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Man Fined £10 For Stealing Eight Bags of Wool Crutchings.

POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, JULY 1st, 1934.

(Before Messrs. E. E. O'Grady, P.M., R. A. D. Sinclair, D. F. Troy, and L. Smith, J's.P.)
Hawkers' Licences.

John Robertson Wotherspoon, Percy John George, Wm. John Day, and Percy Morvell each applied for a hawkers' and pedler's licence. The applications were adjourned till the second Tuesday in the month (10th July), which is a special day for a meeting of justices to deal with hawkers' licences. None of the applicants was present.

Debt Cases.

A debt case was withdrawn; having been settled out of court.

The Burrumbeet and Windermere Farmers' Co-operative Society sued W. Taylor for the recovery of £10 2/ owing for goods sold and delivered. No defence was filed. An order was given against defendant for the amount claimed (£10 2/), with £1 6/6 costs, in default distress.

Larceny of Wool Crutchings.

First-constable Thos. John Lang charged Arthur Walter Eason with having, at Beaufort, on 19th April, 1934, stolen and carried away eight manure bags of wool crutchings, the property of R. Beggs.

Senior-constable R. McCormick prosecuted, and Mr Carroll appeared on behalf of defendant.

Constable J. Duke acted as deposition clerk.

The P.M.—He noticed that the value was not in the information.

Constable Lang applied for an amendment of the information to show the value at £5 14/.

Mr Carroll—They intended to ask that the case be dealt with summarily, and considered that the value should be under £5.

The P.M.—They would allow the value to stand over till they heard the evidence.

Senior-constable McCormick outlined the evidence for the prosecution:

Robert Gottlieb Beggs, Buln Gherin, Beaufort, grazier, gave evidence that on 16th April, he had three men employed by the Terratonic Co. on his station spreading manure. He only saw one man, who was not here to-day. The men were camped in the shearers' hut, adjoining the woolshed, and were spreading manure daily. In the woolshed were the crutchings from all the sheep—about seven bales. They were stored in the wool bins. The men were there between 12th and 16th April, and then left. From what the police told him some time after, he looked at the wool in the shed, and saw that a fair amount had been taken out of the bins. He guessed the amount at under a bale-full. The wool (produced) was the very same as that in the bins. He was a good judge of wool. The wool was worth between 9d and 10d a lb. at the time. He could not give an estimate of the total weight and value of the wool missed. A bale would be 300 to 320 lb., and less than a bale-full was gone—about 250 lb. He gave no authority to remove the wool from the shed. He could not swear to accused.

To Mr Carroll—The police told him the wool had been stolen, and he went to the shed and missed it. They were working at his son Arthur's, before coming to his place. He did not know the arrangement the men had

with the Terratonic Co for payment. He paid the company 9d per acre. If it were said the men were getting 1d per acre from the Terratonic Co., he had no information as to that. The shed the wool was in was not locked.

Plain-clothes-constable Luke Forbes, Richmond stated that at about 10 a.m. on 23rd April, he went to Kennon & Sons' wool stores, and from what he was told, he examined the eight bags of wool (produced), which he took possession of, and removed to the Richmond police station. That was the wool here to-day.

To Mr Carroll—The accused lived at Richmond, and he had known him for nine or ten years. He was married, and had a family of four or three children. For the past four or five years he had been industrious, and was about 25 years of age. Neither witness nor the Richmond police had had anything to complain of about accused in that time.

First-constable Thos. John Lang, Inverleigh, stated that on 23rd April, from something he was told, he interviewed the accused at Ellengerric Station, Inverleigh. He said to accused, "I am Constable Lang, of Inverleigh, and I am making enquiries regarding some wool you sold Kennon & Sons, Richmond, last Friday afternoon. Where did you get that wool?" Accused said, "I got three bags from dead sheep at Mr Fairbairn's property, Skipton, whilst we were top-dressing there." Witness said to accused, "The wool you sold to Kennon & Sons was not from dead sheep. It was good crutchings, which you got £5 14/3 for. You might as well tell me the truth." Accused said, "I took five bags of wool from Mr Beggs' shearing shed, from the bins."

Witness said, "Will you make a statement with reference to that?" Accused said, "Yes." Accused then made a statement, which witness took down in writing and read over to him, and which he signed. On Tuesday, 24th April, the accused called at the Inverleigh police station, at about 4 p.m. He then wished to add to the statement he made the previous day. The first statement, made on 23rd April, was to the effect that the accused was doing a job at present for the Terratonic Co., near Inverleigh, and when he was working at Fairbairn's Station, Skipton, he got three bags of wool, piled off dead sheep in Mr Fairbairn's paddocks three weeks ago. He took five bags of crutchings out of Mr Beggs' shed last Thursday night, 19th April, 1934, and mixed it with the others, making eight bags altogether. He had no permission to take the crutchings from Mr Beggs' shed. He was camped at the shearers' hut at Beggs' while doing the top-dressing. He took the wool by himself. He left Beggs' place at 7.30 on Friday, 20th April, 1934. He took the wool with him, and sold it to Kennon & Sons, and received £5 14/3. Kennon & Sons did not ask where he got it from. It was in manure bags when he sold it. The motor-car was the property of his father-in-law. The statement was true and correct. The statement made by accused on 24th April was as follows:—I now wish to state that I took the whole eight bags of crutchings from the bins at Mr Beggs' shed, and did not obtain any from dead sheep in Mr Fairbairn's paddocks, as alleged in my previous statement.

To Mr Carroll—Accused was perfectly frank. At the time witness

did not know whose wool it was. Accused volunteered the information about Mr Beggs. Accused was working about six miles from Inverleigh at Ellengerric Station. When accused called to make the amended statement, he travelled about 12 miles from where he was out in the paddock working.

Mr Carroll—The intention was to plead guilty, and ask that the matter be summarily dealt with.

Plain-clothes-constable Forbes (re-called) informed Mr Carroll that the entry in Kennon's books was in accused's name; there being no attempt at any concealment. His people's address, where he could be regularly found, was shown.

The P.M.—He would take it for granted that there was no mystery about the sale of it.

The P.M. said it seemed to him that the value of the wool should be stated at £5 14/3.

Mr Carroll—They were accused's own bags. He was instructed that it was the ordinary price for crutchings.

Senior-constable McCormick agreed to the value being stated at £5 14/3.

The P.M. amended the information by consent to state the value of the wool at £5 14/3. He said they were prepared to deal with the case summarily.

Senior-constable McCormick said he did not object.

Accused pleaded guilty, and elected to be summarily dealt with.

The P.M.—The Bench unanimously convicted accused.

Mr Carroll said that at the time of the offence the man was employed by the Terratonic Co. on big pastoral properties to do work by contract. He had been employed by Schofield's, Richmond, for some time before that, and being out of work took employment with the Terratonic Co., and went to Mr Robt. Beggs' and Mr A. Beggs' place, a discussion took place regarding wool, and Mr Beggs pointed out the value of wool. At Mr Beggs, senr's., Eason saw the crutchings, and was sleeping on them. Someone on the property said, "I do not think they ever do anything with it." Someone else on the station said, "I think Mr Beggs has more wool than he knows what to do with." When he was leaving, accused unfortunately decided to take some of the crutchings. The wool was bagged up, and accused took it away without any attempt at concealment. All the time he had been on the property, there had not been any suggestion of his taking anything. There was no suggested attempt to steal from Mr Beggs until someone gave Eason the idea that Mr Beggs did not worry much about the wool, and when he had some idea of its value. This was not a crime that was the result of premeditation. It was the result of temptation suddenly offered to the accused. Eason did not attempt to deny it at any time. The police did not know whose wool it was. If accused had chosen to deny the offence, the police would never have detected whose wool was taken. He would urge those facts in favour of the accused. In regard to his character, accused was a married man with two children, and expected an increase. His wife was in ill-health. He had been on sustenance for some time, and so took what work was going. The payment was 1d per acre

from the company, who provided a Ford truck. Worse than that, at the time accused was at Beggs' place, the company had not sent a cheque or any money for a month. It meant that the man was absolutely without pay of any description for a month, and had a family in Richmond and a very sick wife. He suggested that the Bench should take that into consideration also. This man had one previous conviction, and although at the time the matter had been taken quite lightly, it was one of some importance now. Some years ago the accused was charged with receiving two canaries, and was convicted of that offence. Eason was undefended at the time, and the canaries were of very little value—something under 10/. The birds were on his front verandah, and he was convicted on the evidence of two thieves. It was a matter of considerable seriousness for this man. It was the only trouble he had ever previously been in. He (Mr Carroll) asked their Worships to extend some leniency to accused. He thought the conviction before was a trifling matter. The man was now in permanent employment, in charge of four or five men at the Almy Wool-scouring Works. He was prepared to make any restitution to Messrs. Kennon & Sons. He asked the Bench to adjourn the case, and put accused on some promise. Plain-clothes-constable Forbes was in close touch with this man, and would say that he was an exemplary family man. Heavy punishment would mean his losing the employment he was in to-day. He felt that if they extended leniency to him, their confidence would not be abused, and their mercy would be well justified. Accused was prepared to say this was the only thing he had stolen in his life. He was only a young man, 26 years of age, and he urged their Worships to give him an opportunity to re-establish himself as an honest citizen.

In answer to Senior-constable McCormick, Eason admitted that he had been convicted for playing two-up at Richmond.

The P.M. said that would not influence him.

Defendant also admitted to the senior-constable that he had been convicted to one month's imprisonment for receiving at Richmond.

Mr Carroll—On the evidence of two accomplices. No application was made for a bond; accused being undefended.

The P.M.—A sentence of one month for receiving seemed to take it out of the trivial offences class. He would be pretty broadminded about the offence of playing two-up. In these modern times, one had to be broadminded. He would not agree to adjourning the case without a conviction. Receiving and thieving were very much allied.

Mr Carroll—Would your Worships impose some fine? He felt certain this man would never trouble this or any other court again.

The P.M.—They all say that. One of the justices had put it that they should give accused a sentence and suspend it. He said not. Having been sentenced once, the man had lost his right to have a bond.

Mr Carroll said Judge Foster in General Sessions recently allowed a man with a long record out on bond, but he (Mr Carroll) could not find any authority.

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MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Dr. S. E. Humphreys (president) was in the chair at the monthly meeting of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute committee, held on Monday night, and attended by eight members. Messrs. W. Broad and H. V. Martin were elected as a sub-committee to go into details and arrange a ping-pong tournament, if possible. A tree is to be removed under certain conditions. A accounts amounting to £20/14/4 were passed for payment on the motion of Messrs. W. V. C. Jenkin and J. R. Joyce. Mr Geo. Beggs moved that the Institute join the Victorian Libraries' Association in Melbourne for the purpose of obtaining a better supply of new books. This was seconded by Mr W. W. Ashley, and agreed to. Enquiries are to be made in regard to the Victorian Libraries' Association's system of lending books to school children. It was decided to join the "Times" Book Club, London, from which big concessions can be obtained in regard to the purchase of modern literature. Messrs. Broad, C. H. McKay, and Martin were appointed to run the next bridge evening on 30th July. In regard to running a billiard tournament, Messrs. Broad and A. J. Saph were appointed as a sub-committee to deal with the matter.

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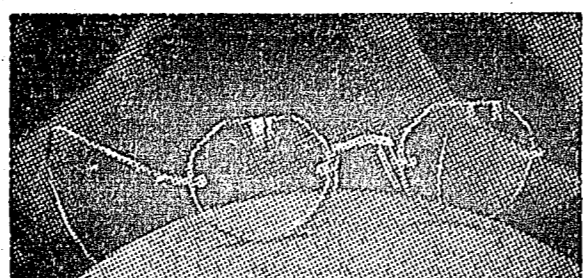
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FIRE BRIGADE.

The monthly meeting of the Beaufort Fire Brigade took place on Monday night, and was attended by 19 active and reserve members; Captain W. F. Smith presiding. A letter was read from the organiser of the Centenary Fire Brigades' demonstration at Ballarat. Correspondence was read from Mr Davidson, Ballarat, offering his bus for hire to bring passengers to the annual ball, and a letter was also read from a dance band, soliciting an engagement. An account for 12/6 was passed for payment. The secretary (Fireman J. Duke) reported that Mr Philip Lewis had donated two blue ribbons for the fox-trot competition at the dance. The North Riding councillors had agreed to remove the tree that was muffling the sound of the firebell; the fire brigade to replace the tree with another. It was decided to place a minute on the books in appreciation of Mr Philip Lewis' gift, and to also write thanking him. The secretary said one of the brigade ladders was missing, and he urged members to keep their eyes open for it. He mentioned that last quarter was one of the worst in the history of the brigade for attendances. It was decided that the secretary send out notices of meetings. The secretary mentioned that the annual ball was to be held on 1st August. It was resolved not to hold a waltzing competition at the ball, but only a fox-trot competition. The secretary referred to the poor support given by the firemen to the monthly socials run by the Fire Brigade Ladies' Social Club. It was very disheartening to the ladies, who had always handed over their profits to the brigade. It was resolved to leave the supper arrangements for the ball in the hands of the ladies. Arrangements were made to hold a One-Man Marshall Competition (handicap) on next practice night, and also a faked hose competition. Firemen J. F. Fitzpatrick and R. Hancock were appointed for patrol duty at the Picture Theatre for the month.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs Bossence, senr., and Miss Bossence, of Geelong, have been holidaying at "Waverley," Buangor, as the guests of Mr and Mrs A. W. Bossence.

Mr Pat Lynch, of Cobden, came home to Beaufort for the week-end to see his mother.
Engagement announced in "Argus"—Joyce R., third daughter of Mr and Mrs F. C. Beyer, of Stanmore, Thinnin street, Prahran, to John M., youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. Sandlant, of Beaufort.

In the Education Department's promotion list for 1934 appears the name of Mr A. D. Rogers (fourth class), formerly of Beaufort.

First-constable T. J. Lang, of Inverleigh, who was a witness at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday, has had 29 years' service in the police force and the army, and retires next year. He was one of the youngest Australian soldiers who went with a Bushmen's Contingent to the South African War, and he remained in that country for some time after the fighting ceased. He also served in the Great War with the A.I.F. from 1914 to 1916. Of a stalwart type of physique, he is still remarkably fit for his age.

BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB

SUCCESSFUL HIGHLAND BALL.

A very effective decorative scheme of green and tango gave the Beaufort Picture Theatre a gay appearance on Wednesday evening, when about 100 couples gathered there at the annual Highland Ball, held by the Beaufort Thistle Club. The centrepiece was a large lampshade composed of streamers, and the smaller lights were similarly shaded; all being connected by intertwined streamers of the same bright colours. Excellent music by the Denza Band from Ballarat, combined with a good floor to make an exceedingly enjoyable night's entertainment.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB.

SILVER SPOON COMPETITION.

The associate members of the Beaufort Golf Club held singles on Wednesday, in connection with the silver spoon competition. The winner was Mrs W. W. Ashley (94—19—75); the runner-up being Miss M. Oddie (104—26—78).

PENNANT COMPETITION.

In connection with the V.L.G.U. pennant competition, Beaufort A played Gala A on Thursday and were defeated by Gals by 4 matches to 1. Results (Beaufort players mentioned first):—Miss Stewart, 0, lost to Mrs G. Street, 1; Mrs Day, 0, lost to Mrs Grimwade, 1; Mrs Ashley, 0, lost to Miss K. Oman, 1; Miss Schlicht, 0, lost to Miss H. Spinks, 1; Mrs Young, 1, defeated Mrs Manifold, 0.

FORBES-GUMMOW CUP.

Beaufort B and Buninyong B met on the latter club's links on Thursday, in connection with the Forbes-Gummow Cup competition; Beaufort winning by 3 matches to 2. Results (Beaufort ladies mentioned first):—Miss Norman, 1, defeated Mrs Vernon, 0; Mrs M. Watkin, 0, lost to Mrs Middleton, 1 (at 19th hole); Miss Fox, 1, defeated Mrs Wright, 0; Mrs George, 0, lost to Mrs Collett, 1; Mrs Crouch, 1, defeated Mrs Wardle, 0.

HOST HOLBROOK says: For the Bridge Party let me suggest some Holbrook Queen Olives. They are economical and tasty.

blue silk marocain, silver trimmings; Miss Doris Whitford, apricot sand crepe; Miss Sylvia Crocker, lemon sand crepe.

Among the visitors from Ballarat were Messrs Doug. Barnes, J. Keith (representatives of the Caledonian Society), H. Pinney, and B. Pugh.

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Ratepayers Threaten to Kick Cr. Wills Out if Scoria is Used on By-roads.

USE OF SCORIA.

CRS. WILLS AND KIRKPATRICK SAY RATEPAYERS DON'T WANT IT ON BY-ROADS.

At the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday, several tenders were received for contract 33/34, West riding—400 cub. yds. screened scoria, on Mt. William road.

Cr. Kirkpatrick asked the reason why tenders were called for scoria, and the West riding members wanted them invited for gravel.

Cr. Wills—Gravel was better than scoria. He instanced several places in the West riding where scoria had not solidified, and said that wherever gravel was used, there was a tip-top road for the cost. He did not agree with scoria being put on the by-roads. Ratepayers had told him that if the council put scoria on the by-roads, he would be kicked out, and as he had taken a fancy to the job, he did not want that.

Cr. Troy said that Cr. Wills' statement that the scoria on the Mawalok road had not settled was not correct.

Cr. Wills—His opinion was as good as Cr. Troy's. The scoria had not solidified on the C.R.B. road, and never would. The wind blew it off, and it was swept on again.

Cr. Sinclair—They did not want a grader when they had the wind. (Laughter)

Cr. Troy—He would be prepared to stand by the decision of a competent committee in his assertion that the scoria had settled on the Mawalok road.

Cr. Wills—The road near the Crossroads was like a Chinaman with the smallpox. (Laughter). It had only been done three months, and was all in pieces.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—The ratepayers had told him in strong terms that they did not want scoria on the roads, and that the council had good gravel and should use it.

Cr. Sinclair—What was the good in buying the scoria deposit?

The engineer—He must have misunderstood his directions, and he had called tenders for what he thought was most suitable for this road—scoria.

Cr. Sinclair—There must be scoria and scoria. The scoria roads were good in Mortlake Shire.

Cr. Stewart—There were too many engineers in the shire.

Cr. Wills—He told an engineer they had a good pit at Monmot, and that man was Mr. Creswell, engineer of Ararat Shire, who said the Monmot stuff was only fourth-rate. When asked if he would use it on a road, he said, "Not on your life." Cr. Wills then twitted Cr. Sinclair with advocating the putting on of scoria.

Cr. Sinclair—Never! He had said nothing.

Cr. Wills—The C.R.B. was like a young lady—always wanting something new—and would change its mind soon.

Cr. Kirkpatrick moved that the contract be re-advertised as a gravel contract. Seconded by Cr. Wills.

Cr. McKay—It put the other councillors in an invidious position.

Cr. McDonald moved as an amendment that the matter be referred back to the West riding members. Seconded by Cr. McKay.

The amendment was carried.

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:

I have the honour to report as follows:—

1. E. W. Austin's Application to Lease Road.—This road is fenced both sides, and is for the most part a made road, but appears little used, as metalled sections are completely grassed over. An obstruction of wire-netting and stakes was encountered near the south end. An objection has been lodged.

2. Railways Department.—In respect of drainage, west of Havelock street railway crossing, by direction, Cr. Sinclair and I waited upon the Railways Department, and were received by Mr. Commissioner Harris. Correspondence to date on the matter has been withdrawn, and we have assured the Commissioner that the council would willingly slab the portion, XBCD, marked on plan, and direct drainage at A to the Ding Dong paved drain. The Burrumbeet and Windermere Co-operative store should be directed to connect to council drains, and discontinue discharging water on to railway property.

Clause 1.—The engineer said there was an objection from an adjacent landholder, Mr. Francis Oddie, who stated that he used the road in going to Mawalok and Eurambeen, but would not object to a wire-netting gate. A further letter was read from E. W. Austin, who considered that the objection was not a genuine one.

Cr. Stewart moved that the application be granted for the leasing of the road, as it was not used by the travelling public, with the exception of Mr. Oddie and drovers camping with sheep. The State would get some revenue from it, and their policy was not to allow any stock on the roads. There had not been a penny spent on that road for nearly 40 years, ever since he had been in the council. Cr. Troy asked if it were legal to lock a gate on a closed road. Cr. Stewart—Yes. Cr. Troy—If St. Enoch's locked their gate, it would be impossible for anyone to go through. Cr. Wills—He did not think it was legal to lock a gate on such a road. It was distinctly stated that they must have a gate for the convenience of the public. Cr. Kirkpatrick—They turned down an application to lease a road at last meeting, and he understood that one objection was fatal. He thought they should be allowed to put a wire-netting gate across the road, but not lock it. Cr. McDonald—It could be suggested to Mr. Austin that he apply for permission to erect a rabbit-proof fence and gate on the southern end. Cr. Troy—Mr. Oddie was prepared to have a netted gate at the top end. Cr. Stewart—They had to go through private property part of the way. Cr. Kirkpatrick—Where were the travelling stock going to camp? It should not be fenced at the southern end. A small space should be left for drovers to camp in. He moved that the application be refused. In reply to Cr. Stewart, Cr. Kirkpatrick said that very few used the road. Cr. McDonald seconded Cr. Kirkpatrick's motion, and suggested that Mr. Austin be recommended to apply for a wire-netting gate, and the council would not object. Cr. Kirkpatrick altered his motion accordingly, but said a space should be

left for drovers to camp, say, five chains from the southern end. He included that in his motion, but did not object to the lease being granted, barring five chains from the southern end. Cr. Kirkpatrick's motion was eventually allowed to lapse. Cr. Stewart—With a netting gate, the public could travel just the same. Cr. Roddis moved, as an amendment, that the application be refused. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick. Crs. Wills and Troy suggested that no objection be made to a wire-netting gate at the southern end. Cr. Sinclair seconded pro forma Cr. Stewart's original motion that the application be granted. This was carried; the amendment being lost. Cr. Stewart moved that the council raise no objection to the erection of a wire-netting, unlocked gate on the southern end of the road. Seconded by Cr. Sinclair, and carried. As an interested party, Cr. Troy did not vote on the matter.

Clause 2—Received. The engineer's supplementary report in regard to progress of works to July 6th was as follows:—C.R.B. Main Roads.—Skipton road and Ballarat-Hamilton road—W. S. Grigg, contractor; contract 141M, 124; let, March; date of completion, 10 weeks; amount, £456/3/4; amount passed to date, £410; work completed.—Skipton road and Ballarat-Hamilton road—Day labor, 14M, 121—Re-sheeting works completed.

Progress of Shire Works for month ending July 5th.—Wongan road—Whitfield Bros., contractors; contract 16/34; let, March; date of completion, 8 weeks; amount, £43/15/; amount passed to date, £38/6/2; completed. Wills' road—D. A. Carmichael, contractor; No. 17/34; date let, March; date of completion, 8 weeks; amount of contract, £45/10/; amount passed to date, £15; operations suspended until spring. Eurambeen-Raglan—Broadbent Bros., contractors; No. 18/34; let, March; date of completion, 6 weeks; amount of contract, £21/6/2; amount passed to date, £18/3/6; completed. Wills' road—22/34; not let; re-advertise August. Pittong-Snake Valley and N. and S. road, Mortchup—Alf. Nunn, contractor; No. 23/34; let, April; date of completion, 6 weeks; amount of contract, £49/12/6; amount passed to date, £53/6/1; completed. Chepstowe-Pittong—Alf. Nunn, contractor; No. 24/34; let, April; date of completion, 6 weeks; amount of contract, £27/10/; amount passed to date, £32/17/4; completed. Beaufort Township—Whitfield Bros., contractors; No. 25/34; let, May; date of completion, 3 weeks; amount of contract, £20; amount passed to date, nil; start made. Dummet's road—George & Hawkes, contractors; No. 26/34; date let, May; date of completion, 8 weeks; amount of contract, £34/13/6; amount passed to date, £15; maintenance heaps needed for completion. Stockyard Hill—W. H. Williams, contractor; No. 27/34; let, May; date of completion, 8 weeks; amount of contract, £31/7/; amount passed to date, nil; start arranged, 10th inst. Beaufort-Carranballac and Mt. Emu-Stratham—Alf. Nunn, contractor; No. 28/34; date let, May; specified date of completion, 10 weeks; amount of contract, £107; amount passed to date, £113/3/1; completed. Beaufort-Carranballac—Whitfield Bros., contractors; No. 29/34; date let, May; date of completion, 4 weeks; amount

of contract, £33/10/; amount passed to date, £80; work finished. Carranballac-Stockyard Hill—W. H. Williams, contractor; No. 30/34; let, May; date of completion, 4 weeks; amount of contract, £15; amount passed to date, nil; start arranged after 27/34. Meadow's Lane and Beaufort-Carranballac—Whitfield Bros., contractors; No. 31/34; date let, June; date of completion, 6 weeks; amount of contract, £71/19/10; amount passed to date, nil; start arranged, 10th inst. Cheeseman's road, No. 2 AV, boundary road—W. C. Cheeseman, contractor; No. 32/34; let, June; date of completion, 6 weeks; amount of contract, £22/10/; amount passed to date, £22/14/6; completed.

Chief works, other than contracts.—Eurambeen-Raglan—Two new pipe culverts, one culvert concrete, slabs decked, forming and tabling. Back Raglan—Re-forming. Red Hill road—Attention scoured clay hill. Yath Holes Creek—Widening and trimming continued. Main Lead—Tabling continued to Raglan. Jonathan's Reservoir—Reserve netted, holes dug for tree-planting, contractors against bank. Bourke street, Beaufort—3-inch cast-iron main cut and cleaned. Wongan Road—Blinding east end of swamp; with contract 13/34. Stockyard Hill—Planing and petrowork. Various roads, West riding—Dragging and maintenance grading. Skipton Pound—Repairs to fencing. Magnum Bonum dam—Cleaning effected. Chepstowe-Mt. Emu road—Tabling on post office hill, in replacement of culvert. Carranballac-Stockyard Hill road—Sheeting and patching.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

RAGLAN.

Red Bow Minstrel's Concert. The Raglan Red Bow Minstrel Troupe was invited to help the football club along, and gave a good concert in the local hall on Friday, 6th inst.

WATERLOO.

Under the auspices of the Waterloo Basketball Club, a successful euche and dance was held at Waterloo last Saturday night.

TRAWALLA.

Proximately 100 people assembled at the newly-erected residence of Mr J. R. McErvale, at Brewster, on Wednesday evening, 1st inst., to tender him a house-warming.

time for a "breather." Mr Campbell, taking the chair, reminded all that they had come along to pay their respects to their esteemed friend, Mr McErvale.

The Trawalla Tennis Club held its annual fancy dress dance in the C.W.A. Hall, Beaufort, on Friday evening, 6th inst., and a good crowd assembled.

On Saturday last, a trench, 18 in. deep, was cut along the front of the pine trees at the tennis courts, and the roots penetrating under the courts were severed.

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BEAUFORT RIFLE CLUB.

WIND-UP MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Rifle Club, held at the C.W.A. Rooms on Wednesday night, was attended by 10 members; Mr T. G. Beggs (captain) occupying the chair.

The balance-sheet for the past year showed receipts totalling £47 19/6 and expenditure to £39/8/7, leaving a credit balance of £8/11/8.

The captain said all the members of the club were on the reserve of the 8th Battalion, and had a right to shoot.

Mr Roderick suggested that the funds be placed in the hands of three trustees, to be approved by the Department.

It was decided that there be three trustees, Messrs. T. G. Beggs, G. Wilson, and J. B. Roderick were appointed.

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COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

D. R. Hannah & Co. report.— Sheep: 100 merino wethers from Tatyoon; 54 comeback and crossbred ewes, Mr. J. Schrader, Lake Bolac, to 23/1, averaging 21/3.

The following district sales are reported by other auctioneers:—76 comeback wethers, St. Enoch's Estate, Stockyard Hill, 22/1 to 26/7, averaging 24/6; 90 lambs, same owner, 21/4 to 24/7, averaging 23/8.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The many friends of Miss Ruby Meredith gathered at her home on Monday evening in order to celebrate the obtaining of her majority.

SKIPTON WATER SUPPLY.

SCHEME STILL INDEFINITE.

The Ripon Shire Council on Monday received a letter from L. D. Nicholls, secretary of the Skipton Progress Association, stating that he was finding it difficult to arrange a meeting to suit the convenience of all who wished to attend for the purpose of discussing the water scheme, and asking if Wednesday night, 27th June, would suit the engineer and councillors.

The president (Cr. Russell) reported that Crs. McDonald, Kirkpatrick, and he had attended the meeting. The engineer (Mr Crouch) had suggested to them that a canvass be made of the ratepayers.

Cr. Roddiss said it would mean a 2/6 rate, on the valuation of a man's property. He moved that the secretary supply the information required in regard to Ripon ratepayers as to what they were rated at, and what they would pay on a 2/6 rate.

Cr. Sinclair—They could not give that until they knew what the scheme was. They did not know where they were going to get the water from.

The motion was seconded by Cr. Wills, and carried.

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SNAKE VALLEY TO BALLARAT TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Letter From Department.

At the July meeting of the Ripon Shire Council on Monday, a letter was read from the Postmaster-General's Department (per Hon. W. G. Gibson, M.P.), intimating that matter of telephone service between Snake Valley and Ballarat is well under consideration, and that he would be advised of the result as early as possible; also later, intimating that the matter has been thoroughly investigated, and analyses have disclosed that the traffic is handled expeditiously.

Received, on motion of Cr. Roddiss, and Mr Gibson to be thanked for his interest in the matter. Seconded by Cr. Sinclair, and carried.

NOT ASKING FOR MUCH.

Engineer Has Other Fish to Fry.

At the meeting on Monday, the Ripon Shire Council received a communication from D. N. Hornabrook, district manager, electricity supply, south-western district, Colac, asking engineer's assistance in helping him to acquire information relating to the larger towns (Snake Valley and Carnham) and more closely-settled farming areas in the shire.

The engineer replied that his time was, unfortunately, too fully occupied to allow him to undertake this matter, but he would be pleased to briefly assist, and afford access to records of the office, from which much of the desired information may be obtained.

The secretary said the manager came along, and the engineer made all the information desired available to him.

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Advertisement for W. W. ASHLEY, Chemist, Beaufort, focusing on developing and enlarging prints.

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C.W.A. NOTES.

Nine members attended the monthly meeting of the Beaufort branch, C.W.A. junior members, held in the club rooms on Monday evening. Miss Dulcie Parker was in the chair. It was decided to hold a Centenary fancy dress dance, the details to be arranged at next meeting. The idea was that costumes should represent historical figures, such as Captain Cook, a blackfellow, or anything whatever connected with early settlement in Victoria. Before they dispersed, the girls partook of a tasty supper.

LOCAL FIXTURES.

Regular Local Meetings.
Ripon Shire Council.—Second Monday in the month.
Police Court.—Every Monday (except holidays).
Mechanics' Institute.—First Monday in the month.
Fire Brigade.—First Monday in the month.
Bush Nursing Hospital Committee.—Second Monday in the month.
C.W.A.—First Thursday in the month.
C.Y.M.S.—Second Monday in the month.
Brass Band.—First Wednesday in the month.
Fairy Creek Lodge.—Second Wednesday in the month.
Mark Lodge.—Fourth Thursday in every second month.
A.N.A.—Every alternate Tuesday.
Mothers' Guild meets alternate Tuesday to A.N.A.
Oddfellows.—Every alternate Thursday to Rechabites.
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School Committee.—Monthly.
Literary and Debating Society.—Alternate Tuesdays to A.N.A. (winter months only).
Mechanics' Bridge.—Fourth Monday in month.
Thistle Club Committee.—First Tuesday in each month.

Ararat and District School Bank.
In the Ararat and district school State Savings Bank returns, Bunzgor has 33 accounts, £30/18/7 balances, and £13/14/11 deposits during the year; the figures for Middle Creek being 9, £18/1/, and £4/13/10.

Beaufort Public Cemetery Trust.
The quarterly meeting of the Beaufort Public Cemetery Trust was held at the Shire Hall on Tuesday evening, and was attended by Messrs. J. R. Wotherspoon (chairman), D. Stevenson, and A. Parker (secretary). The secretary's financial statement showed that the receipts for the past quarter amounted to £25/10/, and the expenditure to £27/16/4; the amount to the credit of the Trust being £44/0/11. There were six interments and four sales of ground, and three memorials have been erected for the three months. The books and accounts were examined by the trustee, and certified to as correct.

Avoca Golf Tournament.
At the Avoca Golf Club's annual tournament last week, the following results of local interest are reported:—Mixed Foursomes Handicap, 18 holes—H. P. Briody and Miss N. Slater (88—21—87) tied for first, and won in the play-off. Men's Handicap, 18 holes—H. Brody tied for second, with a score of 16—68. Men's 18 holes—E. J. Muntz tied for first. Men's Championship, 36 holes—H. P. Briody (164), third. Men's 36 holes (handicap, 18 and under)—E. J. Muntz (33—136), first; H. Briody (82—138), second. Avoca Cup, 36 holes—E. J. Muntz (136), first.

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YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS.

BREWSTER.

The Brewster Young Farmers' Club is progressing well, and nearly all members have projects. Two lectures have been given us at the school—one by Mr. A. Mathews on "Wool," and the other by Mr. A. D. Callow on "The Points of a Horse." Both these lectures were very interesting and instructive, and we enjoyed them greatly. Mr. Mathews brought fine samples to illustrate his talk, and has left them with us. Mr. Callow lectured out of doors, and used one of our ponies to show us the points. We are grateful to these men for giving us their time, and we hope to get others to help us in a similar way.—DICK ANDERSON, Secy.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES.

BURRUMBEET DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

The Draw.

Following is the draw for the Burrumbeet and District Football Association's competition (matches on the grounds of the clubs first named):—
May 5th—Beaufort v. Wauabra; Burrumbeet v. Raglan; Learmonth, a bye.
May 12th—Raglan v. Learmonth; Wauabra v. Burrumbeet; Beaufort, a bye.
May 19th—Learmonth v. Beaufort; Wauabra v. Raglan; Burrumbeet, a bye.
May 26th—Burrumbeet v. Learmonth; Raglan v. Beaufort; Wauabra, a bye.

R.V.I.B. Auxiliary.

Fourteen ladies were present at a special meeting of the R.V.I.B. Auxiliary, held in the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Monday afternoon. Mrs. E. S. Crouch was in the chair, and an apology was received for the absence of Mrs. H. Dawson, sear. The secretary (Mrs. A. L. Wotherspoon) read a reply from Mr. Hedger, of the Melbourne headquarters staff, stating that a demonstration party from the Institute would come to Beaufort, accompanied by Mr. Van Assche, who would give an address. It was decided to book the Picture Theatre for an afternoon in August; the committee to defray expenses by small donations; thus making the entertainment free to the outside public and school children, who were all cordially invited. Cr. Troy is to be approached and asked to act as chairman. The secretary was instructed to write to the Ripon branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, informing the members that Mr. Van Assche would be present; and also to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Briggs, of headquarters, who has been very ill; and to Mr. Redger, who had met with an accident, but had now recovered. It was arranged to hold another meeting before the concert.

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