr M. Rayner acted as M.C., and Mr Tom Rayner as doorkeeper. The music supplied by the Beaufort Pioneer Orchestra was of the highest order.

Councillor Meets With Accident.

A very painful accident happened to Cr. Donald Keith, of Mt. Lonarch. He was just starting to milk a cow, when a pet lamb came up beside the cow. The latter kicked Cr. Keith, displacing one of his kneecaps. He obtained surgical attention, and has since been confined to his bed.

Cricketer Ill.

Mr Aubrey Neil, a member of the well-known family of Mt. Lonarch cricketers, has been suffering from a severe illness.

Ararat Shire Council.

At the February meeting of the Ararat Shire Council, Cr. Borthige asked for a new tank. Cr. Hucker said the engineer inspected it last August. It was now beyond repair. From W. J. Roberts, Middle Creek, asking that the pump and stand at the quarry be put in working order.—The secretary said the work was being done that day. From A. Cox, Mount Cole, drawing attention to the bad state of the crossing on the road leading to his property at Bayindeen. It is in a very bad state, and practically impassable. He would be willing to do the job for £3.—The president said he knew the spot well. Wood carters had put poles there, and sand had silted up. A bridge would fix up the matter. It would cost more than the sum asked for. Cr. McDonald moved that the offer be accepted. Seconded by Cr. Vanc and carried.

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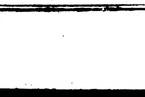

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A garden party, in aid of the refreshment stall at the Beaufort Presbyterian Fete, will be held at Miss Wotherspoon's on Saturday, February 27th.

The public are urged not to forget the Beaufort Flower Show, which will be opened by Lady Peacock, at the Public Hall on Thursday, March 17th. The proceeds are in aid of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute, which the committee, with the aid of the ladies, are endeavoring to place on a better financial footing by catering liberally for the tastes of the reading public.

BOWLS.

On Tuesday night a three-rink match between the Reds and Blue on the Beaufort Bowling Club green resulted in another victory for the Reds—40 to 35—increasing the lead from 24 to 29.

A well-contested match between the Reds and Blues took place on Thursday evening, the Reds winning by one point—55 to 54, and reducing the Blues' lead from 39 to 38.

Card Social.

The members of the Beaufort Mothers' Guild held a card social at Mr. J. R. Hughes' residence on Tuesday night. The winners of the euchre tournament were Miss S. Hughes and Mr P. Mading; the prizes at the secret table going to Mrs F. G. Green and Mr R. King. Mrs Hughes acted as secretary.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"Keep your pecker up and screw your face into a smile. For moaning will get you nowhere."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1932.

Rainfall.

Sixteen points of rain were recorded at Beaufort on Saturday.

Police Court.

No cases came up for hearing at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday.

Wrist Fractured.

Mrs H. Featherstone, of Beaufort, had the misfortune to slip on a polished linoleum on Saturday, and falling, fractured her wrist.

Typographical Error.

A typographical error occurred in the report of a case in the Beaufort Police Court in last week's issue. James Bond, junr., was fined 20/, not 20 as stated, for driving an unregistered motor car.

Opening of Duck Season.

The duck season opened early on Monday morning, and several Beaufort parties of shooters were out after game. Although the birds were plentiful, they were very wild, and light game bags were the general rule.

Woman Prospector.

One of the gentler sex has registered a quartz prospecting claim at Waterloo, and is working it herself. Great interest is being taken in the lady's venture by prospectors in the vicinity, and she has named it the Waratah.

Fortunate Escape.

Mr Jack O'Brien, of Middle Creek, narrowly escaped serious injury while out ducks-shooting. A man behind him discharged a gun accidentally; portion of the leg of Mr O'Brien's trousers and his hat being blown away.

Septic Tanks Inspected.

The septic tanks at the Beaufort hotels were inspected on Wednesday by experts from the Public Health Department and officers of the Ripon-shire Council, together with several councillors. A report will be forwarded to the council in due course.

Local Mail Contracts.

Mrs Toms, of Beaufort, has been notified that her tenders for the Nerring and Euranmbeen mail contracts have been accepted. Officially the postmistress (Miss Pollock) has received no word as to the letting of any of the local mail contracts.

Methodist Social.

A well-attended and enjoyable social was held on Monday night at the Beaufort Methodist Sunday School Hall. Games were entered into with zest. Competitions were won by Mrs Mellor, Miss Elsie Morvell, Mis Rheita Johnston, and Arthur Crick. Supper was provided by the ladies.

Snake Killed.

On Friday, 12th inst., Mrs H. E. Cuthbertson, of Beaufort, saw a snake about 2 feet long disappear underneath her house in Bourke-street. After taking a few boards from the verandah floor and keeping a careful watch, Mr H. E. Cuthbertson despatched the reptile with a gun.

Silver Wedding.

Mr and Mrs James Prentice, of Lexton, celebrated their silver wedding on Saturday, 16th January. Fifty guests assembled to pay homage and congratulations to the happy couple and their three daughters, Misses Dulcie, Thelma, and Linda Prentice. A most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr and Mrs Prentice were the recipients of many hand some and useful presents.

Motor Accident.

On Saturday night three men in a motor car had a mishap on the Waterloo road, near Beaufort, at the first turn, a little over a mile from the town. Being unfamiliar with the locality, the driver of the car failed to negotiate the curve, and the car crashed through the fence of a paddock on the right hand side of the road. The occupants were unhurt, but the car was considerably knocked about.

Compulsory Vaccination Repealed.

An amendment to the Health Act, 1928, was passed by Parliament at the end of last year. It repealed all the provisions relating to compulsory vaccination, also the position of registrar in regard thereto. Consequently, it is not now necessary for registrars of births and deaths to keep records or furnish returns to the Public Health Department relative to vaccination. This also means that parents need not have their children vaccinated, or take declarations as conscientious objectors.

A Magazine of Merit.

In their new serial, "The Mystery Mine, "The Australian Journal" has struck a winner. It is certainly one of the most gripping yarns we have come across for a long time. In every other way, too, the February number of this journal keeps up its notable reputation. Among the contributors are Roy Bridges, Norman Locke, Nina Lowe, Major Lin Macdonald, Rex Grayson, Australian Hart, and other favorite Australian writers; every one of them supplying proof that you don't need to live in London, New York, or Spitsbergen to be able to tell a good yarn. Young people with the gift of writing will find "The Australian Journal" of particular interest, as there is a section devoted to a monthly prize competition for junior contributors. Of particularly pleasing feature about "The Australian Journal" is that copies are procurable at every newsagents' throughout the State, and the cost is sixpence only.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

FAIR AT STOCKYARD HILL.

NOVEL DOG SHOW CREATES INTEREST.

Motor cars were parked in goodly numbers on the roadside opposite the Stockyard Hill Presbyterian Church on Saturday afternoon, when the members of the local P.W.M.U. and Hospital Auxiliary held a fair to raise funds to furnish a room in the Presbyterian Intermediate Hospital, to be built in Melbourne. There was a large attendance of residents of the surrounding district, and the afternoon was very pleasantly spent. A lively programme of music was rendered by the Skipton Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr D. Cairns. The ladies of the P.W.M.U. and Hospital Auxiliary conducted several stalls, which were well-stocked with attractive goods, and there was a sideshow or two to provide amusement. Great interest was taken in a novel dog show, organised by Miss M. Russell, of Mawallok, who also very capably discharged the secretarial duties in connection with the fair. Mr A. Bain, junr., acted as gatekeeper.

The president (Miss E. Ward) introduced Cr. D. Stewart, of Montrose, who performed the opening ceremony.

Cr. Stewart thanked the ladies of the Stockyard Hill Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Intermediate Hospital for giving him the honor of opening this fete. To his knowledge this was the first effort the local ladies had made for the Church. He congratulated them on their enterprise, and wished them every success. He was pleased to see so many present. On behalf of the Presbyterian Church at Stockyard Hill, he extended a hearty welcome to everyone. He hoped they had come with their pockets full. He had much pleasure in declaring the fete open, and said it was the intention of the ladies of this church to furnish a room in the Presbyterian Intermediate Hospital when it was built.

Following is a list of the stalls and attendants:—Refreshment stall —Mesdames J. Ekell, S. Boyle, J. Kirkpatrick, D. Stewart, A. Bain, and Misses E. Ward, B. Kirkpatrick, J. Hannah, and Walter Crick; midget golf—Miss Lalla Stewart; skittle—Mr A. Bain, junr.; produce stall—Mr. Murray Excell and Miss Helen Beggs; jumble stall—Mrs D. F. Troy and Misses E. Lewis and M. Russell; cake stall—Mrs R. G. Beggs and Miss Athole Stewart; icecream and soft drinks stall—Misses D. Ward and A. Kirkpatrick.

In the cake competition (in charge of Miss Athole Stewart), the following awards were made:—Fruit cake —Miss M. Oddie; sponge sandwich—Mrs D. Ward; sponge—Mrs A. Bain; gingerbread—Miss N. Meek; shortbread—Miss J. Hannah; pastry—Miss A. Stewart.

Following were the prizes awarded by the judge (Miss Russell) in the novel dog show:—Dog most like its owner—James Russell, Carngham; dog with the longest tail—W. Manson's Fiffi; tail with the longest dog—W. Manson's Sandy Brown; prettiest dog—W. Manson's Fiffi; ugliest dog—R. G. Beggs' Henry; worst mongrel—Kenneth Mackenzie's Mick.

A guessing competition for a cake was won by Miss Winnie Glover.

The winner of the sheep-guessing competition was Miss McKenzie, whose guess was 129½ lb. She returned the sheep as a donation, and it was auctioned by Mr D. R. Hannah, and knocked down to Mr A. Bain, junr., for 20/. The buyer was the donor of the animal in the first place.

The financial result of the fair was very satisfactory; the proceeds amounting to about £53.

BALLARAT HOSPITAL.

LOCAL EFFORT TO BE MADE THIS YEAR.

Eight members of the committee appointed in connection with last year's Ballarat Hospital Appeal, including a number of ladies, attended a meeting at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Wednesday night. Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair (shire president) was voted to the chair. A letter was read from the secretary of the Ballarat Hospital (Mr Eddy), asking the committee to make an effort in connection with the Ballarat Hospital gala day, on the 18th March, to collect the annual local subscription. According to send up a concert company, and asking that a small stall be conducted in the street.—On the motion of Mesdames A. J. Saph and J. R. Hughes, it was decided to help the Ballarat Hospital Appeal again this year. Mr J. Duke moved that the committee make application to Mr Eddy to send a band up on the 6th March, and a speaker to make an appeal; a concert to be held in the Park in the afternoon, and another in the hall at night. Seconded The officers and committee were re-elected, with power to add; Cr. Sinclair being chairman, Mr J. J. Duke hon. secretary, and Cr. D. F. Troy treasurer. It was resolved to make a tour to arrange with the local people to run dances or other efforts at Raglan, Waterloo, Lake Goldsmith, and Trawalla; the Waterloo Sports to be asked to allow the committee to run a special effort (sale of lucky envelopes) at their sports on Easter Saturday and Easter Monday. Mr Sinclair said he would take charge of the sale of lucky envelopes at Waterloo on Easter Saturday, and Mr Glover said he could help in that direction at Beaufort on Easter Monday. An endeavour is to be made to have a concert by Ballarat entertainers at Beaufort early in April, to be followed by a dance. It was resolved not to take on the annual collecting for the Hospital; it being considered that this should be done in the ordinary way. The secretary said he would call the committee together again as soon as he got a reply about the band. The chairman said they were pleased that Mr Duke had taken on the secretaryship again, which was the vital thing.

METHODIST CHURCH.

MAGPIE FAIR.

There was a fair attendance at the Methodist magpie fete, held in the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Thursday afternoon. The decorations were originally carried out in black and white; each stall having several imitation magpies as ornaments. The result was most artistic, and the stalls were decidedly enticing. They were well stocked with various articles for sale, and much time and energy must have been expended by the Methodist Church members, in order to make such a splendid show.

The fair was opened by Mrs S. E. Humphreys. In introducing her, the Rev. James Mellor said that really Mrs Humphreys did not need much introducing, for as the new president of the Beaufort C.W.A., she was already well known. Mrs Humphreys was a talented lady, who was taking her share in public life. He had much pleasure in presenting Mrs Humphreys to them.

At this stage, a bouquet was handed to Mrs Humphreys by little Dulcie Lyons.

Mrs Humphreys thanked the Rev. James Mellor for giving her the honor of opening his Church's fair. The hall was looking strikingly artistic, and she congratulated the ladies on their work. It was a pity that the Church had to make such appeals as these, but still the ideal of public service was for each person to work harmoniously with the other. This was also one of the ideals of the C.W.A. The Methodists had taken the magpie as their emblem this afternoon. It certainly was a very attractive bird, and she hoped that it would bring them the very best of luck. She had much pleasure in declaring the fair open.

The attendants at the various stalls were:—Cake stall — Mrs Thompson and Miss Nell Williams; produce stall — Mesdames Nothnagel, R. T. Macdonald, and R. Woodall; sweets stall — Mrs W. Smith, Misses D. George, J. Lyons, and Evelyn Morvell; work stall — Mesdames H. Cuthbertson, Waldron, J. George, and L. Dawson; ice cream and soft drinks—Mrs Gillingham, and Misses Elsie Morvell and J. Skene; refreshment stall—Mesdames Morvell, Cromwell, Newey, and Misses S. Jackson and Thomas.

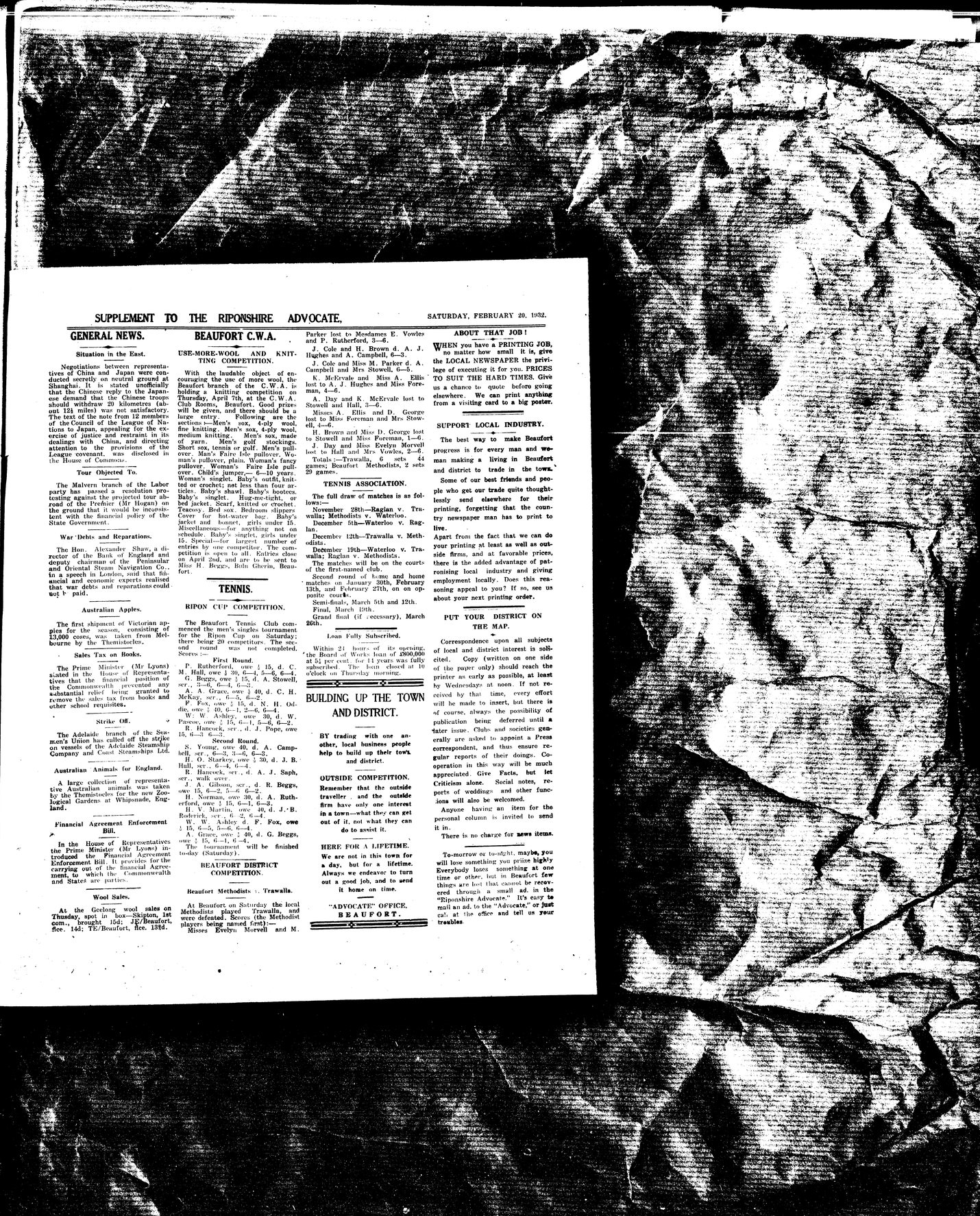
A children's stall and bran dip were conducted by the members of the Junior Endeavour Society, under the management of Miss Mary Jackson.

There was a good attendance at the evening session, when a number of novelties were provided for the amusement of patrons. Mr R. Woodall conducted the midget golf course, Messrs Reg Nicholls and Jack Cole were in charge of the shooting gallery, and Mr J. Nothnagel of the quoit matches. A number of guessing competitions aroused interest; a sheep being won by Mr P. J. Kelly. The proceeds amounted to about £50.

WEDDING BELLS.

KNEEBONE — MEADOWS.

The marriage of Miss Ada Elizabeth Meadows with Mr Joseph Daniel Kneebone took place at Buangor on Saturday, 20th January, at the home of the bride's parents, the Rev. G. E. Menlove performing the ceremony. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs George Meadows, of Buangor, and the bridegroom is the eldest son of Cr. and Mrs W. P. Kneebone, of Warrak. In a full length wedding gown of white georgette and lace, enveloped in a misty tulle veil, and carrying a sheaf of palest pink gladioli, the bride, who was given away by her father, made a charming picture. A diamonette buckle gave a finish to the high waist line of the frock, and a spray of orange blossom was worn on one shoulder. Her embroidered veil was arranged cap fashion with a circlet of orange blossom and streamers, lent by her sister. Miss Doris Meadows attended her sister as bridesmaid, wearing a sunset pink georgette frock, inlet with lace, and hat and shoes to tone, and she had a sheaf of gladioli of the same pretty shade. Mr Frank Kneebone, the bridegroom's brother, was best man. Doris MacInnes, a small niece of the bride, was a dainty flower girl in a pink frock, embroidered with tiny blue flowers, and trimmed with blue ribbons. She wore a bandeau of pink and blue flowers on her head, and carried on her arm a tiny basket filled with phlox and fern. A canopy of white streamers, with a large wedding bell in the centre, and the initials of the bride and bridegroom on either side, was arranged in the sitting-room, where the wedding took place, and bowls of blue and pink hydrangea and gladioli completed the decorations. At the conclusion of the ceremony, lucky horseshoes were placed on the bride's arm by little Marion MacInnes. About 50 guests were afterwards entertained at the wedding breakfast in the dining-room, which was tastefully decorated with pink and white flowers. The Rev. G. E. Menlove presided, and the usual toasts were musically honored, and many congratulatory telegrams were read by the best man. Mrs Meadows was frocked in black morocain, with an inlet vest in light oyster shade, and she had a hat to match, and a bouquet of pink and mauve flox. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs Kneebone, wore a light navy crepe de Chine gown, relieved with grey, and a blue hat, and she held a bouquet of pink and red carnations. The bouquets were made by and were the gifts of Mrs Les. Fisher, an aunt of the bride. Many beautiful and costly presents were received. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a toilet outfit, and the bridegroom gave the bride a gold pendant, and the bridesmaid a colored crystal drop necklet, and to the flower girl he gave a gold circle brooch. Amidst showers of confetti and a host of good wishes, Mr and Mrs Joseph Kneebone left later in the afternoon for Melbourne; Mrs Kneebone wearing a model ensemble of brown morocain, and bodice of bordering anglaise to match. They are making their home at Buramben.



SUPPLEMENT TO THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1932.

GENERAL NEWS.

Situation in the East.

Negotiations between representatives of China and Japan were conducted secretly on neutral ground at Shanghai. It is stated unofficially that the Chinese reply to the Japanese demand that the Chinese troops should withdraw 20 kilometres (about 12½ miles) was not satisfactory. The text of the note from 12 members of the Council of the League of Nations to Japan, appealing for the exercise of justice and restraint in its dealings with China, and directing attention to the provisions of the League covenant, was disclosed in the House of Commons.

Tour Objected To.

The Malvern branch of the Labor party has passed a resolution protesting against the projected tour abroad of the Premier (Mr Hogan) on the ground that it would be inconsistent with the financial policy of the State Government.

War Debts and Reparations.

The Hon. Alexander Shaw, a director of the Bank of England and deputy chairman of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., in a speech in London, said that financial and economic experts realised that war debts and reparations could not be paid.

Australian Apples.

The first shipment of Victorian apples for the season, consisting of 13,000 cases, was taken from Melbourne by the Themistocles.

Sales Tax on Books.

The Prime Minister (Mr Lyons) stated in the House of Representatives that the financial position of the Commonwealth prevented any substantial relief being granted to remove the sales tax from books and other school requisites.

Strike Off.

The Adelaide branch of the Seamen's Union has called off the strike on vessels of the Adelaide Steamship Company and Coast Steamships Ltd.

Australian Animals for England.

A large collection of representative Australian animals was taken by the Themistocles for the new Zoological Gardens at Whipsnade, England.

Financial Agreement Enforcement Bill.

In the House of Representatives the Prime Minister (Mr Lyons) introduced the Financial Agreement Enforcement Bill. It provides for the carrying out of the financial Agreement, to which the Commonwealth and States are parties.

Wool Sales.

At the Geelong wool sales on Thursday, spot in box—Skipton, 1st com., brought 15d; JE/Beaufort, fice. 14d; TE/Beaufort, fice. 13½d.

BEAUFORT C.W.A.

USE-MORE-WOOL AND KNITTING COMPETITION.

With the laudable object of encouraging the use of more wool, the Beaufort branch of the C.W.A. is holding a knitting competition on Thursday, April 7th, at the C.W.A. Club Rooms, Beaufort. Good prizes will be given, and there should be a large entry. Following are the sections:—Men's sox, 4-ply wool, fine knitting. Men's sox, 4-ply wool, medium knitting. Men's sox, made of yarn. Men's golf stockings. Short sox, tennis or golf. Men's pullover. Man's Faire Isle pullover. Woman's pullover, plain. Woman's fancy pullover. Woman's Faire Isle pullover. Child's jumper,— 6—10 years. Woman's singlet. Baby's outfit, knitted or crochet; not less than four articles. Baby's shawl. Baby's bootees. Baby's singlet. Hug-me-tight, or bed jacket. Scarf, knitted or crochet. Teacosy. Bed sox. Bedroom slippers Cover for hot-water bag. Baby's jacket and bonnet, girls under 15. Miscellaneous—for anything not on schedule. Baby's singlet, girls under 15. Special—for largest number of entries by one competitor. The competition is open to all. Entries close on April 2nd, and are to be sent to Miss H. Beggs, Bath Gherin, Beaufort.

TENNIS.

RIPON CUP COMPETITION.

The Beaufort Tennis Club commenced the men's singles tournament for the Ripon Cup on Saturday; there being 20 competitors. The second round was not completed. Scores:—

First Round.

P. Rutherford, owe ½ 15, d. C. M. Hall, owe ½ 30, 6—4, 5—6, 6—4.
G. Beggs, owe ½ 15, d. A. Stowell, scr., 6—0, 6—4, 6—3.
A. A. Grace, owe ½ 40, d. C. H. McKay, scr., 6—5, 6—2.
F. Fox, owe ½ 15, d. N. H. Oddie, owe ½ 40, 6—1, 2—6, 6—4.
W. W. Ashley, owe 30, d. W. Pascoe, owe ½ 15, 6—1, 5—6, 6—2.
R. Hancock, scr., d. J. Pope, owe 15, 6—3 6—2.

Second Round.

S. Young, owe 40, d. A. Campbell, scr., 6—3, 3—6, 6—2.
H. O. Starkey, owe ½ 30, d. J. B. Hall, scr., 6—4, 6—4.
R. Hancock, scr., d. A. J. Saph, scr., walk over.
J. A. Gibson, scr., d. R. Beggs, owe 15, 6—3, 6—2.
H. Norman, owe 30, d. A. Rutherford, owe ½ 15, 6—1, 6—3.
H. V. Martin, owe 40, d. J. B. Roderick, scr., 6—2, 6—4.
W. W. Ashley d. F. Fox, owe ½ 15, 6—5, 6—3, 6—4.
A. Grace, owe ½ 40, d. G. Beggs, owe ½ 15, 6—4, 6—4.

The tournament will be finished to-day (Saturday).

BEAUFORT DISTRICT COMPETITION.

Beaufort Methodists v. Trawalla.

At Beaufort on Saturday the local Methodists played Trawalla, and were defeated. Scores (the Methodist players being named first):—

Misses Evelyn Morvell and M. Parker lost to Mesdames E. Vowles and P. Rutherford, 3—8.

J. Cole and H. Brown d. A. J. Hughes and A. Campbell, 6—3.

J. Cole and Miss M. Parker d. A. Campbell and Mrs Stowell, 6—5.

K. McErvale and Miss A. Ellis lost to A. J. Hughes and Miss Foreman, 4—6.

A. Day and K. McErvale lost to Stowell and Hall, 3—6.

Misses A. Ellis and D. George lost to Miss Foreman and Mrs Stowell, 4—6.

H. Brown and Miss D. George lost to Stowell and Miss Foreman, 1—6.

J. Day and Miss Evelyn Morvell lost to Hall and Mrs Vowles, 2—6.

Totals:—Trawalla, 6 sets 44 games; Beaufort Methodists, 2 sets 29 games.

TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

The full draw of matches is as follows:—

November 28th—Raglan v. Trawalla; Methodists v. Waterloo.

December 5th—Waterloo v. Raglan.

December 12th—Trawalla v. Methodists.

December 19th—Waterloo v. Trawalla; Raglan v. Methodists.

The matches will be on the courts of the first-named club.

Second round of home and home matches on January 30th, February 13th, and February 27th, on on opposite courts.

Semi-finals, March 5th and 12th.

Final, March 19th.

Grand final (if necessary), March 26th.

Loan Fully Subscribed.

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

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A Big Family.

George Backhouse, junr., killed a brown snake at Waterloo, which, on being opened, contained 32 young ones.

History Repeats Itself.

Persons guilty of wasting water from the Beaufort scheme are cautioned by the Shire secretary that the supply will be cut off. (The recent rain has practically revoked similar restrictions this month).

Lived Before His Time.

A young man was caught riding on the buffers of the Adelaide express at Buangor, and was arrested and fined. (In the present times of depression, they ride in the trucks of the goods trains).

Farm Team Bolts.

Four horses attached to a farm waggon, the property of Mr W Leach, Lake Goldsmith, bolted when frightened by a train, and tore down part of the Camp hotel fence.

Old Age Pensions.

Eighteen applicants for old age pensions came before Mr E. R. Johns, P.M., at Beaufort, but in consequence of the regulations not having been published, he could not deal with them.

Fire Brigade Team.

Team to represent Beaufort Fire Brigade at annual demonstration:—W. Baker, J. Lilley, W. Hellyer, H. Kewley, L. Hains, F. Glenister, L. Lilley, E. Kewley, G. Pringle, W. Edward.

Competition for Pipe.

Beaufort Fire Brigade held a hose competition for a pipe, which was won by Fireman E. Kewley in 29 1-5 sec. Mr J. R. Wotherspoon acted as timekeeper, Mr C. W. Jones as starter, and Foreman W. Hellyer and ex-Fireman S. Baker as examiners. Captain R. A. D. Sinclair handed over the trophy.

Raglan Miners' Sports.

The sum of £25 was collected at the Raglan mines for prizes at the local miners' sports and picnic, held on the occasion of the opening of the new school.

Athletic Club.

At a general meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club, a profit of £18 18/ was shown on the Boxing Day sports. A bonus of £5/5/ was voted to the secretary (Mr H. Parker). Mr H. M. Stuart (president) was thanked for his services, and mentioned that he had been connected with the club 28 years.

Mining Yields.

Mining yields totalling 247 oz. of gold are reported for the week.

Christening Ceremony.

A christening ceremony took place at the Sons of Freedom Central mine, Raglan, and was performed by Miss Nellie Eastwood, daughter of Mr James Eastwood, a local director. Mr J. Skewes was mine manager. Among the speakers was Mr D. F. Troy.

Beaufort United Common.

Messrs John Humphreys M. Flynn, and J. W. Browne were present at a meeting of the Beaufort United Common; the herdsman (Mr D. D. Cameron) reporting that 3000 sheep and 16 cattle had passed through the common.

Mechanics' Institute.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute was attended by Mr R. G. Tilley (president), Mr E. W. Hughes (vice-president), Drs. Lethbridge and Eadie, Messrs D. F. Troy, Gray, A. Parker, S. Young, R. A. D. Sinclair, Robertson, M. J. N. Breen (secretary), and J. Jackson. The balance-sheet showed a sum of £42/1/4 at credit.

PERSONAL.

Mrs E. L. Smith, of the Carngham post office for many years, has retired from business, and has left to reside with her daughter, Mrs G Harrop, of Bruce-street.

In Saturday's "Sun" there was a picture of Mr G. Ellingsen, receiving a presentation on the occasion of his retirement after 50 years' service with the Education Department. Mr Ellingsen was head master of the Hyde street State School, Footscray, and the presentation (a reading lamp) was made to him on Friday, 12th inst., by Lewis Cuming, on behalf of the pupils. Mr Ellingsen, who is president of the Beaufort in Melbourne Club, was formerly teaching at Main Lead and Buangor.

Mrs L. S. Lewis' scholarship of £60 for one year was won by Miss Alice Jean Glover (daughter of Mr and Mrs J. T. Glover, Beaufort); this being one of the Trinity College awards.

Mr and Mrs Harmer, of Melbourne, have been spending a holiday with relatives in Beaufort.

Mr P. Myles, the relieving stationmaster at Beaufort during the absence on sick leave of Mr L. R. Dawson, was stationed here as a railway employee some 20 years ago.

Mr Shepherd, of Melbourne, has been spending a holiday at Beaufort with Mr and Mrs J. B. Rodrick.

Miss Jean Cordner, of Melbourne, has been spending a holiday at the Commercial Bank of Sydney Ltd., Beaufort, with her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs S. G. Thompson.

Miss Marjory Wilson has been the guest of Mr and Mrs D. Jackson, at Beaufort.

Mrs R. G. Beggs, of Buln Gherin, Beaufort, spent a few days in Melbourne, and was staying at Scott's hotel.

Mr Chas. Troy, formerly of Beaufort, has been promoted to the position of manager of the Temple Court (Melbourne) branch of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd.

Mr and Mrs A. L. Beachcroft, of Melbourne, have been holidaying with Mrs Beachcroft's sister, Mrs W. Russell, of Trawalla, for the past month, and Mrs Beachcroft is now with her mother, Mrs Grant, of Chute.

Mrs F. Webster, of Beaufort, was very ill during the week, having eaten some tomatoes that are thought to have been sprayed with arsenic.

The second eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. T. Parker, of Beaufort, has been very ill of late.

Mr and Mrs C. Barker, of Ballarat, have been on a visit to Mrs Barker's parents, Mr and Mrs H. Norman, senr., of Beaufort.

Mr and Mrs E. George, of Beaufort, whose infant son is very ill in the Ballarat Hospital, have received word that the little patient is not expected to live.

Rev. J. P. MacDougall and Mrs MacDougall and family are away from the town on holidays.

Mr and Mrs Craig have returned from Geelong, where they spent a fortnight with their sister-in-law, Mrs J. T. Wise, of West Geelong.

The "At Home" for which Mrs Alan Currie, of Ercildoune Estate, issued invitations to members of the Beaufort and other branches of the Australian Women's National League for to-day (Saturday), has been postponed, owing to the bereavement suffered by Mrs Currie in the death of her mother, Mrs Albert Miller.

Mr Q. Farish, of Bayindeen, and his daughter, Mona, left by the inter-State express on Monday evening for Yarloop, W.A., where Mrs Farish recently underwent an operation. It has been found necessary that Mrs Farish should have a second operation, which her many friends hope will set her on the way to a speedy recovery.

OBITUARY.

MISS M. LOO.

A sad and untimely death occurred at Beaufort on Monday night, when Miss Madge Loo passed away at the early age of 21 years. The deceased was the second eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Loo, of this town, and leaves a number of brothers and sisters, besides the parents, to mourn their loss. Much sympathy has been expressed for the bereaved relatives. The late Miss Loo was highly respected by all who knew her, and her likeable disposition made her very popular among her girl friends. She had been delicate from childhood and death was due to heart trouble. On Wednesday morning the remains of the late Miss Loo were interred in their last resting place in the Beaufort Cemetery. The funeral, which was largely attended by old friends and relatives of the family, moved from the parents' residence. The coffin was covered with many beautiful floral tributes of sympathy (including a special wreath from the Beaufort H.E. School), and was borne to the grave by Messrs Kenneth, Ivan, and Roy Loo (brothers), and J. Stewart (uncle). The pall-bearers were Messrs C. Stewart (cousin), A. L. Wetherspoon, H. Weinert, N. Lardner, F. G. Green, A. S. Duncan, and J. King. The chief mourners at the graveside were Mr and Mrs C. Loo (father and mother of deceased), Misses Lily, Mena, and Nancy Loo (sisters), Messrs Kenneth, Ivan, Roy, Lawrence, Clifford, and Raymond Loo (brothers), J. Stewart (uncle) Mrs Foran (aunt), Mrs Huse (grandmother), and Mr C. Stewart (cousin). The Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, conducted the service at the graveside. Two verses of deceased's favorite hymn, "Abide With Me," were sung. The collection of floral tributes at this funeral was one of the largest ever seen in the Beaufort Cemetery. The mortuary arrangements were carried out by Messrs H. Evans & Son, of Ballarat.

KATHLEEN CORBETT.

The friends of Mr and Mrs Wm. Corbett, of Mortchup, will regret to learn of the death of their little daughter Kathleen, on Sunday last, at the Ballarat Hospital. The little one was playing about the homestead, and must have placed a seed in her mouth, which lodged in her throat. Although she was immediately conveyed to Ballarat and the seed removed, it was too much of a strain for the child, and she passed away. The funeral took place on Monday to the New Cemetery, Ballarat, and was well attended. The chief mourners were Mr and Mrs Wm. Corbett (parents), J. Corbett (brother), Mr and Mrs J. Ringin and Mr W. Ringin (uncles and aunt), Mrs Hynes, and Misses N. and E. Corbett (aunts), Mr and Mrs G. Coster (cousins). The Rev. Father Callaghan officiated at the graveside, and Messrs Steve Wellington & Son were the undertakers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Editor, "Riponshire Advocate."

Dear Sir,—It is with pleasure that I read in last week's "Riponshire Advocate" of the stand of our old friend, Cr. Sinclair, took in regard to Cr. Troy's refusal to grant leave to Mr Roderick to attend the funeral of a very brave comrade, the late Captain Jacka, V.C. It would appear that Cr. Troy does not yet realise the fellow-feeling of the Diggers. He excuses himself by saying what might have happened, had Mr Roderick been absent for a day—and this after the assistant had carried on alone for three weeks. Apparently during the war ex-Captain Troy also thought some awful calamity would have happened, had he been absent from Beaufort. I notice he claims to be a very brainy man, but what of his bravery?—Yours,

"LEST WE FORGET."

Farmers and the Depression.

The opinion is expressed by Mr P. Ream, an inspector in the Department of Agriculture, that the period of depressed prices has not been without some value to the wheat farmers. In his report of the Cobram crop competition, he stated that the economic position had led farmers to pay more attention to those valuable side lines on the wheat farm, such as pigs, cows, and poultry, which were very apt to be neglected when high wheat prices were ruling. There was no question whatever that the wheatgrowers who were emerging successfully from the depression were those who had not relied solely on wheat, but had maintained sufficient of the side lines mentioned to meet at least the household expenses.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS

Lexton Tennis.

Lexton (8 sets 64 games) defeated Mt. Lonarch (14 games) in a tennis match.

Good Autumn Promised at Snake Valley.

Since the break in the weather, 240 points of rain have been registered at Snake Valley. Farmers are now busy ploughing the stubble and working up fallow lands. Already the paddocks have a green tinge, and with seasonable rains, a good autumn is assured.

Carngham Race Secretary Resigns.

The president (Mr W. Wookey) presided over a meeting of the Carngham Race Club. The secretary (Mr P. Nunn) resigned, and Mr Jas. Ryan, junr., was appointed to the position. Mr P. Keating was appointed saddle cloth steward.

Skipton Mechanics'.

At the annual meeting of subscribers to the Skipton Mechanics' Institute, the report by the secretary showed that the year finished with an increased credit balance, mainly as the result of economy in expenditure. The principal officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr H. F. Thompson; vice-presidents, Messrs Jas. Brady and Geo. Wilson; secretary, Mr W. Sturgeon. Mr Thompson moved that the incoming committee be instructed to go into the matter of preparing plans for building a supper room. The motion was seconded by the retiring president (Mr Rowe), and carried.

Appointing a Trustee of Skipton Cemetery.

A meeting of Skipton residents was called by the president of Ripon Shire (Cr. Sinclair) to nominate a representative for appointment to the Skipton Cemetery Trust, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr John Madden. Cr. H. M. Elder presided. Mr Andrew Wilkie was chosen for the position.

Hampden Shire Vacancy.

After representing the North riding of the Shire of Hampden in the council for 13 years, Cr. J. Rowe has resigned the position. Two candidates have been nominated for the vacancy—Mr T. G. Borbidge, of Mingay, and Mr C. O. Fairbairn, of Banongill, Skipton. It was thought that Mr Fairbairn would retire from the contest, but yielding to the persuasions of Skipton ratepayers, he has consented to go to the poll.

Restriction Removed.

The restriction of sprinklers and irrigation in connection with the Beaufort water supply has now been removed by the Ripon Shire Water Commission. During the coal spell the water consumption was reduced from 250,000 gallons daily to 75,000 gallons.

RURAL TOPICS.

As domestic supplies of water were giving out the recent rains in the Beaufort district were welcomed by householders. Two and in some places three inches fell. The rain is too early to benefit grass very much, but has removed the bush fire menace. The January rainfall was the lowest for 26 years. Harvesting is completed, and yields generally are much below the average; oat crops in particular being very poor. At Carranballac, on the edge of the Western plains, the yields are generally better than nearer Beaufort, but there this season oat crops were stripped for five bags per acre, and wheat averaged about 20 bushels. The rain has enabled farmers, who had already made an early start owing to the poor crops, to push on with their ploughing and following. Soldier settlers at Trawalla have been hit by the poor season, and will have great difficulty in meeting their payments to the Closer Settlement Board this year. In fact, it will be impossible for some of them to do so. Apiarists in this district, who generally depend on the blossom from box and other gum trees to provide pollen for their bees, are finding it a payable proposition to grow lucerne trees for that purpose.

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PUBLIC HALL, THURSDAY, MARCH 17th.

GARDEN PARTY, in aid of PRESBYTERIAN FETE REFRESHMENT STALL, at Miss WOTHERSPOON'S, on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1932. Afternoon Tea, Tennis, etc. Admission, 1/-.

LOST, Sunday afternoon, 14th, motoring from Sailor's Gully to Streatham, via Lake Goldsmith school and Skipton, Long Blue and Brown Rug, of light tweed material. Reward on returning, or information, to this office.

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.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

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

Methodist Church.—Raglan, 11; Buangor, 3; Beaufort, 7.—Rev. J. Mellor. Beaufort, 11.—Mr. C. Waldron. Chute, 3.—Gospel Band.

Presbyterian Church.—Lexton, 11; Waterloo, 3; Beaufort, 7.—Supply.

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT

CHARGES AGAINST MOTORISTS.

At the Beaufort Police Court on Monday, before Messrs. J. R. Wotherspoon and D. F. Troy, J's.P., Constable Geo. E. Bacchus charged George Manley with having, at Lexton, on 27th December, 1931, driven a motor car on a public highway, the Avoca road, without such car being registered.

Defendant did not appear.

There was also a charge against the same defendant of having, at Lexton, on 27th December, 1931, fraudulently used an identifying number.

Senior-constable R. McCormick prosecuted, and outlined the evidence against defendant.

First-constable G. E. Batchup, Lexton, gave evidence that on 27th December, 1931, he was checking driving licences and registration certificate of motor car owners. At 3 p.m., he stopped defendant, who was driving a Chevrolet car. He told defendant said he had no driver's licence. Witness took his name and address, and asked him to produce the licence to the Brighton police within seven days. Witness sent particulars to the Motor Registration Registration Branch that night, which later proved that the car number was not registered, and had last been registered (prior to 27th December) on 8th July, 1930. The number (11524) was re-allotted to the present owner, Jack Baker, when the car was registered.

Mr Wotherspoon (chairman)—We might assume that it had not been registered at all since July, 1930?

Witness—Yes.

Constable Albert Fiddler, Brighton, gave evidence that on 25th January, 1932, he interviewed defendant at St. Kilda street, Brighton. Defendant made a statement to the effect that on 27th Dec., he was driving car No. 11524 in Lexton, when he was stopped by a constable of police, and asked to produce his licence within seven days. The car was unregistered on the date in question, and had been in the sales department for several months. On 27th Dec., 1931 it was out on a demonstration run, with the object of selling it to a client. There was a passenger with him. He was unaware it was unregistered. The fault was due to an employee failing to remove the number plate. Defendant was well-known to the police at Brighton and witness believed his statement to be correct. The police had a lot of dealings with him, and he was favorably known to them. He thought one of the employees had neglected to take it off.

To Mr Wotherspoon—He found at the garage that the car was purchased on time payment from the Brighton Motors, and payment had not been completed. The car had since been registered, and he had inspected the new registration certificate. Defendant was no doubt careless in taking out the car without going to the office and looking up the registration, and he quite admitted that point. The car had been in defendant's possession for several months, but had not been used.

Mr Wotherspoon said that on the first charge defendant would be fined £2, in default distress, with £2 5/10 costs. In the second case the fine would be £1, in default distress. He explained that defendant had sent a letter to the bench, stating that it was impossible for him to attend the court. In this case the fact that the constable from Brighton had spoken so well of defendant was a great factor in his favor.

Constable John Duke proceeded against Walter Newland Harris, driver of a car on the Western Highway, Beaufort, on 27th Dec., 1931, for having failed, without reasonable excuse, to produce his motor driver's licence on demand by a member of the police force, and failing to produce same within seven days at a police station specified by such member of the force.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Senior-constable R. McCormick outlined the case for the prosecution.

Constable J. Duke, Beaufort, gave evidence that at 11 a.m. on 27th December, 1931, while conducting a motor hold-up in Neill street, Beaufort, he stopped defendant, who was driving a Chevrolet car, No. 104917, and asked him to produce his licence and registration. Defendant said he did not have them with him. Witness told him to produce his licence to the Stawell police within seven days. He sent a report to the Stawell police, and was informed that the licence had not been submitted.

To the senior-constable — He could not say whether the defendant said the registration certificate was not in his possession. The thing he was interested in was defendant's driver's licence. There was no penalty for not producing a registration certificate.

Senior-constable McCormick — It was for the bench to say whether a reasonable excuse was given for not producing the licence.

In answer to defendant, Constable Duke said he told him to produce his licence within seven days. He had no occasion to tell him to produce his registration certificate.

Defendant—The constable told him to produce his registration and licence. When he (defendant) said, "The police have got it," the constable said, "I don't care a hang who has it."

To the senior-constable—He was referring to his registration and licence.

Constable Duke—Defendant's place was to go to the Stawell police and say he did not have it.

Constable G. Deakin, Stawell East, gave testimony to the effect that on 12th January, he interviewed defendant, who made a statement to the effect that he was an engine-driver at Stawell, and that on 27th December he was held up by a constable in Beaufort, and instructed to produce his licence and registration certificate to the Stawell East police within seven days. At the time he was held up, he did not have his registration certificate, as it had been forwarded to the Registration Branch on 23rd December by the Stawell police, for the engine number of the car to be amended. He was under the impression that he had to take both the licence and registration certificate to the Stawell police station. He had been waiting for the registration paper to come back, so that he could produce both, as instructed by the constable. For that reason he had not presented his licence. On the 12th inst., witness was standing in Main street, Stawell, and Harris came along and touched him on the shoulder, and said he had to produce his licence and registration certificate and did not know what to do, as he had not got the certificate back. Witness told him he should have produced the licence, instead of the registration certificate. He asked defendant if his name were Harris, and told him he had better go to the police station. He might say that defendant was quite genuine in his statement. If defendant had not come up to him on the street, he might have had some doubt about it. He made enquiries, and found that the defendant was a man favorably known by the police, and had never been in trouble before. Defendant's licence had been current as long as he had held one. Defendant was under a misapprehension in regard to the certificate.

To Mr Wotherspoon—The date was quite in order; defendant having produced it to him.

Defendant told the bench that the statement of Constable Deakin was quite true. He was under the misapprehension that he had to produce his licence and registration certificate. When he was at Beaufort, the registration certificate had not come back. He was waiting day after day to get the registration paper back to take it down to the police station. It did not come back till about the 15th January.

Mr Wotherspoon—Apparently defendant did not realise that the seven days should have been adhered to.

Defendant—When Constable Remington took the certificate away, witness said, "If I should be pulled up, how do I get on?" Constable Remington said, "Tell the constable the Stawell police have got it."

Senior-constable McCormick — He did not think defendant had much intention of flouting the law, but he had committed a technical offence. Defendant had nothing to gain by flouting the law.

Mr Troy—It was a reasonable excuse.

Mr Wotherspoon—They were inclined to treat defendant leniently, if he paid the costs amounting to 2/6.

Defendant agreed to do so.

Mr Wotherspoon—They did not want to make an order against defendant. They were satisfied that he was not seized with the exact position, and it was rather remiss on his part in not doing as requested by Constable Duke. They had decided to dismiss the case.

Debt Case.

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

CRICKET.

RIPON COMPETITION.

WATERLOO V. AMPHITHEATRE.

The third round of the Ripon cricket competition was concluded on Saturday. Waterloo were at home to Amphitheatre, and defeated them by a margin of 59 runs. Waterloo batted first for 174. Jack Lamb topped the score with a well-made 47; his total including two sixes and a five. B. Lynch made 38, G. Grant 22, Joe Lamb and C. Flynn 16 each, and N. Dromey 15. T. Murphy (4/37) and McDermott (2/41) were the most successful Amphitheatre bowlers. Amphitheatre accounted for 115 runs; the following players reaching double figures:—B. Clancy, 38; J. Joseph, 25; T. Murphy, 21; and W. Yates, 11. The bowling honors were shared by E. Jay (4/34), R. Smith (3/2), and Jack Lamb (2/14). Scores:—

WATERLOO.

N. Dromey, b. McDermott	15
B. Lynch, c. J. Jolly, b. F. Jolly	38
D. Lynch, c. Murphy, b. McDermott	0
Jack Lamb, b. Murphy	47
E. Jay, c. Clancy, b. Joseph	0
T. Ryan, l.b.w., b. Murphy	1
C. Flynn, c. Yates, b. Murphy	16
J. Lamb, b. Murphy	16
G. Grant, b. C. Jolly	22
R. Smith, l.b.w., b. J. Smith	4
R. Saph, not out	11
Sundries	4
Total	174

Bowling—T. Murphy, 4/37; McDermott, 2/41; C. Jolly, 1/11; J. Joseph, 1/13; F. Jolly, 1/15; G. Smith, 1/16; F. Yates, 0/14; B. Clancy, 0/16.

AMPHITHEATRE.

B. Clancy, c. Grant, b. Jay	38
T. Murphy, b. Jay	21
W. Barry, c. D. Lynch, b. Jack Lamb	4
G. McDermott, b. Jack Lamb	3
C. Jolly, b. Jay	0
F. Jolly, b. Jay	6
J. Joseph, b. B. Lynch	25
W. Yates, c. Jay, b. Smith	11
Geo. Smith, not out	2
P. Poynton, b. Smith	0
A. Cocking, b. Smith	0
Sundries	5
Total	115

Bowling—E. Jay, 4/34; R. Smith, 3/2; Jack Lamb, 2/16; B. Lynch, 1/6; Joe Lamb, 0/2; D. Lynch, 0/8; N. Dromey, 0/17; G. Grant, 0/22.

Mount Lonarch received a walk over from Buangor.

The semi-finals will be played today (Saturday), when Beaufort will meet Amphitheatre at Amphitheatre, and Waterloo will play Warrak at Warrak.

Following is the position of clubs at the end of the third round:—Waterloo, 28 points; Beaufort, 26; Warrak, 26; Amphitheatre, 10; Mount Lonarch, 8; Buangor, 2.

Making Good Progress.

Since her admission to the Ballarat Base Hospital three weeks ago, Miss Jean Stevenson, of Ballarat (formerly of Raglan), has made remarkable progress, and is now reported to be well on the way to recovery. Miss Stevenson sustained a double fracture of the skull and numerous lacerations and abrasions in the recent level crossing smash on the Burnbank road. It will be some weeks yet before Miss Stevenson is able to leave the Hospital.

TENNIS.

RIPON CUP COMPETITION.

WON BY J. A. GIBSON.

The Beaufort Tennis Club's men's singles tournament for the Ripon Cup (to be won three times) was concluded on Saturday. The winner was J. A. Gibson, of Trawalla, a promising young player, who showed excellent form. Scores:—

Third Round.

H. O. Starkey, owe ½ 30, d. S. Young, owe 40, 6—4, 4—6, 6—2.

A. A. Grace, owe ½ 40, d. H. Norman, owe 30, 6—2, 6—2.

W. W. Ashley, owe 30, d. R. Hancock, scr., 6—1, 6—4.

J. A. Gibson, scr., d. H. V. Marin, owe 40, 6—1, 6—2.

Semi-finals.

A. A. Grace d. H. O. Starkey, 6—5, 6—4.

J. A. Gibson d. W. W. Ashley, 6—1, 2—6, 6—1.

Final.

J. A. Gibson d. A. A. Grace, 6—4, 6—1.

BEAUFORT DISTRICT COMPETITION.

In the Beaufort district tennis competition on Saturday, Trawalla defeated Raglan on the Raglan courts by 13 games; each team scoring four sets.

Sir A. Peacock Commended.

Sir Alexander Peacock has received many tributes from political friends and foes alike, but probably none more interesting than that paid to him on Sunday by the Ballarat North branch of the Australian Labor party. The branch held a picnic at Creswick, and invited Sir Alexander to attend to receive an expression of the branch's appreciation of his untiring efforts on behalf of the workers. The president (Mr R. McLennan), on behalf of the branch, presented Sir Alexander with a silver salver. This is not the first time that Sir Alexander's work on behalf of the workers has received recognition. The Ballarat North A.L.P. has decided to break away from the Federal Labor party; a majority if its members being followers of Mr Lang.

Billiards.

The fourth and last of the series of billiard tournaments for Mr J. Rosking's trophy was concluded on Friday night, 19th inst., at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute. N. B. Acton, L. McMahon, E. Day, and S. G. Thompson having been left in, the two semi-finals resulted in Thompson beating Acton and Day defeating McMahon. Thompson and Day (each 20 bhd. scr.) then played a splendidly-contested game for the final. For a time they were neck and neck; then Day ran ahead, and the scores were:—Day, 145; Thompson, 123. Thompson made a spurt, and the scores were 149 all. He missed a chance to double-baulk, but tried to cut in the red off spot, and his own ball left Day an easy hazard, which he easily negotiated, and won a hard-fought contest by one point. Throughout the tournaments, the following winners and runners-up in the tournaments have qualified for the grand final, which is for the possession of the billiard cue itself:—W. Ellis, and R. C. Hodgetts; J. McBeam and R. Saph; E. Day and R. C. Hodgetts; E. Day and S. G. Thompson.

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