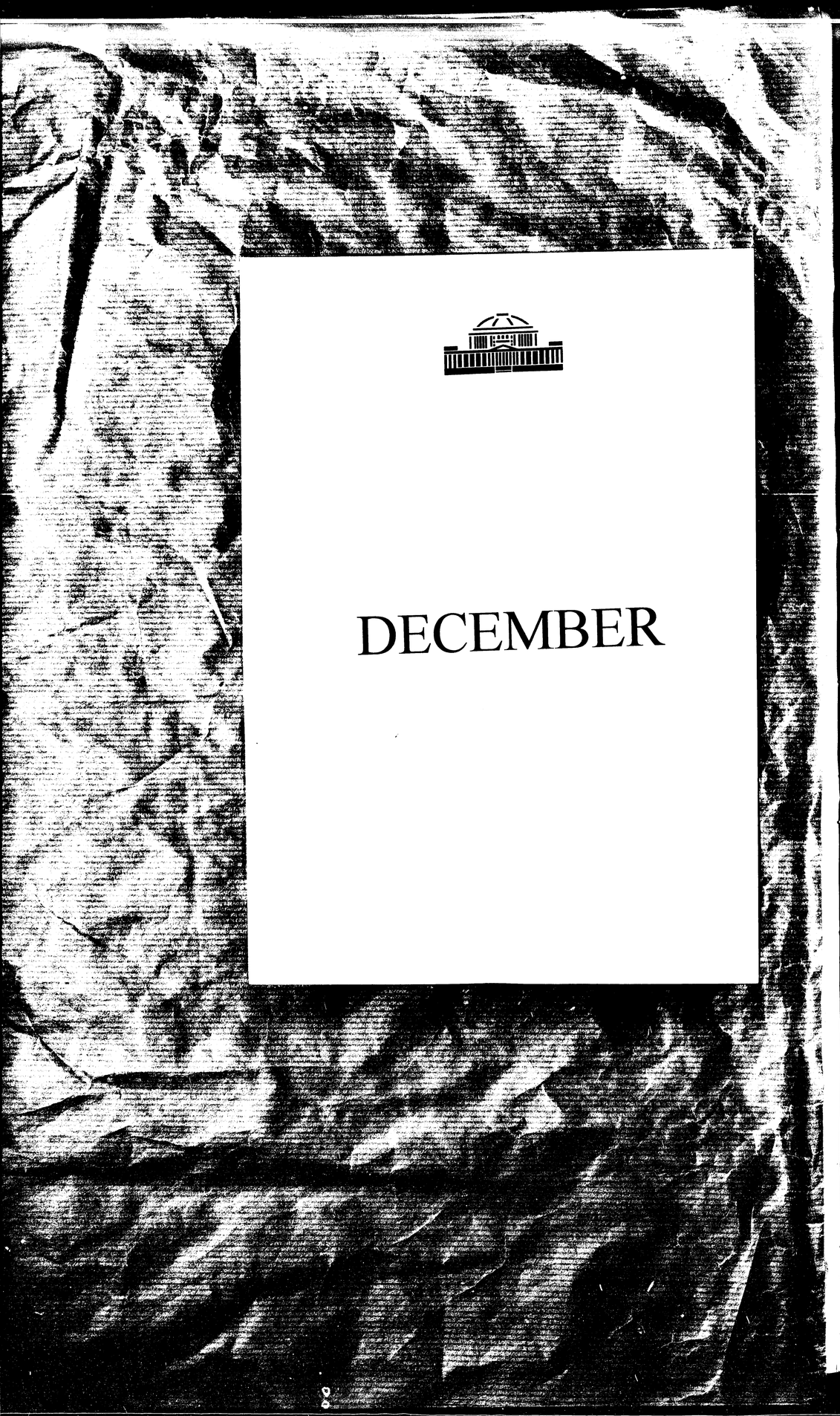

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POLITICAL MEETING.

U.A.P. AND A.W.N.L. RALLY.

About 50 electors gathered at the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Monday night, when a rally was held under the auspices of the local branches of the U.A.P. and A.W.N.L. Mr J. B. Roderick (president of the local U.A.P.) acted as chairman, and Mrs Theodore Beggs (president of the Beaufort A.W.N.L.) also occupied a seat on the platform. The speakers were Mr J. T. Vinton Smith, M.L.A. for Oakleigh, and Mr T. T. Hollway, M.L.A. for Ballarat. Mr A. R. Beggs acted as secretary. During the meeting there were a number of good-humored interjections from a staunch local Labor supporter.

Mr Roderick said the U.A.P. had promised the A.W.N.L. that they would have a combined meeting. He introduced the speakers, Messrs Hollway and Smith, each of whom was serving his first term in Parliament.

Mr Hollway thanked the Beaufort people for the invitation to be present. He was glad to see such a representative meeting. The Argyle Government, when it came into power, was faced with the most difficult problems of any Government; there being a deficit of £2,000,000 to be reduced to £1,600,000, and this had now to be further reduced by £700,000. Whether this Government was a good one or not, it had to save that money on last year, with the revenue falling rapidly. He dealt with the way the Government had tackled the unemployment problem, which was the best thing it had done. That was the most important problem today to be mitigated. It was too big for party politics. In helping to solve that problem, Mr Kent Hughes had done wonderful work, which was admitted by members on the other side of the House. He was able last week to announce a metropolitan drop in unemployed from 40,000 to 27,000. Some of that was due to imposters being cut out. Then there were numbers of men put on to forestry work. The net number in the metropolitan district put into regular work was 7,000, compared with November last year. The idea of regarding sustenance as a dole had had a deleterious effect on the morale of the people receiving it. Ballarat was the first to see that the dole was not a good thing. There were more men for the first few weeks in Ballarat working for sustenance than there had been on the dole. In answer to an interjector, the speaker said he was glad to hear that Ripon Shire had also approached the Government some time back in that way. The dole as such was no longer in existence. The Soviet maxim was, "If you don't work, you don't eat," and that maxim was being put into effect by the U.A.P. Government. The Act where relatives were made to help would be administered in a liberal way. [A voice: Was any worker getting 66 a week now?]—No member of Parliament got that. [A voice: They don't work.]—Dealing with the Transport Bill, Mr Hollway went back into the history of the problem in Australia. The problem was now at a stage where something had to be done. Everyone agreed that they wanted the railways; otherwise Victoria would fail utterly. In regard to competition with motor transport, he said the first person interested was the general taxpayer. They were all shareholders in the railways. The railways should be run on commercial lines, and have a fair method of competition. The next person interested in the railways was the primary producer. No motor transport company would carry primary products for the price the railways would. The third man interested was the motor man himself. The speaker drew attention to the mushroom growth of motor carriers. The railways could not compete with men like that, who themselves found it did not pay and gave it up. The railways had to take the primary produce at a non-paying rate, with the idea of making it up on the small lines. To use an old circus expression, what they lost on the swings they made up on the roundabouts. At present the railways could not compete with the motor traffic, which did not keep up a permanent way or observe wages board standards. —[A voice: Why not reduce freights and fares, and drive them off the roads?]—They would bankrupt the country in doing it. Mr Hogan's Transport Bill made this one look like nothing at all. The speaker outlined some of the provisions of Mr Hogan's bill, the object of which was to eliminate motor transport where it competed with the railways. Under that bill a man in Ballarat would not be able to deliver goods in Creswick by motor without a special licence. Mr Hogan not only tried to make the railways pay, but to ruin the motor industry. In answer to an interjection, the speaker said they had had too many politicians in the past. Mr Menzies' bill did not aim to kill progress in the way of motor competition. They had to regulate it, so that there would not be wasteful competition between the motor and the railways. The motor should go into those avenues where it could economically serve the country. That was the sole aim of the present Motor Transport Bill, which tried to preserve an even balance. The speaker dealt at length with the provisions of the bill, including a Transport Board, representative of the railways and motor interests. The board was to be chosen by Cabinet, which chose the judges, with whom they could not find much fault. That board would set up a system of licensing, which would operate from 1934; a year of grace being given to the motor transport interests. O'Gilpin, who was controlling 21 trucks, paid £500 or £600 a year in Victoria for the upkeep of roads, whereas in Queensland he would be paying about £3000. He was certainly not paying what he should. The board was empowered to advise the railways to close down certain lines. In the metropolitan area, no restriction would be placed on the motor truck. The restrictions would only be in the urban area, where the competition was keen between the motor and the railways. It did not affect the ordinary hire car driver. It was not only a Victorian but an Australian problem. Mr Menzies was taking the best points from the findings of other commissions which had sat, and the board should be perfectly fair between competing interests. He intended to vote for the bill, without amendment. The bill would receive considerable support from both sides of the House. Both the unemployment relief measure and the Transport bill they could be proud of. The Government had balanced the budget, and had tackled those two problems the Labor party were frightened to tackle last year. All three were good jobs. (Applause).

The speaker answered a number of questions.

Mr J. T. Vinton Smith said this was the first public meeting he had addressed since the election. He sat behind a Government which had a big job to do. It had come to power with a mandate to do some of those unsavory jobs that were left. There were the transport, unemployment, education, soldier and closer settlement problems, and the Mortgage Bill in connection with the Financial Emergency Act. The object of the latter was to remove some of the anomalies in the original bill, and leave it at that. One of the provisions of the Premiers' plan was that interest on private bills was to be reduced 4/6 in the £. It was also intended to extend the moratorium for another 12 months. They were trying to reduce interest to correspond approximately with the fall in prices. It was considered that a renewed mortgage should be subject to that 22½ per cent., and that was what they split over. It might not seem an important point to quibble about, but they did not want any further interference with the system of contract. If money were not available on its due date, other commitments might break a man. If they were going to protect a man who paid a high price for land and paid a high rate of interest, they were going to injure 99 out of 100 good borrowers. Why protect the five per cent., who, if they received their dues, should be sold up? In answer to an interjector, the speaker pointed out that capital was a very timid thing, like the wild duck. If they tried to interfere with capital, it had a nasty habit of flipping away somewhere else for safety. Investors put a high premium on safety. These people were trying to upset the equilibrium of money. They made a grave error in forcing a reduction of 22½ per cent., and in extending the moratorium provision. The mortgagee and mortgagor were tied up so to-day that, if they did not get a big increase in prices, they would see this legislation being re-enacted till the mortgagee and mortgagor celebrated their golden wedding. Under the Moratorium Act, they found the unsecured creditor better off than the secured creditor of the mortgagee. They had to put up with this legislation till 1934, and it might be re-enacted if there were not a rise in prices. Unfortunately, they seemed to be legislating for the minority. As Mr Menzies had said, "What a tangled web we weave, when once we venture to deceive." Dealing with the Closer Settlement Bill, Mr Smith said it was exercising the mind of the Government almost as much as the matter of transport. A single board would have to be appointed to deal with it. They had to get away from political interference to get continuity of policy and decentralization, and the majority in the House wanted to get away from political interference. The soldier settlement problem presented a very unhappy story. Some 11,100 returned soldiers had received assistance, 500 had paid in full, 5000 had gone, and 5000 remained, and were receiving assistance. Closer settlement people presented a better picture, but many of them went on to the land before the war, and before land reached such high prices. To put the soldiers on the land, £29,000,000 had been put out, and about £5,000,000 written off. With the closer settlers there was £10,000,000 outstanding. For the past ten years the loss per annum on soldier and closer settlement had been £1,000,000. Five years was to be given to the new board to assess the value of these properties. Personally, he could not see that they were going to get any sharp stepping up in prices. On the average price level, they would assess the value of the land. They could not afford to go on losing £1,000,000 a year on settlement. In regard to the Education Bill, the speaker said it was hard to take away from people something they had enjoyed for a number of years. In looking round to see where expenses could be clipped, the Government found that there were 25,000 children in High Schools, and that they got little more than £1 per head per year in fees. The cost last year of secondary and technical education was £600,000. These things had to be cut down, and parents who wished their children to receive secondary education had to pay. Provision had been made for parents to be assisted in necessitous cases, where they were unable to pay fees. The scholarships had been continued. Unless the financial bills were passed, the Government would have to resign. They had gone a long way to re-establish confidence. He hoped the Government would stand for the duration of this Parliament, and then most of those jobs he had outlined would be got through. He hoped the people here would go out and support the Government, and get copies of the Deputy-Premier's speech in the House and broadcast them. He thanked them for the hearing, and said it was encouraging to see people turn out on a hot night to hear such young politicians.

In answer to questions, the speaker said it seemed reasonable that the shire councils should receive their rates on soldier settlement blocks when the proceeds were being divided.

Hon. Theodore Beggs moved a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers, which was seconded by Cr. Sinclair, and carried.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

TENNIS.

BEAUFORT DISTRICT COMPETITION.

RAGLAN V. BEAUFORT METHODISTS.

At Beaufort on Saturday, the local Methodists defeated Raglan. Results (Raglan players being mentioned first in each instance):—

Misses A. and L. Lucardie d. Mrs S. Thomas and Miss M. Parker, 6—5.

K. W. Lewis and P. Gillingham lost to K. McErvale and H. Burnell, 4—6.

Misses N. Fels and A. Wilkinson lost to Mrs L. French and Miss D. Parker, 3—6.

C. Fisher and J. Wilkinson lost to A. Stovell and H. Brown, 2—6.

Lewis and Miss Wilkinson lost to McErvale and Mrs French, 3—6.

Gillingham and Miss Fels d. Burnell and Miss D. Parker, walk over.

Miss A. Lucardie and Fisher lost to Mrs Thomas and Burnell, 1—6.

Miss L. Lucardie and Wilkinson lost to Miss M. Fisher and Brown, 3—6.

Totals:—Beaufort Methodists, 6 sets, 41 games; Raglan, 2 sets, 28 games.

BEAUFORT TENNIS CLUB.

MARRIED V. SINGLE.

The members of the Beaufort Tennis Club played an enjoyable match on Saturday—Married v. Single—which resulted in a tie, with 145 games all. Results (the married players being mentioned first in each instance):—

MEN'S DOUBLES.

Rev. J. P. MacDougall and S. Young lost to A. A. Grace and H. Norman, 3—8.

E. S. Crouch and W. W. Ashley lost to H. V. Martin and N. H. Oddie, 1—8.

C. H. McKay and S. G. Thompson lost to F. Fox and P. T. Stevenson, 6—8.

R. A. Dunn and T. Bodycombe lost to W. Pascoe and C. Downs, 6—8.

J. B. Roderick and J. B. Hall lost to G. Allnutt and J. Pope, 1—8.

S. Young and R. A. Dunn d. C. Downs and W. Glover, 8—6.

Roderick and McKay d. J. Harris and J. Kelly, 8—2.

LADIES' DOUBLES.

Mesdames S. G. Thompson and C. H. McKay d. Misses J. D'Helin and Athole Stewart, 8—5.

Mesdames W. W. Ashley and H. Hodder lost to Misses G. Fox and D. Parker, 1—8.

Mesdames A. M. Parker and J. B. Hall lost to Misses A. Norman and E. Nickols, 6—8.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Ashley and Mrs Hodder d. Grace and Miss S. Lynch, 8—1.

Hall and Mrs Hall d. Pope and Mrs D. Parker, 8—5.

Young and Mrs Thompson d. Grace and Miss D'Helin, 8—5.

Rev. J. P. MacDougall and Mrs McKay lost to H. Norman and Miss Athole Stewart, 3—8.

Thompson and Mrs Parker lost to Martin and Miss Fox, 5—8.

Ashley and Mrs Ashley d. Oddie and Miss A. Norman, 8—7.

Watkin and Mrs McMahon lost to Fox and Miss Nickols, 1—8.

Thompson and Mrs Thompson d. Stevenson and Miss Schlicht, 8—7.

McKay and Mrs Thompson d. Martin and Miss Lulla Stewart, 8—1.

Totals:—Married, 145 games; Single, 145 games.

BEREAVEMENT.

Mr and Mrs A. L. Crocker, of Raglan, suffered a bereavement on Saturday by the death of their infant daughter, Dorothy, aged two days.

METHODIST ANNIVERSARY.

The Beaufort Methodist Sunday School anniversary services were repeated on Sunday afternoon and evening at the Church, and were well attended. Rev. F. Bounsy, of Avoca, occupied the pulpit, and delivered impressive addresses. The singing was led by a choir of about 70 voices (trained by Rev. J. Mellor), and accompanied by Jackson's Orchestra.

REFRIGERATING PLANT INSTALLED.

The latest type of refrigerating plant has just been installed at Mr W. R. Glover's Beaufort butchery. The machine, which is a Quirk, refrigerates with dry air; no ice being used. When the temperature reaches 40 degrees in the freezing chamber, the motor automatically cuts out, and commences running again when the temperature rises. All three local butchers now have refrigerating plants.

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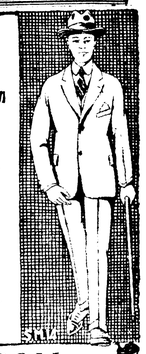

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WOOL SALES.

Selling to 22d a lb. at the auctions in Geelong on Wednesday, the Gorrinn merino lambs' wool, from Dobie, made the season's record to date. District sales:—BR/W (Beaufort), m.f., 14d; WR/McK (Middle Creek), a., 14d; HR/McK (Middle Creek), a., 14d; WA/McK (Middle Creek), sauf., 13½d; JF (end.) W Belmont/Beaufort, sup. com., 12½d; TF/Trawalla, an. com., 12½d; GW Raglan, m.f., 12d; DGM Creek (Middle Creek), 1st lms., 16½d. Comebacks — Exors/J. Hood/Stockyard Hill (Beaufort), sauf., 15d; St. Leach's (Beaufort), a ewe, fin., 13½d, WA/McK (Beaufort), sauf., 12½d; JH/Loch (Streatham), f., 12¼d; Wongan (Beaufort), sup. com., 17d, bkn. 13½d; AW/Nerrin Nerrin, ex. sup. com. w, 16½d; Gorinn (Dobie), ex. sup. com. h 16½d, ex. sup. com. 16½d, JO/Chepstowe, sup. com. h, 15d; OB (Chepstowe), sup. com., 15d; Pretty Tower/TO (Chepstowe), sup. com. and an com., 15d; Hillside Farm (Bunaror), A, 12d. Lambs—AW/Nerrin Nerrin, sup. lms., 19½d; Pretty Tower/TO, sup. lms., 18½d; DS/Wongan (Beaufort), 1st lms., 18½d; JO/Chepstowe, 1st lms., 16½d.

At the Geelong wool sales on Thursday, Moodillah (near Mortlake) made 16½d a lb., the highest comeback price for the season. Selling to 21½d a lb., Springwood made the highest price of the day for merino fleece. Euramboen merino lambs sold to 20½d, and sup. 17½d; cross Skipe bringing up to 20d; Lanch/Kid Kal (Tarwalla), sup. com. h, 19½d, 1st com. 17½d, nks. 12½d; Euramboen (Beaufort), sup. ewe 17½d, stag. 17½d, bkn. 13½d; CMC/Skipe-an, sup. com., 16½d; EBM/Euramboe (Beaufort), com., 15½d; HE/Skipe-an, 1st cots. h and e, 13½d; S/Trawalla, m.f., 12½d. Comebacks—JPR/Beaufort, sup. com., 14½d; NOE/McK (Dunmore), sup. com., 17½d, 1st ps., 11½d.

ANKLE SPRAINED.

Last Saturday, Constable J. Duke, of Beaufort, who had just returned from a holiday, had the misfortune to sprain his ankle while using the kick-starter of his motor cycle.

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TENNIS.

BEAUFORT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The draw is as follows:—

First Round.

October 22—Methodists v. Trawalla B; Trawalla A v. Raglan.

October 29—Trawalla B v. Trawalla A; Raglan v. Methodists.

November 5—Trawalla B v. Raglan; Methodists v. Trawalla A.

Nov. 12—No matches.

Second Round.

November 19—Trawalla B v. Methodists; Raglan v. Trawalla A.

November 26—Trawalla A v. Trawalla B; Methodists v. Raglan.

December 3—No matches.

December 10—Raglan v. Trawalla B; Trawalla A v. Methodists.

All matches are to be played on the courts of the first-named team.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

At the Ballarat district union's half-yearly prize meeting on Saturday, W. J. B. Johnson, of Beaufort, obtained third prize (15/) in the A series match at 500 yds., with a score of 22. In the match at 500 yds., W. J. B. Johnson (34) and T. G. Beggs (33) each obtained 5/ prizes. With a score of 33, W. J. B. Johnson won a 5/ prize at 600 yds. In the aggregate competition at 500, 600 and 900 yds., W. J. B. Johnson obtained second prize (41) with a score of 99, being beaten on the count back for first. In the B series match at 500 yds, W. J. B. Johnson secured second prize (17/6) with a score of 22; R. Lightfoot (30) and P. White (30), each winning 5/ prize. At 500 yds., W. J. B. Johnson (31) and T. G. Beggs (33) each obtained 5/ prizes. At 600 yds., 5/ prizes were won by W. J. B. Johnson (32) and R. Lightfoot (31). The B series aggregate at the three ranges was won by W. J. B. Johnson (60) the prize being £1/5/. R. Lightfoot (60) won a 5/ prize. In the teams' match, Beaufort was second with a score of 302. The compulsory snap-shooting at 300 yds. was won by J. Rasdell, of Lexton, with a score of 25; the prize being £1/1/. W. J. B. Johnson (Beaufort) won a 2/ prize with a score of 32, as did also Roy Dunn, with a similar score.

IN MEMORIAM.

JAENSCH.—In loving memory of my loving husband and our dear father, G. H. Jaensch, who passed away 4th December, 1928.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

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MUNICIPAL AUDIT.

The municipal auditor has been at work on the Ripon Shire books at the shire offices, Beaufort, during the week.

BATHING POPULAR.

During the warm weather this week, bathing has been popular, both at the local swimming baths and the Goldfields Reservoir.

PRIZES WON.

In the "Courier" crosswords puzzle competition last week, 10/- prizes were won by Mrs Grace Duke and Miss L. J. Cole, of Lawrence street, Beaufort.

THE RACECOURSE LEASE.

Eight tenders were received for the lease of the Beaufort racecourse of 140 acres, and the successful tender was Mr N. Smith, of Trawalla, at £6/1 per acre per year for a term of three years.

BEAUFORT HOPE MINE.

The Beaufort Hope mine had a yield of 10 oz. of gold this week for two machines of washdirt. As the operations this week have chiefly been confined to prospecting, the yield is smaller than usual.

NOVEMBER RAINFALL.

During the month of November, 48 points of rain were registered at Beaufort, whilst for the corresponding month last year the rainfall was 232 points. For the past 11 months 23.42 inches fell, and for the same period in 1931, 24.07 inches.

OLD SCOUT COMRADE.

Mr Frank Thorpe, schoolmaster at Minyip and former scoutmaster of the 1st Beaufort troop, was delightfully surprised on Friday afternoon, 25th inst., to receive a visit from his old patrol-leader, Ivan Buchanan, who was accompanied by a friend (Les. Hocking). They were cycling to Barham, N.S.W.; and after spending the night with them, Mr Thorpe saw them off on the last stage of their trip (40 miles).

BRIDGE SOCIAL.

Twenty players occupied five tables at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday evening, when an enjoyable bridge evening was held in aid of the funds of the institute. The trophies, which were given by Messrs C. McKay and A. Parker, members of the committee, were won by Miss Christie and Mr Parker. The president (Mr W. W. Ashley) presented the prizes, and thanked the players for their attendance. A tasty supper was provided by the ladies. Mr H. V. Martin carried out the secretarial duties.

C.W.A. XMAS. PARTY.

A very enjoyable Xmas. party was held by the members of the Beaufort C.W.A. at the Club Rooms on Thursday night. The function was well attended, and was organised by Mrs S. E. Humphreys (president) and Miss Lalla Stewart (secretary). Mrs Humphreys and Miss Rose Roberts played for the community singing. Games and competitions were supervised by Mr S. Young, and were won by Mr S. G. Thompson, Mr J. B. Hull, Mrs H. Hodder, Mrs H. Brown, Mr G. Beggs, Mrs G. Ellis, Mr G. Allnutt, and Mrs Exell. The ladies provided a tasty supper.

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Messrs D. R. Hannah & Co. report:—Cattle—9 heifers, from Clunes; 4 steers, Messrs Swain & Gray, Dowling; 2 steers, Mr J. Maibecker, Learmonth. Sheep—116 wethers, from Minyip; 52 ewes, from Stockyard Hill; 42 ewes and wethers, Mr R. J. Hemphill, Minyip, wethers to 9/11, ewes to 8/5; 31 ewes and wethers, Mr D. Hemphill, Minyip, wethers to 9/10, ewes to 6/10; 16 wethers, Mr C. Q. Baker, Sheep Hills; 8 ewes, Messrs Ellis Bros., Beaufort. Lambs—123, from Rupanyup; 75, shorn, Messrs Ellis Bros., Beaufort, to 9/10, averaging 9/7; 40, shorn, Mr John Ellis, Beaufort, at 10/6; 14, Mr C. Q. Baker, Sheep Hills, to 9/2; 13, Mr R. J. Hemphill, Minyip, to 10/4.

The following district sales are reported by other auctioneers:—35 lambs, Mr W. T. Bagnall, Carrnballac, 13/- and 11/10; 10 merino wethers, Mr J. Ringin, Chepstowe, at 8/1; 81 lambs, Mr W. G. Martin, Chepstowe, 11/11 and 10/1; 26 lambs, Mr A. Martin, Chepstowe, 10/1; 3 steers, Mr Murray Exell, "Ellimatta," Stockyard Hill, £2/8/ to £4/17/.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

RAGLAN.

RAINFALL.

The rainfall for November was very light, barely half-an-inch being recorded for the whole month, compared with 270 points for November last year. Grass is still abundant, and a good fall of rain shortly should ensure a good supply for most of the summer. The total rainfall to the end of November was 2375 points, which is 150 points less than last year's recordings for the same period.

HAY-CUTTING AND POTATO-PLANTING.

Hay-cutting has commenced, and should soon be general. Potato-growers are busy planting; hoping that the present low prices will not be repeated next season.

THE ATHLETIC CLUB.

Residents generally are pleased that such a strong committee has been formed by the Athletic Club this year. The danger of losing Raglan's "great day" stirred the young men to rally round the club, and the next meeting should be, if anything, better than the very successful one held in the past.

TENNIS CLUB'S EFFORTS.

The Tennis Club members are still hard at work with efforts to raise enough money to clear off last year's debt, and leave a sufficient credit to permit of asphalting the court for next season. Present indications are that they will be successful. Their major effort will be held next Saturday, when a well-balanced company will present a good mixed programme at the local hall. The hilarious farce, "My Turn Next," will form the second half of the programme, and is sure to bring many laughs. Prices are moderate (children can see it for 6d), and a good night's entertainment is certain. A dance will follow; the local ladies providing the supper.

MORE QUERIES.

Who's "muscular"? Who has a "phizzy-inclination"? Why is T——T——so shy? He needn't be. Tim isn't. Why do the young men enjoy the Picture Show—so much? What's so mysterious? Who are the "Stranger Trio"? Answers at the Raglan Hall, next Wednesday, the 7th.

MIDDLE CREEK.

EUCHRE AND DANCE.

A euchre tournament and dance, in aid of the funds of the children's Christmas tree, was held in the local Public Hall on Wednesday evening, 30th inst., when there was a fair attendance. The prizes for the euchre were won by Mrs Sonerberg and Mr A. Phillips. Music for the dance was supplied by Messrs W. Meadows, J. Franc, and J. R. O'Brien (piano), and A. Humphries (accordeon). The euchre prizes were donated by Mrs O'Brien and Mr Smith.

AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL.

Deliveries of wool to the local receival depot have been completed for the season. Six hundred and eight bales have been consigned, against 465 for the previous season. Hay-cutting has commenced on most of the farms, and the crops, having benefited by the cool, showery weather during October and part of November, will be better than was anticipated some time ago.

THE WEATHER.

After four or five days of hot and oppressive weather, a cool change, accompanied by a thunderstorm and heavy showers of rain, passed over the district on Thursday morning, with promise of a few cool days to follow.

THE TENNIS CLUB.

In connection with the Mountain District competition, Middle Creek visited Mt. Cole on Saturday, and again proved too strong for the home team. The following are the results of the games played (Middle Creek players being mentioned first in each instance):—H. Carmichael and P. K. Smith d. W. Larkins and R. Mewitt, 8—0. Mrs Phillips and Mrs Hillman d. Miss Cody and Miss Pilgrim, 8—1. J. MacMartin and J. Bowd d. L. Pilgrim and Q. Farish, 8—7. Mrs Hillman and P. K. Smith d. Miss Cody and R. Mewitt, 8—6. Mrs Phillips and H. Carmichael d. Miss Pilgrim and W. Larkins, 8—1. Misses L. Franc and Hillman d. Misses Fidgett and Shalders, 8—5. Miss Hillman and J. MacMartin lost to Miss Padgett and L. Pilgrim, 7—8. Miss L. Franc and J. Bowd d. Miss Shalders and Q. Farish, 8—4. Totals:—Middle Creek, 63 games; Mt. Cole, 33 games.

Middle Creek will be at home to Crowlands to-day (Saturday), and a good game is expected. The following players have been selected to represent Middle Creek:—Miss L. Franc, Miss Hillman, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Hillman, H. Carmichael (captain), J. Bowd, P. K. Smith, and J. MacMartin.

WATERLOO.

Arrangements are now well in hand for the school children's concert, which will be held in the hall on Wednesday night, December 14th. The district people are well aware of the Waterloo children's capabilities, and every effort is being made to maintain the previous high standard of this concert. All the local ladies are requested to bring a basket, and so have a supper worthy of this great occasion.

ATTRACTIVE SHOE DISPLAYS.

All sportsmen and sportswomen—particularly tennis players—will be interested in the attractive displays of Dunlop Perdriau Sports Shoes, now showing in the windows of leading shoe stores. It would seem that the manufacturers have so perfected their technique that the rubber-soled shoe has come into its own—not only as an item of sports equipment—but also for dress wear and comfort. Styles are distinctive and varied; colorings pleasing and attractive; quality and finish of the excellence always found in the products of the Dunlop Perdriau Company. In fact, a standard has been set which overseas competitors would find difficult to improve upon.

COMING EVENTS

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THE BEAUFORT SHOW.

The 62nd annual show in connection with the Beaufort Agricultural Society will be held in the Beaufort Park on Saturday, December 3rd, and promises to be one of the most successful events in the history of the society. A large number of entries is already to hand, and enquiries are being received by every mail for schedules; many being from people whose names have never appeared on any previous entry list. The main classes, such as draught horses, light horses, hunting, and jumping, and other arena events, which take place during the afternoon, will provide thrills for the public. The cookery, fancy work, grain, sheep, dogs, poultry, and educational classes will be well filled. There will be publican's, fruit and confectionery, and luncheon booths on the grounds, and numerous side-shows. The Beaufort Brass Band will play selections during the afternoon. The committee earnestly appeals to the general public for their patronage, and urges them to help along a society which is working hard from an educational standpoint for the man on the land and the public generally. The following additional officials have been appointed:—Judge of home-made bread, Mr C. Rose; handicapper of trots, Mr W. O'Sullivan.

To date 800 entries have been received for the show, and the secretary expects to get more yet. There will be a wireless exhibition at the show, and the results of the first test match in Sydney will be broadcasted.

"SHANGHAI EXPRESS" AND "PERSONAL MAID" AT BEAUFORT THEATRE.

The great Paramount picture, "Shanghai Express," will be the principal attraction for to-night (Saturday) at the Beaufort Picture Theatre. Courage counts for everything on the Shanghai express—the train that starts from Peking as a peaceful pleasure trip—and plunges into a maelstrom of adventures more dangerous than war—a warfare of jealous lovers, more devastating than an earthquake! Marlene Dietrich is the charming cause of it all, and Clive Brook the gallant man of her heart. Anna May Wong, Warner Oland, and Eugene Pallette also figure in the cast. Nancy Carroll takes the leading role in "Personal Maid," and with her are Pat O'Brien and Gene Raymond. Nancy Carroll is at her warmly sparkling best as the ambitious girl of the slums, who aspires to life in society, and learns more secrets than it is good for one girl to know.

BOXING DAY SPORTS.

The Beaufort Thistle Club holds an attractive sports meeting at the Park on Boxing Day, Monday, December 26th, consisting of Highland dancing, footracing, woodchopping, cycling, boys' and girls' races, games, and firemen's events. The admission is 1/6, with 9d for children. A picture show will be held at night in the Picture Theatre, followed by a quadrille assembly. Entries for the principal sports events close on Saturday, 10th December. Programmes are available from the secretary (Mr W. Manson).

On Wednesday, 7th December, at High Street, Beaufort, Mr Theo. W. Schlicht will sell, on account of Mr. Henry Dawson, a 5-roomed house (occupied by Mr L. Stevens), and half-an-acre of land.

The rights to the booths at the Beaufort Thistle Club's sports on Boxing Day will be sold by auction by Mr T. W. Schlicht at his office, at noon on Saturday, 10th Dec.

Entries for footracing, cycling, and woodchopping events at the Beaufort Thistle Club's Boxing Day sports close on Saturday, 10th Dec., with the secretary (Mr W. Manson).

On Thursday, December 15th, Messrs Grant, Hedge & Biggar Pty. Ltd. will hold a dispersal sale of 3500 sheep, 50 cattle, etc., at Baangal Estate, near Skipton.

Twelve thousand magnificent, locally-bred sheep will be offered on Tuesday, 6th December, at a special off-shears sale at Streatham by Messrs Grant, Hedge, & Biggar Pty. Ltd., in conjunction with Messrs T. H. Laidlaw & Co. Ltd.

Messrs Grant, Hedge, & Biggar will hold their Beaufort sheep sale on Thursday, 8th December, when they will offer by auction 8000 crossbred, comeback, and merino sheep.

Keep Wednesday, December 14th free. See the Waterloo school children's concert. It will do you good to see these brilliant children in action songs, etc.

An important public meeting will be held in the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Tuesday night, 6th inst., at 7.30, at which it will be decided whether a schools' excursion picnic will be held this year, and if so, where. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Raglan Tennis Club will hold a grand concert and dance on Wednesday, December 7th.

Lake Goldsmith school break-up, Wednesday, 14th December.

At the Beaufort Picture Theatre, on Wednesday evening, 7th inst., the famous Kia Ora team from Ballarat will give a high-class concert and physical culture display, in aid of the Ballarat Orphanage. Residents are urged to help this deserving cause.

A garden party will be held in the Methodist Church grounds on Thursday, December 8th, at 8 p.m.

BEAUFORT A.N.A.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

There was a much larger attendance than usual at the half-yearly meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., on Tuesday night. Twenty members were present, and Mr E. Wilson (persident) occupied the chair. Correspondence was read from the Board of Directors, giving

a list of Australian insurance companies. Other letters of a routine nature were dealt with. Sick-pay and accounts amounting to £22/5/4 were passed for payment. The secretary reported that the syllabus committee had not yet met. The syllabus item for the meeting after next was prepared speeches on subjects of the members' own choice. Mr J. J. Fitzpatrick suggested a night for the children before Xmas. The secretary said he was rather disgusted with the support given to previous functions of the kind by members. The last one cost the branch some £3. A picnic was suggested by several members. Mr J. J. Fitzpatrick moved that the syllabus committee try and organise such a function before next meeting. Seconded by Mr Johnson, supported by Mr Brent, and carried. The idea of a picnic was generally favored. Mr Brent moved that collectors be appointed to collect in the various districts. Seconded by Mr W. Fitzpatrick, and carried. Messrs G. Russell (Waterloo), T. McNish (Raglan), J. F. Fitzpatrick, D. R. Brent, A. Hayward (Beaufort), and L. Smith (Trawalla), were appointed as collectors. It was resolved that the picnic be for A.N.A. members and their children. The following officers for the ensuing half-year were elected:—President, Mr Eric Wilson; vice-president, Mr P. Topp; treasurer, Mr J. J. Fitzpatrick; secretary, Mr W. J. Brue Johnson; assistant-secretary, Mr J. J. Fitzpatrick; committee, Messrs L. Smith, W. Fitzpatrick, N. McLeod, A. M. Parker, and D. R. Brent; auditors, Messrs D. Jackson and P. T. Stevenson; conference delegates, Messrs W. J. Bruce Johnson and R. Smith; press correspondent, Mr A. M. Parker. The secretary reported on the work done by the branch since the Swimming Club at the local baths, and urged everyone to take a member's ticket. Mr M. Fitzpatrick, the defeated candidate for the position of conference delegate, congratulated the delegates on their re-election. He maintained that it was unfair to send the same delegates to conference year after year. Men who had talked against the same delegates going year after year outside, had voted for them to-night, and turned him down when he nominated. He was disgusted, and would not attend another meeting. He was going to send a letter to the board about the carryings-on at the branch meetings. Mr Fitzpatrick then left the meeting. Mr Johnson said he had promised Mr Fitzpatrick some time ago that he would vote for him, as he wanted to go as a conference whose he left the railways. When he knew Mr Smith was going to stand, he had to support him also. Both Messrs Fitzpatrick and Smith were good workers for the branch, and he had voted against himself. Mr Smith said when he nominated, he did not know who else was doing so, as he was not present. The newly-elected officers were installed by the retiring president (Mr J. F. Fitzpatrick), with a few congratulatory remarks, and they responded. Mr Smith said that next year there would be no opposition to Mr Fitzpatrick as delegate, and he hoped he would overlook what had happened to-night. Mr Johnson moved that the grant of £6 per delegate granted for conference expenses did not cover personal expenses, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the installing officer. A card evening to have been held at the end of December was postponed till next lodge night.

THE WEATHER.

From Sunday till Wednesday, the shade temperature was 87 degrees, and there was a cool change on Thursday, when a thunderstorm passed over the town. The rainfall was 24 points.

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BEAUFORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE 62nd ANNUAL SHOW
In connection with the above Society will be held in the BEAUFORT PARK ON SATURDAY, DECEMBR 3rd.

The Programme comprises Hunting, Jumping, Trotting, and other Ring Events. Sheaf-tossing Competition, Sheep Weight-guessing Competition, and several other Attractions.

The BEAUFORT BRASS BAND will be in attendance during the afternoon, and will play selections.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, At 8 p.m.

Schedules on application to Secretary.

Admission—Adults, 1/6; Children, 9d; Non-members' Cars, 2/.

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'Phone 71.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the SHIRE HALL, BEAUFORT, NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT, 6th DECR., 1932, at 7.30 o'clock sharp, to decide whether a Schools' Excursion Picnic will be held this year, and if so, where? Everybody interested is cordially invited to attend. J. HUGHES. J. COLE. Joint Conveners.

BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB'S SPORTS, to be held in Park on BOXING DAY, December 26th, 1932. Dancing (12 events). Footracing.—Caledonian Handicap, 130 yds.—£5 and Silver Cup, 30/ and 10/. Entry, 5/. 220 yds. Handicap—£2 10/ and £1. Entry, 2/6. Handicap Underhand Woodchop, 20-inch girth logs—£5 and Blue Ribbon, 30/, and Trophy. Entry, 5/. Handicap Standing Block Woodchop, 36-inch girth logs—£3 and £1. Entry, 3/. Novice Underhand Woodchop, 36-inch girth strings; both to be sawn logs. For competitors who have not won a prize of £2—30/ and 10/. Entry, free. Competitors to supply axes and fix same. All logs to be drawn for. One-mile Bicycle Race—£4 and Blue Ribbon, and £1. Entry, 3/6. Half-mile Bicycle Race—£3 and £1. Entry, 2/6. Two-mile Bicycle Race—£3 and £1. Entry 2/6. Open-to-all Marshalls' Trophy. Entry, 6d. Two-men Marshall—Trophies. Entry, 1/ per team. Also Boys' and Girls' Races and Games. Admission, 1/6; Children, 6d. Motor Cars, Free. GRAND PICTURE SHOW in PICTURE THEATRE at Night. QUADRILLE ASSEMBLY to follow. R. T. MACDONALD, Chief; W. MANSON, Secretary.

RAGLAN TENNIS CLUB.

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SHIRE OF RIPON.

NOTICE OF MEETING FOR EXAMINING AND SETTLING ACCOUNTS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts of the Shire have been duly audited by the auditor appointed for that purpose by the Governor-in-Council, and that a statement of the said accounts, with the auditor's report thereon, and certificate thereto, lies at the Office of the Council, Shire Hall, Beaufort, ready for the inspection of parties interested. And Notice is further given that the Meeting of the Council for examining and settling the Accounts will be held at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on MONDAY, the 12th DECEMBER, 1932, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon.

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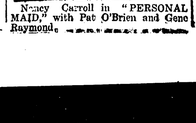

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BOXING DAY SPORTS.

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SALE OF BOOTHS.

THE Rights to the Booths at the Beaufort Thistle Club's Sports on Boxing Day will be Sold by Public Auction by Mr. THEO. W. SCHLICHT, at his Office, on SATURDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at 12 Noon. For sale will be offered, viz.: Publican's, Fruit, Lolly, and Soft Drinks, and Afternoon Tea. W. MANSON, Secy.

LAKE GOLDSMITH SCHOOL BREAK-UP, WEDNESDAY, 14th DECEMBER, at 2 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 4th DECEMBER, 1932.

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

Methodist Church.—Raglan, 11; Buangor, 3; Beaufort, 7—Rev. J. Walton by Mr. Ward. Beaufort, 11—Mr. C. Walters. Waterloo, 3—Mr. A. Grace.

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

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RIPON COMPETITION.

BEAUFORT FOOTBALLERS V. MT. LONARCH.

Considerable interest was taken in the match at the Beaufort Park on Saturday, between the local Footballers and Mt. Lonarch; the game resulting in a win for the Footballers on the first innings. K. Hyde captained the home team, and L. Neil the visitors. The local lades provided afternoon tea. Mt. Lonarch batted first for 64 runs; W. Bright, L. Neil, and V. Neil making 10 each. Bowling honors were shared by Hall, and Hyde (2/6), R. Davis (2/11), and R. Phillips (2/19). J. Cole, scr., kept wickets for the Footballers. The home team responded with a score of 90, of which G. Gellie made 15, R. Phillips 13, and K. Hyde 11. L. Loo hit the only six for the afternoon, and the first for his team for the season. R. Phillips sent his bat whizzing through the air early in his innings, to the accompaniment of much good-humored banter. He gave a catch later that was dropped in the out field, and was also clean bowled by A. Neil, but the umpire had declared it no ball. When he had reached the devil's number, he skied one sent down by Bright, which landed safe in the hands of Keith. R. Pringle also gave a catch that was dropped, but later he was very neatly caught out by P. Treagove in the out field. The Mt. Lonarch wicket-keeper was Barry. W. Bright captured 4 wickets for 19 runs; J. Neil taking 2 for 13, and V. Neil 2 for 14. With about 52 minutes to go, the visitors were again sent in to bat, and were disposed of for 32; W. Bright and A. Neil making seven each. Hyde took a nice catch off Fitzpatrick's bowling, which dismissed Renkin. Hyde (2/1) had the best bowling average; L. Neil (2/4) and V. Neil (2/5) followed in him, and L. Loo 2 for 10. It was Fitzpatrick's best performance to date as a bowler, and he deserves devoted some attention to him. Scores:—

First Innings.
MT. LONARCH.

W. Bright, c. Hyde, b. Phillips	10
P. Trengove, b. Loo	1
C. Neil, c. Gellingham, b. Loo	0
W. Barry, lb. wicket, b. Davis	1
L. Neil, b. Davis	10
V. Neil, run out	10
M. Crick, run out	0
B. Renkin, run out	8
E. Trengove, run out	1
A. Neil, b. Hyde	7
D. Keith, c. Davis, b. Phillips	2
Total	64

Bowling.—R. Phillips, 2/19; L. Loo, 2/6; H. Lardner, 0/12; R. Davis, 2/11; A. Neil, 0/9; K. Hyde, 1/1.

FOOTBALLERS.

E. Day, b. V. Neil	7
G. Gellie, run out	15
Davis, b. V. Neil	1
K. Hyde, c. Barry, b. Crick	11
R. Phillips, c. Keith, b. Bright	13
H. Lardner, c. L. Neil, b. Bright	7
L. Loo, b. A. Neil	1
R. Pringle, c. P. Trengove, b. A. Neil	0
P. Trengove, b. Fitzpatrick	6
L. Neil, run out	0
Sundries	7
Total	90

Bowling—Davis, 1/0; Hyde, 2/4; Loo, 2/10; Phillips, 1/6; L. Fitzpatrick, 2/5.

WARRAK V. WATERLOO.

Waterloo were at home to Warrak on Saturday, and defeated their opponents rather easily. Warrak had first use of the wicket, and made 68 runs; P. Ord being responsible for 24, and A. McGuiness for 16. N. Dromey was in good bowling form, and took 5 wickets for 28 runs, and was well supported by A. Laney (4/10). Waterloo hit up a score of 129 for the loss of seven wickets. D. Lynch was undefeated for 38, and N. Dromey made 36. Double figures were also reached by R. Smith (18), T. Ryan (13), and L. Lyttle (11). A. Padgett took 2 wickets for 7 runs, Hutchinson 2 for 20, and E. Farish 2 for 42. Scores:—

WARRAK.

A. Padgett, b. Dromey	3
E. Farish, b. Lynch	9
A. McGuiness, hit wicket, b. Laney	16
P. Ord, c. Laney, b. Dromey	24
R. Larkens, c. Laney, b. Dromey	3
R. Hunter, c. Park, b. Dromey	4
J. Creenaune, c. Dromey, b. Laney	0
W. Shields, c. and b. Laney	3
W. Hutchinson, b. Dromey	0
H. Williams, c. Ryan, b. Dromey	0
C. Hardy, not out	1
Sundries	1
Total	68

Bowling—N. Dromey, 5/28; A. Laney, 4/10; D. Lynch, 1/17; R. Smith, 0/11.

WATERLOO.

A. Laney, l.b.w., b. Farish	1
N. Dromey, run out	36
T. Ryan, c. McGuiness, b. Padgett	13
D. Lynch, not out	38
R. Vowles, c. Farish, b. Padgett	0
C. Nunn, b. Farish	5
R. Smith, c. Ord, b. Hutchinson	18
L. Lyttle, c. Ord, b. Hutchinson	11
R. Park, not out	4
Sundries	3
Total	129

Bowling—A. Padgett, 2/7; Hutchinson, 2/20; E. Farish, 2/42; R. Hunter, 0/14; Creenaune, 0/17; C. Hardy, 0/24.

There will be no matches to-day (Saturday), on account of the Beaufort show.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

COMBINED SPORTS MEETING.

THISTLE CLUB SHIELD WON BY MENA PARK.

Fine weather favored the Beaufort District Schools' Sports Association's eighth annual gathering at the Beaufort Park on Friday, 25th ult., and there was a large attendance of children and their parents and friends. The lengthy programme was got off in good time, and many, else and exciting finishes were witnessed. The Thistle Club shield was won a second time by the Mena Park school (of which Mr Willie is head teacher); Waterloo being replaced by only a quarter of a point. The officials were:—Starters, Messrs J. M. Dunn, N. Dromey, and J. E. Walldich; judge of marching and physical culture, Mr S. Young; Mr J. T. Glover was at the head of affairs as president, and the secretarial duties were well carried out by Mr R. W. Lewis. A soft drinks and refreshment stall was in charge of the following members of the Beaufort Motor Cycle Club:—Messrs J. R. Hughes, J. Cole, W. Gillingham, F. G. Green, A. J. Saph, A. M. Parker, and W. Holdsworth. A bag of sweets was given to every child present at the sports. Following are the results of the various events:—

Boys' Race, 100 yds., under 7—A. Drake, Beaufort, 1; M. Spicer, Raglan, 2; Bob Kirkpatrick, Lake Goldsmith, 3.

Girls' Race, 40 yds., under 7—C. Lamb, Waterloo, 1; Nancy Davis, Beaufort, 2; Margaret Sheiffle, Chute, 3.

Boys' Race, 50 yds., under 8—Ian McKay, Mena Park, 1; R. Pink, Beaufort, 2; Sailor's Gully, 2; S. Brondbent, Beaufort, 3.

Girls' Race, 40 yds., under 8—Valda Martin, Beaufort, 1; J. McIntyre, Brewster, 2; Cath. Lamb, Waterloo, 3.

Boys' Race, 50 yds., under 9—Allen McMahon, Beaufort, 1; Jock Ellis, Lake Goldsmith, 2; G. Pitt, Beaufort, 3.

Girls' Race, 40 yds., under 9—Ilhea Wallish, Sailor's Gully, 1; A. Kirkpatrick, Lake Goldsmith, 2; Maevis MacPhie, Chute, 3.

Boys' Race, 60 yds., under 10—D. Carmichael, Beaufort, 1; W. Dickman, Main Lead, 2; L. Higgins, Mena Park, 3.

Girls' Race, 50 yds., under 10—N. Wallish, Sailor's Gully, 1; Joyce George, Lake Goldsmith, 2; C. McIntyre, Brewster, 3.

Boys' Race, 65 yds., under 11—J. Fallon, Mena Park, 1; P. Stevens, Beaufort, 2; Arthur Spicer, Raglan, 3.

Girls' Race, 55 yds., under 11—Rene Finch, Waterloo, 1; T. McGregor, Sailor's Gully, 2; B. Fallon, Mena Park, 3.

Boys' Race, under 12—J. Fallon, Mena Park, 1; K. Stevens, Beaufort, 2; T. Hauser, Chute, 3.

Boys' Race, 90 yds., under 13—J. Lamb, Main Lead, 1; J. Fallon, Mena Park, 2; V. Wilson, Beaufort, 3.

Girls' Race, 70 yds., under 13—Rene Finch, Waterloo, 1; E. Trengove, Chute, 2; J. Russell, Mena Park, 3.

Boys' Race 100 yds. under 14—T. Dickman, Main Lead, 1; J. Panther, Raglan, 2; N. Lyttle, Waterloo, 3.

Girls' Race, 75 yds., under 14—Sheila Martin, Sailor's Gully, 1; Grace Brown, Beaufort, 2; J. Gardiner, Waterloo, 3.

Broad Jump, boys under 12—J. Fallon, Lake Goldsmith (11 ft. 3½ in.), 1; T. Hauser, Chute (10 ft. 10½ in.), 2; A. Mitchell, Raglan (10 ft. 6 in.), 3.

Broad Jump, boys under 14—N. Lyttle, Waterloo (12 ft. 2 in.), 1; J. Panther, Raglan (12 ft. 1½ in), 2; N. Lamb, Main Lead (11 ft. 11½ in.), 3.

Skipping Race, 75 yds.—J. Gardiner, Waterloo, 1; Thelma McGregor, Sailor's Gully, 2; Betty Fallon, Mena Park, 3.

Marching Competition (boys)—Waterloo (47 points), 1; Beaufort (44 points), 2; Raglan (43 points), 3.

Marching Competition (girls).—Waterloo (47 points), 1; Raglan (43 points), 2; Beaufort (41 points), 3.

High Jump, boys under 12—J. Fallon, Mena Park (3 ft. 9 in.) and P. Stevens, Beaufort (3 ft. 9 in.), equal 1; J. Panther, Raglan (3 ft. 7 in.) and H. Curry, Waterloo (3 ft. 7 in.), equal 2.

High Jump, boys under 14—A. Collins (Lake Goldsmith), N. Lyttle (Waterloo), A. Spicer (Raglan), and T. Dickman (Main Lead), tied; all jumping 4 ft.

Physical Exercises (boys)—Waterloo (38 points), 1; Raglan, Sailor's Gully, Beaufort (36 points each), equal 2.

Physical Exercises (girls)—Waterloo (38 points), 1; Beaufort (37 points), 2; Brewster (33 points), 3.

Boys' Championship, 100 yds.—Ted Kelly, Beaufort, 1; N. Lamb, Main Lead, 2.

Girls' Championship, 75 yds.—Sheila Martin, Sailor's Gully, 1; Jean Gardiner, Waterloo, 2.

Flag Race (challenge team of 4), 300 yds.—Beaufort, 1; Sailor's Gully, 2.

Cross Ball (teams of six)—Waterloo, 1; Beaufort, 2.

Aggregate Competition for Thistle Club perpetual shield—Mena Park (31—38—69), 1; Waterloo (53—10—63), 2; Main Lead (161—40—201), 3; Sailor's Gully (28 7-12—27—55 1-12), 4. Other schools scored:—Lake Goldsmith, 10—40—50; Beaufort, 49 1-3—0—49 1-3; Chute, 9—40—49; Raglan, 20½—20—40 1-12; Brewster, 5—30—35.

Previous winners of the shield were Beaufort, Chute, Lexton, Waterloo (2), Raglan, and Mena Park.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the president (Mr J. T. Glover) said it gave him great pleasure to present the shield to the winning team, and he heartily congratulated the Mena Park school on their win.

Mr Willie (head teacher) responded.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM OUR FILES.

Novr. 29, 1902.

The residence of Mr Martin O'Callaghan, on Trawalla road, three miles from Beaufort, was burnt down, being estimated at £250.

The Beaufort Brass Band raised £10 for the Drought Relief Fund by holding a sacred concert at the Park.

Rear-admiral and Mrs Bridges and family returned to Trawalla, after spending nearly five years in England.

The Middle Creek A.N.A. sports were attended by 350 people, and Mr W. H. Halpin acted as secretary. T. McDonald won the Mile District Bicycle Race; J. McDonald being second. The winner of the 130 yds. footrace was T. W. Schlicht. Albert Tyrrell finished second in the A.N.A. Wheel Race. The boys' race, under 14, was won by N. Dunn (afterwards an Ararat gift winner). J. McCracken secured second place in the quarter-mile handicap, F. O'Brien third in the half-mile bicycle race, J. Whelan third in the hurdle race, A. Waldron first in the long jump (5 ft. 10½ in.), and W. Waldron second. H. Richards was second in the married men's race, and E. Ferry first in the high jump, and A. Kelly second.

Vera Mary Broadbent, 2 years 8 months, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. H. W. Broadbent, of Main Lead, fell down a well and was drowned.

At the Geelong wool sales, GT's Bonarlaw 136d for merinos, and 10d for crossbred, Mawallok 162d for ex. sup. cons., Eurambeen 161d for ex. sup. cons., HD Middle Creek 132d for merino, WP Buanger 13d for merino, Lango-Kal-Kul 163d for ewes, Mena, and Eurambeen East 149d for fleece.

Mining yields at Beaufort, Waterloo, and Raglan for the week were:—Sons of Freedom Central, 1271 oz.; Sons of Freedom South, 97 oz.; Last Chance, 11 oz.; Brewster's Co., 7 oz.; Cheeseman & party, 1¼ oz.; sundries, 10 oz.; total, 254 oz.

Mr J. H. Mcmeiken was elected president of the Waterloo A.N.A., Mr E. J. Muntz vice-president, and Mr W. T. Hill secretary. Mr H. Dunn was elected president of the Middle Creek branch, Cr C. H. Taylor vice-president, and Mr H. J. Richards secretary.

In a cricket match Chute (108 runs) defeated Trawalla (49). Mr Trengove made 26 for Chute, W. Crick 26, and E. Crick 21; O'Callaghan making 10 for Trawalla. Bowling—Wallis, 4/29; A. Mc O'Callaghan, 2/24. Chute—W. Bartley 5/19; W. Trengove, 3/14.

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RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL.

SPECIAL MEETING TO DEAL WITH APPEALS AGAINST NEW VALUATION.

A special meeting of the Ripon Shire Council was held at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Friday, to deal with appeals against the new annual valuation assessments and other matters.

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

The mode of procedure was discussed, and the valuer (Mr T. W. Schlicht) heard in respect to several cases.

THE BEAUFORT HOTEL.

Mrs A. Sievewright, who appealed against the annual valuation of the Beaufort hotel, said, in answer to the president, that she was prepared to accept the decision of the council in the matter.

Mrs Sievewright added that, owing to the decrease in business, she would be glad of a little reduction in the valuation. There were no prospects of a revival of trade so far. There was no reduction in the rent, and an extension of the lease had been granted. She had an option under the lease expiring in January.

Replying to Cr. Sinclair, Mrs Sievewright said that most people were going into public houses on a rental basis these days. She thought the valuation quite reasonable under former conditions, but the expenses at time she could not see any improvement in the business, owing to additional taxation and money not coming in.

To Cr. Troy—She paid £181 a year.

To Cr. Kirkpatrick—A reduction under a new lease had not been discussed, so far.

Continuing, Mrs Sievewright said the valuation was £150, and she wanted a reduction, if possible.

The president—Would you accept a reduction of £25?

Mrs Sievewright—She would be quite satisfied.

The council agreed to this by vote, and Mrs Sievewright thanked them very much.

Cr. Troy said they were making it £2200, and the original amount was £2700.

THE RAILWAY HOTEL.

Mr W. Liston appealed against the valuation assessed for the Railway hotel, Beaufort.

In answer to the president, Mr Liston said he was prepared to accept the council's decision.

The secretary said the Railway hotel was valued at £200 for rating purposes, and was a wooden and concrete building.

Mr Liston said the valuation was too high.

Cr. Troy—If he retired, what rent would he take?

Mr Liston—He would make it according to the valuation. No business in the world had gone down like the hotel business. He had gone back over 33 per cent., and some of his lines had risen 300 per cent. in the last few years.

Cr. Sinclair—Some had gone back 150 per cent. Would Mr Liston accept a reduction of £25?

Mr Liston said he had jumped up from the old valuation just 100 per cent.

Cr. Sinclair—The present place was worth 200 per cent.

Mr Liston—He had refused more money for the place. He thought he would take to-day. In the next few months, he intended to pull down the old place, and put a few rooms up, and he hoped they were not going to load him too heavily there. He was pulling down 20 rooms, and putting six up. That would be £3500 on the place with a few new rooms up.

Cr. Sinclair—Would you accept a £25 reduction, and leave it at that for the time being?

Mr Liston—That was owing to the reduction of business. He certainly would not squeal without just cause. He still thought he was valued too high, compared with other businesses in the town.

Cr. Sinclair—They had agreed to a reduction of £25 on the assessments of the two other hotels.

Cr. Troy—The reduction of £1 a week in rent, free of ingoing, was a big factor.

Mr Schlicht—He thought Mr Luker was quite entitled to the £25 reduction. If the council considered he would get a little more, he would leave it to them. Mr Luker was asking for a reduction of £42, which seemed rather much. They must have the reductions uniform. Mr Luker was apparently the only one who had a real cause to put up; having something definite. As far as business was concerned, the Railway hotel was supposed to sell more beer than any of the others.

In answer to Cr. Sinclair, Mr Luker said he had given notice that he would go to court, when he got the reduction of £1.

Cr. Sinclair—Twenty per cent. off would bring Mr Luker's valuation to £210.

Cr. Kirkpatrick said Mr Luker had pointed out that the business had gone down, and he felt prepared to go a little further.

Cr. Elder—They had not taken into consideration Mr Schlicht's valuation in regard to Mr Smith, a landowner. Landowners were affected as much by the depression as business people.

Cr. McKay—The returns from the land had gone down at least 50 per cent., if not more.

Mr Luker—That land was not rated the same as that on which a public house stood.

Cr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that there was not likely to be a quick recovery.

Mr Luker retired while the council further discussed the matter.

Cr. Kirkpatrick moved that the valuation be reduced by £35 to £215. Seconded by Cr. Troy.

Cr. Russell moved, as an amendment, that the matter be put by what they had decided first—a reduction of £25. Seconded by Cr. Roddis.

Subsequently, the motion was withdrawn by Cr. Kirkpatrick, and the amendment carried.

Mr Luker was then informed by the president that a £25 reduction had been made, and he thanked the council for it.

MR. O'SULLIVAN'S PROPERTY.

Mr Wm. O'Sullivan appealed against the valuation of his shop and residence.

The secretary said the valuation was £45 now, and the previous one £30.

Mr O'Sullivan signified, in answer to a question, that he was prepared to accept the council's decision. He said he failed to see why the valuation should be increased from £30 to £45. Property had not increased in value, but had decreased since the depression. He had made no improvements, but had just kept the place together. It wanted painting, and he could not afford to do it.

To Cr. Sinclair—He had sold 20 ft. since the last valuation for £30. That was a speculator's price. He would not have valued it at that.

To the president—That was a little more than three years ago.

In answer to Cr. Roddis, Mr O'Sullivan said that previous to buying the property, he only paid 10/ and 11/ a week rent for it, and paid rates and taxes as well. That included the dwelling. The speculator were prepared to give him the sum named for the 20 ft., and if he sold it to them, that was their look-out.

Mr O'Sullivan retired, while the matter was further discussed.

Mr Schlicht said he understood Mr O'Sullivan paid £800 for the property, and sold 20 ft. for £220 to Messrs Kelly & McDonald. If the property had been put up by auction, it would have brought more than £800. A place on the opposite corner was sold for £600, and if put up to auction, would have realised £1000. The fact that a place was bought privately did not show the full value.

Cr. Sinclair—They could not take too much notice of that £200; Kelly & McDonald being then likely to leave their office, and having to get ground somewhere.

Mr Schlicht — It was reasonable value at the time. No shop in the main street was let under 15/ a week.

Cr. Sinclair—That side of the street was not so good for business as the other side.

Mr Schlicht—There were two auctioneers on that side, and they did great as well as the one on the other side. (Laughter). The other side was the better mainly because Weatherspoon's shops were there, which comprised most of the main street in Beaufort.

After further discussion, the president informed Mr O'Sullivan that the council did not feel inclined to make any reduction.

Mr O'Sullivan said it was a pretty harsh decision. He had expected some reduction, but he had given his word that he would leave it in their hands.

Cr. Troy—He thought that in this case they should absolve Mr O'Sullivan from his promise.

It was understood that Mr O'Sullivan would be at liberty to take the case to court if he so desired.

MR. A. G. HAYWARD'S FARM.

Mr A. G. Hayward, Lake Goldsmith, appealed against the valuation of his farm of 436 acres being increased from £113 to £130, and said he was prepared to respect the decision of the council.

Mr Hayward said the unimproved value of his land was not quite £5 10/ an acre. It was now rated at £6, and the improvements would not balance. It was the worst block on Trawalla. He would like to know whether the valuer had ever been over it. Some of it was not worth 30/ an acre. The sandhill would not grow anything. There were some good places on the creek, and there were two swamps. The last time the board were there, 100 acres were declared unsuitable to work.

To Cr. Roddis—There were 280 chains of fencing on it, and a house. He thought £6 too high a valuation. If a person offered him £6 an acre, he would take it, but the board would not transfer it. He would have to remain on it, because he could not get out.

To Cr. Sinclair—The board allowed him so much on it a few years ago.

To Cr. Elder—All the sandhill would grow was scrub, while there was decent crop alongside.

The president—A lot of Trawalla land would give 30/ an acre for.

In answer to Mr Schlicht, Mr Hayward said he had 336 sheep, and usually reared 300. He cultivated 60 acres this year. He was once offered £11 an acre and would not take it, and afterwards asked £9/10/, and he could have got £8.

Mr Schlicht said the board's valuation was £5/10/, and there was now a house, wool-shed, stables, and other improvements on it. Every man on Trawalla believed that his block was the only one out of the 96 that was over-valued. They were all under-valued at the original valuation.

Mr Hayward—No one knew Trawalla better than Cr. Stewart.

Mr Schlicht—The president knew it from the outside.

Mr Hayward—You have not been in it in the winter time.

Mr Schlicht—He thought the valuation was really low, and they had heard Mr Hayward complain before.

Mr Hayward said Mr Schlicht had come down in summer, but he would like him to come in winter.

In answer to Cr. Roddis, Mr Hayward said that when he was offered ward said that when he was offered £11 an acre, he was a goat to let it go. He got 2/ a lb. for wool then, and 3/6 for oats. Dairying had now come down 50 per cent.

Cr. Kirkpatrick — Things were down 100 per cent. in some cases.

Mr Hayward retired while the matter was further discussed.

Cr. Roddis—He thought the man had no excuse at all. He had stated that only recently Mr Schlicht had offered him £11 an acre for the property.

Mr Schlicht—It was on account of a buyer.

In answer to Cr. Roddis, Mr Schlicht said he could sell the place quite easily for £6 an acre, but Mr Hayward could not take it.

Cr. McKay—On the sheep running on it and the land cultivated, it was over-valued.

Mr Schlicht—Mr Hayward also had horses, cattle, and pigs, and did a little farming.

Cr. McDonald—It was hard to get a block on Trawalla that had not a swamp.

Mr Schlicht—He did not drive over a man's paddocks in the valuation. No block on Trawalla was without a swamp of some kind. He thought Trawalla was all valued low, compared with other land in the district.

The president—Some Trawalla land he would not have at a gift.

Cr. Roddis—If we are asked they should be careful about. A lot of settlers thought they were entitled to employment. Xmas, in addition to the weekly expenditure for customers. The council was asked to grant half as much in cash or material.

The secretary said it looked as if they had to employ unfortunate men.

Cr. Roddis drew attention to the claims of the Carnghan Cemetery Trust. There might be a chance of getting some work done there under sustenance.

After some discussion, in which it was pointed out that the money must be spent on reproductive works, and the claims of unfortunate men and other unemployed were debated (it being pointed out that there were no unemployed in the West Riding), Cr. Russell moved that the money be divided between the North and East ridings, that the engineer draw up some work in those ridings; men registered on the unemployed list, not yet in receipt of sustenance, to do the work; and also that each riding add £10 to the grant, making the total up to £100.

Cr. Roddis—Would you keep the sustenance men out, who were working nine hours for 1/6?

Cr. Russell—This was an additional grant.

The secretary—The other men could go and register.

Cr. Sinclair seconded the motion, which was carried.

MT. EMU RESERVE.

A letter was read from the Lands Officer, Ballarat, stating that in regard to the Mt. Emu reserve, a special enquiry board was to be held at Beaufort on Thursday, 15th December, and asking that a representative of the council be appointed to express an opinion.

The president—We have done all we can with it.

The secretary—The council did not want to accept any responsibility for it.

Cr. Roddis outlined the history of the reserve, and said the council had given up their responsibility.

The president—The Lands Department will sell it.

Cr. Elder—Why not do the same with it as the Lake Goldsmith common?

Cr. Troy moved that a representative of the council attend the Board and express the opinion that the council desired to have no responsibility, or to have anything whatever to do with it. He suggested that one of the officers attend. Seconded by Cr. Elder, and carried.

Cr. Sinclair—The council wanted the Government to take it over and do what they liked with it.

Cr. Russell—The officer should point out to the board plainly that the council accepted no responsibility for the reserve at all, and recommended that if the board leased it, they have the scours attended to, and the rabbits kept in check, and if they could not do that, sell it.

Cr. Sinclair—The officer should be very definite about it.

Cr. Troy—That was understood.

CARNGHAM SPORTS.

The secretary read a letter from the Carnghan Sports Club, applying for the use of the racecourse on 2nd January, with the right to charge admission, and have a publican's booth.—Granted, under usual conditions, on motion of Crs. Russell and Roddis.

APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH INSPECTOR.

The secretary asked councillors to think over before next meeting a letter received from the Public Health Department, re appointment of health inspector. The Department stated that no further delay would be permitted in the matter, and the provisions of the Act must be enforced. The council was asked to take the necessary steps to have an inspector appointed, and it was suggested that a group be formed with other councils in the neighborhood of Ballarat. It was considered that such a group could be worked, and the cost would not be excessive. The Ballarat health officer would be pleased to give the council any advice.

Cr. Russell—We made the move last time.

The secretary—When dealing with it, they must consider that the salaries being paid to the present health officers could not be touched. Drs. Humphreys, Reid, and Donaldson would still be kept on as health officers. Only the inspectors would be dispensed with.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—They would want a conference of the shires concerned.

The secretary—The local health officers cost £50 a year.

Cr. Sinclair—If their senior-constable were qualified, he could carry on the work.

VALUATION APPEALS.

Cr. Troy—Would the secretary notify the other appellants in regard to the valuation who had not asked that they could appear at court if they wished?

Cr. Russell—He did not think they could alter it if they had heard them.

The meeting then terminated.

PERSONAL.

Miss Beth Schlicht, of Beaufort, is going to Wagunya, N.S.W., for a holiday.

The engagement is announced of Alice Gladys, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. M. Bibson, of Hay, N.S.W., to Percy, youngest son of the late Mr J. Stevens, and of Mrs Stevens, of Waterloo, near Beaufort.

Mrs Jas. French, of Beaufort, has been appointed by the Ballarat Mrs McIntyre, of Brewster, Trawalla settlement, has suffered a bereavement in the death of her father, Mr Sweeney, at Bendigo. Deceased was 73 years of age, and at one time lived at Waterloo.

Mrs Power, of Trawalla settlement, has been an inmate of a private hospital in Ballarat, but is now convalescent.

Mr Tolliday (the Trawalla S.M.) and Mrs Tolliday, have been holidaying in Melbourne and Gippsland.

Stewart, the 14-year-old son of Mr and Mrs Tolliday, of Trawalla, has booked a passage to Scotland, where he is going to live with his mother's relatives, and work in the tobacco industry.

The State President of the C.W.A. (Mrs R. Beggs, of Buln Gherin) has made plans for a ten-day tour. She will conduct meetings, at which she will speak and give demonstrations, at Beaufort, Trawalla, Rushworth, Shepparton, Katandra West, Orrvale, and Kyabram.

Mr F. W. Barnes, Undertaker, manager of the E.S. & A. Bank, Beaufort, has been on holidays; the relieving manager being Mr Bodycombe.

Mr N. White, of Beaufort, is in the Melbourne Hospital, suffering from a poisoned finger. The doctor have decided to amputate the finger as soon as the swelling goes down. Mr White recently met with an accident at a local mine.

RIPON CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

FIXTURES FOR 1932-1933.

Amphitheatre is now out of the competition, and clubs drawn against that team will have byes.

First Round.

October 29th.—Footballers v. Waterloo, at Beaufort; Warrak v. Beaufort, at Warrak; Amphitheatre v Lonarch, at Amphitheatre.

November 5th.—Mena v. Waterloo v. Beaufort, at Waterloo; Lonarch v. Warrak, at Lonarch; Footballers v. Amphitheatre, at Beaufort.

November 12.—Beaufort v. Lonarch, at Beaufort; Warrak v. Footballers, at Warrak; Amphitheatre v Waterloo, at Amphitheatre.

November 19.—Lonarch v. Waterloo, at Lonarch; Footballers v. Beaufort, at Beaufort; Warrak v. Amphitheatre, at Warrak.

November 26th.—Footballers v. Lonarch, at Beaufort; Waterloo v. Warrak, at Waterloo; Amphitheatre v. Beaufort, at Amphitheatre.

Second round will be played on the following dates, but on the opposite clubs' grounds:—December 10th, December 17th, January 6th, January 13th, January 20th.

Third Round.—February 3rd, February 10th, February 17th, February 24th, March 3rd. The matches will be played on the same grounds as the first round.

Fourth Round.—March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and April 7th. These matches will be on the same grounds as the second round.

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THE BEAUFORT SHOW.

A SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION.

DISTINCT IMPROVEMENTT ON LAST YEAR.

FINE DISPLAY IN HORSE SECTIONS.

The 62nd annual show of the Beaufort Agricultural Society, which took place at the local Park on Saturday, was a distinct improvement on its immediate forerunner, both in regard to the number of entries and the attendance. The weather was delightfully fine, and the gate receipts amounted to £51/2/9, which was an increase of about £10 on last year. The gate takings in 1931 were £43/3/9, and in 1930 £67/17/6. About 80 motor cars lined the arena, and owing to the parking charge, many more were left outside. The social side of the Beaufort show always appeals to district graziers and farmers, who were noticed in little groups around the grounds, discussing market prospects in regard to wool, wheat, and oats, or talking about the latest scores in international cricket. Among the visitors were Sir A. J. Peacock, M.L.A. (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly), and Hon. Alan Currie, M.L.C., who met many of their constituents. It was mentioned with regret that the Hon. G. Bath, M.L.C., had been very ill in Ballarat. Mr Petrie, of the Buangor hotel, had charge of the publican's booth, whilst Mr A. Lewell conducted the fruit and confectionery stall, and Mr J. A. Bates the luncheon booth. A number of showmen and sellers of toys were present, but the sideshows were not so numerous as last year. The representatives of law and order (Senior-constable R. McCormick and Constable J. Duke) had no unpleasant tasks to perform, beyond administering a check to a couple of men who were carrying on an illegal game. Under the baton of Bandmaster W. Petersen, the Beaufort Town Band considerably enlivened the proceedings with a programme of lively selections. The ring events proved very attractive, and in one of the hunting events, John Denning had a heavy fall at a hurdle, but soon recovered, and was able to ride in subsequent events. That was the only mishap for the day. Mr J. J. Dunn was the attendant at the hurdles, and the stewards in the horse sections were Messrs A. Campbell, R. Ward, D. R. Hannah, H. Smith, and G. Topper. All the officials and stewards carried out their duties well, under the leadership of the Hon. Theodore Beggs (president) and Mr George Pringle (secretary). The society has an able and conscientious man as its president, and one who has a big and influential following. The secretary is really "the soul of the show," and much of the success of the exhibition is due to his enthusiasm, painstaking preparatory work, and uniform courtesy to all exhibitors and members. He also obtained £15 worth of trophies for the prize-list. Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon & Co. rendered a public service by installing a wireless set in the grounds, and keeping those present posted in the latest scores in the test cricket match being played in Sydney between the Englishmen and Australians. They also had on view one of the new Ford cars, which was of great interest to motorists, and was critically examined by them.

The entries totalled 908, and there was an increase of about £5 in entry fees on the 1931 show, when the total was 857, compared with 926 the previous year. The secretary anticipates that the society will have a fair profit on the show.

Sheep were a small class, in which there were eight entries; mostly fats being shown.

Judging by the magnificent display in the draught and light horse sections, there is something in the contention that the horse is coming back into its own on the farm and station. Some fine animals were shown, and the entries in many of the sections had increased twofold and threefold on the previous show. It is claimed that even more would have been shown had the train arrangements to Ballarat and Ararat been more convenient. It has been suggested that the society should take steps to induce the Railway Department to delay the 4.30 p.m. train to Melbourne by an hour and a half on show night, and try to get a horsebox or two taken on the 9 p.m. express for Ararat. In the parade there was an imposing display of draught horses, and everyone was well pleased with it. Noticed among the riders in the show ring were Sir Brudenell White, of Woodnaggerak, and his little daughter, the daughters of the Hon. Theo. Beggs, of Eurambeen, and Major Alex. Russell, of Mawallok, and Mr W. Lynch, of Raradene, Lake Goldsmith, a veteran competitor. The entries in the draught horse sections numbered 49, whilst 135 light horses were shown.

Some excellent samples of grain, roots, and hay were shown; the entries numbering 19.

Fruit and vegetables were confined to collections; there being three entries. The quality was first-class.

There were 25 exhibits in the class for dairy produce, and the excellent quality of the exhibits showed the capabilities of district farmers in this direction.

Poultry was an interesting class for fanciers, and the 40 birds exhibited were much admired for their breeding and quality.

The cookery class was very well filled; there being 171 exhibits. This feature of the show was a very attractive one for the ladies; together with the fancy work class, in which there were 59 artistically-worked articles on view. There were two collections exhibited in the section for sparrow eggs.

The class for flowers, in which there were 41 entries, made a very pretty display, and the rare blooms shown were highly praised by gardeners.

There were 58 entries in the class for dogs, and this part of the show proved of interest to almost everyone present, as man's canine friend never lacks admirers.

One of the most important, attractive, and best-filled classes in the show was the educational one, where some very fine samples of the work of the children in the district schools was displayed. Entries totalled 288. In regard to the essays, the judge (Mr V. J. Parson) stated that four did not comply with the conditions; the writers extending themselves to 650 and 700 words, where only 300 to 350 were required.

There were 10 entries in the class for cattle, and some nice dairy cows were shown.

The sheaf-tossing contest attracted 21 entries and was very interesting, and 58 entries were received for the sheep-guessing competition.

Taken all round, the show was as good as the best of its forerunners, and the society should be able to improve it to such an extent that those who argue that the days of agricultural shows are over will be compelled to admit that they are in the wrong.

Following is the complete list of entries:—Sheep, 8; grain, 21; fruit, 4; dairy produce, 31; poultry, 45; dogs, 47; cookery, 171; fancy work, 53; flowers, 45; educational, 288; sheaf tossing, 22; cattle, 10; horses—draught, 46; light horses, 147; trots, 12; sheep-guessing, 58; total, 908.

Following are the awards:—

SPECIAL CLASS FOR SHEEP.

Judge: Mr R. G. Beggs. Steward: Mr T. W. Hannah.

Three fat long-woolled or crossbred wethers—15/ and 5/—J. R. O'Brien, 1.

Three fat merino wethers—15/ and 5/—A. Fraser, 1.

Three fat long-woolled or crossbred ewes—15/ and 5/—T. W. Hannah, 1; Mrs M. J. Millar, 2.

Three fat merino ewes—15/ and 5/—A. Fraser, 1.

Three fat lambs—15/ and 5/—A. Campbell, 1 and 2.

Judging live weight of fat sheep—Case of cutlery, valued at 17/6 (gift of Foy & Gibson, Melbourne)—F. Liston, 1. Weight, 119½ lb.

HORSES.

Judges: Major Alan Currie (light horses), Messrs Jas. Mitchell and W. McCubbin (draughts). Stewards: Messrs A. Campbell, R. Ward (draught), D. R. Hannah, H. Smith, and G. Topper (light).

Draught stallion, over 3 years—£2—W. Linke's "Craiglright," 1; H. Haywood's "Heather Jock," 2.

Draught stallion, three year—£2—R. L. Henderson's "Korongi Bold Kerrston," 1.

Draught stallion, two years—£2—R. Dunn, 1.

Draught golding or filly, three years—£1 and 10/—W. Lynch, 1; M. Welsh, 2.

Draught golding or filly, two years—£1 and 10/—J. R. Stokes, 1; W. Lynch, 2.

Draught golding or filly, one year—£1 and 10/—W. Lynch, 1 and 2.

Draught colt, one year—£1 and 10/—J. Stokes, 1.

Pair draught horses—£1 and 10/—A. and J. Fraser, 1 and 2.

Pair draught horses (owned by soldier settlers)—£1 and 10/—A. Campbell, 1; R. J. McErvale, 2.

Best draught dray mare or gelding (driven)—£1 and 10/—J. Grant, 1; A. and J. Fraser, 2.

Draught mare—£1 and 10/—W. Lynch, 1; A. and J. Fraser, 2.

Draught mare, with foal at foot—£1 and 10/—R. L. Henderson, 1; S. Boyle, 2.

Draught foal—£1 and 10/—R. L. Henderson, 1; S. Boyle, 2.

Champion draught entire, any age, for society's blue ribbon—R. L. Henderson's "Korongi Bold Kerrston."

Champion draught mare, any age, for society's blue ribbon—W. Lynch's "Widgiewa Goldsmith Maid."

Remount mare or gelding, capable of carrying 14 st.—£1 and 10/—W. Lynch, 1; A. E. McGaffin, 2.

Hackney, mare or gelding, within a radius of 20 miles of Beaufort—£1 and 10/—W. Lynch, 1 and 2.

Hackney mare or gelding (open)—£1 and 10/—A. E. McGaffin, 1; W. Lynch, 2.

Pony, 14 h. and not over 14.2 (driven)—£1 and 10/—L. Lindsay, 1 and 2.

Light delivery horse (driven)—£1 and 10/—F. Smith, 1; W. Humphries, 2.

Heavy delivery horse (driven)—£1 and 10/—W. H. Williams, 1.

Pony, 13 h.a.u. (driven)—£1 and 10/—L. Lindsay, 1 and 2.

Pony, 14 h. and not over 14.2 (ridden)—£1 and 10/—L. Lindsay, 1 and 2.

10-st. Hunter (for horses within a radius of 20 miles of Beaufort)—£2 and £1—W. Lynch, 1 and 2.

Pony, 13 h.a.u. (ridden by boy or girl)—£1 and 10/—L. O'Brien, 1; Ivie McErvale, 2.

Buggy horse, over 14.2 h. (driven)—£1 and 10/—A. E. McGaffin, 1.

Best turnout (pony, 14.2 h.a.u.; gig, and harness)—£1 and 10/—L. Lindsay, 1; J. Delima, 2.

Hunter, to carry not less than 10 stone—£2 and £1—W. Lynch, 1; J. Delima, 2.

Handicap trot for horses, 1½ miles—£2 and £1—S. Pascoe's Grattalene, 70 yds., bhd. ser., 1; J. Delima's Billy, scr., 2. Won easily by eight or nine lengths. Six starters.

Handicap Trot for ponies, 1 mile—£2 and £1—C. E. Brown's Sandy, 60 yds. bhd. scr., 1; J. Delima's Billy, 30 yds. bhd., 2. Won by a head. Five starters.

Pony hunter, 14.2 h.a.u.; to carry not less than 9 st.—£2 and £1—T. F. Gibson, 1; J. Delima, 2.

Hackney, over hurdles; minimum weight, 10 st.—£2 and £1—T. P. Gilson, 1; J. Delima, 2.

Lady's hackney (ridden by lady)—£1 and 10/—A. E. McGaffin, 1.

Best lady rider—£1—Miss McMurtrie.

Pair buggy ponies, 14.2 h.a.u. (driven)—£1 and 10/—L. Lindsay, 1; C. E. Mundra, 2.

Best boy rider, under 14 years—10/ and 2/6—L. O'Brien, 1; A. Delima, 2.

Best girl rider, under 14 years—10/ (gift of Mrs P. Butt, Ararat) and 2/6—Rosemary White, 1; Virginia Russell, 2.

Pony, under 12 hands—£1 (gift of Major A. Currie) and 10/ (gift of Hon. Theo. Beggs)—Lin. O'Brien, 1; Ivie McErvale, 2.

Sheaf-tossing competition (steward, Mr A. Campbell)—First, E.P. NS. Cup, valued at 55/ (gift of Messrs Dunkling & Co.); second, 10/—D. Lynch, 1; J. White, 2. Winner's height, 31 ft. Twenty-two entries.

GRAIN, ROOTS, AND HAY.

Judge: Mr Theo. Schlicht. Steward: Mr W. Lynch.

Three bushels any variety wheat—First, bag of superphosphate (gift of Commonwealth Fertilizers Co.); second, 5/—W. Lynch, 1.

Three bushels white oats—12/6 and 5/—Geo. Topper, 1; G. Collins, 2.

Three bushels Algerian oats—First, bag of superphosphate (gift of Cresco Fertilizers Co.); second, 5/—Geo. Topper, 1; W. Lynch, 2.

Sheaf hay (oaten)—First, bag of superphosphate (gift of Commonwealth Fertilizers Co.); second, 5/—G. Collins, 1; R. Ward, 2.

Sheaf hay (wheaten)—First, bag of superphosphate (gift of Commonwealth Fertilizers Co.); second, 5/—Cushing Bros., 1; W. Lynch, 2.

Cert. hay chaff (cut by exhibitor)—12/6 and 5/—B. & W. Co-op. Society, 1 and 2.

Cert. of potatoes—First, bag of superphosphate (gift of Cresco Fertilizers Co.); second, 5/—Cushing Bros., 1; C. Thomson, 2.

Four bushels Perennial Rye grass—10/—Geo. Topper, 1; W. Coutts, 2.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

Judge: Mr Theo. Schlicht. Stewards: Messrs M. Excell and J. Kirkpatrick.

Best collection of vegetables—First, 1 bag superphosphate (gift of Cresco Fertilizer Co., Geelong); second, 5/—Mrs R. J. Millar, 1; A. Fraser, 2.

Best collection of fruit—10/ and 5/—A. Fraser, 1.

Special exhibit—Mrs J. Heagney, highly commended.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Judge: Mr A. M. Elder. Stewards: Messrs F. Ellis and John Ellis, junr.

2 lbs. Separated Butter—First, 10/6 (gift Wallace Butter Co.); second, 5/—Mrs L. Lindsay, 1; Mrs A. Fraser, 2.

Ham—5/ and 2/6—Mrs R. J. Millar, 1 and 2.

Flitch bacon—5/ and 2/6—Mrs R. J. Millar, 1; Miss Cushing, 2.

Dozen hen eggs—5/ and 2/—G. Collins, 1; Mrs R. J. Millar, 2.

Dozen duck eggs—5/ and 2/—Mrs M. J. Millar, 1.

POULTRY.

Judge: Mr J. Kenworthy. Stewards: Messrs C. Cushing and A. Lewell.

Prizes in each section, 5/ and 2/6.

Buff Orpington, cock—D. Sievewright, 1; Max Cole, 2.

Buff Orpington, hen—Max Cole, 1.

Black Orpington, cock—J. Thomson, 1; Mrs J. M. Power, 2.

Black Orpington, hen—Mrs J. M. Power, 1.

Plymouth Rock, hen—J. H. George, 1.

Indian Game, cock—A. Lewell, 1 and 3; J. R. O'Brien, 2.

Indian Game, hen—A. Lewell, 1 and 3; D. Sievewright, 2.

Minorca, cock—W. H. Williams, 1 and 2.

Minorca, hen—W. H. Williams, 1 and 2.

Leghorn, white, cock—W. H. Williams, 1.

Leghorn, brown, cock—W. H. Williams, 1.

Pair common ducks—Mrs J. M. Power, 1.

Pair geese—J. R. O'Brien, 1.

Rhode Island, cock—W. H. Williams, 1 and 3; A. Lewell, 2.

Rhode Island, hen—A. Lewell, 1; W. H. Williams, 2.

Wyandotte, cock, silver—A. Lewell, 1.

Light Sussex, cock—A. Beggs, 1; Sir Brudenell White, 2.

Light Sussex, hen—A. Beggs, 1; Sir Brudenell White, 2.

Champion bird in show, for blue ribbon—A. Lewell (Indian Game hen).

COOKERY.

Judges: Mesdames Notman and Walker. Stewards: Messrs H. Smith and P. Kelly.

Six pots jam—First, case of assorted products (donated by Rosella Jam Co.); second, 2/6—Mrs F. M. Bambrook, 1; Mrs J. Excell, 2.

Three bottles tomato sauce—5/ and 2/6—Mrs R. J. Millar, 1; Mrs N. Lyons, 2.

Six bottles preserved fruits—5/ and 2/6—Mrs J. M. Power, 1; Mrs J. Kirkpatrick and Mrs R. J. Millar, equal 2.

Home-made bread, loaf not less than 4 lbs. and not over 4½ lbs.—First, 150 lb. bag of flour (gift of Messrs W. C. Thomas & Co.); second, 5/ (gift of Mrs G. Coates)—Mrs H. Stewart, 1; Mrs S. Boyle, 2.

Loaf of home-made wholemeal bread—5/ and 2/6—Mrs G. Galbraith, 1; Mrs S. Boyle, 2.

Dozen scones—7/ and 3/ (gift of McAlpine's Self Raising Flour Co.)—Mrs S. Boyle, 1; Mrs R. J. Millar, 2.

Plate of scones, made by girl under 14—7/ and 3/ (gifts of Mrs J. Excell)—Jean Smith, 1; Freda Glenister, 2.

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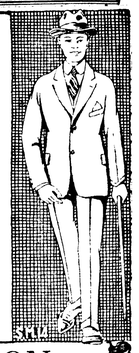

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SCHOOLS' PICNIC.

PICNIC TO BE HELD AT GEELONG ON JANY. 10.

There was an attendance of 24 residents, including a number of ladies, at a meeting at the Shire Hall on Tuesday night, to decide whether the annual district schools' excursion was to be run this year, and it destination. Mr H. J. Buchanan presided.

Mr J. Cole, one of the secretaries, read the balance-sheet of the last picnic, which showed receipts amounting to £158/0/8, and expenditure to £148/16/9, showing a credit balance of £11 12/9.—Accepted on the motion of the chairman, who said it must be considered satisfactory.

Mrs Robert moved that a picnic be held this year. Seconded by Mrs Cole, and carried unanimously.

Mr H Brown moved that the picnic be held in Geelong. Seconded by Mrs Hughes.

Mrs Parker moved, as an amendment, that the picnic be held at the Melbourne Zoo. Seconded by Mrs Holdsworth.

Mr R. McCormick moved, as a further amendment, that the picnic be held at Portland. Seconded by Mr A. Mc Parker, pro formâ.

Mr W. R. Glover moved, as a further amendment, that the picnic be held at Ballarat. Seconded by Mr Saph.

Mr Glover's, Mr McCormick's, and Mrs Parker's amendments were held; the motion that the picnic be held at Geelong being carried.

Mr Webster moved that the picnic be held on the second Tuesday in January (the 10th). Seconded by Mr McCormick, and carried.

It was suggested that the train leave at 7 a.m., and reach Beaufort on the return journey at 10 p.m., leaving Geelong at 7 p.m.

It was stated that the adult return fare to Geelong would be 9/9, and that for children 5/7; both fares being cheaper than last year's to Melbourne.

Mrs J. R. Hughes and Mr J. Cole were elected joint secretaries, and the members of the Mothers' Guild as collectors.

It was understood that each child would receive a free ticket.

TENNIS.

BEAUFORT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The draw is as follows:—

First Round.

October 22—Methodists A v. Trawalla B; Trawalla A v. Raglan.
October 29—Trawalla B v. Trawalla A; Raglan v. Methodists.
November 5—Trawalla B v. Raglan; Methodists v. Trawalla A.
Nov. 12—No matches.

Second Round.

November 19—Trawalla B v. Methodists; Raglan v. Trawalla A.
November 26—Trawalla A v. Trawalla B; Methodists v. Raglan.
December 3—No matches.
December 10—Raglan v. Trawalla B; Trawalla A v. Methodists.

All matches are to be played on the courts of the first-named team.

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DEATH.

KIRKPATRICK.—On the 6th December, at Miss Paterson's home, Beaufort, Lillias Bruce, dearly beloved wife of James Glendinning Kirkpatrick, of Nerring.

Deeply mourned.

"THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE."

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"Social intercourse with other folk removes many false impressions."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1932.

MINING LEASE.

Mr J. G. Stevenson is applying for a lease of 20 acres at Beaufort, on behalf of the Hope Extended.

MINING.

For four days the Beaufort Hope mine yielded 17 oz. of gold, including a 2 oz. nugget. The yield to Friday morning was 21 oz.

AXEMAN INJURED.

Mr W. J. Roberts, a resident of Ballarat, who was working at Mr. Cole, had the misfortune to gash his foot with an axe.

BONE IN THROAT.

While having some pure soup, Mr A. Kirkpatrick, of Lake Goldsmith, got a small bone caught in his throat, and had to go to a specialist in Melbourne to have it removed.

CRICKET MATCHES.

The Ripon cricket competition will be resumed to-day (Saturday), the fixtures are:—Wattavale v. Beaufort Featherlites, at Waterloo; Beaufort v. Warrak, at Beaufort.

ARM BROKEN.

Frank, the little son of Mr and Mrs J. Duke, of Beaufort, had a fall at the Beaufort railway yard on Sunday, and broke his arm. This is particularly unfortunate, as he broke his arm about 12 months ago.

BALLARAT HOSPITAL FETE.

Gifts for the produce stall at the garden fete, to be held on 16th and 17th Decr., in aid of the Ballarat Hospital, may be left at Mr W. W. Ashley's pharmacy, where they will be collected by Mr J. Duke, secretary of the local auxiliary.

AFTER-THEATRE DANCE.

There was a good attendance at the dance held by Mr L. French at the Beaufort Picture Theatre after the Talkies on Saturday night. Miss Rose Roberts was the musician. The novelty dances were won by Mr and Mrs W Gleeson and Mr Liston and Miss Dickman.

CARD SOCIAL.

The members of the Beaufort Mothers' Guild held a card social at "Lillirie," the residence of the secretary (Mrs J. R. Hughes) on Tuesday night. The euchre prize for the ladies and the leg-in in the aggregate competition was won by Mrs Hughes; Mrs J. Day winning the other prize. The winners at the second table were: Mrs G. Wilson and Miss R. Roberts.

BURGLARY IN BEAUFORT.

During the past year or so, burglaries have occurred in Beaufort at the B. & W. store, Wotherspoon's store, Cougle's drapery shop, the railway hotel, and the Aussie Cafe, and on Tuesday night, thieves again visited the town, and broke into Mr A. A. Grace's jewellery establishment. About £100 worth of articles of jewellery (mostly of gold) were taken. The thieves entered by the fanlight over the back door. The police are investigating.

CONCERT FOR ORPHANAGE.

Under the direction of Mrs Mather, the Ballarat Kia Ora team gave a very enjoyable entertainment at the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Thursday night, in aid of the Ballarat Orphanage. There was a fair attendance, and Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair presided. The programme was well contributed, and consisted of solo and ballet dancing, vocal exercises, songs and recitations; the young performers being a credit to those who trained them. Cr. Sinclair thanked Mr Roy Reed for arranging the concert, and bringing the Kia Ora team to Beaufort. In responding, Mr Reed thanked Messrs Duke and Saph, and Cr. Sinclair for their assistance, and apologised for the absence of Mr Ludbrook.

PERSONAL.

In a group pictured in the "Sun" of the Queenscliff Younger Set and the councillors, who played a cricket matchlast week, were Miss Shirley Campbell and Cr. Colin Campbell, who are well-known in Beaufort; Cr. Campbell being one of the owners of Langi-Kal-Kal Estate.

Mr Cliff Pringle came home to Beaufort from Yarram for the week-end. He recently received an injury.

Mr and Mrs E. S. Crouch, of Beaufort, have had Mr Crouch's father as a guest.

Plain-clothes-constable H. McDougall, of Melbourne, visited his parents at Main Lead during the week-end.

Nan Williams, a pupil at the Beaufort Higher Elementary School, has been awarded half a resident scholarship at the Ballarat Church of England Girls' Grammar School. The scholarship is tenable for three years, and is valued at £20 a year.

Mr W. Pocock, assistant C.R.B. engineer at Beaufort, is to be transferred to head office at the end of the year. His departure will be sincerely regretted by his many friends in the Literary and Debating Society, Cricket Club, Tennis Club, Masonic Lodge, and Anglican Church, among whom he is a popular figure. Mr Joyce will succeed him.

Mr Taylor, of Melbourne, has been spending a holiday at Beaufort as the guest of Mr and Mrs J. Duke.

Mr S. Whiting, of Beaufort, has been very ill lately.

Mr J. George, of Beaufort, is still on the sick list.

FIRE BRIGADE.

ANNUAL MEETING AND SMOKE NIGHT.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Fire Brigade, held at the Fire Station on Monday night, was attended by 21 active and reserve members. An apology was received for the absence of Foreman N. Lardner. The secretary (Fireman Duke) said he thought they would be unable to get in a social before Xmas. The captain said there was a 5/- trophy for a hydrant race next practice night. A letter was read from the Ballarat City brigade, re holding a competition prior to the annual one, and forming an association.—This is to be discussed at the Warrnambool demonstration, and the captain is to attend, with power to act. Foreman N. Lardner applied for leave of absence, as he was unable to attend the meetings.—It was decided to apply to the board for leave of absence for three months for Foreman Lardner. The Clunes Athletic Club forwarded a circular re fire brigade events at sports on December 31st. Accounts amounting to £3/5/ were passed for payment. The captain said that Mr R.A.D. Sinclair had promised a 10/ prize for a fire brigade event. It was resolved to write and thank the donor. It was decided to have the competition hose couplings attended to. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Captain and treasurer, W. F. Smith; lieutenant, W. Day; foreman, E. Hopkins; assistant-foreman, L. Fitzpatrick; auditor, Mr W. Stevens; secretary, Fireman J. Duke. The secretary reported a credit balance at the bank of £41/6/11. The captain reminded members of practice night in a fortnight's time.

A social gathering was afterwards held, at which there were many ex-officers and guests, including Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair and W. Humphries (two ex-captains of the old Volunteer Fire Brigade, who wore their uniforms and medals), and Messrs G. Wilson and C. Day (two former captains of the present brigade). There were 30 present. Captain R. A. D. Sinclair, a member of the Country Fire Board, presided. Community singing was indulged in; Mr E. Wilson being the pianist. Songs were given by Fireman J. Duke and Mr J. Dunstan.

After the loyal toast had been honored, "The Country Fire Brigades' Board" (coupled with the name of Captain R. A. D. Sinclair), was proposed by Ex-captain G. Wilson, who referred to the good work of the board, and Captain Sinclair as a member of it.

Ex-captain H. M. Stuart spoke in support. He had often crossed swords with his friend, Captain Sinclair, who was a member of the Volunteer Fire Brigade 40 years ago. The board did good work, and some of their actions he did not agree with—the doing away with the Wendouree and Newtown and Chilwell brigades. He had seen the more—the Wendouree brigade at three fires near Bishopscourt. They could retrench some other way than taking away established brigades. The board should make the insurance companies pay a little more.—[Captain Sinclair: That was the work of members of Parliament.] Everyone else paid two taxes. The power behind the throne was too strong to get it remedied. He hoped that their board member would do his best to see that the insurance companies did a little more.

In responding, Captain Sinclair thanked them for drinking the toast of the board. He thanked them on behalf of Captain McPherson for assisting to re-elect that gentleman and himself to the board, and for nominating them. It was a foregone conclusion that Cr. Taylor, of Beaufort, and Cr. Harrison, of Ballarat, would be re-elected as the councils' representatives. He also referred to the three Government nominees, who were never disturbed until there was a resignation. The board's board representatives were always looking to the interests of the brigades. They asked that the hulls be not let to outside factories for functions, which policy was dictated by the Government. The argument of the councils was that the insurance companies should pay half. Australia was the only part of the world where insurance companies had to pay towards fire brigades. The minute they made the insurance companies pay half, they would put up their premiums. The Government had cut the Country Fire Board down £8000, and the metropolitan board £48,000. The board cut out mostly brigades where there was no centre at all. At Wendouree, Long Gully, Newtown and Chilwell, the Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong City, and Geelong West brigades, could be at fires with motor pumps before the local brigades with their reels. He had fought for a motor hose carriage at Beaufort, but they wanted a decent one. He did not see why they could not raise enough money here to buy a second-hand car, and fit it up themselves. Numurkah and Beaufort took it as a compliment that they had local members. He was proud to only too pleased, if they thought the brigade were being done an injustice, to do all he could for it.

Captain W. F. Smith proposed, "Ex-firemen of the Brigade," and said they were the originators.

Fireman J. Duke (secretary) spoke in support, and said a few words in praise of the pioneers of the country fire brigades, such as Ex-captains Stuart, Humphries, and Sinclair. Mr Stuart was one of the oldest former firemen living at the present time. The speaker was the peacock of the Castlemaine brigade as a child, and of three old firemen there then, two were still going fancy goods—Messrs H. Cuthbertson, J. George, and L. Bennett; ice cream—Messdames J. Cole and W. Gillingham. Those who waited at the afternoon tea tables were:—Mesdames H. Brown and Woodall, Misses S. Jackson, J. Lyons, J. Skene, E. Davis, G. Brown, W. Smith, and N. Martin. Games, tennis, croquet, and miniature golf helped to pass the time away. Six o'clock tea was served for the business people who were unable to be present earlier in the day.

COMING EVENTS

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

PANTOMIME FOR BEAUFORT.

King Pantomime for ever reigns supreme in the hearts of young and old, and his loyal subjects are to be given the opportunity to pay him homage, when Alf. J. Broadway (well remembered as manager of the Royal Blind Entertainers) will present his comedy pantomime, Red Riding Hood," at the Beaufort Picture Theatre, on Thursday, Decr. 15th. The show is direct from 64 performances at the Playhouse Theatre, Melbourne; four weeks at the Academy Theatre, Launceston; two weeks at the Royal Theatre, Hobart; and is now in its 300th performance in principal cities and towns. Alf. Broadway and Jim Ronalds, will be the principal fun-makers. Elfie Peterson will play the name part of Red Riding Hood. The specialties are many, including the Aerobatic Marvels, the Juggling Broadways, Denis, the educated pig, and the Sunshine Beauty Ballet. Special prices are advertised.

"LAW AND ODDER" AND "HUSBAND'S HOLIDAY" AT BEAUFORT THEATRE.

Guns blaze, pulses race, hearts quiver, as four fearless horsemen ride into the lawless town of Tombstone. What a picture! It sweeps you out of doors, and leads you to screen adventures never before pictured. It plunges you deep into the river of bad men and reckless women. The players in this Universal drama are Walter Huston, Harry Carey, Raymond Hatton, Russell Hopton, Ralph Ince, and Andy Devine. "Husband's Holiday," in which Clive Brook, Charlie Ruggles, Vivienne Osborne, Juliette Compton, and Harry Bannister take the leading parts, is a Paramount film that depicts a wife who doesn't even try the time-honored tactics when her husband strays. She knows everything the neighbors know, listens to advice from all her loving relatives, and then deliberately chooses to let her husband have his fling. Is she right? A visit to the Beaufort Picture Theatre to-night will suply the answer.

The annual meeting of the C.W.A. will be held in the Club Room, on Monday, Decr. 12th, at 8 p.m.

Get in a good mood for Xmas. See the Waterloo school children's concert at Waterloo next Wednesday night. Has it ever been a failure?

Children's fancy dress ball at Beaufort Picture Theatre, Wednesday, December 14th. Schools' excursion to Geelong, Tuesday, Jany. 10th, 1933.

Entries for footracing, cycling, and woodchopping events at the Beaufort Thistle Club's Boxing Day sports close on Saturday, 10th Decr., with the secretary (Mr W. Manson).

On Thursday, December 15th, Messrs Grant, Hedge & Biggar Pty. Ltd will hold a disposal sale of 3500 sheep, 50 cattle, etc., at Baangal Estate, near Skipton.

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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:—

Application Mrs Wilson, to lease road.—This road lies between allots. 28 and 15, sec. E1, Parish of Beaufort. The only person affected should be the holder of allot. 16, to which the road leads. Providing the owner of this allotment (Mr H. E. Cuthbertson) is agreeable, and given reasonable access thereto, and erection made of a substantial swing gate at each end of the road, I see no objection to the road being leased.

2. Beaufort Baths.—The walls of the baths have been straightened at the worst bulges, and tied back with semi-circular ties. The water from the Goldfields Reservoir to the baths has been completed, and is discharging 120,000 gals. per day into the pool. This amount is approximately one-third of the capacity of the baths, and constitutes a liberal stream constantly flowing through the pool.

3. Christmas Relief.—Christmas relief works for registered unemployed are in progress at Beaufort, Skipton, and Snake Valley.

4. Beaufort Water Supply.—Jonathan's Reservoir stands at 17 ft. 11 in. (full supply, 18 ft. 2 in.) The first demand on storage has occurred one month later this year than last year.

TENDERS.

The C.R.B. invites tenders for a contract on the Western Highway.

GARDEN PARTY.

The lady workers of the Beaufort Methodist Church were rewarded by a beautiful afternoon, when they held a garden party in the Church grounds on Thursday. Stalls and afternoon tea tables were arranged in the shade of a huge, old elm tree. Decorations were carried out in Iceland poppies of varying shades, and the scene was picturesque. The stallholders were:—Cakes — Mesdames C. Morvell and Willaston; fancy goods—Mesdames H. Cuthbertson, J. George, and L. Bennett; ice cream—Mesdames J. Cole and W. Gillingham. Those who waited at the afternoon tea tables were:—Mesdames H. Brown and Woodall, Misses S. Jackson, J. Lyons, J. Skene, E. Davis, G. Brown, W. Smith, and N. Martin. Games, tennis, croquet, and miniature golf helped to pass the time away. Six o'clock tea was served for the business people who were unable to be present earlier in the day.

MR. ERIC L. THOMAS, Dentist, of Ballarat, will visit Mr. Ashley's Pharmacy on THURSDAY NEXT 15 h DECEMBER.

THE Minister of Mines hereby gives notice it is intended to grant the undermentioned leases, subject to such terms, modifications, and reservations as may be necessary:—2537, Arnrat; R. Fitzpatrick; 22 a. 0 r. 19 p.; Parish of Trawalla.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1932.

Church of England.—Waterloo, 8; Beaufort, 11 and 7 (Xmas. carols); Trawalla, 3 (Xmas. carols)—Rev. A. Tolfrey.

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

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE.

WITHIN twelve days from the First day of December, 1932, I shall lodge with the Secretary for Mines, Melbourne, an application for a Lease, the particulars of which are:—

Name (in full) and address of each applicant—James Godfrey Stevenson, Nell Street, Beaufort.

Name by which mine will be known—Beaufort Hope Extended.

Area—About 20 acres.

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

Full description and precise locality of the land—Rifle Range, Sec. 11, Township of Beaufort, part of Common Reserve, Allot. 12A, Sec. 3, Allot. 12, Sec. 3.

Name of each owner and each occupier of the land, as far as applicant has been able to learn—Owners: Lands Department, c/o. Ripon Shire Council; Mr. Skoza, Beaufort. Occupiers: Ripon Shire Council, and Managers of the United Common; Mr. W. Skoza, Beaufort.

Whether the boundaries of the land include any river, creek, deposit or permanent water, swamp or artificial reservoir—Yam Holes Creek.

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

Term required—15 years.

Estimated expenditure—£3000.

Metal or Mineral to be worked—Gold.

Quartz or alluvium —Alluvium.

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General remarks—

Signature of Applicant—JAMES G. STEVENSON.

Place and Date—Beaufort, December 7th, 1932.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the C.W.A. will be held in the CLUB ROOM on THURSDAY, DECR. 15th, at 2.30 p.m. Election of officers and Committee. Voting closes at 3.30. Members are invited to bring a friend. A. F. STEWART, Secy.

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BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB'S SPORTS, to be held in Park on BOXING DAY, December 26th, 1932, including 412 events. Foot racing—Caledonian Handicap, 130 yds.—£5 and Silver Cup, 30/ and 10/. Entry, 5/. 220 yds. Handicap—£2 10, and £1. Entry, 2/6. Handicap Underhand Woodchop, 30-inch girth log—£5 and Blue Ribbon, 30/, and Trophy. Entry, 5/. Handicap Standing Block Woodchop, 36-inch girth log—£2 and £1. Entry, 3/. Novice Underhand Woodchop, 36-inch girth stringy bark log. For competitors who have not won a prize of £2—and 30/. Entry, free. Competitors to supply own logs and fix same. All logs to be drawn for. One-mile Bicycle Race—£1 and Blue Ribbon and £1. Entry, 3/6. Half-mile Bicycle Race—£2 and £1. Entry, 2/6. Two-mile Bicycle Race—£3 and £1. Entry 2/6. One-man Marshall Trophy. Entry, 6d. Two-men Marshall Trophies. Entry, 1/ per team. Also Junior Boys' and Girls' Races and Games. Admission, 1/6; Children, 6d. Motor Cars, Free. GRAND PICTURE SHOW in PICTURE THEATRE at Night. QUADRILLE ASSEMBLY to follow. R. T. MACDONALD, Chief; W. MANSON, Secretary.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

Exhibition Building, Carlton, N.3.

TENDERS, addressed to the Secretary of the Board, and endorsed "Tender for Contract 522H/1076," will be received at this Office until 2.15 p.m. on MONDAY, 12th DECEMBER, for the supply and delivery of 540 cubic yards of screenings or gravel in the Western Highway, between Cardigan and Burrumbeet. Plans and specifications at this Office; the Shire Office, Learmonth; and Office of the District Engineer, Beaufort. Preliminary deposit, £5 per cent. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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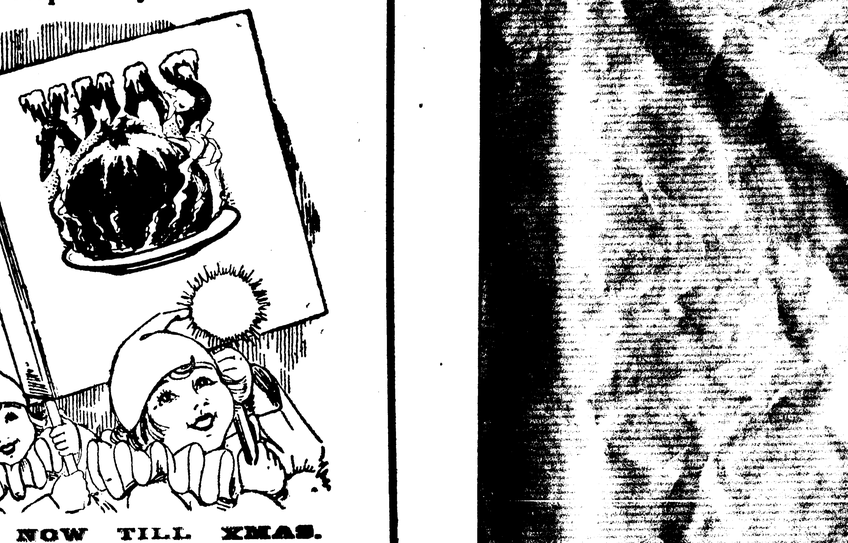

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BOXING DAY SPORTS.

ENTRIES for Footracing, Cycling, and Woodchopping close on SATURDAY, 10th DECEMBER, with W. MANSON, Secretary Beaufort Thistle Club.

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WATERLOO SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CONCERT.

THE EVENT OF THE YEAR! Supported by a Sparkling Onea-act Comedy, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14th. First-class Orchestra for DANCE TO FOLLOW. Supper provided. Admission—Concert, 1/6; Dance, 1/. H. S. STEWART, Correspondent.

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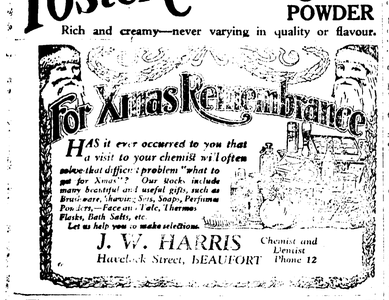

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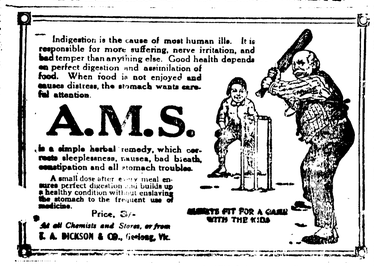

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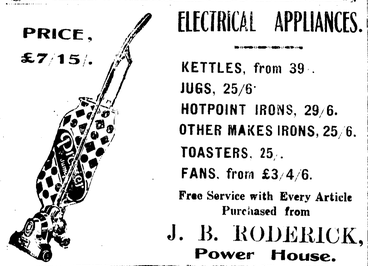

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Nut cake—5/ and 2/6—Miss Amy Glover, 1; Mrs S. Lyons, 2.

Shortbread—5/ and 2/6—Mrs J. Thomson, 1; Mrs J. Excell, 2.

Ginger cake—First, trophy, valued at 10/ (gift of Messrs D. and H. Murray); second, 2/6—Mrs J. S. Cook, 1; Mrs Excell, 2.

Best collection of biscuits—5/ and 2/6—Mrs W. Chibnall and Mrs J. M. Thompson, equal 1.

Best round cake—First, trophy, valued at 15/ (gift of anonymous donor); second, 3/6—Mrs J. Excell, 1; Miss M. Hannah and Miss E. Abel, equal 2.

Sponge sandwich 5/ and 2/6—Miss E. Jones, 1; Miss Cushing, 2.

Sponge sandwich, for girls under 15—5/ and 2/6 (gifts of Mrs Francis Oddie)—Joyce Cuthbertson, 1.

Plate of puff pastry—First, six 1 lb. tins of assorted biscuits (gift of Messrs T. B. Guest & Co.); second, 2/6—Mrs R. A. Millar, 1; Mrs J. Excell, 2.

Plate of scones—Miss C. Excell, 1; Miss J. Manson, 2.

Plate of assorted pastry, for members of Beaufort Branch of Country Women's Association—7/ and 5/ (gifts of Miss Lewis)—Mrs W. Chibnall, 1; Miss Adelie Stewart, 2.

Fruit cake, for girls under 20—5/ and 2/6 (gifts of Mrs Francis Oddie)—Joyce Cuthbertson, 1.

Best Xmas cake, undecorated made from manufacturer's own recipe—First, 10/6 (gift of Mr H. O. Collier); second, 5/—Mrs J. Excell, 1; Miss Cushing and Mrs R. J. Millar, equal 2.

Largest collection of sparrow eggs—First, 10; other exhibits to be paid for at the rate of 6d per 100 eggs (gifts of Messrs T. W. Hannah and Grey Topper)—Jane Kirkpatrick (11½), 1; Norman Lyons, 2.

Aggregate prize in the cookery class—150 bag flour (donated by Bridgewater Flour Co., Kerang)—Mrs J. Excell, 25 points.

FANCYWORK.

Judges: Mrs Lewis and Mrs Connor. Stewards: Messrs W. J. Stevenson and D. Stewart.

Best section knock, made by girl 18 years of age, or under—First, silk slip, valued at 10/6 (gift of Messrs Lucas & Co., Bulleen); second, 5/—Miss Marjy. Kewley, 1; Miss Wendy Smith, 2.

Best collection of fancy work of different varieties—First, manicure set, valued at 30/ (gift of Messrs Sherwood & Dowd, Melbourne); second, 5/—Miss Annie Draffin, 1; Mrs J. McPhelge, 2.

Tray cloth, 18 in. x 27 in, Montmelise—5/ and 2/6—Miss A. Draffin, 1; Miss Ella Coates, 2.

Tray cloth, 18 in. x 27 in., colored embroidery—5/ and 2/6—Miss Maud Lumsden, 1; Miss A. Stewart, 2.

Tray cloth, 18 in. x 27 in., Montmelise—5/ and 2/6—Miss A. Draffin, 1; Miss Cushing, 2.

Supper cloth, colored embroidery—5/ and 2/6—Miss Ella Coates, 1; Mrs A. Draffin, 2.

Supper cloth, crochet work—5/ and 2/6—Miss E. A. Lowe, 1; Mrs Mardling, 2.

Collection of crochet work—First, 10/6 (gift of Messrs Jago & Co., Ballarat); second, 5/—Miss E. Smith, 1; Miss Violet Crocker, 2.

Three crochet doyleys—5/ and 2/6—Miss A. Draffin, 1; Mrs B. Bamford, 2.

Three doyleys, other than crochet—5/ and 2/6—Miss A. Draffin, 1; Miss M. Lumsden, 2.

Best embroidered apron—5/ and 2/6—Miss E. Crouch, 1; Miss E. Morvell, 2.

Pair knitted socks (woollen)—5/ and 2/6—Miss C. Manson, 1; Miss A. Draffin, 2.

Fancy or Fair Isle knitted jumper—5/ and 2/6—Miss C. Manson, 1 and 2.

Best knitted jumper—5/ and 2/6—Miss E. Morvell, 1; Miss C. Manson, 2.

Trophy, value 10/6 (gift of Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon & Co.) for exhibitor in fancy work class obtaining the highest number of points—Miss A. Draffin (19 points), 1.

FLOWERS.

Judge: Mr D. Sievewright. Steward: Mr S. G. Thompson.

Collection of cut flowers—5/ and 2/6—Sir Brudenell White, 1; Mrs A. Fraser, 2.

Best-arranged three vases flowers—First, E.P.S. vase, valued at 8/ (gift of Bushell's Tea Co.); second, 2/6—Miss Alma Kirkpatrick, 1; Miss Diana Beggs, 2.

Best-arranged basket flowers—5/ (gift of Mr T. Larkin) and 2/6—Miss Marjory Kewley, 1.

Best-arranged bowl flowers—5/ and 2/6—Mrs Theo. Beggs, 1.

Best-arranged hand bouquet—First, 5/; second, 2/6 (gift of plants to be selected from Mr J. E. Day)—Miss Marjorie Kewley, 1; Miss Phemie Kewley, 2.

Six roses—First, assortment of flower seeds valued 7/6; second, 2/6 (gifts of Messrs Gill & Scarle Pty. Ltd.)—Mrs P. George, 1.

Three most artistic buttonholes—First, 5/ (gift of Mr W. F. Smith); second, 2/6—Miss G. Brown, 1; Miss White, 2.

Collection of pansies—5/ (gift of Mr A. Grace) and 2/6—Miss Diana Beggs, 1; Noel Wotherspoon, 2.

Collection of snapdragon—5/ and 2/6—Miss M. Eddie, 1; Mrs Theo. Beggs, 2.

Collection of Shirley poppies—5/ and 2/6 (gift of choice seeds by Jas. Railton & Co.)—Mrs J. Day, 1; Mrs A. Fraser, 2.

Collection of Iceland poppies—5/ and 2/6—Mrs Theo. Beggs, 1; Miss Ida Pringle, 2.

Collection of sweet peas—5/ and 2/6—Mrs A. Fraser, 1; Miss M. Oddie, 2.

Collection of carnations—5/ and 2/6—Mrs R. J. Millar, 1.

Collection of nemiloga—5/ and 2/6—Mrs Geo. Coates, 1; Miss P. Kewley, 2.

Collection of delphiniums—5/ and 2/6—Mrs Theo. Beggs, 1.

DOGS.

Judge: Mr J. Kenworthy. Steward: Mr W. H. Williams.

Prizes in each section, 5/ and 2/6.

Australian Terrier—Mrs McColl, 1; L. Lindsay, 2.

Collie (rough)—J. McErvale, 1.

Sheep dog—H. Rogers, 1; P. Laird, 2.

Terrier—H. Rogers, 1; J. Kirkpatrick, 2.

Pointer—F. Ellis, 1; W. Ellis, 2.

Greyhound—W. Lynch, 1; W. McCordy, 2.

Greyhound sapling—W. Lynch, 1; G. Collins, 2.

Kelpie—J. Robertson & Son, 1; A. Fraser, 2.

Pomeranian—Nan Williams, 1; L. Lindsay, 2.

Cocker Spaniel—A. Lewell, 1; Miss M. Hall, 2.

Retriever—D. Sievewright, 1.

Cattle dog—J. Robertson & Son, 1; V. Lynch, 2.

Champion dog in show—W. Lynch's greyhound dog, "Larrabee." Special prize recommended—Mrs W. Thomson, Airedale; —Goudie, Scottish bitch.

CATTLE.

Judge: Mr D. Stewart. Steward: Mr P. J. Kelly.

Best bull 1 yrs.—11 and 10/—J. A. Harris, 2.

Best dairy cow—First, hand-one EP.N.S. cup, valued 12/ (gift of Sir R. Bickford, Ballarat); second, 10/6—H. Norman, 1; J. McErvale, 2.

Fat cow—11 and 10/—Mrs Geo. Coates, 1; J. T. Glover, 2.

EDUCATIONAL.

Judge: Mr W. J. Parson, Steward: Mr F. Williams.

Map of United States of America, for children attending school—3/ and 2/6—John Wilkie, 1; Hazel Graham, 2; Alberta Wise, 3.

Map of India (under 14—3/ and 1/6—Margaret Norton, 1; Ivy Angus, 2; Alberta Wise, 3.

Map of Victoria (under 12)—3/ and 1/6—Margaret Norton, 1; Albert Pearce, 2; Fred Blackwell, 3.

Work-book, VII. and VIII. grades; forms D., E., F.—3/ and 1/6—Edna Wilkie, 1; Hazel Graham, 2; Alberta Ramsay, 3.

Work-book, V. and VI. grades—3/ and 1/6—Beryl Macdonald, 1; Alva Wise, 2; Ada Gleuister, 3.

Work-book, III. and IV. grades—3/ and 1/6—Iris McKenzie, 1; Mavis Johnston, 2; Joan Notman, 3.

Writing (under 14½ years), page of foolscap—3/ and 1/6—Gwen Green, 1; Margaret McDonald, 2; Muriel Nicholson, 3.

Writing (under 12½ years)—3/ and 1/6—Andrew Baker, 1; Archie Dickman, 2; Ted Hauser, 3.

Writing (under 10 years)—3/ and 1/6—Rose Cowles, 1; Lyla Clough, 2; Bob MacPhie, 3.

Pastel drawing, for grade VIII. or forms D., E.—3/ and 1/6—Ida Wilkie, 1; Vera Trengove, 2; Alberta Ramsay, 3.

Pastel drawing, for grade VII. or form F—3/ and 1/6—Margaret Norton, 1; Norman Lamb, 2; Muriel Nicholls, 3.

Pastel drawing for grade VI.—3/ and 1/6—Albert Pearce, 1; Archie Dickman, 2; Margaret MacDougall, 3.

Pastel drawing, for grade V.—3/ and 1/6—Millie Glenister, 1; Bob MacPhie, 2; Win Dickman, 3.

Pastel drawing, for grade IV.—3/ and 1/6—Clive Worrall, 1; Ron Murray, 2; Miriam Dickman, 3.

Hobby work (any article made from wood, cardboard, or metal), for schoolboy under 14½ years—3/ and 1/6—Wallace Smith, 1; Norman Lamb, 2; Don Jones, 3.

Hobby work—Any article made by schoolgirl under 14½ years—3/ and 1/6—Jean Smith, 1; Milly Glenister, 2; Nancy Topp, 3.

Essay, not less than 300 words nor more than 350 words, on "The Gold Mining Industry"—5/ (gift of Mr Geo. Principe) and 2/6—Nan Williams, 1; Don Slater, 2; Reg. Graham, 3.

Pastel drawing, two birds no one object—3/ and 1/6—Tom Dickman, 1; Gwen Green, 2; Alberta Ramsay, 3.

Aggregate for children over 12 years—5/ (gift of Mr H. Smith)—M. Notman and Edna Wilkie, equal 1 (10 points each).

Aggregate for children under 12 years—5/ (gift of Mr Wm. Lynch—Albert Pearce, 1 (8 points).

BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute was held on Monday evening, when Messrs W. W. Ashley (president), C. McKay, T. Williams, H. V. Martin (secretary), and A. Parker were present. The secretary reported that the receipts for the 9month amounted to £10/6/9. As sufficient entries had not been obtained for a billiard tournament for which trophies had been given, it was resolved that it be held over till next year. A letter was received from W. F. Smith, challenging a team of four players from the Institute to play a friendly match with a similar number of players from his saloon (200 up); to be played on the Institute tables. As it was considered that no revenue would be derived from the match, no action was taken. The secretary was instructed to get the grounds cleaned up and seedlings cut before Xmas, at a cost of about £1; also the back fence repaired. The secretary mentioned that a profit of 31/ had been derived from the recent bridge evening. Mr McKay also mentioned that a mistake had been made in the report that he had donated one of the trophies. It should have been Mr H. E. Cuthbertson. Mr Williams moved, and Mr McKay seconded, that the secretary be authorised to pay the December accounts, as there would be no meeting till the annual meeting was held at the end of January or the beginning of February. The president said he would like to see the meeting-room renovated, but it was rather late in the year. The secretary mentioned that a record had been established in the number of books obtained this year, although certainly there were many second-hand ones.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

CARRANBALLAC.

A picnic was held in the school grounds on Friday, 2nd inst. The committee granted a holiday for the occasion. The parents of the children were all present, and nearly all the young people. A good time came along, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Numerous races for the children were run. Mr Cardiff and Mr W. Williams were the handicappers, and some very good races resulted. The hat race caused much merriment; and also the sack race. The young ladies' race was the best of the day. It was run in two heats, and only a yard separated the six of them at the finish of the final. Afternoon tea, provided by the ladies, was partaken of in the school, and the children were each given lollies, apples, and bananas, to finish up. In the evening a social was held in the hall, and old-time dancing and some games for the children were indulged in. A tasty supper and more fruit and lollies terminated a very happy time. As a conclusion, Mr W. L. Fay thanked the ladies for the assistance they had rendered.

Ploughing has commenced in the district on some farms, and will be general in a few days. Crops generally have the average being made the right too much wet. This will be a heavy year for grass everywhere in Victoria. Some farmers are cutting grass hay.

The rainfall for October was 15½ points, and for November 157 points.

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COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Messrs. D. R. Hannah and Co. report:—Cattle: 6 steers, heifers and cow, Mr. R. Leishman, Pine Hills Estate, Deniliquin, N.S.W., to £7/12/6, averaging £5/17/; 2 steer, Mr. W. Franks, Warrenheip; 4 steer, Mr. Jas. Ford, Blowhard, at £6 2/6. Calves: 14, Mr. Jas. Ford, Blowhard, £5/16/, averaging £4/6; 7, Mr. R. Leishman, Deniliquin, N.S.W., to £6/16/, averaging £5/6. Sheep: 146 crossbred ewes, Mr. L. A. Daniels, Elmore (outside); 142 2-tooth crossbred ewes and wethers, Messrs. D. and F. Draffin, Windermere, ewes at 13/8, wethers at 10/11; 122 merino wethers, Mr. H. Birkett, Windermere; 92 ewes and lambs, Mr. T. W. Hannah, Lamonde, Stockyard Hill; 85 ewes, Messrs. J. and R. Richardson, Wallinduc; 66 wethers, Messrs. Leys Bros., Burnbank, to 10 Lambs: 245 shorn, Messrs. Leys Bros., Burnbank; 182 shorn, Mr. E. Franklin, Ballarat; 129, Mr. Geo. Topper, Oakbanks, Beaufort, to 11/7, averaging 10/9; 100 Mr. Jas. Ford Blowhard, to 11/7, averaging 11/3; 43, Mrs. C. Smith, Learmonth, to 12/4; 34, Mr. T. W. Hannah, Stockyard Hill, to 11/7; 32, Mr. A. C. Smith, Learmonth, to 12/4; 20, Messrs. J. and R. Richardson, Wallinduc, at 12/4; 2, Mr. Geo. Leishman, Snizort, Clunes.

The following district sales are reported by other auctioneers:—5 calves Messrs. Ryan Bros., Chute, at £3/12/; 114 merines, Mr. W. McKay, Carngham, wethers to 9/3, averaging 8/3; 42 lambs, Mr. W. T. Bagnall, Carnadallan, to 12/5, averaging 11/7; 57 lambs, Mr. A. Campbell, Trawalla, to 11/7, averaging 10/3; 20 bullocks, Mr. C. Osborne Fairbain, Banongil, Skipton, to £9/15/, averaging £9/4/; 4 steer, Mr. J. G. Brown, Montview, Chepstowe, £5/5/; 46 shorn lambs, Messs. Ringin Bros., Chepstowe, at 9/.

HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL OFF-SHEARS SALE AT STREATHAM.

HIGHEST PRICES FOR SEASON.

10,000 SHEEP.

Messrs. Grant, Hedge & Biggar Pty. Ltd. report that they conducted their annual off-shears sale in their Streatham yards (in conjunction with Messrs. H. Laidlaw & Co. Ltd.) on Tuesday, 6th inst. The yarding comprised drafts of young sheep from the leading district stations and graziers, which were admired for their breeding and condition. An unusually large number of buyers was in attendance from Hamilton, Casterton, Stawell, Willaura, St. Arnaud, Melbourne, Mortlake, Geelong, Camperdown, Ballarat, Swan Hill, Bolac, Dunkeld, Glenthompson, Alexandra, and a record muster of local graziers. Competition was very keen throughout, and prises were from 1/6 to 2/ in advance of previous district sales, and vendors were highly satisfied with the prices realised. Practically a total clearance was effected. Following are some of the principal sales:—A/c. Bon Nerrin Station: 466 merino wethers, hand-shorn, good condition, 9/4; 360 merino wethers, 1 year, 8/1; 330 merino ewes, 1 year, 8/4; 410 merino ewes, 6/8; aged ewes, to 5/10; 25 Border Leicester rams, £3/3/. A/c. W. Waldron: 301 merino wethers, 4 years, 8/6; 144 merino ewes, 2 years, 9/1. A/c. Nerrin South Station: 613 merino wethers, 1 year, 8/; 450 merino wether lambs, late drop, 5/10. A/c. Hon. Agar Wynne, Nerrin Nerrin: 220 merino ewes, 1 year, 8/5. A/c. W. G. Bryant: 275 shred ewes, full mouth, 10/9. A/c. J. Reid, Vite Vite: 200 merino wethers, 1 year, 7/9. A/c. J. Robertson, "The Rises": 402 cbk. lambs, mixed sexes, 6/2; 155 merino merino ewes, 2 years, 9/6.

BEAUFORT OFF-SHEARS SALE

Messrs. Grant, Hedge & Biggar Pty Ltd. report having held their off-shears sale in their Beaufort yards on Thursday, 8th inst., when they yarded over 5,000 high-class sheep direct from district graziers. Buyers were in attendance from Geelong, Natte Yallock, Avoca, Ararat, Stawell, Streatham, Lexton, Ballarat, and surrounding districts. The bountiful season was reflected in the condition of the sheep yarded, and competition was keen throughout. A clearance was effected at prices highly satisfactory to vendors. The principal prices were as follow:—650 4-tooth comeback wethers, nice condition, well grown, 9/5; 100 merino wethers, hand-shorn, 2 and 3 years, 8/2; 212 merino ewes, 1 year, 7/9; merino ewes, 4-tooth, 8/1; merino ewes, 6-tooth, 9/5; 260 crossbred lambs, to 10/5, averaging 9/6; merino wethers and ewes, 1 year, from 8/10 to 7/9; merino ewes, 5 years, 7/; merino wethers, 5 years, 6/3.

HONOR BLAZER.

The Old Boys' Association in connection with the Junior Technical School has again presented an honor blazer for the boy foremost in sport and study, prominence being given to sport. The blazer has been awarded to the school captain, Victor Hunt. There is another prize for sport and study awarded in the school, emphasis being laid in this case on study.

OBITUARY.

MRS. LILLIAS BRUCE KIRKPATRICK.

The death of Mrs. Lillias Bruce Kirkpatrick, wife of Mr. James G. Kirkpatrick, farmer, of Nerring, occurred at her sister's (Miss Patterson's) residence at Beaufort on Tuesday last. Deceased, who was no old and respected resident of Nerring, had been ill for over a year. She was 65 years of age, and was the daughter of the late Mr. Jas. Patterson, who was a schoolteacher at Nerring for many years. Deceased had been the organist of the Trawalla Church for many years until failing health prevented her from carrying out the duties. As a token of respect to deceased (who had been a scholar at the school), the flag at the Nerring school was flown at half-mast. Deceased possessed many excellent qualities, and her death is regretted by a wide circle of friends. She leaves a widower, sisters, and brother, and our sympathy goes out to them in their loss. On Thursday afternoon the remains of the late Mrs. Kirkpatrick were interred in their last resting place in the Beaufort cemetery in the presence of a very large assemblage of sorrowing friends and relatives of deceased. The coffee was moved from the residence of deceased's sister (Miss O. Patterson), Beaufort, where an impressive service was conducted by the Rev. J. P. MacDougall. The hymns, "The Lord's My Shepherd," "Day is Dying in the West," and "For Ever with The Lord," were sung at the house; whilst at the graveside two verses of the hymn "Abide with Me" were sung. The casket, which was covered with very many beautiful floral tributes of sympathy, was borne to the grave by Messrs. J. Anderson, J. Fraser, and J. Ellis (Vidal Town) (nephews), John and Robert Kirkpatrick (brothers-in-law), and W. F. Smith. The chief mourners were Mr. Jas. Kirkpatrick (husband), Miss Patterson, and Mesdames W. W. Anderson and A. Fraser (sisters), Messrs. Robt. and John Kirkpatrick, W. W. Anderson, and Andrew Fraser (brothers-in-law), Mesdames John and A. Kirkpatrick, Acton, and Miss B. Kirkpatrick (sisters-in-law), Messrs. J. Anderson, J. Fraser, J. Ellis, G. and Jas. Kirkpatrick, junr. (nephews), and the Misses Nellie and Audrey Anderson, and Alma and Mina Kirkpatrick (nieces). Included amongst the floral tributes was a special wreath from the Beaufort Methodist Sunshine Girls. Mr. Chas. Waldron, who was an intimate friend of the deceased, assisted the Rev. J. P. MacDougall with the burial service at the graveside. The mortuary arrangements were carried out by Messrs. F. W. Barnes and Son, of Ballarat and Beaufort.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

WATERLOO.

Next Wednesday night will see all Waterloo at its best. The school children's concert has been a star attraction for the past few years, and all concerned in the event next Wednesday night are not likely to allow the important function to fall below previous performances. There will be ice cream and soft drink stalls, and a generous supply of supper by the local ladies; and with two free buses from Ballarat, the dance will also be some swell.

STOCKYARD HILL.

At the Stockyard Hill P.W.M.U. after a well-attended meeting and a specially fine tea, a very nice presentation was made to Miss Ward of a handsome leather shopping bag, for a Christmas gift, and in token of her 11 years' services as president; also to Miss Lewis (the retiring secretary and treasurer) of a beautiful cut glass electric lamp from the congregation, and a fine suitcase from the members of the P.W.M.U. Mr. Angus and Mr. Elder from Skipton, Mr. Troy, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Stewart spoke in praise of Miss Lewis and the family. Miss Lewis and Miss Ward responded with feeling and appreciation. Rev. Mr. Connor also spoke and conducted the gathering, and Deaconess Green gave an interesting account of her work at Erskine Mission, to which the church sends goods and clothes; also 62 cakes this month. Bouquets were presented to Miss Ward and Miss Lewis from Mrs. J. Ewell and Miss Alma Kirkpatrick. All sympathised with the Kirkpatrick family and regretted their absence.

BEAUFORT SWIMMING CLUB.

A committee meeting of the Beaufort Swimming Club was held at the Shire Hall on Monday evening. Mr W. R. Glover being in the chair. It was decided to hold a Swimming Carnival at the baths on Wednesday evening, 28th inst., weather permitting, otherwise on Saturday, 31st inst. A programme of events was drawn up. The president and secretary were authorised to make arrangements for a caretaker for the season. It was also decided to hold a working bee on Saturday (to-day), at 2 o'clock, and continued on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The committee (Mr. J. J. Fitzpatrick) reported that he had received a donation of £1/1/ from Mr. W. Liston, and was instructed to send him a letter of thanks.

On Monday night 26 points of rain were recorded at Beaufort and on Wednesday night 9 points fell.

BEAUFORT POLICE COURT

MONDAY, DECR. 5, 1932.

(Before Messrs. P. D. Ellis, P.M., and L. Smith, J.P.)

ASSAULT CASE.

Constable John Duke charged Alexander MacPhie with assaulting Clare, on 5th November, 1932, by lawfully assaulted Alexander Skene.

Mr David Clark appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

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

Alexander James Skene, blacksmith, Beaufort, stated that on the night of last month, in the evening, he was at Chute at a bonfire celebration there. He was talking to some visitors from Melbourne, at 8.30, and was leaning on the car with one hand in his pocket, and one on the car. Alex MacPhie came round the front of the car, and said to witness, "What about that few bob?" Witness said, "I won't talk to you about it." With that, he got a blow on the face, which cut his lip, and the cheek on the inside. MacPhie struck the blow, H could not say whether defendant did it with his hand or something else. Witness said, "You are a rotten coward. You might have waited till I was fit." Defendant said he had waited six months for him. The next thing, witness's wife came, and defendant said, "Are Vera Trengove? She said, "Yes." Defendant said, "I am sorry I'll spoil the bonfire for pleasure," and laughed in her face. Defendant also said that to her she was a rotten coward. You might be out of the hospital, after an operation for goitre. He heard Trengove call his brother-in-law, Smith, say that defendant might have waited till he was fit. Defendant said that he (witness) had said some awful things to him at some time or other. They took witness away in a car, and bathed his face. He was taken to his sister's place, then to the doctor, and after treatment, he constable Duke. He still had bruises on the face and chest, and a scar on the lip.

To Mr Clark—He showed the doctor the bruise on his chest later. He was green there now. He was under chloroform for three hours for the goitre operation. The bruise developed a few days after defendant hit him. He did not have his lip stitched. The doctor told him the lip was a place where there would be always a scar. The cut was an inch in extent. He had not worked since, and was a month out of the hospital before that. He would have been working before now, but for the way the man had carried on. The proceedings were his business, but one never could tell. His wife was sent off to Melbourne for the injuries as far as he knew. He had seen no shock which could affect his health. Trengove, he was suffering from. These injuries could be caused by a blow from a fist. He had seen Bert Trengove three or four times. He was alright. He was recovering from a severe operation, and the blow appeared to have shaken him considerably, and caused the wound of the operation to swell up, to some extent. It also upset his power of speech for about a week, but after that settled down to normal convalescence. There was a cut on the lower lip. The most of the injuries were of a bruising nature; also soft tissue from the eye to the chin was swollen.

To Mr Clark—Witness put no stitches in the cut in Skene's face. It was a small cut, and healed fairly well into place. It was quite possibly one third of an inch in extent, and was really a splitting of the lip at the corner. The congealed blood came down and appeared as a bruise on the chin.

Albert Ernest Trengove, farmer, Chute, stated that on the 5th Nov. while at Chute, at 8.20 p.m., he saw Skene standing near a car. He saw MacPhie and his brother come along from the front of the car. Alex MacPhie went on. A minute after he heard a smack, which he did not see. He could not say Skene having hit the ear, and that he had just had a blow. He did not see Alex. MacPhie strike Skene. He said to MacPhie, "Call yourself a man, to hit a man just come out of the hospital." Skene said, "You don't understand the case. He threw a letter down him on the floor, and ordered me out of the shop." Skene gave him no provocation whatever on that night. Skene's jaw was badly swollen. He did not hear Skene's brother say anything to MacPhie.

To Mr Clark—It was about 50 yards from the bonfire. The bonfire had not been lit then.

Senior-constable McCormick — It would be hard. (Laughter).

Witness—It had.

The P.M.—It did not make any difference.

Witness to Mr Clark—He was a brother of the brother-in-law of Skene's. He had no conversation about the case. He had seen Skene at the time, was not more than 9 or 10 yards from defendant. He did not hear Skene say, "Come on, I don't want to speak to you." Skene said, "Get away. I don't want to say anything." His brother said, "What sort of a man are you, Alex, to do a thing like that to a man who has just come out of hospital?" He heard someone say, "You should not hit a man when he has come out of hospital." Witness was excited, and he went to her. The occupants of the car should have been able to hear what Skene said.

The P.M. said the Bench believed the evidence of the witnesses for the informant that this man had unlawfully assaulted Skene. Defendant was fined £5.

Senior-constable McCormick asked for £2 costs, and was allowed 37/6.

Mr Clark asked for a stay of proceedings for a month, and the P.M. granted 14 days.

WARDEN'S COURT.

The P.M. afterwards sat as a warden's court.

William Bowman, of Main Lead, proceeded against Philip and Ernest Moon, of Main Lead, seeking to prove as the reason given to defendants' application for protection for portion of a claim was not correct.

William Bowman, Main Lead, miner, said he objected to Moon Bros. getting an exemption for three months on a claim they were working at Main Lead with three other men.

Defendants pointed out that they had applied for the exemption to allow time to get sufficient funds to carry on the claim. They had sent a quantity of gold, but the run got poorer, and they wanted something in the machinery line.

Senior-constable R. McCormick, mining registrar for the Raglan district, gave formal evidence as to the registration of the claim in the names of five men, including Moon Bros. An application by Moon Bros. was made for registration of portion of the claim.

The P.M.—They had better re-register first. Neither party had gone about it in the right way.

After further discussion, the P.M. said he would adjourn the case to 9th January, so that both parties could put the applications in proper order, and see what could be done in the meantime.

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SCORIA DEPOSIT.

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS MATERIAL.

At the monthly meeting of the Ripon Shire Council on Monday, the matter of disposal of surplus material from the scoria pit at Mt. Mommot was considered.

Cr. Troy—A fortnight ago he had a look at the scoria pit. A lot of stuff was being rejected—lumps of scoria, bluestone, etc. The contractors were carting it off the mount, and were dumping it on level ground. Quite a big area was covered, and if they continued, they would cover an acre or two. It would be worse when the rabbits got into it. There was a lot in the pit, causing a certain amount of inconvenience to fresh contractors. He thought they should devise some way of getting rid of this stuff. Seventy-five per cent. of it could go through the crusher with beneficial results. It was a matter of installing the crusher in the pit, and every now and then cleaning it up by crushing the oversized material into fine stuff to go on the road. It would be serious directly.

Cr. Stewart (president)—He had intended bringing it up himself.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—He had a look at the pit, and noticed oversized stuff in the way. Cr. Troy's suggestion was a good one. Some of the stuff going on the Lake Goldsmith road was on the big side, and should be crushed. Another thing was that the sides of the pit were too steep. There should be a sloped face there. The pit seemed to be opening up well, and there was an ample supply of scoria there.

Cr. Troy—He drew the men's attention to it. It was overhanging.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—There should be some safeguard. They should check them from taking it down too straight. He would not say it was dangerous.

Cr. Elder—He thought it was dangerous. There was also a number of tracks all over the place. They made a road for the men to go out, and they were making a thoroughfare of the paddock.

Cr. Troy—They were concentrating on the one track now.

The president—The wool on the sheep in the paddock where the tracks were was completely spoilt. The sheep would lie on the road, and the wool got quite red. He had decided to meet his colleagues of the West riding, and see if they could put a fence there to keep the stock off.

Cr. McDonald—He did not want them to run into a big expense crushing scoria. It was not that valuable. He would like to hear more about the cost of crushing before he agreed to the plant being put in.

Cr. Reddis—He had suggested in the first place that they should put their crusher there. It was a great harbor for rabbits. If it were his paddock, he would say he wanted something done.

Cr. Russell—What quantity of stone was there now, over and above what was wanted for the track?

The engineer—Probably 600 yds.

Replying to various councillors, the engineer said the contractor had no business to undercut. That was part of the contract. Before leaving the pit, he should straighten the walls. In regard to the numerous tracks, that was due to the council not following out his recommendation in the first case, and making the track stable. Now it had been made stable, they were keeping to it. Relative to the oversize material, Cr. Reddis must have misunderstood him if he thought he suggested that all the surplus should go on the track. There would always be a surplus that they would have to deal with by netting, or crushing and removing the scoria. In regard to the oversized material on the Skipton road that had been deplored, they had a standard of material, and he thought it was possible to keep contractors to that within reason. They followed the job up with the steam roller, which crushed the oversized scoria. To that extent, it was unwise to push the contractor to keep to the specified grade. They would lose to the extent that they would have to pay a greater price for a greater degree of hand selection. The only scoria that was oversized was that waiting to get the steam roller over it. In regard to crushing, the best suggestion was that the whole output go through. It would not be an expensive job. Firstly, the surplus material was being carted out to no value. It constituted a menace to the council in the future. It practically meant that the output was reduced by the amount wasted. If they put their crusher in the pit, that material would be carted out and would earn money. There would be an additional saving in that material to put it into hoppers, and the trucks would back into them and fill more rapidly, instead of its taking three or four men to handle a load. It would enable the trucks to do at least one more trip per day per truck. He estimated that probably it would not cost more than 1/ a yard to put the whole of the stuff through. He thought it could actually be done for less. It would relieve them of the liability of surplus material, that was likely to become a harbor for rabbits. In regard to the fencing, he would remind them of his report in which he suggested that they should purchase portion of that and the adjoining paddock. The natural development of the pit should be over that way. They should effect it for the simple reason that they had the obligation as to royalty rates between two landholders, and also the difficulty of moving the fence back. It was not necessary for present requirements, but they were faced with the possibility of having to move it back later.

In answer to Cr. Russell, the engineer said it was just as easy to handle the whole lot that way. There were certainly a few boulders that would not be worth cracking down, but about 95 per cent. of what had been thrown in the paddock could be made available.

In reply to Cr. Elder, the engineer said he would make the contractor responsible. He could crush the surplus heap, and crush for so many hours a day. If they got an output like that, it would be worth while having an additional truck to do the whole thing in unison.

Cr. Troy—The crusher could be put in such a position that the elevation would be on the down grade.

Cr. Russell—He thought they agreed that every contractor give an undertaking that he would leave the pit well cleaned up.

The president—That was understood.

Cr. Troy—He was prepared to move that the engineer bring up a report at next meeting, dealing with placing the crusher there.

The engineer—They could let the next contract on an alternative basis.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—They should clean up the pit before they let a contract.

Cr. Elder—Why could it not be stacked on the road and crushed there?

Cr. Sinclair—Would it not be better to crush it on the site?

Cr. Elder—They would need two settings.

It was again suggested that the engineer bring up a report at next meeting.

Cr. Russell—They did not meet till February. He suggested that the engineer clean up the 600 yds. lying there, and get it out before the summer was over. He moved that tenders be called for crushing the waste material outside the pit. That inside the pit should be cleaned up by the contractor on the job there.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—It would be better to include the cleaning up of it.

The engineer—They could not always give the last contractor the whole responsibility, because the first contractor left the whole surplus there, and he was not instructed by the council to force him to remove it. The difficulty was to say what was left, and which was the contractors' material.

In answer to Cr. Sinclair, the engineer said he could put some on the track, and some on the Mt. William road.

Cr. Sinclair seconded the motion, which was carried.

Cr. Elder—Would the engineer recommend putting out scoria in the summer time? Quite a number of roads he travelled upon seemed to be going to set only in the winter time.

Cr. Russell—They could put it on the side of the road. Fencing in would be an expensive business. In future, contractors should clean up the pit.

Cr. Troy—The stuff in the pit could be dealt with when the crusher got there. He had the idea that they were working towards the eastern side.

The engineer—It was shelving rapidly in the western corner. They got it easier going east. He thought the crushing should be a general charge, and delivery to the job it was going to.

Cr. McDonald—That was not fair, either.

Cr. Troy—It should be crushed and delivered to the ridings at so much per yard.

It was decided that tenders be called for the special meeting in January, on the motion of Crs. Russell 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:—

1. Application Mrs Wilson, to lease road.—This road lies between allots. 28 and 15, sec. E1, Parish of Beaufort. The only person affected should be the holder of allot. 16, to which the road leads. Providing the owner of this allotment (Mr H. E. Cuthbertson) is agreeable, and given reasonable access thereto, and erection made of a substantial swing gate at each end of the road, I see no objection to the road being leased.

Clause 1—H. E. Cuthbertson, Beaufort, wrote, offering no objection. The application of Mrs Wilson was granted.

2. Beaufort Baths.—The walls of the baths have been straightened at the worst bulges, and tied back with semi-permanent ties. The channel from the Goldfields Reservoir to the baths has been completed, and is discharging 120,000 gals. per day into the pool. This amount is approximately one-third of the capacity of the baths, and constitutes a liberal stream constantly flowing through the pool.

Clause 2—Cr. Sinclair congratulated the engineer on the good work done in connection with the baths. He understood that the stream would be reduced. The engineer—They did not want to unduly reduce the level of the Goldfields Reservoir, and would cut back the valve at discretion. Cr. Troy spoke in support of Cr. Sinclair. By lowering the Goldfields Reservoir they would do no harm, as it was being overgrown with weeds. They were also clarifying the water in the baths.

3. Christmas Relief.—Christmas relief works for registered unemployed are in progress at Beaufort, Skipton, and Snake Valley.

Clause 3—Received.

4. Beaufort Water Supply.—Jonathan's Reservoir stands at 17 ft. 11 in. (full supply, 18 ft. 2 in.) The first demand on storage has occurred one month later this year than last year.

Clause 4—The engineer informed Cr. Sinclair that the tenders for the concrete wall for Jonathan's dam would be called in January.

From J. Stewart, J. A. Hunt, and H. J. Stoddart, Beaufort, applying for an improved water supply in Sturt Street West, as they had a one-inch main between them, and it had not been cleaned out since it was laid.—The engineer reported:—Inspection on Tuesday, 6th inst., at 12 noon, disclosed that the one-inch main supplying three consumers appeared somewhat obstructed. Arrangements have been made for the cleaning of same, and the attention of two (Hunt and Stoddart) of the three householders affected drawn to the condition of their own private services, which will also require attention before a satisfactory supply may be expected. The 1-inch main, when cleaned, should be adequate for the three consumers connected thereto.

Cr. Sinclair—Were there any complaints about water in the street where Mr Geo. Loft lived?

The engineer—It was a case of too many consumers on a small pipe line.

RIPON SHIRE REPORTS.

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

The treasurer reported that £671 11/9 **(with cash in hand)** had been received **and banked** since last report, that £620/17/7 had been paid by cheques, and that the Cr. balance was £963/1/3, as against a Cr. of £312/7/3 at last report.—Adopted.

The secretary (Mr N. B. Acton) reported that the ridings account was as follows:—North, Dr. £715 15/4; East, Dr. £367/16/3; West, Dr. £198/2/6; Beaufort water supply, Cr. £1817/17/10; Trust., Cr. £162/17/3.—Adopted.

The following accounts were passed for payment **on the recommendation of the finance committee:**—A. Parker, £15/10/; Skipton "Standard," £2/3/; A. J. Graham (audit fees), £27/6/8; salaries, £74/16/10; engineer's car allowance, £12/10/; M. Roberts, £5; Treasury (water loans), £454/19/6; Closer Settlement Board, £78/9/5; A. Williams, 15/; G. George, £3/11/; W. C. Cheeseman, £5/9/6; J. T. Glover, £6; G. V. Slater, £1/15/; C. Morvell, £21/10/; T. E. Millist, £6/14/8; E. C. Earles, £ 7/7/2; Electric Supply, £18 14/4; P.M.G., £1; T. E. Millist, £5; A. Williams, £5/5/; J. R. Weatherspoon & Co., £4/16/9; R. Hewlett, £2/9/; Ryan & Stevens, 13/2; W. O'Sullivan, 18/; W. H. Williams, £3/9/7; J. Lyttle, £6; V. Martin, 17/; Gray's, £2/0/3; Yeoman Bros., £11/1/6; E. Dunstan, 15/; M. Dalley & Co., £1/15/; R. Ward, £1 1/4; A. Broadfoot, 19/3; A. W. Dunstan, £1/15/6; Railways Department, £23/12/1; Buchanan Bros., £5/5/6; Stevenson Bros., £12/15/6; State Insurance Co., 14/9; H. T. Norman, £3/18/7; B. & W. Co-op., £5/8/10; Sands & Johnson, £1/13/5; A. V. Wishart, £1/17/5; J. Callaghan, £2/12/3; J. A. Slater, 17/5; H. Kelly, 17/5; vouchers, £182 1/8; J. E. Wallish, £12/9/2; James Bros., £14/1/5; J. Nothnagel, 10/; C. E. Brown, £8/10/10; D. A. Carmichael, £16/3/6; Broodfoot Bros., £13 10/; C. E. Brown, £26/15/6; D. A. Carmichael, £1; total, £1113/16/10. C.R.B. payments—C. E. Brown, £136; Whitfield Bros., £10/7/; Buchanan Bros., £2/7/6; voucher, £21 6/8; A. V. Nicholl, £11/16/6; voucher, £81/5/; J. Callaghan, £17/18/; J. E. Wallish, £17/5/9; voucher, £5 2/9; H. Kelly, £19/4/7; J. A. Slater, £18/4/7; B. Tilley, £19/16/; Buchanan Bros., £19/16/3; Alf. Nunn, £205; C. E. Brown, £87/10/; total, £975/0/7.

The committee of the electric light undertaking reported that at a meeting held on 14/11/32, and attended by Crs. Troy, Sinclair, and McKay, the following accounts were passed for payment, on the motion of Crs. McKay and Sinclair:—Shell Co., £18/19/6; J. A. Harris, £5 16/6; Sands & Johnson, 11/1; Loan account, £175/11/8; J. B. Roderick, 18/; wages, £54/5/; total, £256/1/9. The tender of H. T. Norman was accepted for the supply of tank at power house for £8/15/, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and McKay. Letter from P.M.G's. Department, with account for removal of post.—Reply to be sent, as per report of engineer-in-charge. From Electricity Commission, asking for annual report.—To be attended to. It was resolved that the minimum charge for three meters be 1/ per month, and when extra meter has to be installed, to be approved of by engineer-in-charge.—Adopted, on motion of Cr. Kirkpatrick.

The West riding councillors reported that they met on 14/11/32; Crs. Stewart, Elder, and Kirkpatrick being present. It was resolved that Wm. Cheeseman be appointed road ranger, dog registration and width of tires inspector for 12 months.—Adopted, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Russell.

The North riding members reported that at a meeting held on 14/11/32, and attended by the three councillors, it was resolved that the engineer inspect, and if necessary, clean out the main complained of by F. J. Stewart and others.—Adopted, on motion of Crs. Roddis and Russell.

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DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

EXCURSION TO GEELONG.

Standing orders were suspended at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, to hear a deputation from the Beaufort Mothers' Guild, consisting of Mrs A. J. Saph (president) and Mrs J. R. Hughes (secretary). The two ladies were introduced by Cr. Trey.

Mrs Hughes asked the council to grant a public holiday for the district schools' excursion to Geelong on 10th January.

Cr. Sinclair—The council could not close the shops, only the public buildings.

Mrs Hughes—Would not they allow their employees to go?

Cr. Sinclair—That was a matter for the business people. He thought it should only be a holiday for the North riding.

Cr. Troy—Business people would have to close voluntarily. Mrs Hughes would have to go round and ask the business people to close. He did not know whether the business people would view it very well.

Cr. Roddis—He thought the business people would be compelled to close, if a public holiday were gazetted.

Cr. Sinclair said Cr. Roddis ought to have been in business long enough to know better than that.

Mrs Hughes—She had not spoken to the business people, but did not want to force them. In other towns they closed.

Cr. Troy—A holiday for the whole shire would mean a considerable cost in wages.

The president (Cr. Stewart)—Could they not have it for the North riding alone?

Cr. Sinclair—Was it worth while for the few it would affect?

Cr. Roddis—They wanted it uniform.

Cr Troy informed Mrs Hughes that employees could not get off if employers would not let them.

Mrs Hughes had seen the business people first, it would have simplified matters. He suggested that the ladies go round and interview the business people now. The council would fall in with the business people, if they would close.

Cr. Sinclair—If they went round with a petition, he did not think the business people would close. Closing the three banks and the shire office would not benefit the picnic much.

Cr. Troy—They could see a few of the principal business people for a start, and if they were discouraged, drop it.

Mrs Hughes—If they did not come back, the council would know they were not successful.

MINING NEWS

During the past week or two fair prospects have been obtained at the North Hope Revival mine.

For the week the yield at the Beaufort Hope mine was 22 oz.

Early in the week a power boring plant arrived in Beaufort, and will test leads known to exist at Beaufort and Waterloo.

For the Richmond Recovery Co., Mr W. Liston, of Beaufort, is applying for a mining lease of 250 acres at Long Gully, north-east of Waterloo. Mr J. R. Wotherspoon, of Beaufort, is applying for a lease of 200 acres at Waterloo, for the New Victoria Gold Mining Co.

MERIT CERTIFICATE GAINED.

George Kirkpatrick, a son of Cr. and Mrs J. Kirkpatrick, of Stockyard Hill, has gained his merit certificate. He studied by correspondence, and sat for examination at Skipton.

BEREAVEMENT CARD.

WILL all kind friends please accept my heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful, untiring, loving kindnesses shown to my sister while she was in my home; also for wreaths, flowers, letters, and telegrams received.

R. W. PATERSON, "Kozi-kot," Beaufort.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

"It is easier for a good man to forKet a wrong done to him than a kindness."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1932.

RAINFALL.

On Wednesday night 12 points of rain fell at Beaufort. On Thursday a thunder-storm was followed by 13 points of rain.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Entries for the Novice Wood Chop at the Beaufort Thistle Club's Boxing Day Sports, extended till THURSDAY next.

SEVERE CUT.

Betty Waldron, who is staying with her grandmother, Mrs Clerk, of Shirley, fell on a piece of glass and gashed her leg severely; several stitches having to be inserted.

GUESSING COMPETITION.

The "Glorious Annabel" turkey guessing competition recently held at Beaufort was won by Mr J. Frane, of Middle Creek.

DEATH OF MR. M. CASEY.

The death occurred at Learmonth on Thursday, 9th inst., of Mr Michael Casey, of that place, who was well known to Beaufort footballers as a Learmonth Association delegate.

AFTER-THEATRE DANCE.

At Mr L. French's dance at the Beaufort Picture Theatre after the talkies on Saturday night, the novelty dances were won by Mrs R. Clerke and partner, and Miss N. Fitzpatrick and Mr K. McEvrale. Mr Eric Wilson was the pianist.

DEATH OF MISS S. KIRKPATRICK.

The death occurred at Grovedale, near Geelong, on the 15th inst., at the residence of her brother-in-law (Mr W. J. Hosie), of Miss Sarah Kirkpatrick, a former resident of Stockyard Hill for many years, where she was well-known and respected. The remains are to be interred at Beaufort at noon to-day (Saturday).

BREWSTER BREAK-UP.

A report of the break-up function at the Brewster school is held over till next issue. Great interest was shown in the drawing of the lucky envelope appeal. The winning numbers were:—1st prize, No. 5; 2nd prize, No. 197 (Mrs Panther); 3rd prize, No. 65 (Mrs J. Grant). Consolation prizes were won by Nos. 15, 16, 35, 170, 155, 19, and 166. No. 5 will be sent the first prize, on sending ticket to Mr T. Lakey, P.O., Brewster, within 14 days.

UNUSUAL ACCIDENT.

Mr Neville Oddie, of Chalkium Park (the popular captain of the Beaufort cricket team), met with an unusual accident during the week. He was fitting a motor tyre on the rim of a wheel, and as the rim was not closing aright, he pumped the tyre up. As the rim still failed to close, he hit it with a hammer. The rim flew off, severely cutting and bruising one of his hands, and cutting his head. Seven stitches had to be inserted in the hand and one in his head. Mr Oddie is under treatment at the Skipton Hospital.

BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Beaufort B.N. Hospital was held in the Shire Hall on Monday evening. Those present were:—Mr R. G. Beggs (president), Mesdames E. J. Muntz, R. T. Macdonald, Miss Lewis, Messrs P. T. Stevenson, J. W. Harris, A. R. Beggs, C. McKay, and Dr. S. E. Humphreys. The monthly report of the sister-in-charge stated that the daily average number of patients for November was 4.1, and that the number of baby health visits for the month was 56. Accounts amounting to £37/18/10 were passed for payment, on the motion of Mr McKay and Miss Lewis. Mr McKay reported that the Ripon Shire Council had that day made a grant of £40 to the Beaufort Hospital, and it was resolved that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Hon. T. Beggs and Commander H. P. Mackenzie for their efforts in assisting to secure this grant. Mr S. H. George's tender for supplying to the hospital 20 tons of firewood at 5/6 a ton was accepted, on the motion of Mr P. T. Stevenson and Mrs Muntz. Mr A. R. Beggs moved that Stevenson Bros.' and Webster's tender of £53 for painting the Hospital be accepted. This was seconded by Mrs Muntz, and carried. Mr Williams moved that Mesdames T. Beggs, H. P. Mackenzie, R. G. Beggs, R. T. Macdonald, E. J. Muntz, J. W. Harris, J. P. MacDougall, T. Williams, C. McKay, A. R. Beggs, S. E. Humphreys, and Miss Lewis be appointed (with power to add) as a committee to make arrangements for holding a garden party in the Hospital grounds early in March. Seconded by Mr McKay, and carried. As there will be no meeting of the committee in January, the treasurer and hon. secretary were empowered to pay the December accounts.

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MT. EMU RESERVE.

LOCAL ENQUIRY BOARD.

Mr G. L. Wood, land officer, Ballarat, held a public enquiry by local land board at the Beaufort Court House on Thursday morning, to consider the necessity or otherwise of retention of the Mt. Emu reserve, and any other questions that might arise. Mr F. Sydes (district inspector of closer settlement) sat with Mr Wood in an advisory capacity.

Mr Wood said that there had been a tremendous amount of correspondence in the past about the reserve and recently Mr Young had had trouble about the mount, and an enquiry was recommended. He understood that no one was desirous of retaining it as a reserve; the Shire Council having washed their hands of it.

Mr N. B. Acton (shire secretary) said the council accepted no responsibility, and recommended that the lessee attend to the rabbits and scours, and if not, the Department dispose of the reserve.

Mr Wood—The best thing to do seemed to be to revoke the reservation, provided they could get someone to select it. The council apparently favored that.

Norman B. Acton, shire secretary, Beaufort, said the council met on the 28th November, and whilst accepting no responsibility, recommended that if the Department leased the reserve a clause be inserted in the lease requiring the lessee to look after the rabbits and scours, and if not, that it be disposed of. It was not required for picnic purposes, as was claimed in 1872 and 1900. To the best of his knowledge, it had not been used for that purpose for 20 years. He knew nothing of the council making any claim for any fencing there. If they owned it, he thought they would be pleased to give the fencing up.

Mr Wood said the council's fence was destroyed by fire in 1914, and the remains sold and the money given to the council.

Charles Young, farmer, Lake Goldsmith, said that he represented his brother, John Young, who was in a convalescent home. As to selling the reserve, he had no objection.

Mr Wood—It could only be disposed of by selection.

Witness—He had no objection to that, and thought it was to the best interests of the people that it should be disposed of. He did not want it himself, and would not consider it. His trouble was the erosion undermining his fences, and it was gradually getting worse. He had received a notice about rabbits, but could not check them for long. He had 14 days to destroy the rabbits. He contended that it was impossible to destroy them. There was not a burrow on his property.

Mr Sydes—There was nothing to stop them getting in now.

Witness—His trouble was the drain. He wanted to keep the rabbits in the mount.

Mr Bruty—Had the board any power to get exoneration from responsibility for rabbits for a time?

Mr Wood—He had no power of that kind, but would certainly make reference to it in his report. He thought that if the board disposed of it, leniency would be shown in that matter. He could say definitely that the Department would not pay for any improvements to the scours.

In answer to Mr Young, Mr Wood said the selector and the adjoining landholder would have to keep the fence in order afterwards. They would have to settle it between themselves.

Mr Young said the washout along the fence only occurred this year.

Mr Bruty—He thought the reason was the cessation of trapping, and the rabbits eating away the roots of the grass.

Mr Young—What was done when a creek took away a fence?

Mr Wood—The Govenment just sympathised with the man who lost the fence, and said it was an act of God. (Laughter).

Alfred Bruty, farmer, Chepstowe, stated that the McCooks had not said whether they were against selling it or not, but he did not think they were much interested. Their whole trouble was the rabbits. Mr A. McCook had said he would be buying trouble for the rest of his life if he had anything to do with the mount. The rabbits had to go through witness' property before getting to Daniels'.

Mr Sydes said the "trig." station on the mount would have to be retained, and surveyors had the right to go into it.

Mr Bruty—If it were thrown in with the block, he would be prepared to use ordinary precautions to see that it was protected. His idea was to erect a rabbit-proof fence at the foot of the mount close to the rocks. It would take six months to do the boundary fence, and remove the sand, and it would take 18 months to clear the place of rabbits. He asked that the Department exercise leniency in that regard. He would be prepared to pay 10/ per acre all round for it, as a third-class land, which he reckoned was its full face value.

To Mr Sydes—Under present economic conditions, his own block was not worth more than £3 an acre; the return being one-third what it was in the good times.

Mr Bruty added that he could not get land nearer than the mount, and it might be improved later on. If they kept the rabbits in the mount, they would have no bother. He estimated that 98 chains of netting would be required to complete the fencing of the mount.

Mr Sydes—It would cost about £150 to fence it off.

Mr Wood recommended that the reserve be revoked, and the Closer Settlement Board be asked to take it over, with a view to adding it to Mr Bruty's lease, or that it be made available as an ordinary Crown lands selection, and Mr Bruty could apply for it independently. He thought the better way was to add it to his lease.

PERSONAL.

Mr W. Gardiner, a former member of the Beaufort postal staff, and now postmaster at the Law Courts, city of Melbourne, has been visiting the town. He has been on sick-leave for some time.

Miss Pollock, formerly postmistress at Beaufort, has been visiting friends in the town.

Miss Mather, of Melbourne, spent a short holiday at Beaufort as the guest of Miss Sinclair.

Mr J. Hosking has returned to Chute, after two months' stay in Melbourne.

Miss Mena Scott, of Melbourne, is holidaying at Beaufort at the home of her grandmother, Mrs G. Jaensch.

Mr Anderson, a former Beaufort teacher, was the guest of Miss Sinclair, of this town, over the week-end.

Miss W. Cox and Miss Hearn have been spending a holiday at Beaufort as the guests of Mr and Mrs W. W. Ashley.

James Keith Mellor, a pupil at the Beaufort Higher Elementary School, the eldest son of the Rev. Jas. and Mrs Mellor, has been awarded a half-scholarship at the Box Hill Grammar School.

The marriage will take place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Queensberry and Rathdown streets, Carlton, on Saturday, 24th December, of Mr William T. Hunt (eldest son of Mrs J. Lardner, of "Ilgram," Ararat road, Beaufort, and the late Mr Frank Hunt), and Miss Norma Fraser, youngest daughter of Mrs Simon Fraser, of Palmerston street, Carlton. A reception will follow at "The Palms," Alexandra Avenue, Melbourne.

Mr R. F. Marley, of the Beaufort H. E. School staff, has secured the B.A. degree.

COMING EVENTS

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

"SCANDAL FOR SALE" AND "HE'S MY DADDY" AT BEAUFORT PICTURE THEATRE.

How ambition plunged a newspaper man into the depths, and love lifted him back to honor is told in "Scandal for Sale," to be screened by Mr L. French at the Beaufort Picture Theatre to-night (Saturday). He was a scandal-monger, and his craving for sensationalism knew no bounds. The leading players are Chas. Bickford, Rose Hobart, and Pat O'Brien. "He's My Daddy" is a rollicking comedy, starring Slim Summerville and Zasu Pitts, who have caused more mirth than any two people on the screen. You can depend on them to bring out the laughs.

BOXING DAY SPORTS.

The Beaufort Thistle Club holds an attractive sports meeting at the Park on Boxing Day, Monday, December 26th, consisting of Highland dancing, footracing, woodchopping, cycling, boys' and girls' races, games, and firemen's events. The admission is 1/6, with 9d for children. A picture show will be held at night in the Picture Theatre, followed by a quadrille assembly.

Attention is directed to the schedule of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute flower show, to be held on March 16. Excellent prizes will be given, of which details will be published later in these columns.

The Ararat Athletic Club will hold a Back to Ararat Re-union, sports meeting, Highland Pipe band contest, etc., on Boxing Day, December 27th

EXCELLENT RESULTS.

The following pupils of the Beaufort Highr Elementary School obtained the merit certificate at the recent examinations:—Lorna Anderson, Freida Glenister, Lois Green, Laurie Hancock, Donald Jackson, Phil. Lyons, Winnie McCormick, Alice Pearce, Edwin Rogers, Norman Simper, Bill Stevens, whilst Stanley McCracken is pending in one subject. The following pupils obtained the qualifying certificate:—John Anderson, Alf. Barratt, Andrew Baker, Roy Crick, Jean Dawson, Joyce Drake, Ada Glenister, Bert Goodie, David Humphreys, Ron Johnston, Norman Johnston, Margaret MacDougall, Beryl MacDonald, June McKenzie, Grace Parker, Freda Ramsay, Beatrice Stewart, and Olga Young.

TENNIS.

BEAUFORT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The draw is as follows:—

First Round.

October 22—Methodists v. Trawalla A v. Raglan.
October 29—Trawalla B v. Trawalla A; Raglan v. Methodists.
November 5—Trawalla B v. Raglan; Methodists A v. Trawalla A.
Nov. 12—No matches.

Second Round.

November 19—Trawalla B v. Methodists; Raglan v. Trawalla A.
November 26—Trawalla A v. Trawalla B; Methodists v. Raglan.
December 3—No matches.
December 10—Raglan v. Trawalla B; Trawalla A v. Methodists.

All matches are to be played on the courts of the first-named team.

CRICKET.

RIPON COMPETITION.

BEAUFORT V. WARRAK.

At the Beaufort Park on Saturday, the local team defeated Warrak. The visitors made 69: A. Padgett (19), R. Hunter (15), and P. Ord (11) reaching double figures. C. Morvell (5/15) bowled well, and was supported by V. Martin (5/20). G. Beggs was the wicket-keeper. Beaufort obtained 111 runs at the cost of seven wickets. J. Cole made 53 in good style, and the captain (N. Oddie) accounted for 21. Williams disposed of Beggs with a particularly fine catch. Ord kept wickets. The bowling honors were shared by Padgett (2/5) and Hardy (2/37). Scores:—

WARRAK.

A. Padgett, b. Martin	19
J. Creenaune, b. Jenkin	5
P. Ord, b. Martin	14
R. Hunter, b. Cole	15
W. Murray, b. Morvell	7
A. McGuiness, c. Hall, b. Morvell,	0
K. Thom, b. Morvell	0
S. Dadswell, c. Miller, b. Martin,	3
C. Hardy, c. Darby, b. Morvell,	0
L. Shalders, b. Morvell	1
H. Williams, not out	0
Sundries	5
Total	69

Bowling—N. Miller, 0/7; V. Jenkin, 1/17; J. Cole, 1/5; C. Morvell, 5/15; V. Martin, 3/20.

BEAUFORT.

V. Martin, c. Murray, b. Hardy,	4
N. Oddie, c. Padgett, b. Hunter,	2
J. Cole, c. Ord, b. Padgett	53
N. Miller, b. Dadswell	7
V. Jenkin, run out	1
G. Beggs, c. Williams, b. Hardy,	5
E. S. Crouch, not out	8
R. Hodgetts, b. Padgett	0
K. Darby, not out	4
Sundries	8
Total	7 for 111

Bowling—Hunter, 1/21; , Hardy 2/37; Murray, 0/18; Dadswell, 1/10; Creenaune, 0/15; Padgett, 2/5.

FOOTBALLERS V. WATERLOO.

The Beaufort Footballers visited Waterloo on Saturday, and were defeated. The visitors scored 91 runs; the following four were responsible for double figures:—R. Davis, 19; G. Gellie, 16; J. Cole, scnr., 15; A. Day, 15; and A. Marshall, 10. N. Dromey took 3 wickets for 30 runs, J. Lamb 3/17, and T. Ryan 2/3. Waterloo hit up 148 runs for the loss of seven wickets. N. Dromey carried his bat for the creditable score of 90, and C. Flynn (19) gave him excellent support. G. Gillies and R. Davis captured two wickets each. Scores:—

FOOTBALLES.

R. Davis, run out	19
L. Loo, c. Lynch, b. Dromey,	0
E. Day, b. J. Lamb	0
G. Gellie, c. Laney, b. Lynch	16
K. Hyde, std. Flynn, b. Dromey,	2
R. Phillips, c. Laney, b. Dromey,	0
J. Cole, scnr., b. Lamb	15
A. Day, b. Ryan	15
R. Pringle, c. and b. Lamb	0
A. Marshall, not out	10
G. Wilson, b. Ryan	0
Sundries	8
Total	91

Bowling—N. Dromey, 3/30; J. Lamb, 3/17; D. Lynch, 0/3; A. Laney, 0/19; T. Ryan, 2/3; R. Smith, 0/2.

WATERLOO.

N. Dromey, not out	90
A. Laney, b. Hyde	7
T. Ryan, c. Day, b. Phillips	0
D. Lynch, b. Davis	5
J. Lamb, b. Loo	0
C. Flynn, c. Phillips, b. Davis,	49
L. Lyttle, b. Gellie	0
R. Boyd, b. Gellie	0
R. Smith, not out	2
Sundries	5
Total	148

Bowling—R. Davis, 2 wickets; G. Gellie, 2; K. Hyde, 1; R. Phillips, 1; L. Loo, 1; R. Pringle, 0; G. Wilson, 0; A. Day, 0.

RIPON CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

FIXTURES FOR 1932-1933.

Amphitheatre is now out of the competition, and clubs drawn against that team will receive byes.

First Round.

October 29th.—Footballers v. Waterloo, at Beaufort; Warrak v. Beaufort, at Warrak; Amphitheatre v Lonarch, at Amphitheatre.

November 5th.—Waterloo v. Beaufort, at Waterloo; Lonarch v. Warrak, at Lonarch; Footballers v. Amphitheatre, at Beaufort.

November 12.—Beaufort v. Lonarch, at Beaufort; Warrak v. Footballers, at Warrak; Amphitheatre v Waterloo, at Amphitheatre.

November 19.—Lonarch v. Waterloo, at Lonarch; Footballers v. Beaufort, at Beaufort; Warrak v. Amphitheatre, at Warrak.

November 26th.—Footballers v. Lonarch, at Beaufort; Waterloo v. Warrak, at Waterloo; Amphitheatre v. Beaufort, at Amphitheatre.

Second round will be played on the following dates, but on the opposite clubs' grounds:—December 10th, December 17th, January 6th, January 13th, January 20th.

Third Round.—February 3rd, February 10th, February 17th, February 24th, March 3rd. The matches will be played on the same grounds as the first round.

Fourth Round.—March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and April 7th. These matches will be on the same grounds as the second round.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW,

AT BEAUFORT,

ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1933.

Proceeds in aid of Beaufort Mechanics' Institute.

SECTION A (OPEN).
1. 12 varieties Gladioli.
2. 9 varieties Gladioli.
3. 6 varieties Gladioli.
4. 3 varieties Gladioli.
5. Champion Gladiolus.

SECTION B (AMATEUR).
1. 12 varieties Gladioli.
2. 9 varieties Gladioli.
3. 6 varieties Gladioli.
4. 3 varieties Gladioli.
5. Champion Gladiolus.

SECTION C (OPEN).
1. 12 varieties Dahlias.
2. 9 varieties Dahlias.
3. 6 varieties Dahlias.
4. 3 varieties Dahlias.
5. 6 Collarette Dahlias.
6. 6 Cactus Dahlias, stiff-stemmed.
7. Champion Dahlia.
8. 6 varieties Cactus Dahlias, not stiff-stemmed.
9. 6 Peony Dahlias.

SECTION D (AMATEUR).
1. 12 varieties Dahlias.
2. 9 varieties Dahlias.
3. 6 varieties Dahlias.
4. 3 varieties Dahlias.
5. 3 Collarette Dahlias.
6. 3 Peony Dahlias.
7. 3 Cactus Dahlias, stiff-stemmed garden variety.
8. Champion Dahlia.
9. 3 varieties Cactus, not stiff-stemmed.
10. Best Dahlia in Show.

SECTION E (OPEN).
1. 12 varieties Roses.
2. 6 varieties Roses.
3. 3 varieties Roses.

SECTION F (AMATEUR).
1. 6 varieties Roses.
2. 3 varieties Roses.
3. Champion Rose.

SECTION G.
1. 9 varieties Chrysanthemums.
2. 6 varieties Chrysanthemums.
3. 3 varieties Chrysanthemums.
4. Champion Chrysanthemum.

SECTION H.
1. 3 varieties Asters, (3 each).
2. 3 varieties Marigolds (3 each).
3. 6 varieties Antirrhinum (3 each).
4. 3 varieties Antirrhinum (3 each).
5. 3 varieties Zinnia (3 each).
6. 6 varieties Zinnia (3 each).
7. 3 varieties Zinnia (3 each).
8. 3 varieties Phlox (3 trusses each).
9. 9 varieties Carnations.
10. 6 varieties Carnations.
11. 3 varieties Carnations.
12. 3 varieties Petunias.
13. 9 varieties Delphiniums.
14. 6 varieties Delphiniums.
15. 3 varieties Delphiniums.

SECTION I.
1. Aspidistra.
2. Maiden Hair Fern.
3. Best Palm.
4. Pot Plant, in bloom.
5. Pot Plant, Fern.

SECTION J.
1. 6 varieties Cut Flowers (3 each).
2. Basket Cut Flowers.
3. Ladies' Sprays (3).
4. Gent's Buttonholes (3).
5. Best Collection Cut Flowers.
6. Blue Flowers.
7. 6 Blue Flowers.
8. 6 White Flowers.
9. 6 Mauve Flowers.

Not necessarily the same kind of flower in 6, 7, 8, and 9.

SECTION K.
1. Best Collection of Vegetables. (Collection may include any type of vegetable).
2. The Heaviest Pumpkin.
3. Turk's Cap.
4. French Beans (12 pods).
5. Peas Pods (12 pods).
6. 3 Carrots.
7. 3 Parsnips.
8. 3 Red Beet.
9. Onions.
10. 4 Stalks Rhubarb.
11. 4 Potatoes.
12. Marrow.
13. 6 Tomatoes.
14. Cabbage.

SECTION L.
1. Plate Gem Scones.
2. Plate Brown Scones.
3. Plate Cream Puffs.
4. Plain Sponge Sandwich (not iced, dark).
5. Plain Sponge Sandwich (not iced, light).
6. Collection of Biscuits.
7. Shortbread.
8. Plate of Lamingtons.
9. Plate of Sausage Rolls.
10. Nut Bread or Nut Loaf.
11. Plate of Meringues.
12. 1 Jar of Toffee.
13. Plate of Coconut Ice.
14. Collection of Home-made Sweets.
15. Loaf of Home-made Bread, 4 lb.
16. Plate of Home-made Yeast Buns.
17. Sponge Sandwich (girls, under 15)
18. Plate of White Scones (girls under 15).

SECTION M.
1. Best Tray-cloth or Table Centre (colored); not more than 18 in. by 30 in.
2. Best Toilet Set (colored).
3. Best Dress, costing not more than 5/; docket to be attached.
4. Best Baby's Knitted Dress.
5. Best article made of any waste material.
6. Best piece of Fancy Work (under 14 years).
7. Best Knitted Article (under 14 years).

AGGREGATE PRIZE.

A trophy will be awarded to the winner of the highest aggregate of points, of which details will appear later.

W. W. ASHLEY, President.
H. V. MARTIN, Secretary.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE.

WITHIN twelve days from the Thirteenth day of December, 1932, I shall lodge with the Secretary for Mines, Melbourne, an application for a Lease, the particulars of which are:—

Name (in full) and address of each applicant—William Liston, Beaufort.

Name by which mine will be known—Richmond Recovery.

Area—About 250 acres.

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

Full description and precise locality of the land—Long Gully, north-east of Waterloo.

Name of each owner and each occupier of the land, so far as applicant has been able to learn—Owner: G. T. Vowles. Occupier: Owner.

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

Nature of proposed mining operations—Boring and sinking.

Term required—15 years.

Estimated expenditure—£1000.

Metal or mineral to be worked—Gold.

Quartz or alluvium—Alluviums.

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

General remarks—Nil.

Signature of Applicant — W. LISTON.

Place and Date — Beaufort, 13/12/32.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE.

WITHIN twelve days from the Fourteenth day of December, 1932, I shall lodge with the Secretary for Mines, Melbourne, an application for a Lease, the particulars of which are:—

Name (in full) and address of each applicant—John Robertson Wotherspoon, Beaufort.

Name by which mine will be known—New Victoria Gold Mining Co.

Area—About 300 acres.

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

Full description and precise locality of the land—Waterloo Swamp, Chute.

Name of each owner and each occupier of the land, so far as applicant has been able to learn—Owners: G. H. Smith, P. Trengove, Wm. Backhouse, C. Flynn, Stokes Bros., Geo. Boyd, Occupier; Stokes Bros.

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

Nature of proposed mining operations—Boring and sinking.

Term required—Ten years.

Estimated expenditure—£2200.

Metal or mineral to be worked—Gold.

Quartz or alluviums—Alluviums.

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

General remarks—Nil.

Signature of Applicant—J. R. WOTHERSPOON.

Place and Date—Beaufort, December 14, 1932.

ENTRIES for Novice Wood Chop, Beaufort Thistle Club's Boxing Day Sports, extended till THURSDAY NEXT. W. MANSON, Secy.

SCOTTISH TERRIERS; 5 dog Pups (black). Sire, "Gotherstone Mac"; dam by "Strathclyde Brae," by "Blackwatch," imp. Guaranteed without inspection; 5 to 7 gns. Apply W.M. GOUDIE, "Wongan," Beaufort.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

PRESBYTERIAN SALE OF GIFTS, on THURSDAY in MARCH.

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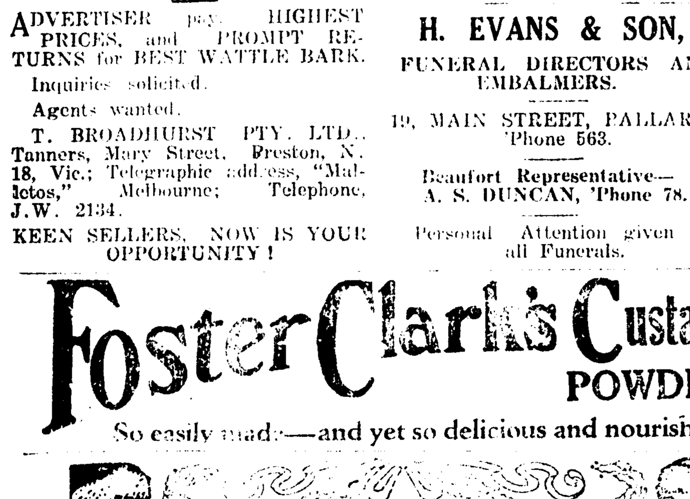

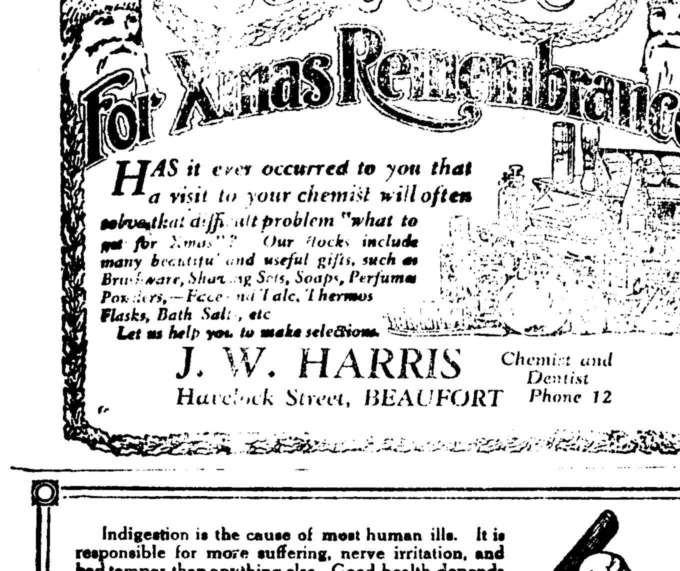

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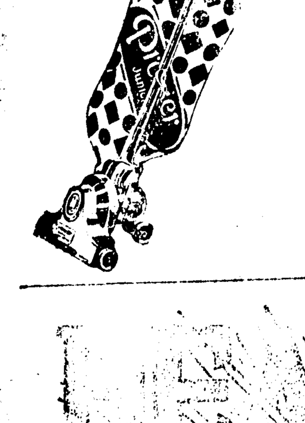

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RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL.

DECEMBER 12th, 1932.

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

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

Correspondence.

From Country Roads Board, approving of shire engineer's recommendation that repairs be effected to crossing at 14½ miles on Skipton road, at an estimated cost of £25; also that adjustment of patrol lengths had been noted and approved.—The secretary—It was just below Mt. Monmot. Cr. Troy—On the flat. The letter was referred to the engineer.

From same, approving of acceptance of C. E. Brown's tender at £100 for supply and delivery of 500 c. yds. of scoria on Skipton road.—Received.

From Department of Lands and Survey, stating that there will be no departmental objection regarding the proposed scheme for reduction in width of Eurambeen—Raglan road, and requesting that plan and field notes of survey by a licensed surveyor, showing that the new road boundaries have been marked on the ground, be obtained by the shire and forwarded to that office.—Referred to Mr Lancey, to get the plan, and to be informed that he would be charged for it.

From Department of Public Works, approving of works proposed to be carried out by the council in connection with the allocation of £100 for the Christmas relief work scheme.—Cr. Sinclair—They said nothing of the kind at first. Cr. Russell—The council gave 25 per cent. Cr. Sinclair—It was most unfair, and he was doubtful whether they would have accepted it. They should reply that they took it under the first understanding, and were disappointed with the action of the Government. The secretary—They would not get the £80, unless they gave what was required. Cr. Sinclair moved that the council express its dissatisfaction with the action of the Government. Cr. Russell seconded the motion, and said it should be pointed out that the schedule had been accepted on the first conditions. He thought the council had given a very fair contribution. The engineer offered a solution. He had put on some slab-laying to complete the £20. Cr. Roddis—They should say nothing about it, and do the extra work. The engineer—They need only put in £20 worth of material. Cr. Russell—They should accept the offer, but should point out that they had been misled. The motion was carried.

From Sir A. J. Peacock, M.L.A., intimating that £80 had been allotted to Ripon Shire from the special grant of £50,000 for Xas. relief works.

From Secretary to Premier, stating that the Government was prepared to grant twice the amount contributed by the council for Xmas. relief works, provided that the Government grant should not exceed £80.—Received.

From Commonwealth of Australia, asking if the council was desirous of adopting a more convenient form of acquittance in connection with telegraph and telephone works—interference with streets or public roads.—To stand over till next meeting, and engineer and secretary to go through it.

From W. T. Conder, re celebrations of centenary of State of Victoria and City of Melbourne.—Received.

From Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees' Union of Australia, asking council to give consideration to a request from the employees that their wages should not be further decreased.—Received, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and Elder.

From Central Unemployed committee, Trades Hall, Melbourne, pointing out that the Unemployment Relief (Amendment) Act, No. 2, provided that award rates should be observed on the hourly basis, in so far as both the basic wage and margins for skill were concerned, and asking that rates set out should be observed retrospectively, as from 13th October, for any unemployment relief work performed. — The engineer — They were paying the basic wage for unemployment relief, not for sustenance work. Cr. Sinclair—They paid a single man 6/ for 6½ hours' work. They should defer the matter for the present, till the executive of the Municipal Association met. This was agreed to.

From Arnall & Jackson, Melbourne, soliciting order for "The Victorian Municipal Directory," 1933.—One copy to be procured.

From Beaufort Swimming Club, asking for financial assistance for necessary work at baths, at an estimated cost of £28, until club is in a position to reimburse the council.—Request granted and account to be paid, on motion of Crs. Sinclair (who said the engineer had carried the work out in a very satisfactory way) and McDonald. The work cost £25 1/1, and the estimate was £28.

From State Accident Insurance Office, forwarding cheque for £14/19/, bonus under policy.—Received.

From Shire of Ararat, asking council to carry out work near Mr N. F. Dowie's home at a cost of £25.—The president—The work was to be done. The matter was referred to the West riding members. The engineer—They had accepted it for this year, and asked Ararat to do the work next year. Cr. Sinclair moved that Ararat Shire be informed accordingly. This was carried.

From Jas. G. Kirkpatrick, Nerring, stating that in connection with Springthorp's Lane at Nerring, he was prepared to grant to the council sufficient land to deviate this road, which would give a much better road and grade, and would go through land lately purchased by him from Mr R. Fitzpatrick; council to pay all costs in connection with survey and transfer. He would find all post and do labor; council to find wire.—Cr. Sinclair referred to Mr Kirkpatrick's recent bereavement, and expressed sympathy with him. It was decided that the North riding members should inspect the place and report. Cr. Sinclair moved to that effect, and said they might arrive at a conclusion. Seconded by Cr. Troy, and carried.

From Dr. C. C. Reid, health officer, West riding, stating that no notifiable infectious diseases had been reported during the past month, nor had any complaints been received regarding the public health. Influenza had been very prevalent.—Received.

Dr. J. B. Donaldson, health officer, East riding, reported:—No infectious diseases. We have the usual chronic ailments, as senile heart, bronchitis, miners' disease, etc.—Received.

In answer to the president, the secretary said there was no report from Dr. Humphreys.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, forwarding circular re Country Roads Board fund—motor driver's licence fee.—Received.

From G. V. Slater, ranger, Skipton, reporting that he impounded seven head of cattle on November 11.—Received.

From W. Holdsworth and Jas. G. Stevenson, Beaufort, notifying that they were applying for mining leases for ground which was partly occupied by the council.—Referred to North riding members.

From secretary, State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, returning for re-consideration the statement of estimated revenue and expenditure for 1933, recently submitted by the council. It was pointed out that insufficient provision appeared to have been made for interest and redemption on loan, which amounted to £909/19/. Attention was also drawn to the fact that depreciation should be paid on the total cost of pipes installed in the ground, including freight and all later charges, and in view of this, the commission would be glad if the council would review the figures quoted in estimate in respect of depreciation.—Referred to Water Commission. Cr. Troy—It had been arranged last year that they had to have the usual sinking fund on pipes. Now they demanded that a sinking fund be put on the trench and supervision as well. It was pretty stiff.

From A. A. Grinham, Carngham, applying to have road opened round property purchased by him.—Cr. Roddis—Mr Grinham had told him that the Lands Department had informed him that these leases had to be arranged at the beginning of the year, and he had to get the application in before then. On the motion of Crs. Troy and Sinclair, the matter was referred to the East riding members to take what action they thought fit. Cr. McDonald—The council never allowed a riding to settle a matter like that. Cr. Sinclair—He only meant that the East riding members go into it, and bring up a report. Cr. McDonald—That was a different thing.

General Business.

The matters of the crossing between Speke and Cuming streets, Beaufort, and the water supply in Havelock street, brought forward by Cr. Troy, were referred to the North riding members.

Cr. Elder—Had the engineer inspected the Mt. William road?

The engineer—He had been over it recently.

Cr. Sinclair—Had Mr John Ellis spoken to the engineer about some water banking back on the back Lake Goldsmith road, and he told him he would have it attended to?

The engineer—Yes. There was a dam south-west of Mr Ellis' house, that caused the banking back of a culvert, as it was silted up with rushes. He approached Mr Holdsworth, and thought the latter said he would do something.

Cr. Sinclair suggested that the engineer again interview Mr Holdsworth and see what he would do. He moved to that effect.

In seconding the motion (which was carried), Cr. Kirkpatrick said Mr Ellis had spoken to him about it, and asked that some of the unemployment relief money be spent there.

Applications for grants to district hospitals were dealt with in committee.

Cr. Russell moved that £50 be donated to district hospitals for baby health work. Seconded by Cr. McKay, and carried; it being understood that £40 would be spent in Beaufort and £10 in Skipton.

Cr. McKay brought before the council the matter of a culvert over the Fiery Creek at Raglan.—Referred to the North riding councillors.

Cr. McDonald—A stone embankment over the road near Mortchup was a great harbor for rabbits. He would like the rabbits exterminated.

Cr. Roddis moved that there be no ordinary meeting in January. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick, and carried.

On the motion of Crs. Roddis and Russell, it was decided that a special meeting be held to pass accounts and deal with tenders.

The president wished councillors, the officers, and the Press a happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year. He hoped that 1933 would be better than 1932, and that they would all meet in good health and strength in the new year.

These sentiments were heartily reciprocated.

The meeting terminated before lunch.

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BEAUFORT C.W.A.

There was a great rally of members at the annual meeting of the Beaufort branch of the C.W.A., held in the club rooms on Thursday afternoon. The State president (Mrs. R. G. Beggs) was present.

The branch president (Mrs. S. E. Humphreys), in her opening address, said she was delighted to see so many visitors, even from so far as Maryborough and Avoca. She was very sorry that the weather had turned out so badly. This was the first annual meeting at which they had the honor of the presence of a State president. She thought the annual meeting was an appropriate time to run through the aims of their association as put down in the constitution. Their motto was loyalty to the throne and empire, service to the country, through country women, for country women, by country women. She then read through the aims, and continued. They would see that the aims were to bring brighter and wider interests to the country women. When they leave the city they feel they are leaving the centre of learning and culture. By being organised they were able to bring some of that knowledge to the country with small cost to the individual. There was a vagueness about their aims which made the question, "What good do you do?" rather difficult to answer. It was vague only because they were so broad. It embraced all activities which would be of benefit to the community. Women were organised during the war, and they all knew how important that work was, and how well they did it. But they did not want to be organised just to deal with a crisis—they wanted to be organised to prevent the calamity of a crisis. Did any of them notice that the Queen Victoria Hospital, which was run entirely by women, was the only public hospital to balance its budget? It struck her as being rather significant. The secretary's report had shown them their practical achievements. There was the equally important abstract or spiritual ideal to be borne in mind, and that was the force which was attracting and binding all the women of the world together. With the exception of Russia, every country in the world has its Rural Women's Organisation laid out on the same lines as the Country Women's Association; and they were linked up together by their liaison committee, which met periodically to discuss world problems, chiefly in relation to women and children. Mrs. Fairfax was at present their liaison officer. She was obviously a very capable woman, with a lovable personality. If these women were meeting from all parts of the world with the same ideals, they must be learning to understand one another. They took that knowledge home, and passed it on. And where there was understanding, there was no hatred; and where there was no hatred, there was no war. If the women in their own little corner would only try to set free the forces of love by understanding each other, they were going to be a help towards establishing harmony in the world. She was going to end by reading the Queensland creed, which they would see had the same ideals as their own:—"I would be true, for there are those who trust me; I would be pure, for there are those who care; I would be strong, for there is much to suffer; I would be brave, for there is much to dare; I would be friend to all—the foe—the friendless; I would be giving and forget the gift; I would be humble, for I know my weakness; I would look up—and laugh—and love—and lift."

Mesdames Beggs and Humphreys and Miss Lewis were presented with bouquets by Miss Lalla Stewart.

The following report was adopted on the motion of Mesdames McKay and Roderick:—

The secretary (Miss Lalla Stewart) presented the following annual report:—I have the honor to present the annual report of the year 1932. The membership roll is steadily growing; several new members having joined this year, now making the total of financial members 107. The meetings during the year have been held on the first Thursday of the month, and the increasing popularity of the C.W.A. is clearly proved by the excellent attendance. The average attendance at meetings for the year was 79, in comparison with 71 last year, and 66 the year before. Owing to extra demands on branch funds, the committee did not secure expensive Melbourne demonstrators, but in spite of this, endeavored to provide programmes of varying interest and helpful character. Lecturettes have been one of the principal features of our year's programme; these being:—"Australian Gum Trees," by the State president (Mrs Beggs); "Dietetics and Cancer," by Dr. Humphreys; "English Folk Songs," by the president (Mrs Humphreys; "Infant Welfare," by Sister Francis; "Crystalising Fruit," by Miss Knight of the Department of Agriculture; and "Useful Cushions," by Miss Athole Stewart. Demonstrations were:—"Cool Dishes," by Mrs and Miss Dowie; "Carding Wool," by Miss Manson; "Spinning," by Mrs Weston, and "Weaving," by Mr Cameron (arranged by Commander Mackenzie); "Ailments of a Sewing Machine, and Use of Attachments," by Mrs Guyatt; and "Smocking," by Miss Miller. To these ladies, also Dr. Humphreys, Commander Mackenzie, and Mr Cameron, our grateful thanks are due. Two most useful ideas were given by Mrs. Humphreys—to crochet string bath mats, and the method of covering plates, screens, etc., with colored paper and lacquer, thus making decorative ornaments for the home. One roll call was held ("Uses for Tomatoes") and a competition, "Something New From Something Old." We have had several musical treats; one being a splendid programme given by artists from Avoca branch, which was very much enjoyed and appreciated. We cannot be too appreciative of our own members, who so willingly brighten our meetings with vocal items—Mesdames Kelly, Dawson, and Crouch; also Miss Ina Roderick and Miss Dot Talbot, who gave several delightful A. A. Milne recitations. We were honored in having the State president (Mrs Beggs) address the meeting in October; giving an interesting account of her Mallee tour and various association activities. The "Use More Wool" knitting competition, held on April 7th, though not so large as last year, was a great success; the work being of a high standard. Numbers of entries were received from sister branches, and surrounding districts. The demand for wool mattresses still continues, and under the guidance of Mrs Humphreys, some members have put much time and energy into this work. The local Bush Nursing Hospital has received regular gifts throughout the year from some of our members. A considerable amount of clothing has been distributed from the branch comforts cupboard, and assistance given a sister branch in sending a very sick little girl to Melbourne for treatment. The opportunity shop was held this year in May, but being our Country Week effort, half the proceeds were sent to central, so did not swell our Building Fund account as much as usual. Nevertheless, the final instalment of the debt on the Club Room was paid off in Sept. Successful bridge parties were held during the winter; the proceeds of which supplied the Club Room with an electric urn. The branch was fully represented at the State annual meeting and conference in April, and at the "Use More Wool" Exhibition, where Mrs Dowie spent nearly the entire week at the mattress table. Two group meetings have been attended by branch delegates; the first at Beaufort, and the second at Hamilton, where the discussions and interchange of ideas have been most stimulating. When reviewing the past year, we find the branch has not been idle, nor has the members' interest waned. Surely, as we advance into the new year, this will increase and encourage us to further activities of a useful nature, in an atmosphere of congenial social harmony, which must add to the individual happiness of us all.

Mrs. Humphreys took this opportunity to thank Miss Lalla Stewart, who had acted as secretary for so long. She was most efficient and terribly hardworking. No one would really know how much so until they had worked with her.

Miss Stewart responded, and was presented with a bouquet by Mrs. Humphreys.

The balance-sheet, which was adopted on the motion of Miss Muntz and Miss Lewis, showed receipts amounting to £179/0/9, and expenditure to £175/13/5, leaving a Cr. balance of £3/7/4.

Mrs. Acton read the balance-sheet of the building fund. After paying £514/8/4 since 31st Oct., 1927, there was a Cr. balance of 6/2. Now the building was completely paid off. Of course everyone knew that Miss Lewis had donated the land.

The Younger Set report was read by Sister Francis. Congratulating her, Mrs. Humphreys said it was a splendid record of social service, and reflected immense credit on the president and members. This was endorsed by Mrs. Watkin.

It was decided to begin all meetings at 2.30 p.m. sharp; also to institute an attendance book, to be kept by Mrs. Willis. The birthday cards were to be continued, and the branch would resort to the old charge of 1/ for non-members per meeting. Everyone was very sorry to lose Miss Sanders and Miss Duggan, who were leaving the district.

Mrs. Humphreys thanked everyone for their support during her term of office. All had been very sporting. She especially desired to thank Miss Lalla Stewart and Miss Muntz, the secretary and treasurer respectively; those who had helped to make mattresses—they had almost finished a bale of wool; Mrs. Dowie, for acting as tea captain; Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Exell, as magazine officer; Miss D. Ward, birthday officer; Mrs. Troy, for her unfailing supply of beautiful flowers; Mrs. R. T. Macdonald, for the loan of chairs; John Bowe, for kindly conveying them over; Mr Ashley, for window space; Dr. Humphreys and Mr. Hall, for auditing books; Mr. Parker, for publishing all reports; Messrs. Stevenson and Roderick; Capt. Mackenzie; Mesdames Kelly, Dawson and Crouch, for musical items: Mr Young, who had acted as honorary legal adviser, and had helped so wonderfully with the Christmas party. The secretary was instructed to send him a letter of thanks: also Mesdames Ellis and Thompson, for bouquets. Mesdames Beggs and Humphreys and Miss Lewis were presented by Mrs Watkin with beautiful bouquets of water lilies.

Mrs Watkin said that Mrs Humphreys had been a perfect leader. Every word of her speech to-day had come from her heart. Many people just came here for what they could get, but the true spirit was to come for what one might give. It was the duty of each member to get at least one more to join. It was a great compliment to the Beaufort branch that the State president was one of its members—she had given all her thoughts and energy to the association. She had much pleasure in combining her vote of thanks to Mrs Humphreys with one to Mrs Beggs. These ladies suitably responded.

Mrs Beggs presented Miss Muntz with an engraved silver entree dish and a beautiful bouquet, on behalf of the Beaufort members of the C.W.A. Everyone appreciated the steady and consistent work done by Miss Muntz. From now on she would be a link between the Canadian and Australian institutes. She knew that Miss Muntz was going to a very great happiness—a fact upon which she would rather dwell than the sad one that they were losing her. The meeting sang "For She's a Jolly Good Lassie," and Miss Stewart and Mrs. Humphreys spoke in support.

During the afternoon tea interval, Mrs. Beggs read a message from Mrs. McColl, the president of the Leongatha branch, and a former Beaufort member; also one from Mrs. Francis. She said this branch now had a membership of 107. Being one of the members, she was always very jealous of its reputation, and wanted it to stay one of the best in the movement. She also added her thanks to the press for kindly printing reports of meetings, and keeping the C.W.A. in the public eye.

The following ladies were elected as the committee: Mesdames R. G. Beggs, Theo. Beggs, L. Watkin, S. Young, L. Dawson, S. E. Humphreys, V. Jenkin, D. Jackson, J. B. Roderick, C. McKay, S. Thompson, J. W. Miller, and Misses Lewis, Cushing and Lalla Stewart. Mrs. Beggs thanked Miss Pollock and Miss Wotherspoon for acting as scrutineers, and presented each with a bouquet. Miss Pollock responded.

The retiring president (Mrs. Humphreys) was unanimously elected and returned thanks.

Mesdames L. Watkin, D. Jackson, J. W. Miller, and Miss Lewis were elected as vice-presidents.

Before leaving, Mrs. Laidlaw, on behalf of the Maryborough branch, thanked the Beaufort branch for the entertaining afternoon, as also did Mrs. Moore, of the Avoca branch.

Mrs. Humphreys thanked Mrs. Laird for the beautiful flowers which she had sent in to-day.

After Mrs. Beggs had wished everyone a happy Christmas, the meeting dispersed with the singing of the National Anthem.

BEAUFORT A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., took place at the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday night, and was attended by seven members; apologies being received for the absence of Messrs. A. M. Parker and J. Pearce. Mr. E. Wilson (president) was in the chair. Mr. R. A. D. Sinclair presented membership certificates of a new design (just to hand) to two new members—Messrs. C. Williams and M. Johnson. It was resolved that a member be written to, and that it be pointed out to him that he was infringing the rules by being out after hours whilst on sick-leave. Accounts amounting to £7/3/4 were passed for payment. An outline of the programme to be adopted for the picnic to be held at the local Park about the middle of February was adopted, and included foot and novelty races for children and adults. The secretary (Mr. Johnson) afterwards entertained the members at cards: the winner being Mr. C. Williams, and the booby prize going to Mrs. Johnson.

WOOL SALES.

At the Melbourne wool sales on Monday, the top price and highest for the day was paid for three bales of sup. lambs from the well-known WGB/Bon Nerrin clip, grown at Nerrin Nerrin. Among the fleece wools sup. com. from the same brand sold to 15d, the whole clip selling remarkably evenly: aaa com. bringing 14½d, a necks 12⅞d, bkn. 12d, and aaa lms'. 15d.

At the Geelong wool sales on Wednesday, W.AW/Skipton, realised 17¾d for sup. lambs', and 13¾d for aaam. JW/Trawalla (Beaufort), sup. lbs.', 16¾d; JGB/Willowbank (Buangor), sup. com. 15½d, 1st com. 15d; JPT/Skipton, aaa, 14¾d; ALS/Skipton, sup. com., 14¾d; AG/Streatham, 1st com. w, 14¾d; RAR/Bft. (Beaufort), mf, 12½d; KK/Trawalla, aa, 12d; CB/R (Raglan), sup. com. h, 12d; H/H/TR (Trawalla), f, 12d; WAW/Skipton, 1st cbk., 14½d; AG/Streatham, f, 12½d. On Thursday, Carngham sold to 20½d, sup. com. bringing 16¾d, bkn. 14d, and bls. 10½d; WL/Stoneleigh (Beaufort), sup. com. h, 18½d, c 16½d, nks. 13¾d, bls. 11d, lms. 18d.

BEAUFORT C.W.A.

ANNUAL MEETING OF YOUNGER SET.

There were fourteen members present at the annual meeting of the C.W.A., Younger Set, held in the club rooms on Monday evening. Sister E. Francis, who was in the chair, read the annual report and balance-sheet, which were adopted. The balance-sheet showed receipts amounting to £73/6/8, and expenditure to £27/7/8. Donations to various charities totalled £45/12/-. The credit balance in the bank is £2.

Annual Report.—We beg to present the first annual report of the Beaufort Younger Set of the C.W.A. The inaugural meeting was held on October 6th, 1931, with the president of the Beaufort branch (Mrs. R. G. Beggs) in the chair. The officers appointed were—President, Sister Francis; vice-presidents, Misses S. Dowie and H. Beggs; secretary, Miss B. Schlicht; hon. treasurer, Miss M. Glover. At the second meeting a committee was formed, consisting of Misses N. Bowe, H. Miller, D. Parker, and V. Cuthbertson. The first activity of the Younger Set was a donation towards Somers' House. A bridge party was held, and as a result £2 was forwarded to Miss Muntz, hon. treas. of the C.W.A. Later a successful small dance made a nett profit of £4/14/6, which was donated to the Bush Nursing Hospital for the purpose of buying a much-needed new pair of baby scales. During December we were sorry to lose Miss Schlicht, who was a very able secretary. Her place was taken by Miss McCormack, who later left the town. Miss V. Cuthbertson then carried on. In January we joined in the State-wide Younger Set tennis tournament; 80 entries being received. With the kind assistance of several members of the Tennis Club, and the loan of the courts, the tournament was successfully completed; finishing with a dance the same evening, and £4 was sent to Somers' House. Mr. and Mrs. H. Strange won the tournament, with Mr. P. T. Stevenson and Mrs. A. M. Parker runners-up. A kettle was donated to the Tennis Club in grateful acknowledgement of their generosity and help. The Younger Set began a series of small entertainments, which were to lead up to a large ball, in aid of the Bush Nursing Hospital, the roof of which needed painting. Several bridge parties left us with £9/17/ in hand to defray expenses. Many kind friends donated such helpful commodities as coffee, sugar, a ham, poultry, meringues, and cakes, etc., for the supper. A very successful ball was held on May 25th, the nett proceeds being £32. In June, owing to the absence of several members of committee, and the fact that the president was unable to be present, we went into recess for 3 months, after which it was decided to carry on with depleted committee until the annual meeting. A treasure hunt was arranged in October, but was poorly attended; there being, unfortunately, another meeting in the town that evening. Though there are 37 financial members in the Younger Set, the attendances at the meetings have not exceeded sixteen in number; the members seemingly not understanding the importance of attending monthly meetings. During the year, however, the members, on the whole, have worked hard for the various entertainments, and altogether have made £73/6/8. We are very sorry to be losing a very helpful member in Miss Muntz, who will be leaving us next year to be married.—E. FRANCIS, President. V. CUTHBERTSON, Secretary.

Mrs. Humphreys, president of the C.W.A., took the chair for the election of officers. The retiring president (Sister E. Francis) refused re-election, whereupon Miss Barbara Beggs was unanimously elected. Other officers were—Vice-presidents, Sister E. Francis and Misses H. Beggs, S. Dowie, and D. Parker; secretary, Miss S. Hancock; assistant secretary, Miss V. Cuthbertson. All present were elected as a committee, viz., Misses E. Muntz, C. Pope, J. Macdonald, E. Green, and office-bearers.

It was decided to hold the meetings on the second Monday in each month, a notice to be put in Macdonald's window each meeting night.

Next month each member is to bring a suggestion for entertainment, so that the meetings would be more in the form of social evenings than purely business talks; each person not bringing a suggestion to be fined 1d.

It was decided to make a drive for new members, each member to bring another or more if possible. Mrs. Humphreys promised a prize for the person getting most new members in 3 months.

Membership fee was fixed at 1/ per year.

Sister Francis then thanked everyone who had helped her in any way during her term of office, especially thanking the press, auditors, retiring officers, Messrs. T. Williams, J. B. Roderick, and J. Duke.

On the motion of Miss Helen Beggs, a special vote of thanks was passed to Sister Francis for the way in which she had worked during her term as president. The money raised was ample evidence of this. Everyone was very sorry that she was unable to carry on.

Mr. J. B. Roderick will be asked if he will give a talk on electricity at the next meeting.

SHIRE AUDITOR'S REPORT.

At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, A. J. Graham, F.C.A. (Aust.), reported that he had completed the audit of the Shire's accounts for the 12 months ended 30th September, 1932, and certified to the correctness of the annual statements. The missing voucher for 10/, referred to in the last auditor's report, had not yet come to hand. For the year just closed, vouchers for £7 (general account) and £3/6/0 (C.R.B. account), both for Hamilton Bros., had not been returned at date of audit. Although quite satisfied as to their certification, certain wage payments were irregularly signed for by persons other than the rightful recipients. Attention was drawn to this, and preliminary steps taken to avoid a recurrence. In connection with electric light undertaking, it was necessary to bear in mind that unless a sum was set aside and invested for the purpose of any serious replacement, the undertaking might be embarrassed without further recourse to loans. Such an investment would at the same time prove an additional source of revenue. The records were presented in splendid order, and he gratefully acknowledged the ready and efficient attention to audit requirements on the part of the officers.

Cr. Troy—In regard to the electric light scheme, the commissioners had already decided to set up a reserve fund to tide over a serious break. He differed from the auditor in regard to a depreciation account. They had some money already for a specific purpose, and were paying interest and sinking fund, and he did not see that there should be a further charge on that. The same thing referred to the water scheme. They had to provide a greater sinking fund. The State Rivers and Water Supply people insisted upon interest and sinking fund, and a certain amount set aside annually to replace these mains. From a financial point of view, it was very sound; from a lender's point of view, it was a big strain. It meant that the present generation was not only paying for the scheme, but had to provide money to replace the scheme with additional loan. It did not seem fair to the present generation.

The secretary—The vouchers not to hand would be presented at the next audit. Hamilton Bros. had been asked to forward theirs. The reference to day labor vouchers was to those from Snake Valley. He got in touch with Cr. Roddis, who explained that sometimes a wife or daughter of a payee came and signed vouchers. The auditor contended that it should be a general order.

Cr. Roddis—He might have had as much experience as this man, or perhaps more. Vouchers had to be got back as speedily as possible to the secretary to collect money from the C.R.B. He made them sign the payee's name. The person concerned had asked him to do it. It was opening up a big thing. He had been doing it nearly 30 years, and it was the first time it had been questioned. He would not allow them to sign it without the authority of the person concerned. Surfacemen would have to come along in the council's time if their wives were not allowed to sign.

The secretary—He only paid when a wife had an order from her husband. He got a general order from the husband for 12 months.

Cr. Roddis—He did that.

In answer to Cr. Sinclair, the secretary said if a woman came he took her signature, and the order was attached to the voucher. The auditor had got through his work very quickly.

The report was received on the motion of Crs. Troy and Elder.

Cr. Sinclair moved that the books and accounts of the shire for the year ending 30th September last be finally settled, examined, and allowed as just and true. Seconded by Cr. Roddis, and carried.

Cr. Sinclair congratulated the secretary on the very satisfactory report.

The financial year terminated with a credit balance of £901/4/4.

BUSH FIRE.

Early on Saturday afternoon the first bush fire of the season occurred about three miles from Beaufort in a bush paddock (known as Andrew's) at the rear of Mr. A. Hayward's property. Many beaters were soon on the scene, and about 20 acres of grass and timber were burnt, together with a few tons of mining props and firewood. The fire was extinguished in a couple of hours.

WALKING ROUND THE WORLD.

Mr. Frank Kennedy, a South African, who is travelling the world on foot with his wife and child, was in Beaufort on Friday, 9th inst., and Saturday. It is 20 months since his arrival in Australia. He started out with a companion, who was bitten by a snake in Africa. He has travelled the whole of the Dominion of South Africa, Australia, and Tasmania, and has covered a distance of 35,000 miles in 4½ years. He has still 35,000 miles to cover in 5½ years. He has to complete the journey in 10 years—1928 to 1938. He thought in the first place that the journey would only last till 1936, but since the depression had become so general the time had been extended by two years. Mr. Kennedy was well received in Beaufort, and thanks the citizens for their kind support.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

CARRANBALLAC.

A concert and dance, held in the hall to raise funds for an organ for St. James' Church, was a great success. The concert party came from St. Peter's, Ballarat, and gave their services free. They rendered many splendid items. Many of them were of a humorous nature, and caused much laughter amongst the audience. A violin solo by a young lady of the party was exceptionally good. At the conclusion of the concert, the National Anthem was sung. A vote of thanks, moved by the Rev. W. A. Bowah, and seconded by Mr. W. H. Waldron, was carried by acclamation. Mr. Robertson responded on behalf of the performers. The dance which followed was well attended, and was very enjoyable. Prizes for novelty dances were given by members of the congregation. Miss G. Hinton and Mr. [illegible] Walker were the prize-winners in the Monte Carlo dance; Sister Prendergast and Mr. Bode in the spot dance, and Mr. L. Penningill the slipper dance. The music was supplied by the Ararat Orchestra, with Mr. W. Bluck assisting with his drums. A tasty supper was provided by the ladies.

Mr. Cardiff, head teacher in the State school, was very successful with his pupils at the examinations. Four went up for the merit certificate, and three were successful; and two for qualifying were both successful. Much credit is due to Mr. Cardiff, as the children were very backward when he came here.

Haycutting is general in the district, and some very good crops are being cut.

RAGLAN.

TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

With the season half finished, each team having played six games, the position of the clubs now is:—Trawalla Reds, 20 points; Methodists, 16 points; Trawalla Blues, 8 points; Raglan, 4 points. Dates of the third round (which is the same as the first) are Dec. 17, Jan. 21 and 28; fourth round (same as second), Feb. 11, 18 and 25; semi-finals to commence in March.

The Raglan team had their first win for the season on Saturday, when they defeated Trawalla Blues by the narrow margin of three games. A peculiar feature of the match was that each set went to 6-4, with the exception of the first mixed set, in which Raglan broke through to win 6-1, and this was their winning margin. Scores (Raglan players being mentioned first): J. Hutton and P. Gillingham lost to J. J. Hughes and C. Lewis, 4-6; Miss V. Waldron and Miss E. A. Wilkinson d. Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. Pascoe, 6-4; C. Fisher and A. Spicer lost to A. Campbell and S. Pascoe, 4-6; Misses A. and L. Lucardie d. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Scott, 6-4; P. Gillingham and Miss V. Waldron d. A. J. Hughes and Mrs. Pascoe, 6-1; J. Hutton and Miss A. Wilkinson lost to A. Campbell and Mrs. Rutherford, 4-6; E. Fisher and Miss L. Lucardie lost to S. Pascoe and Mrs. Scott, 4-6; A. Spicer and Miss A. Lucardie d. C. Lewis and Mrs. Campbell, 6-4. Totals—Raglan, 4 sets, 40 games; Trawalla Blues, 4 sets, 37 games.

TENNIS CLUB'S CONCERT.

The Raglan Tennis Club held a successful concert and dance in the local hall on Wednesday, 7th inst. Considering the very unseasonable, cold weather, there was a good house, and the profit, though not so large as was expected, will be reasonable. Cr. C. H. McKay acted as chairman. In introducing him, the president (Mr. K. W. Lewis) mentioned that Cr. McKay was not present to hear complaints, and so on, but more in his private capacity, as a tennis player himself, and a good sport. Cr. McKay made a brief reference to Shire matters, expressing his willingness to meet ratepayers at all times. He urged those present to join and support the local tennis club, as tennis was one of the finest games that one could play. The programme was as follows:—Opening chorus, company; "The Pride of the Pier," Miss S. Gillingham and male chorus; recitation, Miss M. Lancey; concerted item, "The Tea Shop," company; musical medley, the strangers' quartette; Hawaiian selection, ladies; solo, Mr. Lewis; recitation, Miss A. Lucardie; duet, "When You and I were Young, Maggie," Miss S. Gillingham and Mr. D. Panther (encored). After the interval, the farce, "My Turn Next," was presented by the following cast:—Taraxicum Twitters (a village apothecary), Mr. Lewis; Lydia (his wife), Miss N. Fels; Cicely (her sister), Miss V. Waldron; Tom Trap (a commercial traveller), Mr. E. J. Wilkinson; Tim Bolus (the assistant), Mr. H. Broadbent; Peggy (the maid), Miss A. Lucardie. The farce was well received by the audience. After a vote of thanks to the chairman was carried at the instigation of Messrs. Lewis and J. Hutton, and responded to by Cr. McKay, a grand opera finale brought the programme to a close.

Although the cool conditions reduced the attendance at the concert somewhat, it was all in favor of the dancers, who made good use of their opportunities, and danced till well after 3 a.m. Good music was supplied by Messrs. H. D. and D. M. Panther, greatly assisted by the "Strangers' Trio" of miners from Main Lead, and Mr. L. Tucker officiated as M.C. in good style. Supper was provided by the ladies, and handed round soon after midnight. A soft-drinks and ice-cream stall was conducted during the evening, and helped to swell the profit a little. A novelty dance (for trophies presented by Miss G. Waldron and Mr. Eric Waldron) was won by Mr. W. Hutton and Miss G. Waldron. The club is much indebted to Messrs. W. Hutton and W. Lucardie for acting as ticket-seller and doorkeeper respectively. The secretary (Miss M. Lancey) had every thing well arranged, being assisted by Miss Tucker (who played the accompaniments for the concert as effectively as usual), and the president, whilst the treasurer (Mr. J. Hutton) was his usual careful self in seeing that every coin due to the club was duly accounted for.

MIDDLE CREEK.

TENNIS.

Middle Creek were at home to Crowlands on Saturday, 3rd December, and after an interesting game, Middle Creek ran out winners. Results as follow (Middle Creek players being mentioned first in each instance):—

J. MacMartin and J. Bowd d. G. Start and E. Boatman, 8-3.

H. Carmichael and P. K. Smith lost to R. Fowler and W. Tucker, 6-8.

Miss L. Franc and Miss Hillman d. Mrs. Boatman and Mrs. Tucker, 8-2.

Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Hillman d. Miss Tucker and Miss Fowler, 8-2.

Miss Hillman and J. MacMartin d. Mrs. Boatman and G. Start, 8-6.

Miss L. Franc and J. Bowd d. Mrs. Tucker and E. Boatman, 8-7.

Mrs. Phillips and H. Carmichael d. Miss Tucker and R. Fowler, 8-3.

Mrs. Hillman and P. K. Smith d. Miss Fowler and W. Tucker, 8-6.

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Messrs. D. R. Hannah and Co. report:—Cattle: 15 bullocks, Major Philip Russell, Carngham Estate, to £9/15/, averaging £9; 2 steers and cow, Mr. H. Long, Trawalla; 1 cow, Mr. F. Fenton, Snake Valley. Calves: 3 steers, Mr. H. Long, Trawalla, to £6/7/; steer, Mr. F. Fenton, Snake Valley. Sheep: 93 merino wethers, Mr. T. H. Trethowan, Mount Pleasant; 79 ewes and wethers, Mr. A. E. Jolly, Smythes road; 32 ewes, Mr. D. H. White, Linton; 29 ewes from Elaine; 6 ewes, Mr. Jas. Fisher, Smythes road; 6 rams, Mr. A. E. Jolly, Smythes road. Lambs: 158, Mrs. W. Smith, Rosebank, Learmonth, to 13/8, averaging 11/3; 156 Mr. D. H. White, Linton, to 12/11, averaging 10/; 76, Mr. F. Collings, Learmonth, to 12/7, averaging 12/1; 73, Mr. S. H. Trethowan, Mount Pleasant; 18 shorn, from Elaine, at 9/6; 9 shorn, Mr. Jas. Fisher, at 9/6.

The following district sales are reported by other auctioneers:—1 bull, Mr L. Franc, Middle Creek, £4/2/6; 8 calves, Mr Herbert Roberts, Middle Creek, £2/17/ to £3/8/6; 2 calves, Mr. W. J. Roberts, Middle Creek, £1/4/ to £2/14/; 38 shorn lambs, Mr J. R. Gibb, Skipton, 12/1; 8 bullocks, Hon. Theo. Beggs, Eurambeen, Beaufort, £10/15/ to £9/17/6, averaging £10/7/6, top average of the market; 60 lambs, Mr. E. Fay, Middle Creek, to 12/7, averaging 11/9; 36 lambs, Mr. J. O'Brien, Middle Creek, at 11/11; 31 lambs, Miss E. J. Russell, Beaufort, at 14/10; 25 lambs, Mr. E. A. Fay, Middle Creek, to 10/8, averaging 10/4.

CORRECTION.

In the report of the Methodist garden fete, a mistake wat made in the names of the stallholders at the work stall. Instead of Mrs. Bennett, it should have been Mrs. L. Dawson.

BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB

The council of the Beaufort Thistle Club met at the Aussie Cafe on Tuesday night, when there were present: Chief R. T. Macdonald, Past-chief R. Ward, Messrs. W. Manson (secretary), W. Thompson, F. G. Green, Mesdames R. T. Macdonald and W. Newey, and Miss Ward. In the report of a council meeting at Melbourne, it was stated that it was considered inadvisable for the Scottish delegation to visit Australia until the Melbourne centenary celebrations were held in 1934. An acceptance from Sir A. J. Peacock, M.L.A., to an invitation to attend the sports was received; Lady Peacock, owing to having visitors at her home, being unable to accompany him. It was arranged that the chief should meet Sir Alex. Peacock at the train, entertain him at lunch, and drive him to the Park. An invitation from the Ballarat Caledonian Club had been accepted, the chief stating that chieftain Stevenson and he had attended and spent a very enjoyable time. The secretary reported that five tenders had been received for the supply of logs, and that the sub-committee had accepted the tender of Connor Bros.—Action endorsed, on motion of Past-chief Ward and Mrs. Newey. The secretary also reported that the booths had been sold by public auction as follows: Fruit and lollies, Mr. Lewell, £5; afternoon tea, Mr. Lewell, 10/-. The publican's booth was passed in at £3, but was afterwards sold to Mr. E. Teson, of Ballarat, for £5. The prices were ahead of those obtained for the previous Easter. The secretary stated the entries were coming in very well, but he expected more. So far for the Underhand Chop 14 had been received, and 11 for the Standing Block. There were 9 for the Caledonian Handicap, and 7 for the others, with more to follow. Only 4 entries had been received for each of the bicycle events, but some others had been sent direct to the League handicapper in Melbourne. For the Novice Woodchop the entries were not too well, but he thought they would get a good entry later. The chief thought the entries all round were very satisfactory. The secretary said the handicaps would be out at the week-end. The following officials were appointed for the sports, on the motion of Messrs Green and Thompson:—Judges: Messrs H. J. Buchanan, W. R. Glover, R. Ward, G. Boyd, D. F. Troy, D. Stevenson, and Engineer-commander H. P. MacKenzie. Starter: Mr. J. Williams. Dancing Steward: Mr P. J. Stevenson. Woodchop Stewards: Messrs W. Connor and J. J. Dunn. Timekeepers: Messrs J. McErvale and W. Skene. Blackboard Steward: Mr. A. Welsh. Megaphone Steward: Mr. J. Symons. General Stewards: Messrs E. S. Buchanan, W. J. Stevenson, J. Kirkpatrick, H. J. Miller, A. M. Parker, J. J. Fitzpatrick, R. Woodall, H. J. Norman, J. T. Glover, J. Cole, H. McCracken, F. G. Green, W. Hobson, H. T. Brown. Ticket-sellers: Messrs. D. Manson and W. Thompson. Fire brigade judges: Messrs. W. Smith, G. Wilson, and J. Duke. Mrs. Macdonald moved, and Mrs. Newey seconded, that an invitation to the sports be sent to Major and Mrs. Russell, of Mawallok, and Messrs Barber Bros., of Stoneleigh. Carried. A working bee was fixed for Saturday, 24th inst., at 2 p.m., at the Park. The secretary said the grass on the running track would be cut and the ground rolled and watered; the ropes fixed and a blackboard obtained. One of the pictures at night would be Cohens and Kellys in Hollywood. It was left in the secretary's hands to get doorkeepers and a ticket-seller for the ball. Mrs Macdonald moved that Mr. Eric Wilson and Miss Connie Baker be engaged to supply music for the dance. Seconded by Mrs Newey, and carried. Past-Chief Ward moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Miss Kirkpatrick, one of their members, who had suffered a bereavement. Seconded by Chief Macdonald, and carried. Before the meeting closed, the chief wished the members the compliments of the season, and hoped the coming year would be more prosperous, and that all would enjoy health and happiness. The chief was briefly thanked by several members.

TENNIS.

BEAUFORT DISTRICT COMPETITION.

In the Beaufort district tennis competition on Saturday, the Beaufort Methodists visited Trawalla and defeated the local A team. Results (Beaufort Methodist players being mentioned first):—

A. Stowell and H. Burnell d. Hall and Vowles, 6—2.

H. Burnell and Mrs. S. Thomas lost to E. Vowles and Mrs. Starkey, 5—7.

D. Laney and Miss D. Parker d. Hall and Mrs. L. James, 6—4.

K. McErvale and Mrs. L. French d. L. James and Mrs. E. Vowles, 6—3.

Mrs. Thomas and Miss Elsie Morvell lost to Miss Brannigan and Mrs. Starkey, 6—5.

Stowell and Miss Elsie Morvell d. Starkey and Miss J. Brannigan, 6—2.

Mrs. French and Miss Parker d. Mesdames Vowles and James, 6—1.

McErvale and Laney d. James and Starkey, 6—2.

Totals—Beaufort Methodists, 6 sets, 46 games; Trawalla A, 2 sets, 26 games.

Raglan defeated Trawalla B, at Raglan, by three games.

WATERLOO SCHOOL CONCERT.

The Waterloo Mechanics' Hall contained a large and appreciative audience on Wednesday night, when the local school children held their annual break-up concert. Mr. C. M. Flynn, who acted as chairman, thanked the residents, on behalf of Mr. Ryan and the children, for attending in such goodly numbers. A varied programme of action songs and other items was excellently given by the young performers, whose efforts won enthusiastic applause from those present. The children entered into the spirit of the thing, and were a credit to the school and those who trained them and went to so much trouble in preparing their costumes. Miss Ina Rutherford acted as accompaniste. The items were given as follow: Cantata, "Soot and the Fairies," children the principal parts being taken by Jean Laney (queen), Rex Dunn (doctor), and George Davies (Captain Soot); action song, "My Darling Dolly," 12 girls; action song, "Why They Put Me in the Van," 12 boys in costume (encored and responded); humorous recitation, "How Paddy Stole the Rope," Eric Russell; action song "In a Wigwam on the Prairie," 10 boys and girls in Red Indian costume (encored and responded: "He Played His Ukelele as the Ship Went Down," six boys in sailor costume (encored and responded); humorous recitation, "A Piece of Banana Peel," Eric Russell; action song, "Picaninnies," eight boys and girls in nigger costume - Alice Lamb and George Davies taking the solo parts (encored and responded); action song, "Give Us a Penny," children George Davies taking the part of the organ-grinder, Harry Lamb that of the monkey, and Alice Lamb taking a solo (encored and responded); song, Mr. Jack Lamb (encored and responded); May pole dance and song, boys and girls. Three members of the Waterloo Dramatic Club, Miss Q. Laney and Messrs. T. Ryan and Jack Lamb, then presented the one-act comedy, "Uncle Ben," in good style, and caused much merriment and applause.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, Mr. Flynn said he was sure they had all enjoyed the concert. Mr. Ryan had asked him to present the children with the prizes and certificates won during the year. The year had been a very successful one in the Waterloo school. The children had not only been successful in bringing their mothers and fathers to the entertainment to-night, but had done something to show that they had been successful in the schoolrooms during the year as well, which was the most important place to be successful. With a few apt and congratulatory remarks to each recipient, Mr. Flynn presented the following certificates and prizes:—Merit certificates—Mary Finch, Norman Gardiner, and Ernest Laney; qualifying certificates — Rene Finch, Valda Pratt, Grace Russell, and Rex Dunn; prizes for not missing a single school meeting—Max Lewis, Jean Gardiner, John Laney, Ern. Laney, Alice Lamb, and Joan Flynn. Mr. Flynn said the school had scored more points than any other school at the combined sports. Rene Finch won three races and scored 15 points, and he presented a special prize to her. He also handed a prize to Kath Smith for selling the most concert tickets, and a little present to the accompaniste, Miss Ina Rutherford. He moved a hearty vote of thanks to the head teacher (Mr. T. Ryan), Miss Rutherford, Miss Q. Laney, Mr. Jack Lamb, and all who had helped to give such an enjoyable concert. It was quite up to the standard of any that had been held for a long time.

In responding, Mr. Ryan thanked Mr. Flynn for his nice remarks, and thanked the audience for the splendid way in which they had received the children's efforts. The children had done their best. They had only 29 or 30 children, and it was difficult to get a programme. The children throughout the year had done remarkably well, and they were a good lot of kiddies.

The dance which followed was well attended. The music was supplied by the Messrs. Boyd, and Mr. W. Kay acted as M.C. Supper was provided by the ladies.

BEAUFORT RIFLE CLUB.

The Beaufort Rifle Club fired a match of eight shots at the 500 yds. range on Saturday afternoon, and the leading scores off the rifle were:—W. J. B. Johnston, 39; E. Lightfoot, 35; M. Crick, 34; C. McCook, 34; J. Oddie, 31.

BEAUFORT H.E. SCHOOL.

PAPER BALL.

On Wednesday night the Beaufort school children spent a delightful time, when their annual ball, organised by the Mothers' Guild, was held in the Picture Theatre. This year it was decided to make it a paper ball, and many and varied were the fancy costumes, all cleverly fashioned from paper. There was a large attendance of mothers and youngsters, and all were unanimous in their verdict that the children had a great night. Mrs J. R. Hughes acted as secretary, and it was mainly owing to her untiring efforts that the affair was so successful. She was helped by the members of the Mothers' Guild.

The awards for fancy costume were as follow:—Girls, 9 to 12—Peggy Rogers (Fairy) and Jean Dawson (Early Victorian), 1; Ivy Newey (Fairy), 2. Girls, under 9—Lesley Dawson (Early Victorian), 1; Rona Petersen (Nurse), 2. Best comic, girls, under 9—Jean Sandlant (Bon-bon), 1. Best flower girl—Beryl Dunn (Rose), 1; Betty Sandlant (Violet), 2. Best poster—Phyllis Crick (Christmas Tree), 1; Freda Ramsay (Tennis), 2. Best comic—Joyce Deal (Bon-bon), 1. Best flower girl—Betty Rogers (Sweet Lavender), 1. Girls, 13 to 16 years—Harriett Cratton (Fairy), 1. Best sustained character (girls)—Rene Duncan, 1; Joyce Hall, 2 (Puritans). Best couple—Jean and Lesley Dawson (Early Victorian), 1; Roy Crick and Billie Petersen (Bandsmen), 2. Boys, under 8—Billy Rose (Night), 1; Jimmy Rogers (Little Boy Blue), 2. Boys, 9 to 12—Frank Mathias (Order of the Bath), 1; Roy Crick (Beaufort Town Band), 2. Best sustained character, boys under 8—Billy Petersen (Bandmaster), 1; Norman Day (Red Indian), 2. Best sustained character—Boys, under 12—Jack Bates (Chinaman), 1.

During the evening, Mr H. J. Buchanan thanked Mrs Hughes and the members of the Mothers' Guild for their work in organising the ball. He said that Mrs Hughes did not mind what trouble she went to to help the kiddies.

Miss Rose Roberts kindly acted as pianiste, and Mesdames A. Talbot, W. Newey, S. G. Thompson, W. V. C. Jenkin, A. Stowell, and Mr A. Stowell acted as judges of the fancy dress.

Mrs Hughes received great assistance from the president (Mrs Sands).

A tasty supper was served.

GOLD MINING INDUSTRY.

The following essay by Nan Williams, a pupil of the Higher Elementary School, Beaufort, was awarded first prize at the Beaufort show:—

"What will man not do in the quest for gold? He will brave the fierce cold of the Arctic regions, the dangers of the waterless plains and deserts, or the heat of the torrid regions, in search of the precious metal. In the nineteenth century, gold mining was a flourishing industry. People flocked to Australia to make money quickly. Many of them made, and then lost, large fortunes. Towns sprang up as if by magic; even fifty thousand men were living at one time between Beaufort and Main Lead. The Eureka Stockade in 1854 did not show the best side of mining. Gradually mining was given up, as many found it too expensive to mine deep down under the surface.

"Now that the world is suffering from the effects of the Great War, and Australia is having a difficult time, many of her unemployed men are trying their fortunes at mining. In order to help, the Government lends them tents and blankets, and gives them a small sum of money. As a result, some fair returns have been received during the past year; the price of gold being an incentive for men to spend more money in mining. In several Victorian and Western Australian towns there are large mines. Mining means so much to everyone. If gold could be discovered in fair quantities, our unemployment problem would be partly solved. The business people would benefit, and, on the whole, the whole community would be helped. The Government could pay off some of the tremendous debt which we owe, and thus strengthen our nation with the money saved.

"Gold is used for many things, mostly jewellery, although platinum is beginning to be used instead. It is the standard of exchange, though England and some European countries have gone off the gold standard. Yet it is still used for making sovereigns and half-sovereigns.

"In our own district the high price of gold has caused a revival in mining, and our town benefits, as large sums of money are paid for wood and tools, and as wages to those engaged at the mines."

SUNDAY SCHOOLS' PICNIC.

Under pleasant weather conditions, the Beaufort Anglicans, Methodists, and Presbyterian Sunday schools held their annual combined picnic at the park on Saturday afternoon. There was a large attendance of children, parents, and friends. Games, boating, swinging, and a number of races for small prizes comprised the programme, which was carried out by the clergymen and Sunday school teachers. Luncheon and tea were served.

HEALTH REPORTS.

APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED INSPECTOR.

At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, the following letters were read:—

From Public Health Department, intimating that no further delay could be permitted in the appointment of a qualified health inspector, and that in the interests of public health, the provision of the Health Acts must be enforced. The council was requested to forthwith take the necessary steps to have a qualified inspector appointed, and it was suggested that, with a view to economy, a group comprising the following municipalities be formed for a joint appointment:—Clunes and Sebastopol Boroughs, and Ballarat, Buninyong, Bungaree, Leigh, Lexton, Ripon, and Talbot Shires.—Received.

From Shire of Buninyong, stating that a conference of municipalities mentioned in the Public Health Department's letter, re health inspector, was convened for Friday, 16th December, at 2 p.m., at the City Hall, Ballarat, to go fully into the whole question, and Ripon was asked to appoint delegates to the conference. The feeling of the Buninyong Council was that, owing to the severe depression, the time was most inopportune to make the appointment demanded. It was desired that the council should ask their Parliamentary representative to attend the conference. —Cr. Sinclair moved that the president be appointed to attend. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick. Cr. Troy—They should support the appointment. The foundation of health was cleanliness, and the appointment of a qualified inspector would benefit the health of the community. It would come in time, and was the right thing. People handling foodstuffs should be under supervision. He moved that the council express the opinion that the appointment should be supported. Cr. McDonald—What would it cost? Cr. Troy—He had not gone into the matter, but it would cost a good deal. Cr. Roddis reviewed the past actions of the Department in the matter, and said they could have done without extra payment to health officers. The president (Cr. Stewart)—Would Crs. Troy or Sinclair attend as well as himself? Cr. Russell—The contribution for this shire was between £130 and £140 previously, which was a big amount to pay over and above their payment to health officers. It was their duty to report, if things were not right. Ripon would have to pay a bigger quota than some of the others. They should try and avoid more overhead expense. Cr. Kirkpatrick—The time was inopportune, and he would like the delegates to report at next meeting. Cr. Troy—They were paying over £100 a year at present, and getting practically no service for it. He would rather pay £150 and get service. The secretary—They were paying £25 for health inspectors, and £50 for the health officers—£75 in all. Cr. Troy—Health officers would follow up a qualified inspector. Their work by themselves was no good. Cr. Sinclair—Could they save on the payments to health officers? Cr. McDonald—They could save nothing. It was an arrangement made some time ago. They would find that the appointment of a health inspector would not do away with the health officers. Cr. Russell—They would be spending close on £200 a year to carry out the health regulations. Cr. Sinclair—Ripon would have to pay the bulk of the money. It was decided, on the motion of Crs. Roddis and Kirkpatrick, that Cr. Sinclair and the president attend. Cr. Troy's motion was not seconded. It was understood that the delegates have power to act, and make the best deal they could. It was resolved that the secretary also go. The president said the delegates would report to the council in any case.

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.

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

There is no charge for news items.

SCHOOLS' SPORTS

MEETING OF ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday night a meeting of the Beaufort District Schools' Sports Association was held at the Shire Hall. Fifteen gentlemen and one lady were present; Chute, Beaufort, Waterloo, Mena Park, and Sailor's Gully schools being represented. A minute's silence was observed, out of respect to the memory of the late Mr M. P. Hansen (director of education), to whom the chairman (Mr J. F. Glover) paid a tribute for his assistance in establishing the local H.E. School. The chairman said the meeting was held to consider holding the sports in March, as the present date was unsuitable. He had received a letter from the secretary (Mr K. W. Lewis) forwarding his resignation, and apologising for his inability to get in to Beaufort to attend. Mr R. Manley was appointed secretary pro tem. It was mentioned that Sailor's Gully, Raglan, and Trawalla favored holding the sports in March. Mr A. Trengove said they should not hold the gathering this March. Mr C. Flynn apologised for the absence of Mr T. Ryan, of Waterloo. It was stated that there was a credit balance of £7 odd, and the chairman and Mr Manley were authorised to pay the accounts, on the motion of Messrs W. R. Glover and T. Williams. The resignation of Mr Lewis was accepted with regret, and the best thanks of the association tendered to him for his past services, on the motion of Messrs Flynn and J. E. Wallish. Mr R. Manley was elected secretary, on the motion of Messrs Williams and Flynn. The matter of changing the sports to March was discussed, and Mr Manley moved that the sports be held on a date in March, 1933. Seconded by Mr James, and carried. It was decided to fix the date at a meeting to be held in February. Mr W. R. Glover said that some schools had the idea that if a school won the Thistle Club shield three times, it became its property. He related the circumstances surrounding the inauguration of the sports, and said that the shield was a perpetual one, to be held by the winning school for 12 months. The money was raised at a picnic held by the Thistle Club at Queenscliff, and the club handed the profit of £27 to the Schools' Sports Association. Mr Williams suggested that an inscribed picture or some other memento be presented to the winning school each year, to be hung in the school. The suggestion was held over for next meeting. Several of those present maintained that only teachers and competitors should be allowed inside the oval at the next sports gathering. The matter of appointment of officials was also discussed. Mr Flynn said they needed a sub-committee to carry out the sports, and a disputes committee. There were several matters they could improve on. The suggestions made during the evening were noted for future reference. Mr Flynn said it had been suggested to him that if each school had only one child competing in each event, it would be more of a championship. Mr W. Trengove contended that that would eliminate the smaller schools, under the present system of handicapping. This matter was conversationally discussed, and the Messrs Trengove alleged that the Chute school had been badly treated by the handicappers some time back. Mr Flynn—He was the only handicapper present who had acted for some years, and he had treated every school the same. Mr A. Trengove—The handicaps did not show it. Mr Flynn—He would suggest that the Messrs Trengove be appointed handicappers. Messrs Williams and Manley spoke in defence of the fairness of the handicappers; the former pointing out that it was impossible for any handicapper to please everyone. After the handicapping system had been further discussed, the matter dropped. It was resolved to get the names of the last two winners inscribed on the shield. Mr Wallish said that something definite should be laid down in regard to squads in the drilling competition. Mr James said a lane should be allotted to each school on the running track. Mr Williams—If they kept the crowd back, the lane would not matter. Mr Manley said the competitors should wear colors. This suggestion was also noted, together with Mr W. Trengove's suggestion that the races be run in a different direction next year. Messrs James and Jenkin suggested holding more novelty events. The president and secretary were empowered to call the next meeting early in February, on the motion of Messrs Wallish and James.

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BOWLS.

THE COLOR COMPETITION.

Members of the Beaufort Bowling Club commenced the annual color competition on Saturday afternoon. The Reds had the initial victory by 16 points; the totals being: Reds, 64; Blues, 48. The silver spoons were won by H. E. Cuthbertson, H. O. Collier, C. Dowling, and G. Vowles.

In a 2-rink match on Tuesday night, Reds were 7 up (31 to 24) and increased their lead to 23.

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SORE SHINS IN HORSES.

The condition known as "sore shins" consists of diffuse inflammation of the bone covering or periosteum at the lower third of the cannon bone. It usually affects the cannons of both fore limbs and extends all around the bone, but is most severe in front. The parts are at first hot and tender to the touch, and a soft fluctuating swelling develops. Subsequently the swelling hardens and becomes permanent.

Sore shins take the place in racehorses of splints in roadsters and trotters. The affection is almost solely confined to young horses, and is essentially an effect of the over strenuous exertion involved in the training of immature and growing two and three-year-olds. When extended in the gallop the concussive shock of the body-weight when the foot is brought to the ground is, on account of the sloping angle of the pastern at the moment of contact, transmitted to the lower extremity of the cannon bone just above the fetlock.

A word here may be said on the subject of shoeing during training. In my opinion, if only that the liability to sore shins may be decreased, young horses should be trained in three-quarter shoes only, in order that the full benefit of minimising of concussion may be gained.

In addition to the local symptoms given above, and perhaps prior to their being observed, it will be noticed that the horse goes "short" in the gallop, and pulls up "sore." These signs will be accentuated if the "going" is hard, and they will become more severe if exercise is persisted in, until on resting after a gallop the horse will be so sore as to be almost immovable, and the local symptoms will become more exaggerated.

If, on the first appearance of soreness, the horse is rested and the shins fomented with hot water and bandaged, the attack may not develop acutely. When the swelling and local inflammation are more pronounced, the object to be aimed at is to get the "heat" out of the part as quickly as possible in order that an absorbent blister may be applied to remove the swelling before it hardens and becomes transformed into bone. Hot fomentations and cooling lotion should therefore be persistently and continuously applied for a few days, during which febrile symptoms should be checked by laxative food and medicines. Imediately the acuteness of the inflammation is checked, red mercury blistering ointment should be smartly applied. In very acute cases there is great danger of death of the bone (necrosis) occurring through the circulation being arrested by the pressure of the inflammatory exudate between the bone and its sensitive fibrous covering (the periosteum).

After recovery from an acute attack of sore shins the horse should be indulged with a lengthened spell in order that the parts may become strengthened and the bone matured. If the horse is put into work too soon a recurrence of the attack may be looked for. The likelihood of recurrence is lessened if on resuming work the exercise is confined to walking and trotting for a time. At these paces, as previously explained, the concussive strain on the shins is not so great. When galloping is resumed, it should, until all danger of soreness is past, be limited to short distances, for the reason that the effect of the jar during galloping increases in ratio to the length of time it is continued, and consequently the longer the gallop the greater is the liability to recurrence of soreness.

Wisdom from Experience.

Mr. Brown, on his way to business one morning, met Mr. Jones.

"Any news, Brown?" asked Jones.

"Nothing special. I've just been reading the Sunday paper. And I find one peculiar thing in it that may be news to you."

"What is it?"

"The Sunday paper says that women in ancient Egypt used to act as they pleased, live as they pleased, and dress as they pleased without regard to what the men thought. Lucky we don't live in those times, eh?"

"Mr. Brown, are you married?"

"What has that got to do with it? As a matter of fact, I'm not."

"I thought not."

A Yorkshireman on his holidays at Blackpool called at the barber's for a shave, and was charged a shilling for the operation, but the Yorkshireman proved equal to the occasion.

Noticing the barber had a lot of flies on the ceiling of his shop, he said to the barber:

"I say, old lad, I see tha's a lot of flies in shop."

"Yes," replied the barber, "I would give anything to get rid of them."

"Gi' me my bob back then, and I'll tell thee what to do."

"Right," said the barber; "here's the shilling."

"Well, tha mun get a pair of steps and climb up them. Futch them flies darn one by one. Shave 'em, charge 'em a bob a time, and they'll ne'er coom back agin."

And while the barber collapsed into his own lathering chair, the man fra' the country of broad acres made a speedy exit.

"I don't like to see warring armies call too persistently on Providence. It savors of arrogance and self-righteousness. Providence may take revenge."

The speaker was a certain bishop, who went on: "There was once a young couple that had no children. The husband was anxious that Heaven should bless them with a girl, the wife was anxious for a boy. Being very religious, both besought Providence morning, noon, and night to grant his or her desire.

"And Providence heard. Providence granted both prayers"

To polish glass decanters there is nothing quicker or better than to chop up some raw potato, and with only a tablespoonful of water shake the pieces violently from side to side all around. Then pour out the pieces and rinse with clear cold water. This cleans without scratching as salt and other things frequently used for the purpose often do.

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(Before Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair and L. Smith, J's.P.)

DEBT CASES.

W. R. Glover sued Richard Fitzpatrick for the recovery of £33/16/6 owing for goods sold and delivered. Mr S. Young appeared for complainant, and asked for an order for the amount claimed, with £2/1/6 costs. Defendant did not appear. The Bench gave an order against defendant, in accordance with counsel's request.

George H. Cougle proceeded against Richard Fitzpatrick for the recovery of £34/9/10 owing for goods sold and delivered. Mr S. Young appeared for complainant, and there was no appearance of defendant. Geo. H. Cougle gave evidence of the indebtedness of defendant, and stated that there was no dispute in regard to the debt. Defendant had been interviewed, and had admitted the debt. Mr Young asked for £1/17/ costs. The Bench gave a verdict against defendant for payment of the amount claimed, with £1/17/ costs.

John W. Harris sued Chas. F. Forbes for the recovery of £3/19/ owing for goods sold and delivered. Senior-constable R. McCormick said that the summons had not been served. Two visits had been made, and the summons had been extended once from 21st November. Mr Young (for complainant)—I think we had better have it struck out and re-issued. The case was accordingly struck out.

ALLEGED THEFT OF WOOD.

Constable R. H. Shaw charged Percy Martin with having, at Lexton, on 9th Novr., 1932, stolen a quantity of wood, to the value of £3, the property of William Hobson.

George Black was similarly charged.

Martin pleaded not guilty to the charge, but guilty to the charge of taking the wood. He objected to the value of it, which was approximately only 6/.

Senior-constable R. McCormick, who prosecuted, said that in the charge against Black there was the same set of circumstances. He asked that the two cases be heard together.

This was agreed to.

Black pleaded guilty in the same way as his step-brother to the charge of stealing the wood.

Mr Sinclair—We will have to act as arbitrators in the case in regard to the value of the wood.

Senior-constable McCormick, in outlining the evidence for the prosecution, said that defendants were liable to a penalty of not more than £5.

William Hobson, grazier, Burrumbeet, said that he owned a timbered paddock about three miles from Lexton. Some of it had been cultivated. There was dead and live wood in it. He gave the two accused or no other person no authority to cart any wood from there. It was valuable wood, and one could get posts out of the trees they felled. It was the best red box. The paddock was securely fenced with wire netting, and the gate locked. Accused pulled a post down, and went in. They carted wood and made a crossing over a gully. They went where they liked and felled trees. They took a valuable lot of wood, and had been all over the paddock carting. He reckoned they took about £3 worth of wood, but thought it would be more. He put it down as lightly as he could. They smashed the fence and broke a post down.

To Mr Sinclair—He did not see the wood they had carted into Ballarat.

To Senior-constable McCormick — He noticed that someone had been all over the paddock, and reported the matter to Constable Shaw, of Lexton.

Black—Prior to your going to Lexton, was not a rumor going round that wood was being stolen out of his paddock?

Witness—The first he knew of it was when he saw the tracks in the paddock.

Martin—Have you sold wood in that paddock to Baulch?

Witness—I have sold it to no one.

To Mr Sinclair—He did not count the number of trees they felled. Defendants took possession of the paddock, and did what they liked with it.

Hector McConachie, laborer, Lexton, stated that he was 17 years of age. He saw the two men before the court carting wood at Lexton with a motor truck from Hobson's paddock. He could not give an idea of the date. They were taking box wood. He saw them cutting wood that was lying on the ground, and they took about six loads. He did not know the royalty they put on it, which was about a one-ton one. He did not tell either of the defendants to go into the paddock and take the wood. He was only talking to them on the 4th Novr. Martin asked him who owned the paddock, and witness said he did not know. They said they were looking for wood. They did not ask him if he had any authority to let them into the paddock. They had been in the paddock before that. He had seen them there prior to that on about four different days.

Martin—This young fellow was not the young fellow I saw, on the day he gave permission to go into the paddock. He was a chap about the same age, and said he did not think there was any harm in going in.

Martin to witness—Is there another chap about your age about there?

Witness—His name was Pascoe.

Martin—The witness in the box was not the chap. It was a lad about his age stopping at McConachie's.

Constable R. H. Shaw, Lexton, stated that on 9th Novr., at about 3 p.m., from information received, he went to Hobson's paddock, three miles from Lexton. He saw two men cutting a tree down. Martin was one, and the other was a chap named McGee, of Ballarat. He told them he was Constable Shaw, from Lexton, and that it had been reported that wood was being stolen. The other man said his name was Percy Martin, of Ballarat, and that he had no authority to take the wood. Martin said a lad he thought was McConachie—and witness said he believed it would be—had told them that if they were stuck for wood, they could get a few loads out of the paddock. McGee was an invalid pensioner, and Martin had told him that he could come out and get a bag of chips. Half-an-hour later, Black came up driving a truck. He said his name was George Black, in answer to questions, and that he had been cutting and carting wood out of the paddock to a Ballarat woodyard. He said he had no authority to do so. Witness asked him if he were present at the interview between Martin and McConachie, and he said he was not. Defendant said he must get wood somewhere. Witness read a signed statement made by Martin, to the effect that he was a wood merchant in Ballarat, and had permission to go into Smith's paddock adjoining Hobson's. He cut wood, and paid 2/ a load for it. He made enquiries as to people who had box wood in their paddocks. McConachie had told him he could get a load or so if they could not get it elsewhere. He had taken about three truck-loads. He also said his brother, George Black, took a load to Learmonth that day, and was coming back for a load to take to Ballarat. He had no authority to cut and cart wood from the paddock, only from the lad, McConachie.

In answer to Mr Sinclair, Constable Shaw said it was about 3 ft. to 6 ft. wood; a number of trees being cut down.

Continuing his evidence, Constable Shaw said George Black made and signed a statement to the effect that he was a wood merchant residing at Ballarat East, and was the owner of the truck which carted the wood from Hobson's paddock. He was not present with Percy Martin when the lad told him he could cut wood from the paddock. He (Black) had no authority to cut or cart wood from Hobson's paddock.

Percy Martin informed the Bench that he was paying 2/ a load from Hinchcliffe's paddock at present. That was the value they put on the wood taken from Hobson's. It was 6 ft. wood. The statement made that the constable had read out was correct, with the exception of the part about McConachie giving permission. It was the other lad staying at McConachie's. Defendant did not know it at the time. He told the constable that he did not know for certain that it was not McConachie.

To Mr Sinclair—Some time previous he was speaking to the lad. He made enquiries about persons having box in their paddocks, to see if they would give permission to go in. He believed McConachie was a sort of caretaker of Hobson's paddock. The lad said he did not think Hobson would have any objection to their taking a load or two from there. The lad said they were the people where he was living, and defendant now knew that it was McConachie's, and the lad was the chap staying at McConachie's.

Mr Sinclair—He thought the owner of the paddock said he gave no one permission.

William Hobson (re-called) informed Mr Sinclair that no one was caretaker of the paddock but himself.

Hector McConachie (re-called) stated that Pascoe was staying at his place for a week. He had no idea that they were caretakers of that particular paddock, and they were not. The other boy was not caretaker of it, to the best of witness' belief.

Martin said Pascoe did not give them permission, but said he did not think Hobson would mind if they took a load or two out if they were stuck.

Mr Sinclair—He could not give permission. The Bench thought defendants had done a very wrong thing to go into the paddock and cut wood indiscriminately. It seemed that they went in and took wood without permission at all. That the boy did not think Hobson would have no objection was not permission to go into the paddock at all. Their valuation of the wood was only 6/?

Martin—That was what they were paying for it.

Black told the Bench that they had been struggling hard to get this class of wood. They could get plenty of the other kind. They were always prepared to pay royalty on the wood. They had been all over the country to get this class of wood. About a fortnight ago, they secured a paddock for 2/ per load. They were under very extreme temptation to take the wood at the time.

Mr Sinclair—That did not excuse them at all. They should have gone to the owner, and asked permission to take the wood. They had cut down good box trees that were useful for posts, and worth a lot of money.

Senior-constable McCormick asked for 27/ costs.

The matter of costs was left in abeyance till another case against Black was dealt with.

ALLEGED TO BE DRIVING MOTOR CAR WITHOUT LICENCE.

Constable R. H. Shaw then charged George Black with having, on 9th Novr., 1932, driven a motor car on a public highway without being licensed for that purpose.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Constable Shaw, Lexton, stated that at 3.15 p.m. on the date in question, he saw defendant driving a motor truck along a lane where he had interviewed Martin. He asked defendant if he had got his licence. Defendant promised to produce it to the Ballarat East police. Witness sent notice to the Mt. Pleasant police and the motor registration branch.

Senior-constable R. McCormick produced a certificate from the Motor Registration Branch to the effect that on 9th November, George Black, of Ballarat, was not licensed to drive a motor car under the Act. His licence expired on 16th September, 1932. When the licence expired, notification would be sent to the defendant. If he did not renew it, and drove a motor vehicle, he was liable to prosecution.

Black stated that his defence was that he was not driving the truck on a public highway.

Constable Shaw—He saw defendant driving down a lane within five chains of the paddock. McGee went along to meet the man in the truck.

Black—He drove the truck from the gate to the paddock. A brother of his was present, and when he knew they were likely to get into hot water, he got away. His brother hopped off the truck, and witness hopped on to it.

Constable Shaw—He did not see two men in the truck. The truck was half-a-mile from the gate when he interviewed Martin. Defendant did not mention, when witness asked him for his licence, about his brother going away.

Mr Sinclair—Did defendant say to the constable that his brother was driving it?

Defendant—His brother was really a passenger, and he did not want to get him into trouble with them. The constable must have been mistaken when he said he saw him driving it before he came to the paddock.

Constable Shaw—The admission was made that defendant drove the truck to Learmonth. He could not get to Learmonth without driving on a public highway. It was also said he was going to drive the truck to Ballarat that night.

Defendant—He could give orders to do that, and still not drive the truck. He made the statement, he thought, to the constable that he drove to Learmonth.

Percy Martin gave evidence that while he was talking to Constable Shaw in the paddock, the constable wanted to know where his brother was, and he told him he had gone to Learmonth with a load of wood, and was coming back. He got the load from Smith's paddock, and was coming back to get the wood witness had

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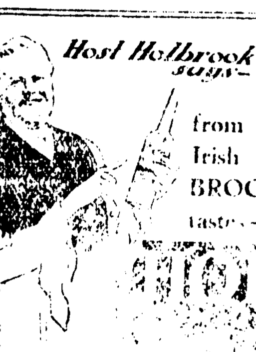

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BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Messrs D. R. Hannah & Co. reports:—Cattle—13 steers, from St. Arnaud; 1 cow, Mr A. W. Flack, Sebastopol, at £5 7/6. Calves — 4 steers and heifer, from Skipton. Sheep—199 2-tooth cross-bred wethers, Mr Geo. W. McIver, Avoca, to 11/, averaging 10/9; 99 merino wethers, from Tatyoon, to 7/11; 99 cross-bred wethers, Major Alex. Russell, Mawallok Estate, Beaufort, to 11/2, averaging 10/8; 57 wethers, Mr R. James, Alfredton, to 10/10, average 10/6; 1 wether, Mr J. Creel man, Learmonth, at 10/10. Lambs—136 from Lismore, 93, from Cluner, 67 shorn, Mr John Ellis, Beaufort, to 10/4, averaging 10/; 64 horn, Messrs Swan and Gray, Dunkeld, at 9/3; 34, Mr Jas. Cheshire, Learmonth, to 13/2, averaging 12/7; 16, Mrs L. Morgan, Westfield, at 13/2; 2, shorn, same owner, at 11/4.

The following district sales are reported by other auctioneers:—Calf, Mr Harry Martin, Chepstowe, £2; 6 lambs, Mr T. Cross, Snake Valley, at 10/; 9 bullock, Hon. Theo. Beggs, Eurambeen, £6 2/6 to go for exportation.

10/, averaging £9/14/2; 5 cows and bull, same owner, to £7/7/6; 42 ewe-lamb ewes and wethers, Mr R. Ward, Lake Goldsmith, at 9/11 and 8/11; 20 horn lambs, same owner, at 8/4; 14 comeback ewes, Mr J. Kirkpatrick, Stockyard Hill, at 7/1; 47 woolly lambs, same owner, at 12/10.

BOWLS.

In the Beaufort Bowling Club's colour competition on Saturday, the Reds were 1 up on the Blues; play being held up owing to the rain. The winner of the silver spoon was Mr Geo. N. B. Acton, G. Ellis, J. R. Wotherspoon, and J. R. Prentice.

Being 1 up on Saturday, the Reds increased their lead from 23 to 27. On Tuesday night the Blues won a single rink match by 17 to 10, and lowered the Reds' record from 27 to 26.

On Thursday night a well-contested two-rink match resulted in Reds winning by 2 points—31 to 29.

SUCCESSFUL RAGLAN STUDENT.

Miss Lottie Tilley, a pupil of Miss Doris Tucker, A.L.C.M., of Raglan, was successful in obtaining her diploma at the London College of Music examination.

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MR. J. G. KIRKPATRICK desires to express his sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their beautiful floral tributes, letters, cards, and telegrams received during his recent sad bereavement; also specially thanking Miss Paterson and Mrs. Anderson for their very kind attention to their sister. Will all kind friend and relatives please accept this as a personal acknowledgement of his gratitude.
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IN MEMORIAM.

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A Merry Xmas, and a Happy New Year to All."

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"ADVOCATE" CALENDAR.

With this issue we present our subscribers with a sheet calendar for 1933.

WOOL SEASON.

During the wool season, 3398 bales of wool have been consigned to the wool sheds in Melbourne and Geelong from Beaufort railway station.

A GREAT AXEMAN.

Of an axeman now living at Wedderburn, Mr Percy Jones, writes:—"At Pimpinio they call a tall tale: He will appear in his shorts."

At the Thistle Club sports;
And win the Novice, if he isn't too stale.

CARD SOCIAL.

The Beaufort Mothers' Guild held a card social on Tuesday night at Mrs J. T. Glover's residence. The winners of the euchre tournament were Mrs A. Cole and Mr J. Cole, junr. The prizes at the second table were secured by Mrs T. Whitfield and Mr J. King.

RAILWAY MISHAP.

When the passenger train which arrived at Beaufort at 12.20 on Friday was passing White's siding, near Ballarat, a truck door opened, and knocked several stanchions off the doors of the carriages, when the moving train tore it off its hinges, and dragged it along the siding. Several windows were also broken. Two or three passengers had narrow escapes from injury, and one was cut slightly by a flying piece of glass.

SILLY JOKE.

On Saturday night Mr A. J. Hughes, of Beaufort, left his bicycle outside his a nher's house in Willoby street, and when he went to get it, it was missing. It was thought that it had been stolen, but the machine was subsequently recovered in another street; Mr Hughes having been the victim of a silly practical joke.

BAANGAL ESTATE SOLD.

The Baangal Estate, comprising 3444 acres, has been sold by Mr F. R. Roberts to Mr Kevin Taylor, of Hamilton, on a cash basis. Baangal has a frontage of more than 10 miles to Emu Creek. Messrs Grant, Hedge, & Biggar Pty. Ltd., of Melbourne, and Learmonth & Co., of Hamilton, were the selling agents. A clearing sale was conducted by Messrs Grant, Hedge, & Biggar Pty. Ltd. on December 15. Competition was keen at satisfactory prices.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS.

In the annual examinations under the auspices of the London College of Music, the following pupils of Miss Eva Nickols, A.L.C.M., of Beaufort and Ballarat, were successful:—Associates—Ena Rutherford and Molly Heagney, pass; junior grade—Elma Buchanan, first-class pass; Austin Dowling, first-class pass; Eric Dowling, pass; grade IV. (theory)—Margaret Alt, pass; theory prizes—Nellie Fay, Beaufort; Gwen Adams, Ballarat.

ODDFELLOWS' XMAS. PARTY.

The Beaufort Picture Theatre looked like a page from a child's picture-book on Thursday evening, when the local lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows gave the members' children a treat in the form of a Christmas tree and supper. There was a very large attendance of young folk, and each received a present from the tree, which looked truly magnificent with its decorations of tiny candles and silver rain. Father Xmas arrived amid cheers, and handed out the gifts in a benevolent way. He explained that his aeroplane had broken down at Trawalla, making him a trifle late, but Mr Geo. Gordon had kindly picked him up in his truck. He wished them all a Merry Christmas, and said that he would call on all the good children again on Saturday night. The youngsters were then provided with a very tasty supper, and after playing many games, gave up the floor to their elders for the dance which followed, and was a great success. The music was supplied by the Beaufort Pioneer Orchestra. During the evening, Bro. W. H. Williams, P.G., wished everyone a happy Christmas, and said he hoped that the children had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The secretary of the lodge, Mr W. A. Skene, very capably organised the function, and was assisted by members with the decorations, etc.

BEAUFORT B.N. HOSPITAL.

The Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital has received a donation of £20 from Major Alex. Russell, of Mawallok, and £1/1 from the E.S. & A. Bank.

AFTER-THEATRE DANCE.

At Mr L. French's dance after the talkies at the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Saturday night, the novelty dances were won by Miss M. Liston and Mr A. Day, and Miss W. McCormick and Mr Eric Broadbent. The musician was Miss Rose Robert.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

We take the following from the column in the "Ballarat Courier," recalling events of 25 years ago:—A subdivisional sale of 1100 acres of the Stoneleigh Estate at Beaufort this week was a big success, all the land being sold at an average of £6 8/ an acre; a total of £26,295. The principal purchasers were Messrs Frank and Balcombe Beggs.

C.W.A. NOTES.

The State president of the C.W.A. (Mrs R. G. Beggs) presided at the annual meeting of the Shepparton branch. Congratulating the branch on its excellent record, Mrs Beggs emphasised that, although the association was not in any sense a charitable organisation, the members were inspired by charitable motives. At the annual meeting at Maryborough, Miss E. Lewis (district vice-president) presided. Snake Valley branch has handed more than 50 toys made by members to the school committee for distribution. A X-mas parcel was sent to the daughter of a member who is a patient at the Melbourne Hospital.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT AND DANCE.

On Wednesday night the newly-formed Beaufort Catholic Social Club held an enjoyable euchre tournament and dance at the Picture Theatre, in aid of the Church Improvement Fund. The winners of the euchre tournament were Mrs C. Flynn and Mr A. Driver; the prizes at the second table going to Mr Jack Flynn and Miss Win Glover. The dance music was supplied by the Pioneer Band, and the novelty dances were won by Mr W. Lynch and Miss C. Lynch, and Mr A. Day and Miss S. Crocker. The ladies provided supper. The secretarial duties were shared by Messrs J. J. Fitzpatrick and T. Ryan.

HEALTH INSPECTOR.

GROUP OF COUNCILS CONFER.

A conference of nine municipalities, convened by Buninyong Shire to consider the demand by the Board of Health that qualified health inspectors should be appointed, was held at the Ballarat City Hall on Friday, December 16. The board suggested that a group should combine to make an appointment, and Buninyong Shire desired to urge that no action should be taken, at any rate for the present. Ripon Shire was represented by Cr. Stewart (president), Crs. Sinclair, and Troy, and Mr Acton, secretary. The group has a population of 21,663, and a revenue of £61,221, and an area of 2036 miles. The award rate for a group with a revenue exceeding 60,000 is £372/10/, or less 10 per cent., £335/5/. The quota for Ripon on a population basis would be £57/8/10, and on a salary basis £22 5/6. The travelling allowance in addition (£160) is allocated on an area basis. After discussion, Cr. A. Fisher (Buninyong) moved that, owing to the difficult financial conditions being experienced by all municipal councils, the conference ask the Board of Health to hold over the appointment of a group health inspector till a more favorable time. Cr. Leigo seconded the motion. Cr. Sinclair—Ripon Shire was having just as bad a time as any other shire. If they could get out of it with paying £150 a year, they did not want to pay £300. Would it not be very much better for all the shires to join together, if the board intended to enforce the law? It was for the Board to order and the councils to obey.—[A voice: Like school kids.]—Exactly. He would suggest a postponement of the conference to ask the Board its views. They paid £50. Cr. Foulkes said Ripon Shire would only pay £90 under the scheme. Dr. Telford (district health officer) quoted from the letter which had been sent to the councils that "no further delay could be permitted in the matter." A vote being taken, 14 voted for the motion, and one (Cr. Sinclair) against. He remarked that he noticed his president (Cr. D. Steward) was voting for the motion. It was decided to send copies of the resolution to the district members of Parliament. Mr Acton was thanked for acting as hon. secretary to the conference. It has since been stated that Ripon Shire would pay £57/8/10 on population, and £122/5/6 on revenue, but that the other councils would contribute less on revenue than on population. Dr. Telford intimated that he will report on the subject to the commission, but he has declined to state what his recommendation will be.

MINING NEWS

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR BEAUFORT FIELD.

A mining revival in the new year is predicted, with the Poverty Point flat, Beaufort, a hive of industry. There the Beaufort Hope Co. on Tuesday obtained from one washing 11 oz. 18 dwt., or 3 oz. to the fathom. This mine has been working only a few weeks, and has so far won 162 oz. of gold, and the wash is gradually becoming richer. Slugs weighing from half-an-ounce to 2 ounces have been found in the last washing, which was just on 12 oz. of gold. The gold was 98.15 on assay at the Mint. The shaft is down 110 ft. All the available ground (400 acres) has been pegged out. Lately a bore showed nice wash and colors at 112 ft. It is expected to strike wash at 95 ft. in the next bore. The Goldfields Diamond Drilling Co. has a plant on the lease, with a 5-inch bore percussion drill. Mr E. K. Beaumont, the well-known mining engineer, is supervisor, and has formed a high opinion of the value of the lease. He was one of the surveyors of the trans-continental railway to West Australia, and is a recognised mining geologist and expert. The percussion bore has gone down in territory that is quite new, and previous to that, hand bores showed good colors. Work was started on the second percussion bore on Wednesday. Last Saturday Mr Beaumont went down the mine, and from a shovelful of dirt obtained 1 dwt. 2 gr. of gold. As it takes 20 shovels to fill a truck, this shows what a rich proposition it is. It has averaged between 5 and 6 dwt. to the truck. Mr J. Jacobs, of 323 Collins street, Melbourne, has been investigating the show, over which it is understood an option to purchase is held. Mr Jacobs has no hesitation in saying that a company can be floated with £50,000 capital, and he predicts a bright future for the Beaufort field, which, he considers, has merely been scratched over.

The high price of gold and the comparatively cheap methods of mining, together with the encouraging nature of official reports, are attracting increasing numbers of investors to the Beaufort alluvial field. Beaufort gold is 93 per cent. pure. Mr E. K. Beaumont, consulting engineer, has received information that a bore sunk for Beaufort Hope Alluvial Co. by the Goldfields Diamond Drilling Company, has bottomed on 20 ft. of wash, showing colors of gold, at a depth of 112 feet. The bore was sunk to prove the southern continuation of wash, which is being worked successfully on the company's property of 400 acres. Six more bores will be sunk to prove the wash in other directions. Mr Beaumont states that Mr Hal Sheppard has taken up 250 acres of virgin country on the northern line of the wash, on which bores have bottomed in wash values up to 2 oz. of gold to the set (84 cubic feet). Arrangements have been made for 15 bores to be sunk to test the rest of the area.

The Hope Revival Mining Co. at Beaufort is ceasing operations temporarily.

TENNIS.

BEAUFORT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

TRAWALLA A V. RAGLAN.

Trawalla A beat Raglan on Saturday.

BEAUFORT METHODISTS V. TRAWALLA B.

The Beaufort Methodist and Trawalla B teams played a drawn game on Saturday, which was unfinished owing to the rain. Results (Methodists players mentioned first):—

K. McIrvale and D. Laney d. Tolliday and P. McCallum, 6—2.

Mrs French and Miss D. Parker d. Mesdames A. Campbell and A. J. Hughes, 6—2.

H. Burnell and A. Stowell d. C. Lewis and R. Saph, 6—4.

Mrs Thomas and Miss Elsie Morvell v. Mrs L. R. Scott and Miss E. Smith, 3—1 (unfinished).

Totals:—Beaufort Methodists, 3 sets, 21 games; Trawalla B, 0 sets, 9 games (unfinished).

WOOL SALES.

The highest price for fleece wool for the season in Melbourne was realised on Monday by the Moorabool clip from Skipton, which sold to 17½d per lb., and lambs' wool of the same clip made to 19½d.

One of the choicest clips sold this season in Geelong was Waverley, grown by Mr A. W. Bossence, a small producer at Buangor, Victoria. The Waverley wool sold to 22d a lb., lambs' sold to 19½d, and the fleece averaged 18.8d a lb. The average price realised for the entire clip was 14.93d a lb., which is the highest average for Victoria this season to date, and very likely for the whole of Australia.

VALEDICTORY.

PRESENTATION TO MR. W. PASCOE.

Mr W. Pascoe, one of the founders of the Beaufort Literary and Debating Society, is leaving for Melbourne, and on Friday night, 16th inst., the members entertained him at a farewell function at the Masonic Hall, and presented him with a couple of useful reference books as a token of their esteem. Twenty-four members were present.

The president (Dr. S. E. Humphreys) said they were all here to say farewell to their friend, Mr Pascoe, to do him honor, and to express their feelings of regret, and a great sense of loss at his departure. He did not know how they would manage without him in the coming session. Mr Pascoe really was the originator of the Debating Society. He was one of those young enthusiasts who wished to improve himself, and the success they had achieved lay very largely at his door. He was one who regarded the society as a gymnasium. It was like a boxing class, and the members were prepared to take hard hits for their own good. Above all others, Mr Pascoe had used the society as an exercising ground. He had gone there and battled away in order to learn, with what success they all knew. Every time he stood on his feet, he had improved, and on the last occasion he made one of the best speeches he had ever made in his life. (Hear, hear). He had really thrilled him (the president) with his speaking. They had been very happy in their association with Mr Pascoe, and he had a feeling in his bones that some day they might be very proud to have been associated with him. He felt that Mr Pascoe had great possibilities ahead of him. He did not know what Mr Pascoe's scope for social service would be when he took his new position, but he felt that it would not be possible to keep a good man down. He had given great support to the society as one of the vice-presidents, and he had always felt that he had a very solid supporter. He was a man who had a right sense of values; having put the right things first, and kept them there. He had a very bright sense of humor, and another sense he had in goodly measure was commonsense. They were all going to miss him greatly.

Rev. A. Talbot referred to Mr Pascoe's growth in mental, moral, and spiritual stature. Mr Pascoe was the father of the society, which had been his great joy. His contributions had always been worth listening to. He had made the greatest progress of them all as a speaker, and had gone about the preparation of his subjects in a thoroughly workmanlike way. They deeply regretted his departure, and were losing a very fine man. Behind it all, there had been a strong, solid Christian character. His manifest sincerity, manliness, brotherliness, and courtesy had won for him a high place of esteem in their hearts. They wished him every blessing and success in his future career.

Mr R. C. Hodgetts, whilst expressing regret at the departure of Mr Pascoe, and their satisfaction that it meant advancement in his profession, said there were several monuments in Beaufort that would stand to Mr Pascoe's name for many years—first, the roads that, together with Mr Muntz, he had been making for their benefit, and his instrumentality in inaugurating this society. The society had done them all a tremendous amount of good, and they were very grateful to him. It had been a pleasure to know Mr Pascoe, who had all those personal characteristics Mr Talbot had spoken of. Wherever he went he would be deeply loved. He wished him the best of health, prosperity, and happiness in his new environment.

Rev. J. P. MacDougall agreed with the remarks of the previous speakers, and said Mr Pascoe was a man of wonderfully even temper, whom he had never seen annoyed. He had been a helpful companion to all, and their one regret was that he had been here a considerable time before they knew him. He was a retiring sort of man. He had been privileged to be a companion and comrade of his. It was commonly said that the best goods were made up in small parcels, and if the exception proved the rule, Mr Pascoe was one. He regarded the Debating Society as one of the finest things they had ever had in the town.

Mr H. J. Buchanan said he was something of the mystic, and could not help thinking that on the occasion of Mr Pascoe's last effort in the society, the spirit of Demosthenes was glad. Mr Pascoe had proved himself one of nature's gentlemen. Prosperity of mind, which they had sought in this society, was the greatest wealth a man could have. They were regretful at losing Mr Pascoe because of the solid and enthusiastic work he had put into this society.

Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair spoke as the oldest councillor and president of the Tennis Club, and said they had had no finer man in the shire and club than Mr Pascoe. The heads of the C.R.B. had spoken very highly of him, and if he went on in the same way as he was doing, it would not be many years before they would see him a member of the board. Mr Muntz regretted Mr Pascoe's departure, as did also his landlady, Miss Bywater, whose whole household spoke very highly of him.

After the health of Mr Pascoe had been drunk, Dr. Humphreys made the presentation in a few, well-chosen sntences.

In the course of a feeling response, Mr Pascoe thanked the president and the gentlemen who had supported him for their kindly remarks and expression of goodwill, and also the members for the generous manner in which they had received the toast. He could assure them that it was a very sad time for him. The position he was going to was not coveted by him. He had had no intention whatever of leaving Beaufort for at least two or three years. He had anticipated the privilege of spending at least three more sessions with them, and had been looking forward to them very much. At the annual dinner he did not think any member could have wished more for the opening of the next session than he, but such was not to be his lot. He wished he could call down some of those gifts with which previous speakers had credited him. He was breaking his connection with the society with deep regret. It was one of the most pleasant associations he had ever had. His greatest wish was gratified in seeing the members of this society assembled together to give him the opportunity of saying farewell. He had enjoyed the two sessions more than he could tell. He thanked them very sincerely for their handsome gifts, and would appreciate these books and cigarettes. Although they were not necessary to make him do so, they would remind him of the very pleasant times he had had with the members. He could hardly accept the responsibility of forming the society. He certainly was anxious to see it formed, but that was not the work of any one man. It required courage, perseverance, and above all, tolerance, on the part of every individual member. If would always remember this virtue as being possessed by every member of the society. Otherwise, it could not have existed, and could not have held together. The influence of their president was one of the greatest things that had held this society together. (Applause). He sincerely trusted that the doctor would see his way clear to continue in the position for a long time to come. With Dr. Humphreys in the chair, the society would remain and continue to progress. He hoped the society would continue to push along, and that members would make their own personal improvement. He hoped to be able to come back and see them before long. He would always contrive, whenever possible, to visit the society. He had had a wonderful time with them, and did not like leaving, although the time had come when he had to go. He thanked them all, and appreciated their assembling here to-night. He would remember, above all, the friendships he had made in this society, and the help extended to him by every member. He could look back and think of individual efforts in the matter of speaking, and when he put his miserable efforts face to face with the splendid spirit of fellowship and goodwill that had always existed, they shrank to nothing. He thanked them sincerely, and trusted that they would meet again. (Applause).

The gathering dispersed, after singing "Auld Lang Syne"

PRESENTATION BY CRICKETERS.

Advantage was taken of the opportunity to officially say farewell to Mr W. Pascoe, the popular secretary of the Beaufort Cricket Club, prior to the commencement of the Beaufort—Waterloo match on Saturday, in which Mr Pascoe made his last appearance as a member of the team. In presenting Mr Pascoe with a gold-mounted Barling pipe (in case), bearing a suitable inscription, Rev. J. P. MacDougall (president) referred to the valuable work the recipient had done as a player and secretary, his sterling personal qualities, and the high place he occupied in the esteem of his clubmates. He wished Mr Pascoe a happy future. Mr Pascoe made a suitable response.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 25th DECEMBER, 1932.

Church of England.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Main Lead, 2; Waterloo, 3.15 —Rev. A. Talbot.

Methodist Church.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Chute, 2; Raglan, 3.30—Rev. J. Mellor.

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

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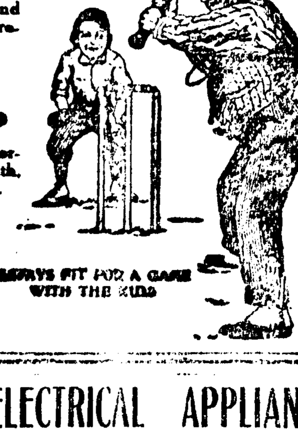

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POLICE COURT.

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cut. He did not tell the constable he had two brothers on the truck; the reason being that he knew he was in trouble himself, and this brother would be in trouble, and he did not want to get his brother into trouble who was a passenger on the truck. He said he expected Black back any minute.

Senior-constable McCormick—That had nothing to do with the case.

In answer to Mr Sinclair, Martin said Constable Shaw did not see his brother driving the vehicle on a public highway. He was with the constable when it happened. He might have mentioned to the constable that his brother was coming down. The constable could not see him any more than witness. Witness sent McGee over to the gate to tell George where they were. The constable could not see him driving the truck within 100 yds. of where they were. Defendant was not driving on a public highway.

Mr Sinclair—It was remarkable that defendant did not say to the constable that his brother was driving and not he.

Witness—He did not want the constable to know the other brother was there, because he had got off out of the way.

To Senior-constable McCormick—His brother was working away at Linton.

Senior-constable McCormick asked for 8/6 costs.

Mr Sinclair said that in the first two cases in regard to stealing the wood, the costs would be 27/. The Bench had decided that in these cases the defendants would be fined £3 each, with 13/6 costs in each case. They thought defendants had no right to go into the paddock and take and destroy wood. They thought they were being lenient with them. In default of payment of the fines, they would be sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment.

Senior-constable McCormick—The defendants had been on sustenance—Black for 18 months, and Martin for eight months.

Martin—They were only getting 10/ a week out of it.

Mr Sinclair—That did not make any difference. They had no right to go into a paddock and take wood.

The senior-constable—I mentioned that because of the other case.

Mr Sinclair—He did not believe the evidence about the other man being on the truck. He did not think they were telling the truth.

In the case against Black under the Motor Car Act, defendant was fined £1 by the Bench, with 8/6 costs.

The senior-constable—Defendants made an application for time to pay.

Constable Shaw—He knew nothing at all about them. The first time he saw them was in the paddock.

Martin—He had explained to Constable Shaw that he was on sustenance. He was a married man with four children.

Constable Shaw—He had shown him his card that he was paid sustenance. He understood defendants worked so long, and then went out to get wood.

Martin—His sole income was 19/ a week. He tried to get what he could in this wood line. He had been unemployed for 18 months.

Mr Sinclair—The Bench did not wish to send these men to goal if the police were satisfied they would pay the money.

Senior-constable McCormick—The police did not want to send them to gaol either. He did not know whether there were any previous convictions.

Martin—There were no convictions at all.

The senior-constable—He had no objection to their having four weeks to pay.

Mr Sinclair—Could they pay 10/ a week?

Black—It would be hard.

Mr Sinclair—They would give them six weeks to pay 10/ per week.

Black was also allowed six weeks to pay the fine and costs in the motor case.

LICENCES RENEWED.

The following applications for renewals of licences were granted, the police having no objections to offer and no objections having been received:—Theo. W. Schlicht, real estate agent's licence; Harry Victor Martin, real estate sub-agent's and business sub-agent's licences; John Robertson Wotherspoon, gold buyer's licence; Samuel Hayward, farm-produce agent's licence; James Alfred Harris, two carriers' licences; Ernest Charles, Harold Thos. Macdonald, Arthur Hayward, carriers' licences; William Holman Williams, two carriers' licences.

CHILDREN'S COURT.

A charge against a youth was dealt with in the Children's Court.

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BEAUFORT RIFLE CLUB.

Despite the showery weather, there was a good muster of riflemen at the Beaufort range on Saturday afternoon, when a match was fired at 600 yds. The leading scores off the rifle were:—T. G. Beggs, 36; W. J. B. Johnson, 35; C. McCook, 32; and N. Coates, 32. A drawn pairs sweepstake at the same range was won by T. G. Beggs and S. George (62). Next on the list were:—P. White and W. J. B. Johnson, 59; M. Johnson and C. McCook, 57; N. Coates and J. Duke, 51; G. Wilson and J. Oddie, 51. To-day (Saturday) matches will be fired at 300, 500, and 600 yds. (seven shots at each range). At a committee meeting the secretary was instructed to re-arrange the ladder on the members' actual scores.

CRICKET.

RIPON COMPETITION.

BEAUFORT V. WATERLOO.

In the absence of N. H. Oddie (who recently met with a serious accident) the Beaufort team was led on Saturday by the vice-captain (H. V. Martin), who won the toss from D. Lynch, the Waterloo skipper, and sent the visitors in to bat. Dromey and Laney opened to the bowling of Cole and Jenkin. Jenkin struck his length immediately, and bowled Dromey for one in his first over (1 for 5). D. Lynch followed, but with the score at 10, Jenkin took a great one-handed catch off his own bowling and dismissed Laney, who had made 7 (2 for 10). W. Chibnall was next, but before he had scored, he was caught by Beggs behind the wicket off Jenkin (3 for 10). Jack Lamb followed, and quickly made 5 (hitting Cole for 4); but Cole had revenge with his next ball, when he shattered Lamb's wicket, and 4 wickets were down for 15. Ryan, the next man, had to face Beaufort's attack at its best, and, for a time, with his captain, held the bowlers at bay. Just when things were looking better for the visitors, Jenkin got Lynch's wicket, when Thompson took a difficult catch at mid-on—5 for 34. C. Flynn was next, and, with Ryan, added 11 to the score. Then Martin, who had taken over at the lake end, had Flynn caught by Morvell at mid-on for 2—6 for 45. L. Lyttle then put on the pads, but failed to stay; being bowled before he scored; making the total 7 for 45. R. Smith was bowled in Jenkin's next over—8 for 46—and Boyd skied one to Beggs behind the wicket, and 9 wickets were down for 46. With the last man in, Ryan, who had batted stubbornly for his side, commenced hitting out, and scored a four to leg off Martin, but without any further addition to the score, Ryan was bowled by Martin for 22, and the total was 52.

During the afternoon tea adjournment, rain fell, and continued to fall during the early part of Beaufort's innings. This was a great drawback to the bowlers, who found difficulty in handling the ball, and also to the fieldsmen, who found it hard to move about on the wet turf. Crouch and Martin opened to the attack of Lynch and Dromey. Runs came slowly for a start; the bowling being accurate. When the score was 22, Martin played a ball to cover point, and Crouch, thinking it was well through the field, started off, but Laney picked up smartly, and an accurate return found Crouch yards out—1 for 22. Cole was next, and with Martin, played careful cricket, with the result that the Waterloo score was passed in less than an hour. Then the batsmen hit out at the bowling; Martin being rather lucky in being dropped three times. When the score was 1 for 103, Martin, who with the aid of good fortune, had made 55, retired, and W. Pascoe took his place at the wicket for the last time for the Beaufort Club. Cole, when 44, was hitting at everything, and missing a straight one from Vowles, was bowled—3 for 117. Beggs was next, and after skieing two or three, was caught by Vowles off Dromey for 3. Hall joined Pascoe, and made things lively, but was unfortunate in seeing his partner (Pascoe) run out when he had made 8—5 for 123. Thompson did not last long. Hitting out at Dromey, he was well caught in the outfield by Smith, before he had scored, and 6 wickets were down for 127. Darby joined Hall, but without further addition to the score. Hall was bowled by Vowles; the total being 7 for 127 at stumps. Scores:—

WATERLOO.

N. Dromey, b. Jenkin	..	1
A. Laney, c. and b. Jenkin	..	7
D. Lynch, c. Thompson, b. Jenkin	..	0
W. Chibnall, c. Beggs, b. Jenkin,		0
Jack Lamb, b. Cole	..	5
T. Ryan, b. Martin	..	22
C. Flynn, c. Morvell, b. Martin,		2
L. Lyttle, b. Martin	..	0
R. Smith, b. Jenkin	..	0
R. Boyd, c. Beggs, b. Jenkin	..	0
R. Vowles, not out	..	1
Sundries	..	7
Total	..	52

Bowling—J. Cole, 1/15; V. Jenkin, 6/16; C. Morvell, 0/6; V. Martin, 3/9.

BEAUFORT.

H. V. Martin, retired	..	55
E. S. Crouch, run out	..	7
J. Cole, b. Vowles	..	44
W. Pascoe, run out	..	8
G. Beggs, c. Vowles, b. Dromey,		3
I. R. Hall, b. R. Vowles	..	4
S. G. Thompson, c. R. Smith, b. Dromey	..	0
K. Darby, not out	..	0
Sundries	..	6
Total	..	7 for 127

Bowling—D. Lynch, 0/24; N. Dromey, 2/19; Jack Lamb, 0/27; W. Chibnall, 0/20; R. Smith, 0/7; T. Ryan, 0/14; R. Vowles, 2/10.

WARRAK V. MT. LONARCH.

On Saturday Warrak defeated Mt. Lonarch. Warrak compiled a score of 139 runs for the loss of eight wickets. Padgett retired when he had made 48, and Dadswell when he had hit up 45. McGuiness contributed 29. L. Neil (6 for 47) had the best bowling average. Mt. Lonarch responded with a score of 103; the following players reaching double figures:—A. Trengove, 23; Barry, 21; C. Neil, 18; and F. Neil, 14. E. Farish captured 4 wickets for 14 runs, Hutchinson 3 for 41, and Dadswell 2 for 31.

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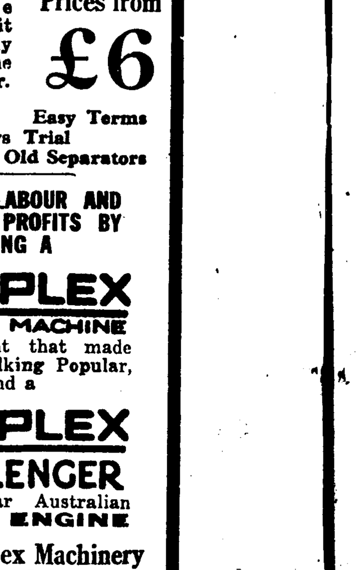

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

BREWSTER.

SCHOOL XMAS. TREE, CONCERT, AND DANCE.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

A large number attended the annual Xmas. function as Brewster on on the 14th inst. The children were delighted when Santa Claus arrived, and gave each a present, a balloon, and a bag of sweets from a beautifully decorated tree.

Then followed a concert of adults' and children' items. Cr. C. H. McKay, of Eurambeen East, very kindly presided. The concert opened with the singing of a Christmas carol by everyone. The children gave the following recitations: — "Daddy's Train," Ian Grant; "The Fairy's House," Nancy Matthews; "The Goblin," Joan McIntyre; "The Owl," Nancy Hamilton; "Santa Claus and the Mouse," Ted Dawson; "The Old Man," Ian Grant; "Christmas Eve," a group of girls; "What Good Cats Do," a group of boys and girls, with Maisie Grant as mother cat; "Daffodils," Winnie McIntyre; "The Farm House," Sylvia Newey; "Polishing the Moon," Mona Newey; and "Someone," Connie McIntyre. Myra Martin rendered "Heart's Ease" on the piano. Songs were rendered with great success by Mr J. McRae, of Burrumbeet; Mr J. McKay, of Snake Valley; Mr Mack West and Mr Gribble, of Ballarat. Mrs Hamilton and Miss M. Hall accompanied on the piano. Miss Hall also rendered two selections on the piano. Then followed community singing of plantation melodies, ending up with "Goodnight, Ladies."

Great interest was shown in the lucky envelope appeal. The winning numbers were:—1st prize, No. 5; 2nd prize, No. 197 (Mrs Panther); 3rd prize, No. 65 (Mrs J. Grant). Consolation prizes were won by Nos. 45, 16, 35, 170, 155, 19, and 166. No. 5 will be sent the first prize on sending ticket to Mr T. Lakey, P.O., Brewster, within 14 days.

On the Xmas. tree was found a silver sandwich tray for Mrs Hamilton, whose untiring services in the interests of the children are greatly apreciated by the people of the district. The teacher (Mr C. M. Hall) also received a present.

The chairman (Cr. McKay) thanked and congratulated the artists, especially those who had come long distances, and voiced his appreciation of the splendid support afforded the effort.

A vote of thanks to the chair, moved by the president of the committee (Mr McIntyre), and seconded by Mr A. Morcombe, was carried enthusiastically by acclamation.

The schoolroom was then cleared, and after a very nice supper, dancing commenced, to music very kindly supplied by Mrs Hamilton, and the Misses Hayward, of Snake Valley.

MIDDLE CREEK.

The annual break-up festivities of the Middle Creek school were held in the Public Hall on Tuesday evening, 20th inst., when there was a large attendance of children, parents, and friends. The proceedings opened with a children's concert, at which the chairman of the school committee (Mr A. Phillips) presided, and songs, recitations, and dialogues were given by the children to a very appreciative audience. The concert over, the stage was cleared, and a Christmas tree, heavily laden with gifts, appeared. Next to appear was Santa Claus, to the great delight of the children, who each received a gift and a bag of sweets. The customary vote of thanks was accorded to all who assisted, and to the audience for the appreciative reception, on the motion of Mr E. A. Fay and Cr. Kneebone. The presentation of certificates then took place, and in performing the ceremony, the correspondent of the school committee (Mr E. A .Fay) congratulated the teacher (Mr P. K. Smith) on the excellent results (100 per cent.) obtained. The following children passed:—Merit—Sheila Fay; qualifying —Alan Jess, Kevin O'Loughlan, Maggie Bell, Frank Sourberg, Edward Fay, and Oswald Dunn.

These successful pupils were also presented with a book each, valued at 10/, for which a fund was inaugurated by Mr G. W. Green, a former teacher at the school. A prize, donated by Mrs Edson, of Buangor, for the best-improved exercise for girls, is to be awarded later, when the winner will be announced. The hall was then cleared, and a large number of the younger people continued dancing till the early hours of the morning, to music supplied by Messrs J. R. O'Brien, A. Boyd, W. Meadows (piano), A. Humphries, H. Boyd (accordeon), and G. Broadbent (banjo).

A meeting of the Buangor and Middle Creek Bush Fire Brigade was held in the Middle Creek hall on Saturday evening, 17th inst., when a large number of property-owners from the locality and the surrounding districts were present. Mr W. Ahern occupied the chair, and the secretary (Mr J. K. Pickford) reported the funds to be in a sound position. Owing to this, it was decided to reduce the subscription to a nominal sum for old members. Sir Brudenell White kindly offered the use of his motor truck, and a tank and pump are to be put in this for use, if required; the offer being accepted with thanks.

BUANGOR.

The annual break-up picnic and Christmas tree was held at Buangor on Thursday, 15th inst. Although the weather was unfavorable, a very enjoyable time was spent. Races were got off. A special prize for a "YoYo" competition for the school children was donated by Mrs A. Parker, of Beaufort. Every child present received a prize. Lollies, ice-cream, and peanuts were distributed. The ladies provided tea. At 8.30 p.m. Santa Claus arrived and presented each child with a toy off the Xmas. tree. A present was given to each of the musicians, and John Murray and Bill Clough received their merit certificates. A dance followed.

A gift evening was tendered to Miss Dorry Meadows, in view of her approaching marriage with Mr W. Sellers, by her Buangor friends. At the Presbyterian Church, the Rev. J. P. MacDougall, presented Miss Meadows with a silver tea service from members of the Protestant churches at Buangor.

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM OUR FILES.

Decr. 6th, 1902.

Officers elected by the Beaufort Fire Brigade at the annual meeting were:—Captain Sinclair, Lieut. Glenister, Foreman Hellyer, and Secretary Hains.

At a sale of sheep at Wongan, prices ranged from 8/4 to 4/6.

Mr Geo. Ditchfield, farmer, of Mt. Cole, was found lying on the road unconscious near his tray, and later died from his injuries.

Alfred Driver, aged 8, son of Mr and Mrs W. Driver, fell from a tree and broke his arm.

Bro. J. E. Loft was installed as Arch Druid of the Beaufort Lodge of the Ancient Order of Druids; the V. A. being Bro. T. Sands, and the secretary Bro. H. McKinnon.

The house of Mr Wm. Baynes at Chute was destroyed by fire.

Mining yields for the week totalled 265¼ oz.

The Ripon Shire Council ended the year with a credit balance of £24.

Rear-admiral Bridges, of Trawalla, was given a public welcome at Beaufort on his return from England.

At the Geelong wool sales, R over Carngham made the top price of 17¼d, and also secured 17d and 16¾d.

At a fancy fair at Raglan, in aid of the Methodist Church, the proceeds were £30.

Corpl. Harry Wilson, a member of the Second Victorian Contingent, was welcomed home at Beaufort on his return from the South African War.

Decr. 13, 1902.

The Sons of Freedom plant was sold for £500.

Mr H. Dunn, of Middle Creek, obtained the record price of 14d for merino fleece.

The Beaufort Mechanics' Institute had a credit balance of £50 at the monthly meeting of the committee.

Gold yields for the week totalled 265 oz.

Successful school concerts were held at Beaufort and Waterloo. Among those who took part in the Beaufort concert were Roy Scott, Roy Parker, A. M. Parker, Eva Baker, Myrtle Pearce, Ben Stuart, Ruby Carter, Olive Trompf, Ella Lowe, Inez Tompkins, Violet Carter, Olive Skewes, P. Baker, J. Jones, C. Hill, H. Ferguson, F. Baker, Yab Jones, H. Stuart, A. DeBaere, Ada Trompf, E. Stuart, Olive Andrews, E. Tulloch, Corrie McDonald, E. Andrews, Alma Trompf. At Waterloo the performers were the Misses Cowley, Amy Kennedy, Pearce, and the school children.

Decr. 20, 1902.

Mr Henry Exell (formerly of Stockyard Hill), died at Kewell, near Horsham, at the age of 81 years. He came to Victoria in 1852.

Mr Robt. F. Gibson died at Main Lead at the age of 49 years.

The severest thunderstorm that had occurred in Beaufort for many years was experienced, and was followed by 3½ inches of rain in two days.

Rear-admiral Bridges entertained the Beaufort Brass Band at Trawalla Estate.

Gold yields for the week totalled 269 oz.

At the meeting of the Beaufort common managers, the herdsman reported that 20,000 sheep and 160 head of cattle had passed through the common.

The Waterloo and Chute cricket teams played a match; Chute winning by 64 runs to 60. W. Forte (12) topped the score for Chute, and M. Robinson made 36 for Waterloo. J. Robinson (3/10) was Waterloo's best bowler; W. Forte (3/8) putting up the best performance for Chute.

Lexton defeated Chute by 149 runs to 114. J. McCarthy made 51 for Lexton, and C. Loft 31 (not out) for Chute. C. Giles took 4 wickets for 30 runs and T. Palmby 3/30.

Large entries were received by the Beaufort Athletic Club for the 51 events at the Boxing Day sports. The prize money was £80.

The death occurred at Ballyrogan of Mr P. Gordon, aged 33, eldest son of Mr H. Gordon.

Rev. W. H. Cleary (afterwards Bishop of Auckland) visited his old parish at Ararat. He was then editor of the New Zealand "Tablet."

BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB

HANDICAPS FOR BOXING DAY SPORTS.

Good entries have been received for the principal events at the Beaufort Thistle Club's Boxing Day sports, and the following are the handicaps:—

Woodchops.—A. E. Crick 19 sec. bhd., (Underhand), 16 sec. bhd (Standing Block); A. Marshall, 13 bhd., scr.; C. T. Crick 12 bhd., 12 bhd.; T. Pearce, 9 bhd., 11 bhd.; E. L. Glenister, 9 bhd., 4 bhd.; M. Flavell, 9 bhd., 1 bhd.; W. Anderson, 8 bhd, 2 bhd.; J. Fisher, 4 bhd., scr.; J. H. Connor, 2 bhd., scr.; R. Davis, scr, 11 bhd.; W. Connor, scr., —; A. Pearce, scr., —; M. George, 1 in front, scr.; F. Hains, 2 in front, —; W. Hains, 4 in front, —; H. Broadbent, —, 5 bhd.

W. CONNOR, Handicapper.

Footraces.—W. H. Walker, 9½ yds. (Caledonian Handicap, 130 yds.), 16 yds. (220 yds. Handicap); J. E. Rundle, 13, 22; C. Bates, 13, 22; G. Gillies, 13, 22; W. Fitzpatrick, 14, 23½; L. Stevens, 14½, —; D. Lynch, 14½, —; A. Foreman, 15½, —; E. Wilson, 16, 28; G. Wilson, 16, 28; Clive Kaye, 12½, 21.

W. R. GLOVER, T. WILLIAMS, Handicappers.

Bicycle Races.—W. C. Gipp, scr. (half-mile), scr. (one-mile), scr. (two-mile); P. J. Bowler, J. R. Smith, 5 yds., 10 yds., 20 yds.; W. Holden, 10, 20, 30; J. R. Grayland, J. Cawkill, A. G. Sawyer, 15, 30, 50; E. H. Field, G. Mills, 20, 40, 65; M. MacPherson, V. Sweeney, H. J. Driver, 25, 50, 85; N. S. Wilkins, J. J. Leonard, 30, 60, 100.

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

PERSONAL.

Mona Mary Kirkpatrick, 13 years of age, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Kirkpatrick, gained her merit certificate at the Lake Goldsmith school at the recent examinations.

Sir Alexander Peacock, M.L.A., the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, has accepted an invitation to attend the Thistle Club's sports at Beaufort on Boxing Day, and hopes to have an opportunity of meeting any of his constituents who desire to interview him on public or constituency matters.

Miss Gwen Kewley, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs A. G. T. Kewley, of the Vicarage, Merino, has been successful in gaining a resident scholarship for three years at the Church of England Girls' Grammar School, Ballarat. She was 13 years old on the 24th Decr. On Friday, 16th Decr., she received a book from the Mothers' Club for first in her grade for three years in succession. At the Hamilton centre of the Trinity College of Music, on December 1st, Gwen passed in piano, and passed with honors in elocution—bith in the junior grade.

Messrs J. O'Sullivan and N. Miller have been spending part of the Xmas. holidays with their relatives at Beaufort.

Miss S. Dowie, of "Wongetta," Stockyard Hill, has been away on holidays.

Mr Taylor, who is a marine engineer, has been spending a holiday at Eurambeen East with Mr and Mrs R. C. Hodgetts and Cr. and Mrs C. McKay.

Mrs S. Young, of Beaufort, was unable to attend the annual meeting of the C.W.A. last week, as she had to leave the town for a few days, owing to her son, Mr Leo. Young, being ill.

Mrs Martinez, of Melbourne, was on a visit to friends at Beaufort during the week.

In Monday's "Sun" there was a picture of the presentation of x-ray equipment to the Homoeopathic Hospital by Mrs Lynn Lewis, of "Warrapingo," Beaufort, and Captain N. Wentworth-Evans.

Mr W. Bowen, manager of the State Savings Bank at Avoca, has been transferred to Kerang.

At the monthly meeting of the Avoca C.W.A., Mrs L. Watkin, of Main Lead, gave an intresting address, for which she was accorded a vote of thanks.

The engagement is announced of Amy Hilda Adams, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. A. Mayhew, Gordon street, Deepdene, to Roy Francis, only son of Mr and Mrs M. H. Manley, Vauxhall road, Canterbury.

Mr P. H. V. Elliget, P.M., of Ballarat, will reach the retiring age next year.

Because he represents the Bendigo district on the V.A.L., Mr R. A. D. Sinclair, of Beaufort, has been appointed to represent the governing body at the Nyah New Year's Day sports. His picture appeared in the "Herald" on Thursday night.

Rev. J. Andrew Barber, of the Australian Inland Mission, has been appointed to the Gisborne charge.

Mr Lin. Wotherspoon and Miss Peggy Cameron (daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Cameron), of Melbourne, are spending a holiday at Beaufort as the guests of Mr and Mrs A. L. Wotherspoon.

COMING EVENTS

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

"WOMEN WHO PLAY" AND "RADIO PATROL" AT BEAUFORT PICTURE THEATRE.

Mr L. French has secured a fine programme of talkies for exhibition to-night (Saturday) at the Beaufort Picture Theatre. The film version of Frederick Lonsdale's stage success, "Spring Cleaning," will be shown under the title of "Women Who Play." Featuring Mary Newcomb, Benita Hume, Joan Barry, and Geo. Barrand, this Paramount British production is a thoroughly entertaining and unforgettable screen play. The story deals with the desperate means taken by a wealthy novelist to save his wife from a worthless set of triflers. In "Radio Patrol," the players are Robt. Armstrong, Lila Lee, June Clyde, Russell Hopton, and Andy Devine. Drama rides with every radio call. Action speeds like fury in this gripping melodrama of police alarms, and their terrific human consequences. The gazette will include a picture of Peter Pan winning the Melbourne Cup. The usual dance will follow the pictures.

BOXING DAY SPORTS.

The Beaufort Thistle Club has provided an attractive programme of sports and Highland dancing for Monday next (Boxing Day), and given fine weather, there should be a record attendance at the Park. This is what the club is hoping for, in view of the fact that it has changed its day from Easter Monday. There are 28 woodchopping, footrunning, and cycling events, commencing at 1.30 o'clock, as well as dancing events, four races for children, two firemen's events, and five games; and an enjoyable afternoon's sport should result. There will be a publican's booth, fruit and lolly stall, and a luncheon booth on the ground. At night the talkies in the Picture Theatre should attract a bumper house. A dance will follow.

BOXING NIGHT PICTURES.

A riotous laugh picture, showing the inner workings of Hollywood studio and social life, aptly describes "The Cohens and Kellys in Hollywood," which Mr L. French will screen for the Beaufort Thistle Club at the local Picture Theatre on Boxing Night. The principal players are George Sidney, Charlie Murray, June Clyde, and Norman Foster. "Stowaway," featuring Fay Wray, Leon Waycoff, Montagu Love, Lee Moran, and Roscie Karns is the supporting film, and it is a thriller of the high seas. A dance will follow the talkies.

The Beaufort Swimming Club will hold a carnival at the local baths on Wednesday night, Decr. 28th, and there will be events for ladies, men, and children. Should the weather be unsuitable, the carnival will be held on Saturday, Decr. 31st.

The Ararat Athletic Club will hold a Back to Ararat Re-union, sports meeting, Highland Pipe band contest, etc., on Boxing Day, December 27th

OBITUARY.

MISS S. KIRKPATRICK.

At the age of 62 years, the death occurred on the 15th inst. of Miss Sarah Kirkpatrick, at the residence of her brother-in-law and sister (Mr and Mrs W. J. Hose), at Grovedale, near Geelong. Deceased was born at Stockyard Hill, and was a daughter of the late Mr Robert and Mrs Jane Kirkpatrick, pioneer residents of that place. They conducted the Stockyard Hill hotel (now delicensed) for many years, and also had a farm there. Miss Kirkpatrick was highly respected throughout the Beaufort district. She went to Grovedale 13 years ago, and was also greatly esteemed in that district. As a tribute of respect to her memory, the flag at the Grovedale school was flown at half-mast. The remains of the late Miss Kirkpatrick were brought to Beaufort by motor hearse, and interred in the family grave in the local Cemetery on Saturday. Many relatives and old friends attended the funeral, and the coffin was covered with beautiful floral tributes of sympathy, including a special wreath from the Grovedale school committee. The coffin was borne to the grave by Messrs W. J. Hose (brother-in-law), R. and J. Hose (nephews), and Edward Littlejohns. The pall-bearers were Messrs D. R. Hannah, T. W. Hannah, M. and T. Mulcahy, J. Kirkpatrick, R. Ward, and P. Cushing. The Presbyterian burial service was read by the Rev. N. W. Paul, of Belmont, who also conducted an impressive service at the house at Grovedale. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr Alex. Munro, of Geelong.

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DAIRYING

STUDY "DAIRY QUALITY."

Two cows stand side by side in the bails. To both cows the same feed is fed, yet one will extract from that food as much again butterfat as the others (says a writer in "Farm and Home"). The butter product of the food is 100 per cent. greater with one cow than the other. This fact is seen in too great frequency in all herds of cows. What is that inner quality whereby one cow can produce so much more than the other from the same food? It is hard to find the right name for it, but it may be caled "dairy quality." Now, certain breeds of cattle are distinguished for this quality. They have the power to accomplish this work in greater proportion and perfection by reason of having been bred to that purpose from long lines of ancestors of like quality. One would think that there would not be a dairy farmer in the land who would not be keenly alive to the necessity and economy of using such cattle for dairying purposes.

But the so-called general-purpose notion has destroyed in not a few men the power to look into this question in an economical way. They seem to be unable to take the same advantage in their choice of cow machinery that they do in choosing their mechanical machinery. They cannot be fooled into taking a plough for a cultivator, yet thousands of farmers will spend their lives in trying to make beef cows do dairy work. If they were close students of "cause and effect" they would not be beguiled in this way.

Why should not the farmer be a close student of cause and effect?

DAIRY JOTTINGS.

The three essentials to know about a dairy cow are: How much milk she gives, how rich in butterfats and other solids it is, and how much it costs to keep her. When these points are determined for each cow, the owner will know which to keep, and which to sell.

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You draw your dividend on your cow night and morning. Your wheat crop may rust, your pigs die from swine-fever, but the old cow plods along, always doing her share to make the farm profitable.

Some expert dairy breeders are inclining more and more to the belief that heifers should be allowed greater maturity before dropping the first calves, and are also permitting them to lay on more flesh than has been thought to be safe; these men are demonstrating the accuracy of their theories in the results produced.

An experienced dairyman ought to know each individual cow, her ability to assimilate food, and return a profit at the pail.

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ETIQUETTE AT HOME.

There is certainly no better place to learn the correct form of etiquette than at the family table and in the home.

So many persons feel that it really makes no difference how they look or how they act at home if they can only be attractively gowned, and have good manners when in public. If they only could realise what a mistake they make!

How much more attractive the home would be if the mother and children were always smartly and freshly dressed, and the simplest home meal served in a correct and dainty manner.

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Well!

A good story is being told of the wife of a certain famous financier. The lady is a very late riser, and the other morning she was in her bathroom—a magnificent one it is, they say, with silver hot and cold water-taps, mosaic flooring, and all the rest of it. Hearing a most curious noise in the next room, she rang for her maid—a simple little country girl, whom she had recently picked up in the neighborhood—and asked for the cause of the mysterious sounds.

"Ah, madam, it was a friend of master's who wished to see you. I told him you were not to be seen——"

"Well?"

"He would not believe me, madam; so I told him to look through the keyhole, and he said I was quite right; he would call again!"

"Not long ago, while I was stationed in Fyzabad," relates a sergeant-major in an army paper, "a native called John James, who had just learned the art of making bread in European style, sought my assistance in advertising his business.

Not being an expert in that line, I simply told him to state that his loaves were fit for the King.

He seemed delighted, and departed with many salaams.

On passing his shop a few days later, I was surprised to see outside on a board, in large letters, the following notice:—'John James, European Loafer to the King!'"

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THISTLE CLUB.

BOXING DAY SPORTS A SUCCESS.

There can be no two opinions about the wisdom of the Beaufort Thistle Cub in changing the date of their annual sports gathering from Easter Monday to Boxing Day, judged in the light of their experience on Monday last. It is safe to predict that with a little wise organisation—dropping minor events, and improving the prize money in the principal races—the standard of the meetings of the Athletic Club on Boxing Day for nearly half-a-century can be restored by the Thistle Club, and Phoenix-like, a new sports gathering of note will arise from the ashes of the old. About 50 motor-cars lined the arena on Boxing Day, and as the weather was delightfully fine, and there was no danger of bush fires, town and district residents turned out in good force. The gate receipts amounted to £43/5/, compared with £14 at the last Easter sports, £39 in 1931, and £54 in £1930. The programme was a varied and interesting one of wood-chopping, footracing, cycling, dancing, and novelty events. The handicappers had done their work creditably, and the proportion of close finishes witnessed was well up to the average. No accidents occurred to mar the day's pleasure, and the police (Senior-constable R. McCormick and Constable J. Duke) found the task of keeping order a very easy one. The proceedings were considerably enlivened by the presence of the Beaufort Brass Band, who played an enjoyable programme of music, under the baton of Bandmaster W. Petersen. The national music of Scotland was supplied by Piper C. Henderson, who also played for the dancing competitions, which were judged by Mr J. M. Lawrie. Among the visitors was Sir Alexander Peacock, M.L.A. (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly), and his many friends were pleased to see him looking hale and hearty again after his recent illness. He met many of his constituents during the afternoon, and was entertained by the Chief (Mr R. T. Macdonald) and Mrs Macdonald at lunch, together with several leading officers of the club. The publicans' booth was in charge of Mr R. Taylor, of Ballarat, and the afternoon tea booth was conducted by Mr A. Lowell, who was also the lessee of the fruit and sweets stall. All the officials of the club carried out their duties well, and the programme was got off in good time, and without any serious hitch occurring. The enthusiastic chief (Mr R. T. Macdonald) and the hardworking secretary (Mr W. Manson) were at the head of affairs; upon the shoulders of the latter falling the greater part of the work of organising the meeting. He was never too busy to be courteous to competitors and others having business with him. Following is the full list of officials:—Chief, Mr R. T. Macdonald; chieftains, Messrs D. Manson and P. T. Stevenson; dancing steward, Mr P. T. Stevenson; stewards, judges, etc., Messrs J. T. Glover, J. Cole, J. Kirkpatrick, L. Symons, E. S. Buchanan, H. Brown, H. McCracken, J. J. Dunn, W. Skene, G. Boyd (who also acted as starter), A. M. Parker, H. J. Buchanan, R. Woodall, A. C. Welsh, R. Ward, G. Wilson, W. Thompson, D. Manson, J. McErvale, J. J. Fitzpatrick, W. R. Glover, T. Williams, W. Connor, H. Featherstone, and W. Fitzpatrick; secretary, Mr W. Manson. The tracks were in fair order, although the cycle track cut up in a couple of places.

There was a close finish to the Two-mile Bicycle Race, which was won by half-a-wheel by J. R. Grayland; A. G. Mills securing second place by half-a-length. The 220 yds. Footrace also furnished an exciting finish; inches separating the three placed men. The winner was C. Bates, and the second man G. Wilson. R. Finch had four blows to spare at the finish of the Novice Woodchop; P. Hains being second. The Underhand Woodchop and the Chief's blue ribbon were won by F. Hains by eight blows; but there was a dead heat for second place between A. Pearce and W. Hains. E. H. Field got home by a length in the Half-mile Bicycle Race, and the second man was A. G. Sawyer. The back-marker (A. E. Crick) won the Standing Block Chop in great style by five blows, and severed his log in 38 sec.; T. Pearce being second. W. Fitzpatrick secured a victory and the secretary's silver cup by six inches in the Caledonian Handicap, and W. H. Walker obtained the second place by a foot. A. G. Sawyer won the One-mile Bicycle Race and blue ribbon by two lengths; J. Cawkhill being second. Ivy Mahoney was the winner of the blue ribbon presented by Past-chief R. Ward for the dancing aggregate.

Towards the close of the day's programme, Sir A. J. Peacock presented the silver cup won in the Caledonian Handicap to W. Fitzpatrick. He said he was very pleased to have the honor conferred on him by Mr Manson of presenting this cup. It was the strange irony of fate that at a Caledonian sports meeting the prize had been won by the son of an Irishman. (Laughter). When the speaker war much younger than he was now, and was elected chief president of the A.N.A., there was favorable comment in the local paper at Creswick about the wonderful position to which young Mr Alex. Peacock had been appointed—he had been elected chief president of the A.N.A. for the whole of Australia. There were only £1000 in the funds then and 500 members. Now they had 35,000 members, and he was one of the trustees of £1,200,000. —[A voice: How about a loan?]—Some of his young A.N.A. friends in Ballarat had said they wanted to come and see the Creswick mines. He managed to have them taken out, and afterwards they had a luncheon at an hotel kept by a Frenchman, who was a pal of his father's in the early digging days. He (Sir Alex.) was only a clerk then, getting £2/10/ a week, and he paid for the lunch and much beer. (Laughter). The old Frenchman said, "Well, Alex., you are a great man in this country. You are head of the A.N.A. for the whole of Australia, but you are not what I call a native." He was very indignant, and so were the whole of his A.N.A. friends from Ballarat. He said to the old gentleman, "You know I was born in Creswick. You and my father were mates in the digging days. You have not put it fairly." "No, no," said the Frenchman, "your father was born in England, and your mother in Ireland. You were born in Australia, and you are what I call a shandy-gaff." (Laughter). So it was the irony of fate that a cup, presented by the secretary of the Thistle Club, should be won by William Fitzpatrick, of Irish parentage, but it showed how they mixed all round. In this great country people had no distinctions, and Bill Fitzpatrick had won it because he was the best competitor. It was a very great pleasure to hand him the cup, and all he wanted was somebody to share it with him. Laughter). He offered him his congratulations and best wishes for the years that were ahead. His parents and friends were delighted with his success.

At the call of Mr Duke, the local firemen gave cheers for the winner, who is a member of the brigade.

Sir Alexander said the winner's father would like to say a word or two, and was as proud as a Peacock. (Laughter).

Mr Martin Fitzpatrick said he was very proud his boy had won the cup and this race. He was also very proud that Sir Alex. had been here to present it to him. He wished them all the compliments of the season.

In presenting a cup to the captain of the Fire Brigade (W. Smith), who won the One-man Marshall Event, Sir Alexander Peacock said he was very pleased to do so. He was glad they had an active brigade in Beaufort like they had in Creswick. He was pleased, as an old servant of the public, to see young men taking an interest in public institutions. He could tell them many interesting stories about his early experiences with firemen, but they wanted to see the other items that had been provided, and he had to get home to his wife and family. (Laughter). The Creswick people were inclined to be annoyed at his absence that day, but he told them that he had promised the Thistle Club some time ago that he would come to Beaufort on Boxing Day. That was the only reason why Lady Peacock was not with them. She did not like his going about by himself, as he was getting up in years. (Laughter). It was a pleasure to present these nice trophies. He was looking into the future, and could see Bill Fitzpatrick and Bill Smith getting married some day, and using the cups to drink the health of their respective brides. (Laughter and applause).

The firemen gave cheers for their captain.

Mr R. T. Macdonald (chief), in presenting the cups won by Captain W. Smith and Lieut. W. Day in the Two-men Marshall Event, said he hoped they would be nothing to the trophies the brigade would win at the next demonstration. With a few, apt remarks, he then presented Miss Ivy Mahoney with Past-chief R. Ward's blue ribbon for the dancing aggregate.

Later, Mr A. C. Welsh, in a few, congratulatory sentences, presented to F. Hains the blue ribbon (the gift of the chief) won by him in the Underhand Chop, and hoped he would win many more.

Following are details of the events:—

ATHLETIC EVENTS.

Two-mile Bicycle Race—£3 and £1.—First heat—A. G. Sawyer, 50 yds., 1; A. G. Mills, 65 yds., 2. Time, 4 min. 46 sec. Won easily by eight or nine lengths. Four starters.

Second heat—E. H. Field, 65 yds., 1; M. McPherson, 85 yds., 2. Time, 5 min. 3 sec. Won by a length. Five starters.

Third heat—J. R. Grayland, 50 yds., 1; V. Sweeney, 85 yds., 2. Time, 5 min. 3 sec. Won by a couple of lengths. Four starters.

Final—J. R. Grayland, 1; G. Mills, 2; A. G. Sawyer, 3. Time, 5 min. 4 sec. Won by half-a-wheel, with half-a-length between second and third. Four starters.

220 yds. Handicap—£2/10/ and £1.—C. Bates, 22 yds., 1; G. Wilson, 28 yds., 2; W. H. Walker, 16 yds., 3. Time, 22 sec. Won by inches, with inches between second and third. Six starters.

Novice Woodchop—£1/10/ and 10/. Logs, 36 inches in girth. —First heat—T. Darling, ser., 1; R. Finch, 8 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 50 sec. Won by three blows. Three starters.

Second heat—E. Broadbent, ser., 1; P. Hains, ser., 2. Time, 58 sec. Won by two blows. Three starters.

Final—R. Finch, 1; P. Hains, 2. Time, 50 sec. Won by four blows. Four competitors.

Underhand Woodchop. Logs, 39 inches in girth—£5 and blue ribbon gift of Chief R. T. Macdonald), £2 10/, and trophy (gift of Mr A. Grace). First heat—F. Hains, 2 sec. in front, 1; A. Pearce, ser., 2. Time, 51 sec. Won comfortably by seven blows. Four starters.

Second heat—W. Hains, 4 sec. in front, 1; W. Anderson, 8 sec. bhd., 2. Time, 60 sec. Won by six blows. Five starters.

Third heat—T. Pearce, 9 sec. bhd. ser., 1; R. Davis, ser., 2. Time, 46 sec. Won by three blows. Four starters.

Final—F. Hains, 1; A. Pearce and W. Hains, dead heat, 2. Won by eight blows, with an exciting contest for second place that ended in a tie. Six starters. Time, 48 sec.

Half-mile Bicycle Race—£3 and £2.—First heat—A. G. Sawyer, 15 yds., 1; V. Sweeney, 25 yds., 2. Time, 1 min. 6 sec. Won by three lengths. Four starters.

Second heat—G. Mills, 20 yds., 1; J. R. Grayland, 15 yds., 2. Time, 1 min. 5 4-5 sec. Won by three lengths. Five starters.

Third heat—E. H. Field, 20 yds., 1; J. Cawkhill, 15 yds., 2. Time, 1 min. 8 sec. A good finish—won by a wheel. Three starters.

Final—E. H. Field, 1; A. G. Sawyer, 2; G. Mills, 3. Time, 1 min. 5 sec. Won by a length, with a length between second and third. Six starters.

Standing Block Woodchop—Logs, 39 inches in girth—£3 and £1. First heat—A. E. Crick, 16 sec. bhd. ser., 1; H. Broadbent, 5 sec. bhd., 2. Won by four blows; the winner giving a good exhibition. Time, 42 sec. Five competitors.

Second heat—T. Pearce, 11 sec. bhd. ser., 1; W. Anderson, 2 sec. bhd., 2. Won by four blows. Time, 41 sec. Five starters.

Final—A. E. Crick, 1; T. Pearce, 2; W. Anderson, 3. Time, 38 sec. Won by five blows, there being three blows between second and third. The winner gave a splendid exhibition of axemanship.

Caledonian Handicap, 130 yds.—£5 and silver cup (cup, gift of Mr W. Manson), £1/10/, and 10/.—First heat—W. H. Walker, 24 yds., 1; A. Foreman, 15½ yds., 2; G. Wilson, 16 yds., 3. Won by about 9 inches. Time, 12 2-5 sec. Four starters.

Second heat—C. Kaye, 12½ yds., 1; W. Fitzpatrick, 14 yds., 2. Time, 12 3-5 sec. Won by inches. Six starters.

Final—W. Fitzpatrick, 1; W. H. Walker, 2; A. Foreman, 3. Time, 12 2-5 sec. Won by six inches, with a foot between second and third. Four starters.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Claiming to find hopeful signs of recovery on every hand, the Premier (Sir Stanley Argyle) sounded an optimistic note in a review of economic conditions.

The Australian Board of Control decided on Thursday not to alter its resolution forbidding players to write articles for newspapers. It also decided not to interfere with any broadcasting contracts.

Mr O. J. Looney, head teacher of the Amphitheatre State school (formerly of Waterloo), obtained 100 per cent. passes for the merit and qualifying examinations.

Many examples of the part played by modern machines, improved methods, and specialisation in creating unemployment are given in a report by a Trades Hall committee, which investigated the question of a shorter working week.

Thieves took goods valued at £250 from the store at Mortlake. Premises at Donald were also robbed.

Reports from holiday resorts state that record crowds are enjoying themselves at all place.

With the object of restoring a uniform rate of payment for butter-fat, a conference of representatives of butter factories in Central Gippsland was held.

Movements of Japanese troops in Manchuria have given rise to fears among the Chinese that an invasion of the province of Jehol is contemplated.

There are indications that the Irish Free State Government is facing a crisis over proposed reductions in salaries of Government servants, as the reductions are strongly opposed by the Labour party, which holds the balance of power.

While King Boris, of Bulgaria, was interviewing party leaders, a revolver fight among political partisans occurred outside the palace.

In order to assist German farmers, a decree has been issued directing that henceforth a proportion of butter must be mixed with margarine.

In a period of three years the hospitals and charities expenditure by the State of Victoria has been reduced by £110,000.

Lord Somers, the former Governor of Victoria, is visiting the State, and arrived from England this week.

Mr F. W. Thring has concluded an arrangement for the production of Australian films in England.

In Sydney and suburbs during the year, 1433 new buildings were erected at an outlay of £1,866,172, compared with 1621 new building costing £1,792,145 during 1931.

At the monthly meeting of the council of the Pastoralists' Association at West Darling, several important resolutions were passed. They related to the wild dog menace on the South Australian border, steps for coping with rabbits, and the need for sterilising Alsatian dogs.

The number of divorce petitions filed in the Victorian Supreme Court increased this year. Up to Wednesday the number filed was 552, compared with 467 last year. The number of Supreme Court writs decreased from 1261 to 1124. Fifty-nine fewer persons were committed for trial for various offences; the total number this year being 972, compared with 1031 last year.

AFTER-THEATRE DANCE.

There was a good attendance at the dance at the Beaufort Picture Theatre after the talkies on Saturday night. The novelty dances were won by Miss Dulcie Parker and Mr L. Williams, and Miss Eunice Green and Mr L. Williams. Miss Rose Roberts was the musician.

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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Let your New Year resolution be: Be just and courteous to all, fear none, and let no blot be cast on your good name.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1932.

RAINFALL.

On Friday night and Saturday 12 points of rain fell at Beaufort.

C.R.B. CONTRACTS.

The Country Roads Board has approved of the acceptance of the following tenders:—Ripon Shire—Ballarat-Hamilton Road: Supply and delivery of 2000 cub. yds. of scoria—A. Nunn, Snake Valley, £490. Skipton Road: Supply and delivery of 800 cub. yds. of gravel—Broadbent Bros., Beaufort, £103 6 10.

SUCCESSFUL FORESTRY STUDENT.

Prizes, certificates, and diplomas were presented at the annual graduation ceremony at the Australian Forestry School, Canberra, by His Excellency the Governor-General (Sir Isaac Isaacs). In his report for the year the acting principal (Mr C. E. Lane Poole) said that all the States except Victoria had sent students. The 1933 Russell Grimwade prize had been awarded to Mr Alfred Oscar Lawrence, who would go to Oxford early in the new year. A few years ago, Mr Lawrence was assistant-forester at Beaufort.

MOTOR CAR OVERTURNS.

A very fortunate escape was experienced near the railway crossing, a little over a mile from Beaufort, on Wednesday afternoon, by a party of motorists, who were travelling in a Sedan Chevrolet car from Ararat to Ballarat. The car was being driven by Mr Wm. Taylor, of Ararat, who had as passengers, Mr and Mrs Coffey and their son, and Mr I. Long, of Ararat. One of the back tyres blew out, and the wheels skidded in the loose gravel, causing the car to turn over on its side. No one was injured, and not even a window was broken. The journey was resumed in the car.

FOR THE BUSINESS GIRL.

Black and white is always a smart combination for the business girl, and two chic suits are worn by Leila Hyams. Both costumes are alike in the respect that the white accents are introduced in the collars and cuffs, the first frock being fashioned of heavy flat crepe, with white organdie collar, featuring wide revers, and the big gauntlet cuffs, and the other frock of black crepe satin with white piqué Peter Pan collar and cuffs, with a cute, frilly edge, and large white buttons, cunningly placed on the bodice. Black patent shoes that tie at the side are smart with deep grey hose, and for outdoor wear a white sailor with a black and white handbag are the delightful accessories.

BALLARAT WOOL SALES.

At the second wool sale for the season, held by Messrs E. J. Strickland & Sons at Ballarat, the following district prices were realised:—ED/Trawalla (Trawalla), 1st lambs', 13½d; Mortchup/DY (Mortchup), A mer., 12d; WR/Chepstowe (Chepstowe), mer., 13d; ED/Trawalla (Trawalla), A, 12½d; JR/Chepstowe (Chepstowe), aac and w and h, 12½d; MR/Chepstowe (Chepstowe), aa c and w, 12½d; WM/Carngham (Carngham), mer., 12½d; WR/Trawalla (Trawalla), mer. 12½d; Mortchup/DY, aam, 12½d; Wn/Waterloo (Beaufort), mer., 12½d; MR/Chepstowe, ne and w, 12½d; TQ/Chepstowe, cbk., 12½d; JAS (Carngham), mer., 12½d; MC/Trawalla, aua comb., 12½d; Main Lead/HHG (Beaufort), cbk., 12½d; Mortchup/DY, aaam, 12½d; EW/Lynnecourt (Beaufort), cbk., 11¾d; JC/Chute (Beaufort), mer., 11¾d.

"CLASSIC" LEGISLATION.

Members of the Legislative Assembly usually take for granted that ingenious phrasing of the legislation which is the responsibility of the Parliamentary draughtsman (Mr Bernard O'Dowd). Recently, however, when the House agreed to an important amendment to the Fisheries (Trout Licences) Bill, the leader of the Opposition (Mr Tunnecliffe) paid a graceful tribute to the work of Mr O'Dowd. The Chief Secretary (Mr Macfarlan) had explained that the amendment did not affect the bill. It merely "improved the verbiage of the clause" so that the Parliamentary draughtsman could recommend it "conscientiously." Mr Tunnecliffe observed that the position arose from the fact that the House had a distinguished classical scholar as Parliamentary draughtsman. "I believe," he said, "that in time to come, when an historian writes the history of legislation in Victoria, he will refer to the classical character of its verbiage. It is quite unlike some of the legislation passed in other States." Mr O'Dowd, who is best known as a poet, is a native of Beaufort.

TENDERS.

Tenders are invited by the Shire of Ripon for C.R.B. and Shire contracts

MOTORISTS HELD UP.

On Xmas. Day the Beaufort police held up all motorists passing through Neill street to see that their licences and registration papers were in order.

LEG GASHED.

Mr Albert Mitchell, of Raglan, was chopping wood, when he received a nasty gash on the leg from the axe; a number of stitches having to be inserted.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Owing to the wet weather on Saturday, the Beaufort Rifle Club did not hold the matches at three ranges that had been arranged. Several members took part in a practice shoot; difficult conditions prevailing.

ODDFELLOWS VISIT ARARAT.

Nearly a score of the members of the Beaufort Oddfellows' Lodge of the Manchester Unity attended a reunion of the Ararat Lodge on Tuesday night, and carried out the ceremony of installing Bro. J. T. Fancett as Noble Grand of the Loyal Ararat Lodge. After the meeting, an enjoyable social was held. The toast of the visiting members was honored, and responded to by Bro. W. A. Skeue, secretary of the Beaufort Lodge.

WET XMAS. EVE.

Friday night, 23rd inst., was observed as Xmas. Eve at Beaufort, and rain fell almost incessantly. This adversely affected business in the town, especially among the vendors of soft drinks and ice-cream. As the future outlook is somewhat brighter, it is believed that people spent more freely ovr Xmas. week than they did last year. On the real Xmas. Eve (Saturday) the weather was again wet, cold, and dismal. On Xmas. Day (Sunday) the conditions improved; the afternoon being fine. Tuesday was also a holiday, and the weather was fine.

BALLARAT TRAGEDY.

A small bedroom opening off a narrow passage on the second floor of the North Grant hotel, at the corner of Bridge and Peel streets, Ballarat, was the scene of a ghastly tragedy shortly before 1 o'clock on Thursday morning, as the result of which Mrs Winifred Brooks, a barmaid employed at the hotel for some years, was killed, and a man named Harry Lloyd, of Wonthaggi, received a bullet wound in the right eye. Later in the morning, Patrick Sheedy, aged 49, was arrested for the alleged murder of Mrs Brooks, and the alleged attempted murder of Harry Lloyd.

CARD SOCIAL AND DANCE.

On Thursday night the Beaufort Fire Brigade Ladies' Social Club held a card social at the C.W.A. Hall and a dance at the Fire Station. Both functions were well attended and proved very enjoyable. They were organised by the president (Mrs A. J. Saph) and secretary (Miss D. George). The winners of the euchre tournament were Mrs B. Hinchcliffe and Mr J. Stewart; the prizes at the secret table going to Mr and Mrs G. Wilson. A novelty dance was won by Mr G. Grant, Miss J. Day, and Miss D. Goodie. The music was supplied by the Pioneer Band; Mr Leo McCormick and Miss L. Irving playing for extra dances. The ladies provided supper.

STYLES ARE ALLURING AND FEMININE.

Never before have the styles been so feminine in some snappy gowns. One is a dashing sports suit of brown and beige tweed, trimmed with Russian lynx. The brown accents are found in the wide suede belt, suede beret, Oxfords, and handbag. Suede gloves are beige; the same colour as the hose. Sheer silk crepe fashions the cori frock for afternoon calls. The very short jacket ends and ties at the waist, and is bound with silver fox. Black felt hat, black kid shoes, and beige slipon gloves complete the outfit. A stunning pearl evening gown carries out the trailing classic lines which are so important in formal clothes for evening wear. Although the waist and the skirt are snugly fitted, there is plenty of fullness below the knees.

A TOUGH JOB.

Members of the police force are often called upon to perform unexpected duties, and on Wednesday afternoon, Constable J. Duke, of Beaufort, was required, to capture a mentally-deranged man, who was throwing stones at passing motor cars on the Ararat road. When the man saw the constable, he bolted, and the latter gave chase and caught him. Pulling off his coat, the man struck Constable Duke across the face with it; a hard substance in one of the pockets giving him a stinging blow. He then grabbed the constable's necktie, and proceeded to strangle him. After the man (who was both big and strong) had put up a strenuous struggle, the constable succeeded in throwing and overpowering him. He was then handed over to his friends, who took him to Ballarat.

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM OUR FILES.

December 24, 1902.

Of eight foundation members of the Fiery Creek Lodge, not one remained. Of the 18 members initiated after the lodge was constituted and dedicated on 12th Novr., 1890, nine were left. The lodge had 36 members the first year of its existence, and in 1902 there were 52. The subscribing past masters of the lodge in 1902 were:—Wor. Bros. G. H. Cougle, R. A. D. Sinclair, A. Parker, J. R. Wotherspoon, M. J. N. Breen, and J. Eastwood. The Worshipful Master was Bro. W. C. Pedder.

The total claim made by the exburghers of the Transvaal and Orange River colonies amounted to £90,000,000.

A magisterial enquiry was held by Mr G. Topper, J.P., into the death of Ah Now, aged 77 years, a resident of the Chinese Camp, Main Lead.

Mr Dave Elliott, of Skipton, won second prize in a shooting match for a leather gun-case; the winner being Mr J. Francis.

The death occurred of Mrs James Murray, an old resident of Skipton.

A review of the year's mining showed a yield for the 12 months of 11,000 oz. The All Nations Consols tribute party obtained 12 oz. from 16 sets. The Government battery crushed 436 tons of stone and cement for a yield of 179 oz. The Barton quartz reef mined 190 tons of stone for a return of 135 oz. The Last Chance, Waterloo, averaged £3 per week per share. The Sons of Freedom, Raglan, excavated 2935 fathoms for a yield of 2754 oz. The total quantity of gold won from the mine was 8183 oz. The Sons of Freedom United Co. yielded 80 oz. North Sons of Freedom proved wash averaging 1½ oz. per fathom.

Gold yields for the week at Beaufort, Waterloo, and Raglan were:—Last Chance, 21 oz.; Sons of Freedom Central, 128 oz.; Sons of Freedom South, 105 oz.; All Nations Consols, 3 oz.; sundries, 13 oz.; total, 270 oz.

ARARAT SHIRE COUNCIL.

At the last meeting of the Ararat Shire Council, the health inspector reprted that the drain in Buangor township was in a very insanitary condition, owing to fishermen digging up the rough pitcher drain for worms. The drain from the Buangor hotel, according to the engineer's report, required immediate attention, and he recommended that half 12-inch pipe be placed in bottom of existing drain as far as creek, and culvert across road be replaced with 12-inch pipe. The estimated cost of this work was £35. A letter was read from M. O'Loughlan, Ballyrogan, asking that before any work is done on the road to which he drew attention, the engineer and councillors make an inspection. It was the only road by which they could take produce to Middle Creek station off 20,000 acres of land, which had been valued at £7 to £8/10/ per acre. There was 48 miles of surveyed road, and only 3½ miles graded.—The president, Cr. Borbidge, and the engineer to inspect. FromM. O'Loughlan, Ballyrogan, complaining of his valuation, which was £7/15/ an acre. He asked for a reduction to at least £6. The block had 60 acres of swamp in it, and adjoined the Geelong road. From A. W. Bossence, J. Hillman, and six other ratepayers of Middle Creek, drawing attention to the state of Spring Creek, from where it branches from Middle Creek at the V. For about 35 chains it was silted up, and overgrown with rushes. They were dependent on that creek for their water supply.—Cr. Knebone said the place was in a pretty bad way, and all silted up. He moved that the engineer inspect and report, and do any temporary repairs necessary in the meantime. Seconded by Cr. Vanstan, and carried. From C. Lewis, Beaufort, drawing attention to the urgent need before next winter of metalling about half-a-mile of the Streatham road, immediately opposite his homestead. Members of the Ripon Shire Council had inspected the place, also the piece of road for a mile or so north of Mr Dowie's residence, and he understood they would confer with the Ararat Shire on the matter.—The acting-secretary said the council had already decided to do some work on the road. From J. A. Lewis, Buangor, drawing attention to the state of Ford's bridge, Buangor-Tatyoon road. Recently Mr Gordon Brebner's horse fell through it, and it took nine men three hours to get the horse out. He had never seen the bridge free or rabbits. From N. F. Dowie, Beaufort, asking that the road in front of his place be repaired. The council could get as much stone free of charge as it required from his property.—Cr. Borbidge moved that the Shire of Ripon be asked to carry out the joint work up to £25. Seconded by Cr. Hucker, and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

THE BOT-FLY.

Editor, "Ripon shire Advocate."

Sir,—Early in the present year, I had occasion to render assistance to several sick animals, the owners of which were under the impression that their ailments were due to bot-fly. Upon examination, it was found that such was not the case. With the approach of summer, and with it the bot-fly, my purpose in writing is to say something about this quite interesting visitor.

Since different species of bot-fly (or gadfly, as it is sometimes called) attack different animals, and several kinds of fly, in the larval state, infest one and the same animal, it is desirable to speak of the forms belonging to our various domestic animals separately. Therefore, let us consider those of the horse.

The common bot-fly of the horse (Œstrus Equi), with which we are familiar, attacks the animal whilst grazing or working in the team late in the summer; its object being not to derive sustenance, as is often supposed, but to deposit eggs on the coat; and this it accomplishes by means of a glutinous material, causing the ova to adhere to the hairs. The parts of the animal selected are chiefly those on the shoulder, base of the neck, and inner parts of the forelegs, especially about the knees; for in this situation the horse will have no difficulty in reaching the ova with its tongue. This, it will be noted, is one of the first peculiar characteristics of its habits; the object of which will soon become obvious. In something less than three weeks from the deposition of the eggs, with the aid of the heat of the sun and that of the horse's body, they commence to hatch, and the larvae make their escape. As maggots or very tiny grubs, their movement amongst the hairs produces an irritation to the skin, which causes the animal to lick the affected parts, and they are thereby transferred to the mouth, and ultimately to the stomach, along with food and drink. Likewise, the larvae from the eggs, which have been deposited about the jaws and neck, fall into the feed-box, or on the ground close to where the horse is grazing, and are picked up with the food. Of course, a great many larvae perish during this passive mode of immigration; some being dropped from the mouth, and others being crushed in the fodder during mastication. It has been calculated that out of the many hundreds of eggs deposited on a single horse, scarcely one out of 50 of their contained larvae arrive in the stomach. Notwithstanding this waste, it is not uncommon for the interior of the stomach to become almost completely covered with larvae in the well known "bots." I think it is safe to say that very few horses escape, unless very special preventative measures have been taken. Whether few or many, they are ruined in this singular abode, chiefly by means of two large cephalic hooks or mandibles, with which they are provided, and attach themselves to the cuticular membrane of the stomach, where they remain for the greater part of the year. It may be noted here that treatment is of no avail; there are no safe remedies, which will cause the bots to abandon their position until the proper time.

As soon as the bots have attained their perfect growth as such, they voluntarily loosen their hold and allow themselves to be carried along the alimentary canal, until at length they make their escape with the faeces. At this period, then, the use of a remedy is sure to be attended with apparent success, and with great benefit to the animal. During their passage through the intestinal canal, the bots not infrequently re-attach themselves to the mucous membrane, thereby occasioning intestinal irritation. It is believed by some that the larvae or bots, whilst in the stomach, even bore their way completely through the coats of that organ. The rule, however, is that they simply penetrate the mucous membrane sufficiently to enable them to retain their temporary habitation, until the time comes for them to quit.

In all cases, however, they sooner or later fall to the ground. When once transferred to the soil, they bury themselves beneath the surface in order to undergo the change whereby they are transformed from the bot state to the pupa condition, or chrysalis stage. At length, having remained in the soil for a period of six or seven weeks, they finally emerge from their pupal envelope or cocoon in the form of a perfect fly, and soon busy themselves to repeat the process over again.

These creatures, in the form of bots, ordinarily pass about eight months of their lifetime in the digestive organs of the horse. So much for the common bot-fly or Œstrus Equi.

Several other species of fly victimise the horse; one of the most formidable of these being the Œstrus Hæmorrhoidalis—a similar variety of bot of reddish color, sometimes seen clinging to the anus. This fly is especially annoying in the initiatory stages of the attack, because, unlike the common species, it selects the lips and nostrils (delicate nerve centres) as the principal locality for the lodgement of the ova. It is this fly which causes extreme agitation, and horses will gallop wildly to and fro in their usually vain endeavor to evade these winged tormentors, whilst horses in a team will sometimes become so excited as to cause serious trouble.

That bots are capable of giving rise to disease in the horse, there cannot be any reasonable doubt, but it is not often that the disorder is correctly diagnosed.—Yours, etc.,

A.D.C.

Burrumbeet, 17/11/1932.

PERSONAL.

Christmas visitors to Beaufort included Mr and Mrs T. Berry, Mr Jack McCurdy, Misses R. and A. Buchanan, Mrs Davis, Mr J. Davis, Miss V. Hill, Miss J. Cordner, Mr W. Glover, junr., Misses W. and J. Glover, Miss J. Stevens, Miss M. McCormick, Mr and Mrs R. Holdsworth, Miss N. Holdsworth, Miss O. Weiss, Mr F. Smith, Mr and Mrs V. W. Pringle, Mr H. Coates, Miss Alice Hobson, Mr C. Hobson, Mr and Mrs L. Scharp and daughters, Miss H. Tullock, Mr Angus Wotherspoon, Mr and Mrs W. Tulloch, Mr Ralph Tulloch, Mrs Neilson, Miss M. Wilson, Miss E. Crick, Mr and Mrs D. Glover, Mr and Mrs E. Deans, Miss W. Deans, Mr and Mrs R. Coates, Mrs Jobson, Mrs W. Ritchie, Mr R. W. Stevenson, Mr A. J. Saph, Mr and Mrs Jack Lynch, Mr Jack Berry, Mr R. Broadbent, Mr and Mrs W. Broadbent, Mr and Mrs J. McCurdy, Miss Miss Tooher, and Mr O'Hara.

Mrs H. B. Cheeseman and her daughter Eva, are the guests of the former's sister, Mrs F. J. Stewart, of Beaufort; also Mr and Mrs R. P. Hinchcliffe, and their daughter Heather.

Misses Doris and Thelma Driver are now holidaying at Beaufort, as the guests of their aunt, Mrs A. Driver, of Warburton street.

Misses Win and Nancy Glover, daughters of Mr and Mrs. W. R. Glover, of Beaufort, are taking part in the Schoolgirls' Xmas. Vacation Tour of New South Wales, arranged by the Victorian Federation of Mothers' Clubs. They left on Thursday, and will be absent for three weeks. The trip includes Sydney, Canberra, and the Blue Mountains.

A picture of Miss Janet Carstairs, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Carstairs, of "Blythvale," Streatham, appeared in Wednesday's "Sun."

Major and Mrs Osborne Fairbairn, of "Banongil," Skipton, and their two eldest children, have been staying at the Botanical hotel, Melbourne, and returned to their home on Thursday.

We take the following from the "Ballarat Courier":—"It will be of interest to the many friends here of Mrs M. Lynn Hamilton-Lewis to learn that her intriguing and romantic novel, "The Hidden Kingdom," has proved so successful that the publishers, the Melbourne Press, have barely kept pace with the orders received. Also I am told that the book of poems published by her daughter, Miss Trixie Hamilton-Lewis, is commanding a ready sale. These poems serve clearly to demonstrate that Miss Trixie has inherited a rich gift of expression from her talented mother.

Mr John Jackson, of Melbourne, visited Beaufort for Xmas., and was the guest of his sisters, the Misses M. and S. Jackson.

Mr and Mrs F. S. Austin, of Skipton, have been staying at Menzies' hotel, Melbourne.

COMING EVENTS

Paragraphs are only inserted in this column simultaneously with advertisements.

MUSICAL PLAYS AT BEAUFORT THEATRE.

Mr L. French should score a great hit at the Beaufort Picture Theatre to-night (Saturday) with Jack Buchanan in "Man of Mayfair," a musical Paramount play, in which he is supported by Joan Barry, Warwick Ward, and a brilliant cast. It is a delightful romance of a man about town and a girl who preferred to be a waitress to a stage star—a play that set London aflame with its comedy, dancing, and singing. The supporting film is also from the Paramount studio—Zane Grey's "Fighting Caravans," with Gary Cooper, Lilly Damita, Ernest Torrence, Fred Kohler, and Tully Marshall. This is a thrilling drama of flaming action, throbbing love, and spectacular frontier fighting and adventure. The customary dance will follow. For Monday (New Year's Night) another sparkling musical comedy, "Puttin' on the Ritz," has been secured. In this, one of the merriest musical romances that ever graced the silver sheet, Harry Richman and Joan Bennett are supported by well-known artists. This will be followed by the fine picture, "Raffles," featuring Ronald Colman. A dance will afterwards be held.

January 10th will be a red-letter day for the Beaufort district school children; that being the occasion of the annual excursion to the seaside. This year Geelong is to be visited. The fares are within the reach of all, and tickets are obtainable from the Mothers' Guild and the hon. secretaries, Mrs J. Hughes and Mr J. Cole.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS

SNAKE VALLEY.

The Loyal Good Samaritan Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., met in the lodge-room on Saturday evening, when the P.G., Bro. Eric Gray, presided. The secretary (Bro. Jas. Whitla) presented the balance-sheet for the half-year, showing a credit of £2000/7/, and about £800 in the Manchester Unity building fund. The balance-sheet was considered very satisfactory. Officers for the ensuing year were installed, with Bro. Thos. Adams as N.G.

A euchre tournament was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday last in aid of the Cricket Club. The winners were Mrs A. T. Brumby and Mr Alf. Nunn. The music for the dance was supplied by Mr Harry Hayward's orchestra. Mr Eddie Nunn was M.C.

BOWLS.

The Reds are still 22 up in the color competition amongst the members of the Beaufort Bowling Club. On Thursday night a 2-rink match resulted in the Reds scoring 24 to 23, but as it had been decided that only 3 points should score for a win, owing to there being only three players on each side (with an odd man in one rink), and each side won one rink, the match really resulted in a tie. D. Stevenson (Blue) beat Harris (Red), 17—7, and Cuthbertson (Red) beat Laird (Blue), 17—6.

SCHOLARSHIPS WON.

The Beaufort Mothers' Guild scholarships to boy and girl in lower grades at the local school have been won by David Humphreys and Margaret MacDougall.

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

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BANDSMEN ENTERTAINED.

At the Beaufort Brass Band's practice on Wednesday evening, the popular president (Mr J. F. O'Brien) treated the bandsmen to light refreshments. Mr O'Brien wished all present the compliments of the season, and congratulated the bandmaster upon the manner in which he had brought the band on. Mr W. Peterson (bandmaster) responded, and alluded to the great interest taken by Mr O'Brien in the affairs of the band.

A GOOD TIP FOR THE NEW YEAR!

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One-mile Bicycle Race—£4 and blue ribbon, and £1.—First heat—E. H. Field, 10 yds., 1; V. Sweeney, 50 yds., 2; W. C. Gipp, scr., 3. Time, 2 min. 18 sec. Won by two lengths. On the report of a track steward, Field was brought before the officials, for allegedly boring Gipp out. Gipp told the officials that he would not say it was done intentionally. Field was therupon cautioned by the stewards for careless riding. Five starters.

Second heat—J. Cawkhill, 30 yds., 1; G. Mills, 40 yds., 2. Time, 2 min. 17 4-5 sec. Won by two lengths. Four starters.

Third heat—A. G. Sawyer, 30 yds., 1; M. McPherson, 50 yds., 2. Time, 2 min. 18 3-10 sec. Won by over a dozen lengths. Four starters.

Final—A. G. Sawyer, 1; J. Cawkhill, 2; E. H. Field, 3. Time, 2 min. 18 2-5 sec. Won by two lengths, with several lengths between second and third. Four starters.

DANCING EVENTS.

(Under 16, laddies and lassies).

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

Sheantruis.—Isa Wanliss, 1; Ivy Mahoney and Don Walter, equal 2. Five competitors.

Highland Fling—Ivy Mahoney, 1; Isa Wanliss and Don Walter, equal 2. Five competitors.

Sword Dance.—Ivy Mahoney, 1; Peggy Taylor and Isa Wanliss, equal 2. Five competitors.

Irish Jig.—Ivy Mahoney, Don Walter, and M. Walter, equal 1. Five competitors.

Sailors' Hornpipe.—Isa Wanliss, 1; Peggy Taylor and Don Walter, equal, 2. Five competitors.

Blue ribbon (gift of Past-chief R. Ward) for aggregate.—Ivy Mahoney (11 1-3 points), won by 1 1-3 points from Isa Wanliss.

(Under 13, laddies and lassies).

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

Sheantruis.—Ella Rider, 1; Donald Walter, 2. Seven competitors.

Highland Fling.—Jean Schneider, 1; Dave Wanliss, 2. Seven competitors.

Sword Dance.—Ella Rider, 1; Don Walter, 2. Four competitors.

Irish Jig.—Ella Rider, 1; Dave Wanliss and Dave Walter, equal 2. Four competitors.

Sailors' Hornpipe.—Ella Rider, Dave Wanliss, and Don Walter, equal 1. Seven competitors.

Consolation Dance, for those who had not won a prize at the meeting—7/6, 5/, and 2/6.—O. Welsh, 1; J. Ryan, 2; J. Wright, 3. Three competitors.

CHILDREN'S RACES.

Boys' Race, under 14 years—2/ and 1/.—A. McMahon, 1; F. Mathias, 2. Twelve starters.

Boys' Race, under 10 years—2/ and 1/.—N. Lamb, 1; Eric Loft, 2. Thirteen starters.

Girls' Race, under 14 years—2/ and 1/.—Nancy Topp, 1; Peggy Taylor, 2. Eight starters.

Girls' Race, under 10 years—2/ and 1/.—Norma Cole, 1; Lois Buchanan, 2. Seven starters.

FIREMEN'S EVENTS.

One-man Marshall—Trophy.—Won by W. Smith (31 2-5 sec.); one-fifth of a second separating the three placed men (W. Day, second; and J. Duke, third).

Two-men Marshall—Trophies.—W. Smith and W. Day. Time, 18 sec.

GAMES.

Bowling at Wicket—10/ and 5/.—A. Broadbent, junr., 1; K. Hyde, 2. Seventeen entries.

Running High Jump—15/ and 5/.—G. Grant, 1; D. Lynch, 2. Height, 4 ft. 6 in. Twelve competitors.

Stepping the Distance—10/ and 5/.—B. Tiley (27 yds.), 1; Kirkpatrick (27 yds., 1 ft., 3 in., stepped by W. Fitzpatrick, senr.), 2. Forty competitors.

Guessing weight of Fat Sheep—Prize, the sheep.—R. Martin (107 lb.; exact weight, 108½ lb.)

A donation of 10/ was received from Sir A. J. Peacock.

PICTURES AND DANCE.

The humorous film, "The Cohens and Kellys in Hollywood," was screened by Mr L. French for the Beaufort Thistle Club at the local Picture Theatre on Boxing Night. "Stowaway" was the supporting film, and it was a thriller of the high seas. The entertainment was so well patronised, that numbers were turned away from the doors. The takings were about £33, of which the club will receive a fair portion. A dance followed, and there was a large attendance; the takings being over £9. The musicians were Mr E. Wilson and Miss C. Baker, of the Pioneer Band. Mr L. Symons acted as M.C. A novelty dance was won by Mr A. Day and Mrs F. G. Green.

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CRICKET.

HOLIDAY MATCH BETWEEN BEAUFORT AND SKIPTON.

Saaturday was cold and wet, and the conditions were anything but suitable for cricket, but the Beaufort district and Skipton teams faced the elements with as much indifference as it was possible to assume, and played a match at the Beaufort Park. Afternoon tea, provided by the ladies, was a welcome respite. Ross captained the visitors, and D. Lynch the home team. Skipton batted first for the small score of 45; C. Notman being top scorer with 7. N. Dromey captured 4 wickets for 13 runs, and C. Morvell 3/10. Beaufort also had a small score; their total being 79. D. Lynch was responsible for 16, N. Dromey for 14, and J. B. Hall and H. V. Martin for 10 each. Dromey was dismissed by a very fine, low catch, taken by R. Wise at mid-off. W. Lewers (3/18), Rev. A. C. Bowak (2/10), and L. Edwards (2/20) shared the bowling honors. Scores:—

SKIPTON.

H. Bolte, b. D. Lynch	3
C. Notman, c. Lynch, b. Morvell,	7
Rev. A. C. Bowak, b. Cole	3
W. Lewers, b. Morvell	3
A. Ross, b. Hyde	2
B. Hogan, c. Cole, b. Dromey,	3
T. W. Osborne, b. Morvell	2
L. Edwards, b. Dromey	6
R. Wise, b. Dromey	6
R. W. Elder, c. Hyde, b. Dromey,	0
F. Osborne, b. Lynch	1
A. Thompson, not out	2
Sundries	5
Total	45

Bowling—D. Lynch, 2/10; C. Morvell, 3/10; J. Cole, 1/3; K. Hyde, 1/3; N. Dromey, 4/13; N. Miller, 0/1.

BEAUFORT DISTRICT.

N. Dromey, c. Wise, b. Bowak,	14
A. Laney, b. Edwards	0
R. Davis, run out	5
D. Lynch, b. Edwards	16
J. Cole, c. Thompson, b. Bowak,	2
N. Miller, c. T. Osborne, b. Bolte,	3
J. B. Hall, b. Lewers	10
H. V. Martin, b. Lewers	10
K. Hyde, not out	9
K Darby, c. Edwards, b. Lewers,	6
Sundries	4
Total	79

Bowling—Edwards, 2/20; C. Notman, 2/10; Rev. A. C. Bowak, 2/10; Lewers, 3/18; Bolte, 1/9.

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

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RIPON CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

FIXTURES FOR 1932-1933.

Amphitheatre is now out of the competition, and clubs drawn against that team will receive byes.

First Round.

October 29th.—Footballers v. Waterloo, at Beaufort; Warrak v. Beaufort, at Warrak; Amphitheatre v Lonarch, at Amphitheatre.

November 5th. — Waterloo v. Beaufort, at Waterloo; Lonarch v. Warrak, at Lonarch; Footballers v. Amphitheatre, at Beaufort.

November 12.—Beaufort v. Lonarch, at Beaufort; Warrak v. Footballers, at Warrak; Amphitheatre v Waterloo, at Amphitheatre.

November 19.—Lonarch v. Waterloo, at Lonarch; Footballers v. Beaufort, at Beaufort; Warrak v. Amphitheatre, at Warrak.

November 26th.—Footballers v. Lonarch, at Beaufort; Waterloo v. Warrak, at Waterloo; Amphitheatre v. Beaufort, at Amphitheatre.

Second round will be played on the following dates, but on the opposite clubs' grounds:—December 10th, December 17th, January 6th, January 13th, January 20th.

Third Round.—February 3rd, February 10th, February 17th, February 24th, March 3rd. The matches will be played on the same grounds as the first round.

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CARNGHAM SPORTS.

SUCCESSFUL UNDERTAKING.

The New Year meeting of the Carngham Sports Club, held on the Recreation Reserve, in aid of the Cemetery Trust fund, was one of the most successful held in recent years. During the afternoon, the Skipton Band, under Mr D. Cairns, played a pleasing programme of music. The executive officers of the clubs were extremely gratified with the large attendance (the largest taken at the gates excepting one). Responsible for the smooth running of the events were the following: Mr G. G. Coster, track clerk of course, Mr W. Martin; clerk of scales, Mr S. Whitla; timekeeper, Mr T. Ryan; judge, Mr C. MacDonald; and secretary, Mr P. Nunn. The cycle events were efficiently managed by Mr P. Quayle, secretary of the Ballarat Amateur Cycle Club, assisted by Mr J. Dunstan. The handicapper (Mr J. Kerr) was responsible for several close, exciting finishes. The five-mile race off scratch provided a thrilling close to the bicycle events. Inches only separated the three placed cyclists. L. Crick forged his way to the front during the last lap, and Dorney and Kerr both rode splendid races. The horse events also were keenly contested. These resulted as follow:—

Novelty Pony Race (open). Distance, four and a half furlongs.—G. G. Coster's Lord Stanley, 50 yds. bhd. ser (G. Brown), 1; F. Brown's Lady K., 30 yds. bhd. (F. Brown), 2; M. Lakey's Eastern King, 30 yds. bhd. (E. Lakey), 3. G. Brown's Bright Prince also ran. Time, 63 sec.

Horse Trot, one mile.—P. Nunn's My Huon, 12 yds. bhd. ser. (J. Rice), 1; S. Pascoe's Grattalene, 84 yds. bhd. (S. Pascoe), 2; Alf. Brown's Sandy, ser. (G. Brown), 3. Time, 2 min. 33½ sec. Other starters: J. L. McErvale's Bill Estelle, W. Corbett's Pinion, G. G. Coster's Alto's Choice, and G. G. Coster's Mac.

New Year Handicap, five furlongs.—G. G. Coster's Lord Stanley (G. Brown), 1; G. Brown's Bright Prince (J. Corbett), 2. Time, 77 sec. Only starters.

Horse Trot, 1½ miles.—Alf. Brown's Sandy, ser. (G. Brown), 1; G. G. Coster's [illegible] Pascoe's Grattalene, 108 yds. bhd. ser. (S. Pascoe), 3. Other starters—J. L. McErvale's Bill Estelle, W. Corbett's Pinion, P. Nunn's My Huon, and G. G. Coster's Mac.

Amateur Cycle Races, one mile.—First heat—A. Crick, 70 yds., 1; J. Kerr, 55 yds., 2; C. Husthwaite, 120 yds., 3. Second heat—E. Satchell, 95 yds., 1; G. Gipp, 70 yds., 2; N. Oaff, 120 yds., 3. Final—J. Crick, 1; J. Kerr, 2; N. Oaff, 3.

Two-mile.—First heat—J. Kerr, 110 yds., 1; A. Crick, 110 yds., 2; C. Husthwaite, 210 yds., 3. Second heat—E. Satchell, 190 yds., 1; N. Oaff, 240 yds., 2; L. Quick, 50 yds., 3. Final—J. Kerr, 1; E. Satchell, 2; A. Crick, 3.

Five-mile.—L. Crick, 1; J. Dorney, 2; J. Kerr, 3; A. Lake, 4. J. Kerr, who won seven laps, was awarded the lap prize, donated by the Ballarat Amateur Club.

Foot Races.—100 yds. Handicap—H. Gardiner, 12 yds., 1; J. Whelan, 12 yds., 2. 120 yds. Handicap — J. Whelan, 14 yds., 1; R. Williams, 10 yds., 2; R. Stout, 9 yds., 3. Boys' Race—J. Fallon, 1; I. McKay, 2; B. Keating, 3. Girls' Race—Sheila Martin, 1; Sylvia Nicholls, 2; M. Nicholls, 3.

REMARKABLE ESCAPES.

Several persons had remarkable escapes on Friday morning, 30th inst., when two motor cars came into collision, one afterwards striking an electric tram, in Brunswick street, Fitzroy. A motor car, driven by Mrs Talbot, of Beaufort, turned out of King William street into Brunswick street, and struck another car containing Mr Alexander McLean and his brother, Mr James McLean, who was driving. The second vehicle bounded across the road and came into collision with a tram travelling north along Brunswick street. The car overturned, and the two men were pinned beneath the wreckage. Oil and petrol ran out from the smashed car, and it was feared that the wreckage would ignite. The fire brigade was summoned, but fortunately had no work to do at the scene of the accident. Pedestrians helped to right the overturned car, and the two men were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, suffering from shock and abrasions. Mrs Talbot and her son, who was with her, escaped injury. The front windows of the car were smashed, but the driver was uninjured.

CRICKET.

HOLIDAY MATCH AT BEAUFORT.

FOOTBALLERS V. REJECTS.

For some time past Mr R. T. Macdonald has been endeavoring to arrange a cricket match between the Beaufort Footballers and the Rejects—those supporters who were unable to get a game in the team. The match took place at the Park on New Year's Eve (Saturday), and resulted in rather an easy victory for the Footballers. The Rejects batted first for a total of 64, R. Ellis (19) and Marshall (13) reaching double figures. E. Day captured three wickets, and K. Hyde and I. Loo two each. The Footballers responded with 113 runs. J. Cole, senr., was top scorer with 29; K. Hyde (not out) accounting for 27, L. Loo for 22, and A. Day for 16. R. Phillips and G. Wilson each took three wickets. Scores:—

REJECTS.

Marshall, c. Hyde, b. Gellie ..	13
R. Phillips, c. McCormick, b. Hyde	4
R. Ellis, b. Hyde	2
E. Kelly, run out	19
Fitzpatrick, c. J. Jaensch, b. L. Loo	7
K. Loo, c. L. Loo, b. E. Day ..	0
G. Wilson, b. I. Loo	0
A. Crick, c. L. Fitzpatrick, b. E. Day	1
G. Maher, c. Fitzpatrick, b. E. Day	1
J. Liston, b. I. Loo	2
R. T. Macdonald, not out	0
Sundries	15
Total	64

Bowling—K. Hyde, 2 wickets; L. Loo, 1; G. Gellie, 1; E. Day, 3; I. Loo, 2.

FOOTBALLERS.

E. Day, b. G. Wilson	3
A. Day, c. Ellis, b. Crick	10
L. Loo, b. Kelly	22
G. Gellie, b. Wilson	2
K. Hyde, not out	27
I. Loo, b. Wilson	3
J. Cole, senr., c. Macdonald, b. Phillips	29
Fitzpatrick, c. Macdonald, b. Phillips	0
A. Pedder, b. Phillips	1
L. McCormick, [illegible]	[illegible]
Sundries	11
Total	115

Bowling—G. Wilson, 3 wickets; A. Crick, 1; E. Kelly, 1; Phillips, 3; R. Ellis, 0.

RIPON COMPETITION.

The Ripon cricket competition will be resumed to-day (Saturday), and the fixtures are:—Footballers v. Warrak, at Beaufort; Beaufort v. Mt. Lonarch, at Mt. Lonarch.

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM OUR FILES.

January 3rd, 1903.

Mr Edward Lithgoe, an old resident of Beaufort, and over 70 years of age, was ill-treated by roughs in Melbourne.

Miss Maggie H. Edward, seventh daughter of Mr W. Edward, of Beaufort, was married to Mr J. E. Curtis, of Melbourne, son of the late Dr. Curtis, of Rockhampton, Queensland. Rev. J. A. Barbier, B.A., performed the ceremony.

At a meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club, a profit of £42 on the Boxing Day sports was reported.

Despite a wet Xmas, Eve, the Xmas. trade in Beaufort was the best for years.

Mr T. Vanderstool sold his property (the Victoria hotel) and left Beaufort for Melbourne.

Mr Peter Sharp, a resident of Beaufort for 38 years, died at Ararat. He came to Victoria in 1854.

Mr Graham Webster, P.M., a resident of Beaufort for many years, died at Greensborough.

The Beaufort Athletic Club's 30th annual sports on Boxing Day was attended by 1800 people, and the gate receipts were £66. This was only exceeded at the opening of the Park in 1884, when £77 was taken. Mr H. M. Stuart was president, and Mr H. Parker secretary. In the cycle races, H. Greenwood, of Toorak, broke his collar-bone, and W. A. Pedder, of Beaufort, was thrown against a post, and received head, facial, and chest injuries. W. H. O'Callaghan, of Trawalla, also struck a post with his bicycle, and was thrown over the fence and bruised and shaken. The sum of £28/11/ was taken at the concert.

Mr and Mrs E. Milligan, who resided in Waterloo for 43 years, and Mr [illegible], were entertained at a farewell social on the eve of their departure for Ballarat.

The mining yields for the week at Beaufort, Raglan, and Waterloo were:—Sons of Freedom Central, 130 oz.; Sons of Freedom South, 67 oz.; All Nations Consols tribute party, 5 oz.; Brusher's Co., 13 oz.; Last Chance, 21 oz.; Daughters of Freedom, 4 oz.; sundries, 10 oz.; total, 250 oz.

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Harvesting operations at Middle Creek were delayed by 4½ inches of rain.

SWIMMING.

BEAUFORT CLUB'S CARNIVAL.

Although the weather was fine on Saturday afternoon, the attendance at the Beaufort Swimming Club's carnival was not so large as was expected. It had been postponed from the previous Wednesday night, owing to a cool change. The gate receipts were £2, and a number of members' tickets was sold. The president (Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson) and secretary (Mr J. J. Fitzpatrick) had all in their power to make the carnival a success, and were assisted by the following officials:—Messrs J. T. Glover, T. T. Stevenson, J. Stowell, W. T. Glover, A. L. Wotherspoon, and R. Wotherspoon. The programme consisted of 14 events. Results:—

GIRLS' RACES.

25 yds., free style, under 16.—Edna Davis, 1; Alberta Ramsay and Nancy Topp, dead heat, 2. Won by a touch. Four starters.

25 yds. breast stroke, under 16.—Edna Davis, 1. Two starters. Won by a yard and a half.

25 yds., free style, under 12.—Betty Allen, 1. Won easily. Two competitors.

LADIES' RACES.

50 yds. Handicap, free style.—Miss Elsie Glover, 1. Won easily. Two competitors.

BOYS' RACES.

50 yds., free style, under 16.—A. MacMahon, 1. Two starters. Won comfortably.

50 yds. free style, under 12.—R. Saph, 1; N. Lyons, 2. Three starters. Won by a yard and a half.

MEN'S RACES.

75 yds. Handicap, free style.—J. Bowe, 1; N. Wotherspoon, 2; L. Wotherspoon, 3. Won by three yards. Six competitors.

50 yds. Handicap, breast stroke.—A. Stowell, 1; J. Bowe, 2. Won by a yard. Three starters.

NOVELTY EVENTS.

Tub Race (girls).—Nancy Topp, 1. Tub Race (boys).—R. Macdonald, 1; A. Liston, 2. Won easily. Eight competitors.

Pillow Fight on Pole (girls).—Edna Davis, 1. Two competitors.

Junior Diving Competition.—E. Webster, 1; A. MacMahon, 2. Six competitors.

Pillow Fight on Pole (boys).—A. Whiting, 1. Two competitors.

Open Diving Competition.—J. Bowe, 1; Miss E. Glover, 2; N. Wotherspoon, 3. Seven competitors.

At the conclusion of the programme, Mr Johnson (president) thanked the public for their attendance. He hoped that what they had seen of the baths that afternoon would induce them to win for the club all the patronage they could. The club was not out to make money, but to provide free bathing facilities—the best they possibly could. Everyone desired it, and they expected the people of the town to support them.

PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL BETTING.

Expressing strong opposition to any proposal for the licensing of starting-price bookmakers, the Chief Secretary (Mr Macfarlan) said that he was preparing an amendment of the Police Offences Act (section 104) to suppress illegal betting, by providing a penalty of imprisonment for 12 months without the option of a fine for a second offence.

ARARAT HOSPITAL.

Early on Christmas afternoon the president of the Ararat Hospital (Mr Alex. McDonald), with Mrs McDonald and Mr and Mrs D. F. Troy, paid a visit to the institution. The president handed a Christmas gift from himself to every patient and member of the staff. In the course of an informal reception that followed, Mr Troy proposed the health of the staff.

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