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Beaufort Agricultural Society Holds Successful Show at Local Park.

THE BEAUFORT SHOW.

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

WELL UP TO THE AVERAGE.

The weather outlook on Saturday was ominous—an oppressive atmosphere, with every sign of a thunderstorm—but that did not cause any appreciable decrease in the attendance at the Beaufort Agricultural Society's 63rd annual show, held at the Park. The storm broke at about 5.25 p.m., and was accompanied by steady rain. Some of the ring events had to be judged in the rain, but this would have been unnecessary had an earlier start been made. The picturesque Park and its charming surroundings were seen at their best in their late spring dress, and made a very favourable impression on the visitors. The gate receipts amounted to £48, compared with £53/8/ last year. There was an increase in the membership, and also in the fees obtained for side-show stands. Over 100 motor cars lined the arena. At about 4 p.m. there was a parade of prize-winners, and quite an impressive display was made; 26 horses, cattle, and horse-drawn vehicles taking part. Among the visitors were Messrs. J. R. Carter and J. Cook (president and secretary respectively of the Clunes Agricultural Society) and Major Alan Currie, M.L.C. All the judges and stewards carried out their duties well, and the bulk of the work in the afternoon fell on the shoulders of Messrs. D. R. Hannah and G. Topper (stewards) and Major Alan Currie (judge of light horses), who were in charge of the ring events, with Messrs. J. J. Dunn, C. Pringle, and J. T. Parker as assistants. The Hon. Theodore Beggs (who represents the graziers of the district—an important section of the membership of the society) was at the head of affairs as president, and took a keen interest in organising the show. The hard-working and enthusiastic secretary (Mr Geo. Pringle) had a complete grasp of the thousand and one details requiring attention, and was courteous and obliging to all exhibitors and others who had occasion to consult him. He was capably assisted in the preliminary work by Miss Ida Pringle. The vice-presidents (Messrs. Geo. Topper and W. Lynch) gave valuable support to the president and secretary. The sheaf-tossing contest was got off by Mr A. Campbell, and the competition for guessing the weight of a sheep by Messrs. C. H. McKay and A. R. Beggs. The duties of yard managers were discharged by Messrs. P. J. Kelly and F. Ellis. A boxing tent and other side-shows served to provide additional entertainment for the public. The police force was present in unusual strength. In addition to the local police (Senior-constable R. McCormick and J. Duke) a uniformed constable, two plain-clothes constables, and Superintendent Carter were present from Ballarat. The Beaufort Town Band (under the baton of Bandmaster J. D'Albora) played an enjoyable programme of music, and enlivened the proceedings considerably. Mr R. Taylor, of Ballarat, conducted the publican's booth, Mr A. Lewell the fruit and confectionery stall, and Mesdames Bates and Dunstan the luncheon and afternoon tea booth. A fair volume of business was done.

The exhibition was a good all-round one, and well up to the standard of previous years. It contained much of interest to those engaged in the rural industries and townfolk as well. The show also has its social side, as it provides an opportunity for residents of a wide-scattered district to meet one another and exchange ideas and experiences of value to them in their daily work on the land. The entries totalled 850. There were 15 exhibits in the sheep pens; the animals being mostly fats of good quality. Fifty-six entries were received in the class for flowers, and a very attractive and colourful display was the result. A part of the show that greatly interests ladies is that for fancy work, and the 47 articles on view were fine samples of artistic and skillful handicraft. There were 53 exhibits of dairy produce, the quality of which compared favourably with that from any part of the State. The dogs shown numbered 35, and included some splendid specimens of both popular and useful breeds. There were 48 exhibits in the class for grain, roots, and hay, and these were of a high order of merit, and demonstrated the capabilities of district soils. In the poultry class 87 birds were shown. This year the birds were restricted to a radius of 25 miles of Beaufort, so that, although additional competition may have been stimulated among local breeders, the quality of the exhibits was far below that at previous shows, when the class was an open one. According to the judge, the sooner the society makes the competition open again to all comers, the better as far as quality is concerned. Cattle were a small class; there being only seven exhibits of average quality. Another attractive class to the fair sex was cookery, and in this there were 136 excellent exhibits, which showed that the housewives of the district were comparable with any in Australia. The educational class, which attracted 233 entries, was one of the largest in the show, and whilst encouraging the children in their work, also afforded an opportunity to parents and friends of seeing what the schools of the district are capable of. To say that the display reflected credit on the teachers and scholars is putting it mildly. Another interesting phase of the show was the section for young farmers' clubs, and this year again the Brewster school was the only one that exhibited. This is a matter for regret, as there are a number of rural schools in the district capable of making a good display. The Brewster Young Farmers' Club fully intended having an even better display than last year, but the alteration of the usual date of the show brought it too close to the club's big effort for the year, namely, its field day. This, and a last-minute hitch in the transport arrangements, considerably reduced the number of exhibits. It is hoped that the field day will be earlier next year, when a very full entry from the club has been promised. As in former years, horses were the outstanding feature of the show; 42 draughts and 91 light horses being entered—a total of 133. The excellence of their breeding and quality was greatly admired, and the hunting and other ring events were the most spectacular part of the show as far as the outside public were concerned. There was a slight mishap in one of the jumping events; Mr W. Goodie, semr., being unseated,

owing to his mount striking a hurdle and falling. The rider rolled clear, and was unhurt.

In addition to some of the principal prizes, Centenary medallions were awarded.

Appended is the list of awards:—

SHEEP.

Judge: Mr R. G. Beggs.

Steward: Mr T. W. Hannah.

Three fat long-woolled or crossbred wethers—A. Bain, 1; R. J. Millar, 2.

Three fat merino wethers—A. Bain, 1; M. J. Millar, 2.

Three fat long-woolled or crossbred ewes—T. W. Hannah, 1; Miss D. Ward, 2.

Three fat merino ewes—R. J. Millar, 1.

Three fat lambs—Miss D. Ward, 1; T. W. Hannah, 2.

JUDGING COMPETITION.

Stewards: Messrs. C. H. McKay and A. R. Beggs.

Judging weight of fat sheep—H. McIntyre and Mrs A. Bain, equal.

1. Weight of sheep, 123 lb.

HORSES.

Judges: Clydesdales—Mr J. Williamson. Light Horses—Major Alan Currie, M.L.C.

Stewards: Clydesdales—Messrs. A. Campbell and R. Ward. Light Horses—Messrs. D. R. Hannah and G. Topper.

Clydesdale stallion, over 3 years—J. Fraser, 1; W. Linke, 2; Ron Dunn, 3.

Clydesdale stallion, three years—R. Henderson, 1.

Clydesdale Stallion, two years—C. E. Stokes, 1; S. Boyle, 2.

Clydesdale gelding or filly, three years—A. R. Dowler, 1; W. and D. Lynch, 2.

Clydesdale gelding or filly, two years—R. L. Henderson, 1; Ron Dunn, 2.

Clydesdale gelding or filly, one year—Ron Dunn, 1; W. and D. Lynch, 2.

Clydesdale colt, one year—J. Fraser, 1; C. E. Stokes, 2.

Pair of farm mares or geldings—W. and D. Lynch, 1; D. Stewart, 2.

Pair of farm mares or geldings (owned by soldier settlers)—A. R. Dowler, 1; Alec. Lofts, 2.

Best Clydesdale dray mare or gelding (driven)—W. and D. Lynch, 1; G. Collins, 2.

Clydesdale mare—W. and D. Lynch, 1; J. Fraser, 2.

Clydesdale mare, in foal or with foal at foot—W. and D. Lynch, 1 and 2.

Clydesdale foal (first prize, cup, gift of Messrs. Dunkling & Co.)—W. and D. Lynch, 1; J. Fraser, 2.

Champion Clydesdale entire, any age, for Society's blue ribbon—R. L. Henderson's "Clifton King."

Champion Clydesdale mare, any age, for Society's blue ribbon—W. and D. Lynch's "Widgiewa Goldsmith May."

14-stone remount mare or gelding—Lloyd Lindsay, 1; W. and D. Lynch, 2.

Hackney (local)—W. and D. Lynch, 1.

Hackney (open)—L. Lindsay, 1; L. Wills, 2.

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

Delivery horse, light (driven)—P. Smith, 1; W. Humphries, 2.

Delivery horse, heavy (driven)—W. H. Williams, 1; F. Smith, 2.

Pony, 12 h.a.u. (ridden by boy or girl), 20-mile radius—Marjory McErvale, 1; Mrs J. McCartney, 2.

Pony, 14.2 h.a.u. (ridden), 20-mile radius—W. Ellis, 1; W. and D. Lynch, 2.

Best boy rider, under 14—Gordon Spittle, 1; M. Henderson, 2.

Best girl rider, under 14—Marjory McErvale, 1; M. Henderson, 2.

Pony, 14.2 h.a.u. (driven), 20-mile radius—W. and D. Lynch, 1; W. Dowler, 2.

Pony, 14 h. and not over 14.2 (ridden)—L. Lindsay, 1; W. and D. Lynch, 2.

Lady's hunter—J. Delima, 1 and 2.

10-stone Hunter, 20-mile radius—W. and D. Lynch, J. G. Stevenson, and G. Nunn divided.

Pony, 13 h.a.u. (driven)—J. Delima, 1; Mrs M. Henderson, 2.

Buggy horse, over 14.2 h. (driven)—F. R. Smith, 1.

Best Turnout (14.2 a.u. pony, gig, and harness)—L. Lindsay, 1; J. Delima, 2.

10-stone Hunter — W. and D. Lynch, 1.

10-stone Hackney, over hurdles—J. Delima, 1; J. G. Stevenson, 2.

Lady's Hackney — L. Wills, 1; W. and D. Lynch, 2.

Best Lady Rider—Mrs H. Lardner.

Pony Hunter, 14.2 h.a.u., to carry not less than 9 st.—G. Nunn, 1; J. Delima, 2.

Pony Trot, one mile—A. Loft's Bill Estelle, scr., 1; A. Brown's Sandy, 10 yds. bhd., 2. Won by a length. Only starters.

Horse Trot, a mile and a half—A. Loft's Bill Estelle, scr., 1. The other starter (A. Brown's Sandy) was disqualified for going inside a flag. The full distance was not completed.

Sheaf-tossing Competition (first prize, cup, gift of Mr J. Bickart, of Ballarat)—D. Walton (Burrumbeet), 1; T. Jess (Middle Creek), 2. Height, 29 ft.

GRAIN, ROOTS, AND HAY.

Judge: Mr Theo. W. Schlicht.

Steward: Mr P. Kelly.

Bushel Wheat, any variety (first prize, gift of Commonwealth Fertilizers Co.)—John Kirkpatrick, 1; W. and D. Lynch, 2.

Bushel White Oats—Geo. Topper, 1; G. Collins, 2.

Bushel Algerian Oats (first prize, gift of Cresco Fertilizers Co.)—Geo. Topper, 1; W. and D. Lynch, 2.

Bushel of Algerian Oats, grown by Trawalla soldier settler (first prize, gift of Commonwealth Fertilizers Co.)—John Ellis, 1; Alec. Lofts, 2.

Bushel White Oats, grown by Trawalla settler)—R. J. Millar, 1 and 2.

Bushel Cape Barley—John Kirkpatrick, 1 and 2.

Sheaf Oaten Hay (first prize gift of Commonwealth Fertilizers Co.)—R. Ward, 1; John Kirkpatrick, 2.

Sheaf Wheat Hay (first prize, gift of Commonwealth Fertilizers Co.)—Cushing Bros., 1; John Kirkpatrick, 2.

Bag of Hay Chaff (grown and cut by exhibitor)—Geo. Topper, 1; Alec. Lofts, 2.

Cwt. of Potatoes (first prize, gift of Cresco Fertilizers Co.)—G. Collins, 1; Cushing Bros., 2.

Four bushels Perennial Rye Grass—Geo. Topper, 1.

Best collection Sparrow Eggs—John Kirkpatrick, 1; Geo. Kirkpatrick, 2.

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THE BEAUFORT SHOW.

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FLOWERS.

Steward: Mr Finney.
Judge: Mr D. Sievwright.
Collection Cut Flowers—Miss Athole Stewart, 1; Mrs A. Fraser, 2.
Best-arranged three Vases Flowers (first prize, gift of Bushell's Tea Co.)—Miss Ida Pringle, 1; Miss D. Ward, 2.
Decorative Basket Flowers—Mrs C. Rose, 1; Miss Alma Kirkpatrick, 2.
Best-arranged Bowl Flowers—Miss Athole Stewart, 1; Mrs Theo. Beggs, 2.
Best-arranged Hand Bouquet—Miss Gracie Brown, 1; Miss Alma Kirkpatrick, 2.
Six Roses (both prizes, gifts of Messrs. Gill & Searle Pty. Ltd.)—Commander H. P. Mackenzie, 1; Mrs A. Fraser, 2.
Three most artistic Buttonholes (first prize, gift of Mr W. F. Smith)—Miss D. Ward, 1; Miss Gracie Brown, 2.
Collection of Pansies—Mrs Geo. Pringle, 1 and 2.
Collection of Snopdragon—Mrs Theo. Beggs, 1; Commander H. P. Mackenzie, 2.
Collection Shirley Poppies (second prize, gift of Jas. Railton & Co.)—Mrs C. Cushing, 1.
Collection of Iceland Poppies—Mrs E. Broadbent, junr., 1; Mrs Geo. Pringle, 2.
Collection of Sweet Peas—Mrs R. J. Millar, 1; Mrs R. Boll, 2.
Collection of Carnations—Mrs R. J. Millar, 1.
Collection of Acquilega—Mrs Geo. Pringle, 1.
Collection of Delphiniums—Commander H. P. Mackenzie, 1.

DOGS.
Judge: Mr J. E. Cook.
Steward: Mr W. H. Williams.
Australian Terrier—Miss Theodora Beggs, 1; Miss Penelope Beggs, 2.
Sheep Dog—G. Collins, 1.
Fox Terrier—Jack Bates, 1; W. L. Connor, 2.
Pointer—J. Liddle, 1; Dawn Toole, 2.
Greyhound—W. and D. Lynch, 1; G. Collins, 2.
Greyhound Sapling—Stan. McCracken, 1; T. Ryan, 2.
Kelpie—Geo. Topper, 1; H. Smith, 2.
Setter—Squires Bros, 1; J. L. Sawyer, 2.
Cocker Spaniel—A. Lewell, 1; S. J. Dooaston, 2.
Retriever—D. Sievwright, 1 and 2.

Cattle Dog—N. Lyons, 1; Cushing Bros., 2.
Best Dog in Show—C. Squires' Irish Setter.
CATTLE.
Judge: Mr D. Stewart.
Steward: Mr P. Kelly.
Best Bull in yard—J. A. Harris, 1; J. G. Stevenson, 2.
Dairy Cow, G. Topper, 1.
Fat Cow—Bob Ellis, 1.
EDUCATIONAL.
Judge: Mr V. J. Parson.
Steward: Mr R. G. Scott.
Map of Centenary air race route (pupils up to and including C Form)—J. Fallon, 1; Dave Humphreys, 2.
Regional map of Africa (showing also animal life), Grades VII and VIII, Forms F and E—Joyce Cuthbertson, 1; Willie Glenister, 2.
Product map of Australia, Grades V. and VI.—John Williams, 1; Jack Bates, 2.
School work book, Grades VII. and VIII., or Forms E and F—Elma Buchanan, 1; Dulcie Bates, 2.
School work book, Grades VI. and V.—Lorna Scott, 1; Joan Dowling, 2.
School work book, Grades IV. and III.—Judith Wotherspoon, 1; Gwyneth Humphreys, 2.
Writing, Grade VIII, or Form E—Joan Panther, 1; Wilfred Panther, 2.
Writing, Grade VII., or Form F.—Elma Buchanan, 1; Linda Tiley, 2.

Writing, Grade VI.—Bernie McCormick, 1; Lorna Scott, 2.
Writing, Grade V.—Florence Waldron, 1; Jean McLeod, 2.
Writing, Grade IV.—Trevor Cuthbertson, 1; Judith Wotherspoon, 2.
Writing, Grade III.—Elsa Cleary, 1; Norma Panther, 2.
Writing, Grade II.—Max McKay, 1; Phyllis Broadbent, 2.
Writing, Grade I.—Alan Cuthbertson, 1; Jean Smith, 2.

Pastel Drawing, Grades VII. and VIII., or Forms F and E—Joyce Cuthbertson, 1; Joyce Drake, 2.
Pastel Drawing, Grades V. and VI.—Eric Weinert, 1; John Williams, 2.
Pastel Drawing, Grades III and IV.—Laurie Higgins, 1; Jack Dickman, 2.

Hobby work. Article made by Grade VII. or VIII. or Form F or E pupil—Robert MacPhie, 1; Bert Pearce, 2.
Hobby Work. Article made by Grade V. or VI. pupil—Betty McEwale, 1; Lois Buchanan, 2.

Hobby Work. Article made by Grade III. or IV. pupil—Patricia Oman, 1.
Essay, by any pupil up to and including Form C ("Victoria's First Hundred Years")—Robert MacPhie, 1.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS.
Judge: Hon. Theo. Beggs.
Steward: Mr A. Campbell.
Best exhibit (first and second prizes gifts of proprietors "Argus" and "Australasian")—Brewster school exhibit—Keith Anderson (Ryeland ram), 1; Dick Anderson (Jersey bull), 2.

EXTRAS.
Certificates of merit were awarded to the following:
Tattooing—Miss E. Smith.
Rag bag—Mrs Newton.
Map of world, showing Centenary air race route—Oswald Dunn.
Wimmera rye grass, cluster clover seed, subterranean clover seed—Geo. Topper.

FIFTY-NINE YEARS AGO.
GLEANINGS FROM "ADVOCATE" FILES.
MARCH 13th, 1875.

The Beaufort Athletic Club was established through two or three residents, three years previously, visiting the annual Smythesdale sports on Boxing Day. The first year the club gave £25 in prizes, the next year £62/10/, and the third year (1875) £106 was offered; the principal events being the Beaufort Handicap, of £50, and a hurdle race, of £20. Mr Frank Hewitt, the champion pedestrian of the world, was a nominator.
Hares were very plentiful in the district.
An hotel and store, the property of Mr Thomas Paine, of Middle Creek, was totally destroyed by fire.
Horse-racing and other sports were advertised for St. Patrick's Day, at Wangler's Hotel, Sailor's Gully.
The sum of £125 was offered in prizes for the sixth annual exhibition of the Beaufort Agricultural Society.
Mr Thomas Constable was appointed by the Shire of Ripon as herdsman of the Lake Goldsmith reserve; 4/ per annum (payable half-yearly in advance) being charged for every head of cattle depasturing thereon.
Owing to ill-health, Mr Thomas Hodgson, of Neill street, Beaufort, was selling off his drapery business.

Police Court.
There was a clean charge-sheet at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday; Mr L. Smith, J.P., being in attendance.

Bowls.
The Central Bowling Club, Ballarat, is sending a six-rink team to Beaufort to-day (Saturday) to play a match against the local club.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

MIDDLE CREEK.

A large gathering of people from the local and surrounding district assembled at the Middle Creek Public Hall on Monday evening, 20th Nov., the occasion being a farewell social and presentation to Mr and Mrs J. Clifford. Mr Clifford, who has been stationed here as one of the railway officials for about two years, recently got notice of a transfer to Newport. After several of the local residents and railway users had testified to Mr Clifford's very obliging qualities as an official, and as a supporter of all local activities, the chairman (Mr H. Dunn), on behalf of the residents, presented Mr and Mrs Clifford with a very handsome case of cutlery, which he hoped would serve to remind them of the many friends that they were leaving in Middle Creek. Mr Clifford suitably responded; thanking them for the very handsome gift, and for their many good wishes. Harmony was contributed by Mrs Hunt, Miss Ivy Dickman, Mr Win Bryce, and Miss Aggie Roberts. Supper was provided by the local ladies, and dancing continued till 2 a.m., to music supplied by Messrs. J. Franc, Win Bryce, W. Meadows, Miss M. Jess, and Mrs McNeil (piano), and Mr A. Humphreys (accordion); Mr Win Bryce officiating as M.C. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem terminated a very pleasant evening.
A ball to assist the funds of the Raglan Football Club, was held in the Middle Creek Hall on Wednesday evening, 21st Novr. A good crowd was present; being representative of Raglan, Beaufort, Bungor, and the surrounding districts. The music was supplied by Day's Orchestra (Beaufort). Mr Gillingham acted as M.C. Supper was served at midnight. The financial result proved satisfactory.

TRAWALLA.

The Settlers' Hall Committee held meeting on Wednesday evening, and there was a good attendance. General satisfaction was evident when it was decided that the site selected for the new hall, and that the procedure in that direction be placed in the hands of Mr S. Young. The secretary provided a very interesting report of activities since last meeting, and the treasurer's report revealed a very substantial credit balance.

An item in the press under council news in a recent issue, regarding to the old road and site, received considerable attention. It was explained that in order to ascertain information essential to enable these concerns to be fully conversant with facts concerning the proposed site and adjoining property, the Public Works Department had been written to. Instead of supplying the information direct, that Department put the matter through the council, and thereby created a false impression. All the information desired was furnished, and arrangements for the transfer of the site can now proceed. Further efforts to raise funds will be made immediately, and to assist in that direction, a pair of geese, a fat sheep, and a pair of cockerels were donated. The committee are determined to push ahead, and will welcome any support that can be reasonably expected.

Struck by lightning on Wednesday evening, a black mare, owned by Mr A. Morcombe, was killed.
Mr R. Clover, who has been employed for some time as jackeroo on Trawalla Estate, has left to take a position at Lauri-Kal-Kal.
On Sunday afternoon a storm that broke over Trawalla caused considerable damage to crops. The lightning put every telephone, as well as the telegraph and staff instruments, out of order at the railway station.

WATERLOO.

Successful Euchre and Dance.

One of the most successful events of the year was held at the Waterloo Hall last Saturday night, when a euchre tournament and dance, to assist the funds of the school, attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd. The euchre prizes were won by Mr C. Flynn (who played as a lady) and Mr Bert Smith. Messrs. Boyd and E. Wilson supplied excellent music for the 40 couples who enjoyed the dancing, whilst Mr W. Kay, in his usual capable manner, had control of the floor. Under the auspices of the school committee, these entertainments are being made more enjoyable every week.

Cricket Team.

The cricket team to play Beaufort to-day (Saturday) will be chosen from the following—Jack Lamb, C. Lamb, N. Dromey, C. Flynn, A. Laney, T. Ryan, J. Rush, J. McLaughlin, R. Vowles, M. Lytle, E. Laney, H. Lamb, R. Smith, and A. Boyd.

The Picnic.

They're on the track at daybreak, And there again at night; They keep the folk all wide awake, And make themselves quite light. And sure enough they do! From tiny tots, four years of age, to men now reaching 70—all may be seen these summer evenings, running, jumping, stepping the chain, bowling at the wicket; whilst the cackling of the hens in every home tells the world that mother and sisters are hard at practice catching the rooster. Many great trials are done on the tracks, but few people are aware of the exact times, as the trials are held at break of dawn. However, we expect to see some record-smashing at Waterloo on December 8th.

An Injured Knee.

Whilst Jim Nixon, N. Dromey, and A. Laney were chasing a young hare on Tuesday evening, practising for the hare chase at the sports, Mr Laney, having won on the lead-up, slipped after taking the first turn, and injured his knee. This is unfortunate, as he will be greatly missed in the relay race also. Mr Alan Boyd has been selected to fill the vacancy.

Motor Hold-up at Waterloo P.O.

Mr Bert Crick, in his big truck, was held up at Waterloo P.O. last Tuesday evening for at least half-an-hour. He pulled up for a phone message, and having then commenced to leave, found that his truck would not pull. After several local mechanics had unsuccessfully tried to locate the engine trouble, a lady who was passing immediately noticed the cause of the delay. Two members of the Waterloo turf-of-war team were seen fastened to a rope, tied to the truck. No doubt these men are strong.

RAGLAN.

At the beginning of the football season, Mr R. T. Macdonald gave a cup to the Raglan Club, for presentation to the best and fairest player. In the voting, G. Grant and C. Waldron tied, with five votes each. It was therefore decided that the club purchase another cup to go with the one from Mr Macdonald, but as the finances were not good after the concert from Bryce's Minstrels, Mr Dunn capped off a good season's support by offering to defray the cost of the second cup. It was this for which he was thanked at the recent meeting. The club's hearty thanks are due to Mr Macdonald also.

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FIRE BRIGADE.

ANNUAL MEETING AND SMOKE NIGHT.

Sixteen active and reserve members of the Beaufort Fire Brigade gathered for the annual meeting at the Fire Station on Monday night. Lieut. W. Day occupied the chair. A circular was read, re first-aid equipment. A programme of the Centenary demonstration at Ballarat was received. Fireman J. F. Fitzpatrick wrote, forwarding his resignation, owing to his removal to Ballarat. Resignation received with regret, on the motion of Firemen W. Bridges and K. Hyde. Accounts amounting to £7 were passed for payment. Fireman Bridges said that fire brigade hose should be exempt from sales tax. Fireman J. Duke (secretary) reported that he attended the captains' meeting of the C.F.B. Association in Melbourne, and several alterations were made in the programme for the next demonstration. He brought up the matter of drill instructors for the discipline contest, and gave notice of motion for the next captains' meeting that brigades sending eight men to a demonstration be allowed to have an outside man to drill them in the discipline contest. The secretary's action was endorsed, and he was thanked, on the motion of Fireman A. J. Hughes and Apparatus-officer L. Fitzpatrick. The secretary referred with regret to the loss to the brigade of the services of Fireman J. F. Fitzpatrick, who was one of their live wires. He moved that the captain and himself be delegated to purchase a small token of esteem from the members, to be presented to Fireman Fitzpatrick. Seconded by Fireman W. Bridges, and carried. The secretary was authorised to pay the smoke social accounts before next meeting. Mr R. McCormick, junr., was placed on the reserve list. Firemen J. Duke and E. Hopkins were appointed for hall duty for the month. Mr Neil Watchorn was placed on the reserve list to act as drill instructor. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Captain, W. Smith; lieutenant, A. J. Hughes (on second ballot); foreman, L. Fitzpatrick; apparatus-officer, W. Fitzpatrick; auditor, Mr W. Stevens; secretary, Fireman J. Duke. Reserve-members R. Pringle and A. Beer acted as scrutineers. Reserve-member R. Pringle was placed on the active list by ballot. Apologies were received for the absence of Captain W. F. Smith and Fireman E. Hopkins. Fireman R. Pringle returned thanks for his election to the active list.

A smoke social was afterwards held; Captain R. A. D. Sinclair (president of the Country Fire Board) presiding. Messrs H. M. Stuart, W. Humphries (ex-captains of the old Volunteer Brigade), and G. Wilson (a former local captain under the C.F.B.), and A. J. Saph (a former secretary) were among the guests.

The chairman expressed regret at the absence, through indifferent health, of Captain W. F. Smith. He was glad to see Messrs H. M. Stuart (who was 85 years of age), W. Humphries, and G. Wilson present.

Mr E. Wilson presided at the piano, and Fireman Wally Bridges led the community singing. Songs were given by Mr Stuart, and Firemen A. Dunstan and L. Fitzpatrick.

toast of "The King" was loyally honoured.

Mr H. M. Stuart proposed, "The Country Fire Board" (coupled with the name of its president, Captain Sinclair). He said he could never get hold of much information about the board, which appeared to have done good work. He congratulated Captain Sinclair on holding the position of president, and hoped he would give them some information about the board. He thought the bulk of the money was monopolised by large centres, and he would like to know if the small places, which had to contribute two to the insurance companies' one, got their fair share. He wanted to know why the insurance companies had not been made to pay their fair proportion towards the upkeep of brigades. Mr Sinclair had done his work well for several years as president.

In responding, Captain Sinclair said the Victorian volunteer service was the finest and cheapest in the world, and comprised 3000 firemen. The system was ably introduced by the late Colonel Marshall. The country brigades lost £4000 in grants, compared with the city brigades' £48,000, when the present service was instituted. There was a board election next week, and it was thought that Captain McPherson and he would get back as representatives of the firemen. There was no finer captain in the service than his opponent, Captain Daw, of Ballarat, and he would be the first to congratulate him, if elected. The municipal conference had decided to request the Government to ask the insurance companies to pay half the C.F.B. dues, as against the municipalities' quarter. No doubt, if that were put into effect, the insurance premiums would be raised. As a board, they were trying to do all they could for the service by putting up new buildings and providing motor pumps. Beaufort would be the first on a list of 35 brigades to get a motor pump. When the pump came, he thought the council would see that they got the volume of water. Some of the mains were to be shifted, and the council were prepared to do their part. He was sorry the Beaufort brigade was not at the Dimboola demonstration. It was a compliment to be on the board representing a small place like Beaufort. He would be pleased to show Mr Stuart a balance-sheet. They could not get a better secretary than the secretary of the board, Mr Sinclair, and the Beaufort secretary (Mr Duke) was one of the best brigade secretaries, the board secretary had. The board purchased the motor pumps on money borrowed for 50 years. The new Sinclair pumps were very fine ones, and he would try and get one of that type for Beaufort. The board secretary was making the service what it was to-day, and they had a fine chief officer and deputy chief. He hoped he would be present here on other occasions as a representative of the firemen on the board.

Captain Sinclair proposed a toast in honour of the newly-elected officers, and wished the captain a speedy return to good health. He congratulated all the other officers, and hoped the lieutenant would eventually work up to the position of captain. He congratulated the secretary on the good work he had done in the past, and hoped that he would continue it in the future, not only for the brigade but for charitable efforts.

He trusted that the officers would do everything they could in the interests of the service and the citizens of Beaufort.

Captain Smith arrived at this stage, and was received with applause. He was congratulated by the president of the board on his reelection; the president hoping that Captain Smith's health would be speedily restored.

Fireman Duke responded to the toast on behalf of the captain, and said they could not have chosen a better captain. Captain Smith had always been one of their mainstays, and he hoped he would soon be fit and strong again. The captain would like the support of every man in the brigade.

Captain Sinclair said the Ballarat demonstration was going to be the greatest ever held in this State or the Commonwealth. Five or six teams were coming from Western Australia. The week after there would be a conference of representatives of all the fire services in the Commonwealth in Melbourne. The B and C class trophies at the Centenary demonstration in Ballarat were quite as good as those for A class.

Lieut. A. J. Hughes also responded to the toast of "The Officers. He regretted that he had ousted a good member like Ex-Lieut. W. Day from office. He emphasised the need of keeping and sticking to the job—only a little more being wanted to bring home a trophy.

Foreman L. Fitzpatrick and Apparatus-officer W. M. Fitzpatrick also neatly responded.

Fireman Duke also responded as secretary, and thanked the members for re-electing him. He gave a few reminiscences of his connection with the local brigade. At the present time the brigade had lost two or three good runners, but with the new men who had come in, they could do as well as any brigade in Victoria if they put their minds to it. This Centenary year, he would like every man to take a special interest, and give the officers the support they deserved. He was willing to do anything he could for any man in the brigade. He specially welcomed Mr A. J. Saph, and referred to his good work for many movements in the town.

"The Ex-captains" was proposed by Fireman Duke, who said they must look on these past captains with respect, as the pioneers of the service. He wished them the compliments of the season.

Ex-captain H. M. Stuart (one of the oldest veterans of the service), W. Humphries (who joined in 1881, and was the first local captain under the board), and G. Wilson suitably responded, and waxed reminiscent in regard to the old brigade and demonstrations of the past.

The toast of "The Press" was proposed by Lieut. Hughes, and responded to by the representative present.

8th Battalion. Members of the Beaufort Detachment of the 8th Battalion spent Saturday afternoon on the local rifle range, practising quick-firing.

"Weldon's Ladies' Journal." The December number of "Weldon's Ladies' Journal" contains seven free patterns, a fashions section, special features, and magazine, home, and homecraft sections. The journal is obtainable from the local news-agent (Mr Williams), and the price is 10d.

CRICKET.
RIPON COMPETITION.
BREWSTER v. NERRING.

Brewster journeyed to Nerring, and after a very interesting contest, won by nine runs. Although the day was cold, the ground was quite fit for play after the recent heavy rains. Batting first, Brewster made the useful score of 84 before the last wicket fell. P. Hamilton and Max Hamilton were the principal scorers; the former making 24, and the latter 19. It was this partnership that added 37 runs to the Brewster total; taking the score from 6 for 32 to 7 for 69.

Greer bowled well for the home side; taking seven wickets. He was well supported by his captain (James), who accounted for two wickets, and the veteran, H. Collins, who secured the remaining wicket. The Nerring fielding was not quite up to their usual standard, as two or three catches were dropped, but this could be accounted for by the extreme cold, which, no doubt, affected the fieldsmen. Nerring faced the score of 84 with confidence, when James and I. Collins opened the batting to the bowling of D. Dawson and A. MacPhie. James' wicket fell with the score at 8, when he was bowled by MacPhie. E. Dawson and K. Collins did not last long, and 3 wickets were down for 28. Then H. Collins partnered his son. This pair looked like pulling the match round for Nerring; the score quickly mounting to 53, but H. Collins was a little too aggressive, and hitting out at Dawson, was clean-bowled for a well-made 22.

The remaining batsmen could not hold their wickets intact for Ivan Collins, who was batting well for his side, and was the last man out, with the score at 75. I. Collins obtained 36 (not out). This was an exceptionally fine effort, as he opened the innings, and batted throughout without giving a chance. Scores:—

BREWSTER.

M. Jeffries, b. Greer	0
Ron Dunn, c. Symons, b. Greer	5
K. Jeffries, c. Symons, b. Greer	10
M. Hamilton, b. James	19
D. Dawson, run out	4
A. MacPhie, b. Collins	4
P. Hamilton, c. James, b. Greer	24
K. McIntyre, b. James	1
R. Dawson, b. Greer	6
L. Close, not out	0
J. Dawson, c. Collins, b. Greer	4
Sundries	5

Total 84
Bowling—Greer, 6/21; James, 2/24; Collins, 1/0.

NERRING.

I. Collins, not out	36
L. James, b. MacPhie	1
E. Dawson, b. D. Dawson	2
K. Collins, b. MacPhie	1
H. Collins, b. D. Dawson	22
J. Collins, b. D. Dawson	5
A. Marshall, c. MacPhie, b. Dawson	1
N. Greer, b. MacPhie	0
A. Collins, b. MacPhie	0
A. Lynch, c. Close, b. MacPhie	0
L. Symons, c. Close, b. Dawson	3
Sundries	4

Total 75
Bowling—D. Dawson, 5 wickets; A. MacPhie, 5 wickets.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

STOCKYARD HILL.
FETE AND FLEECE COMPETITION.

The inclement weather experienced on Saturday last caused the fete, to have been held in the Church grounds at Stockyard Hill, in aid of the local branch of the P.W.M.U., to be transferred to Messrs. Cushing Bros., Hall, which was kindly placed at the disposal of the ladies by these gentlemen. The large hall was fitted up with stalls. The Rev. F. J. Thomas, of Skipton, introduced Mrs. Alex. Russell, of Mawallok, who, in a few, well-chosen remarks, declared the fete open. Miss E. Ward, president of the P.W.M.U., also spoke, thanking the members for the splendid help they had given in preparing for the fete.

In the cookery competition Mrs R. G. Beggs and Mrs A. P. Notman were the judges, and prizes were awarded as follows:—

- Pound cake—Miss J. Hannah.
- Sponge Sandwich—Miss D. Ward.
- Sponge roll—Miss D. Ward.
- Pastry—Mrs R. J. Millar.
- Shortbread—Mrs A. E. Exell and Miss J. Hannah tied.

A fleece competition, judged by Mr W. McKay, of Carnham, attracted 23 entries, and the following prizes were awarded:—

- Most attractive Merino fleece—Francis Oddie.
- Most valuable Merino fleece—Major C. O. Fairbairn.
- Most attractive Crossbred fleece—Murray Exell.
- Most valuable merino fleece—A. Bain.

The stallholders were:—Jumble stall—Misses D. Ward, M. Oddie, and Alma Kirkpatrick. Cake stall—Mrs D. F. Troy, Misses A. Stewart, and J. Hannah. Sweets stall—Miss Lalla Stewart. Afternoon tea—Messdames D. Stewart, Exell, Boyle, J. Kirkpatrick, Bain, Misses E. Ward, and Kirkpatrick.

Various outdoor competitions were conducted by the young men of the congregation, and resulted as follows:—

- Ladies' nail driving—Mrs Notman.
- Ladies' quoits—Miss Sheila Lynch.
- Quoits (men)—Eric Kirkpatrick.
- Stepping the distance—Max Bain.
- Kicking the Football—Eric Kirkpatrick.
- Bowling at the single wicket—Alex. McIntyre.

The secretarial duties were capably carried out by Miss Athole Stewart.

The takings were about £53.

C.W.A. YOUNGER SET.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort branch of the C.W.A. Younger Set was held in the Club Rooms on Monday evening. Mrs S. E. Humphreys (president of the senior branch) was present, and gave the girls much helpful advice, which was greatly appreciated. Miss Dulcie Parker (president) was in the chair, and apologies were received for the absence of Miss Joan Rogers and Nurse Conlon.

The following annual report was adopted, on the motion of Misses E. Green and I. Macdonald:—Last week saw the end of the 1933-34 financial year of the Beaufort branch of the C.W.A. Younger Set, and though it proved a comparatively quiet one, it was also a very enjoyable year for the 19 members. On the whole, meetings were fairly well attended, and the idea of bringing supper and indulging in games and competitions after the business was over made the girls feel quite at home. In fact, at times supper developed into a lively tea party. Until recently, Misses Irene Macdonald and Dulcie Parker acted as joint presidents, but as Miss Macdonald left the district, Miss Parker carried on for several months. Miss Ena Roderick proved an energetic secretary, and everyone was very sorry to lose her valuable services when she left the town for Melbourne. Miss Joan Rogers filled her place pro tem. Of the treasurer, Miss Sylvia Hancock, who kept our accounts in such precise order, we must say a word of praise. Early in 1934 a send-off was tendered to our former president, Sister E. Francis, and she was handed a crystal basket as a token for remembrance. The main effort of the Younger Set this year was a baby show, held during June. It proved an exceedingly novel and exciting occasion for the mothers who entered their babies; incidentally proving a great financial success at the same time; the profit being £9 13/3. This, with £3 in hand, was donated to the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Later in the year an enjoyable dance was held. A profit of £2/16/1 was made; half of this going to Somers' House, and half to the Building Fund. Here we must thank the members who gave us so much help on these occasions; being quite unsparring with their time and energy, and all working wholeheartedly together. During the year it was decided to disband the Younger Set, and re-form as C.W.A. junior members; the main objection being that as a Younger Set, they were bound to run an effort each year for Somers' House, but as half the proceeds of the dance were voluntarily sent to Somers' House, this did not make much difference. In conclusion, we must thank the president of the senior branch (Mrs Humphreys) for her ever ready help and interest, and assure her that she holds a very special position in the hearts of the girls.—DULCIE PARKER, President; JOAN ROGERS, Secretary.

The balance-sheet for the year showed receipts amounting to £20 4/10, and expenditure to £18/17/1, leaving a credit balance of £1/7/9. This was adopted, on the motion of Misses C. Pope and D. Parker, and a vote of thanks accorded Mr P. T. Stevenson, the auditor.

Mrs Humphreys took the chair for the election of officers, who were appointed as follows:—President, Miss D. Parker; joint secretaries, Misses C. Pope and I. Macdonald; treasurer, Miss S. Hancock; committee, all office-bearers and Miss E. Green, with power to add.

Mrs Humphreys thanked the girls for the help they had given her during her term of office.

It was decided to hold a dance next Monday evening, in aid of the flood victims. It was mentioned that a basket or donation would be appreciated from all those interested.

A tasty supper was served by the girls.

Cycling Club.

From a list of donations acknowledged at the annual meeting of the Beaufort Cycling Club, was one of £2/17/6 from Mrs C. Meredith (proceeds of a social).



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POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 1934.

(Before Messrs. A. A. O'Grady, P.M., and Messrs. L. Smith, and C. H. McKay, J's.P.)
CHARGES AGAINST MOTORIST

Senior-constable R. McCormick charged Reginald Huber Thomas with having, on 22nd October, 1934, been the driver of a motor car on the Ararat road, Eurambeen, and having driven on the wrong side of the road, without justifiable excuse.

Senior-constable McCormick also charged Reginald Huber Thomas with having, on 22nd October, at Eurambeen, driven a motor car on the Western Highway, in a manner which was dangerous to the public.

Senior-constable McCormick further charged Reginald Huber Thomas with having, on the same date at Eurambeen, when driving a motor car on the Ararat road, been concerned in an accident, when a member of the police force was not present, and having failed to report same to the officer in charge of the nearest police station (Beaufort) to where the accident occurred.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge of driving on the wrong side of the road.

Mr S. Young, who appeared for defendant, objected to the case of failing to report being heard with the others.

Senior-constable McCormick — He would like the three cases heard together.

Mr Young — They could take two together—driving in a manner dangerous to the public, and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Senior-constable McCormick said he was asking for convictions in both cases.

Mr Young's objection was upheld, and all witnesses ordered out of court.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge of driving a motor car in a manner dangerous to the public.

Senior-constable McCormick outlined the evidence for the prosecution.

John Alfred Williams, farmer, Rupanyup, stated on oath that on 22nd

October, at 7.30 p.m., he was proceeding to Beaufort in a Hupmobile car, belonging to Mr Barry, which witness was driving. Messrs. Barry, Stewart, and McLoughlin were also in the car. Witness was driving at 30 m.p.h. approaching the bend. The lights were burning, and he was driving on his correct side of the road. He met a car coming the other way. He continued along, and the car he was driving was run into by the other car, and damaged. He was just taking the bend. There were posts on the left-hand side. As the other car was coming, witness considered it was too far on his side of the road.

To the P.M.—Witness was on his left-hand side, almost touching the posts.

Witness (continuing) said the other car was on its wrong side. The other car did not meet them quite head-on. It hit the right-hand mudguard, and touched the back mudguard, and went on towards the posts behind them. He stopped his car, and the other car stopped. The other car travelled five or six yards before stopping. It was on the right-hand side of the road going towards Ararat.

Mr Young—At the beginning the prosecutor said the posts were on the south side of the road, but they were on the north side.

The P.M.—He depended on what the witnesses said.

Witness (continuing) said the mudguard of the car he was driving was dented on the right-hand side, the axle was bent, the grease-cap knocked off the front wheel, and the back mudguard bent. There were no other cars about at the time. The road was clear enough and wide. The bend was not very sharp. It could be taken at 30 m.p.h. easily. He could not say why the other car kept driving on the wrong side of the road. He could not understand it. He saw the man who was driving the other car in the half-light. He had no conversation with him, but heard conversation between defendant and the others. Witness was the last to get out of the car. The conversation defendant had with Barry, Barry said, "What are you doing over this side of the road? You did not give us a chance." Defendant said something about the

lights dazzling him. Barry suggested making reparation for the damage done to the car, but nothing was agreed to. Not much was said of any importance. Defendant got out of his car, and was walking round, and asked if anyone was hurt. Defendant said, "It was not speed that did it." Witness was driving the car at about 5 m.p.h. when the collision occurred, and had almost stopped. He always steadied up on a bend. When he got a better view, he thought the oncoming car would be too far over on the wrong side of the road, and so he steadied up some more. When he got nearer, he could see that it would be very close. He pulled the clutch out, and put the break on hard; the car having nearly stopped. He was a licensed driver.

To Mr Young—He had been driving since 1919, and had been over that portion of the road five or six times. One went down to the bridge, and he was just coming to the rise, which was the beginning of the bend. He did not notice that the bridge was rather narrow. He thought it was nearly the width of the bitumen. He did not look at the damage to defendant's car. Witness steadied up as much as he could, and got as close to the posts as possible. The posts were several feet out from the bitumen; there being gravel between. After the accident, the other car was not between their car and the posts. He supposed their car struck defendant's car on the driver's side, and it did not strike it in front or on the left-hand side. Witness had journeyed 96 miles that day. He had lunch on the road, and did not have a drink. He was hugging the posts very closely coming round the curve, and there were no posts on defendant's side of the road, which was sloping a little towards the creek.

To the senior-constable.—The bridge would be 100 yds. or more from the scene of the accident.

To Mr Young—The collision occurred between the third and fourth white post at the beginning of the road fence. The distance of 100 yds. would be a guess made in the dark.

Mr Young—It was 36 yds. Horace Fraser Barry, farmer, Rupanyup, gave corroborative evidence. On getting out of the Hupmobile car (of which he was the owner) after

the accident, he said to defendant, "Look what you have done. You did not give us a sporting chance to get out of the road." Defendant said, "The lights." Witness said, "I don't think it was the lights." Their lights were shining on the other side of the road. Defendant said, "It was not pace." Witness said, "It was not pace, fortunately." Defendant told him his name, and witness took the number of his car, and told him he was going to report to the police in Beaufort. Defendant said, "So am I." Defendant also said his car was insured with the R.A.C.V. Witness said, "I am in the R.A.C.V., but my car is not insured." Defendant seemed rather peculiar to him at the time. He thought defendant was "dopey." He would not express an opinion as to what induced the "dopey-ness." There was no reason why defendant's car should have been driven the way it was. Witness' lights were burning, and in good condition, but were not dazzling by any means. There would be 13 to 2 chains of road for traffic to pass. The bridge might be three or four chains from the posts.

To Mr Young—He thought he could drive a car along the right-hand side of the bitumen, but would not contradict a statement that there was an excavation 8 feet deep and 15 yds. long. He asked defendant what about fixing the damage up, and defendant said, "No." Witness said he did not see why he should pay, as the fault was the defendant's, and asked him to go and have a look at what he had done. Defendant said, "No; let the R.A.C.V. people fix it up." When the accident occurred, witness' car was within 3 or 4 ft. of the white posts, and off he bitumen on that side. He considered that defendant's car was beyond the centre of the road. He glanced at the damage to defendant's car, and noticed that the front mudguard was bent in pretty well the same position on their own. He did not notice that defendant's mud cap was rubbed off.

To the P.M.—He could not say how wide the bitumen was where the accident occurred. Witness was practically off the bitumen altogether.

Frederick Stewart, farm labourer, Minyip, corroborated the statements of the previous witnesses. Defendant appeared to be a little "dopey."

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MOTHERS' GUILD EUCHRE.

The Beaufort Mothers' Guild held a euchre tournament on Tuesday night in Mr. W. Holdsworth's shop. The winners were Mrs. Saph and Mr. Seriven; the consolation prizes going to Mrs. L. Stevens and Mr. V. Wilson.

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A FINANCIAL PROBLEM.

URGENT WORKS REQUIRED—NO MONEY AVAILABLE.

WILL COUNCIL BORROW OR STRIKE SPECIAL RATE TO REPAIR DAMAGE BY HEAVY RAIN?

At the December meeting of the Ripon Shire Council on Monday, Cr. Russell asked that the engineer be instructed, between now and next winter, to have all roads on hills patched, and the water tables and side drains cleaned out. Since last meeting they had had three big falls of rain, and a very large quantity of good gravel and road material had been washed off. Wherever he had been that there was a hill, it required attention. He moved that it be done during the summer. It would mean extra expense. He did not know whether they would get the money by borrowing or from an extra rate.

Cr. Troy—He was glad to hear Cr. Russell speak as he had. They had a dry winter, followed by three bad storms. The North riding roads wanted a lot of work done on them all round. The problem was that they would get worse in the coming winter. He was sorry the president was not here to hear that, because the position was serious, and work should be undertaken. There were two ways. They could go into debt and make it up next year, or leave it undone and try and catch up next year, when it would cost a lot more money than now. The position should be gone into by the East and North riding members. He felt quite envious when he heard the amount of works the West riding was doing, and they were making ends meet and spending money. The East and North ridings seemed to be drifting into debt.

Cr. Roddis seconded the motion. The engineer said, at a rough hit, 1000 chains of work would be required, at a cost of £500.

Cr. Troy—It was too late now to talk of the rate.

Cr. Russell—In case of damage by fire and flood, the council was given certain power to borrow money, or impose an extra rate. In the East riding during October and November, they had 12 inches of rain in a few falls. The hills were in splendid order till a few months ago. He also moved that the East riding members have a meeting, or the ordinary shire meeting be held some time next month. They wanted to start work on some of these bridges. They could not let it go till February.

Cr. Sinclair—They would hold their meeting as usual on the second Monday in January.

Cr. Russell—His opinion was that it was their duty to put on a larger expenditure than they had counted on in the East riding.

Cr. Roddis—It was only right they should meet in January. He asked the engineer to report on the damage, and be prepared to say how it was to be financed by an extra bank overdraft or loan. If they let it go next year, the following year there would be a big expense.

Cr. Sinclair—The chairman should give notice of motion that they take into consideration the striking of an extra rate, owing to the heavy rain, and the bad state of the washed-out bridges, or raising the money by an overdraft at the bank or a loan.

Cr. Russell—He moved that they

hold a meeting or the council in January, and at that meeting discuss ways and means of coping with extra expenditure throughout the East and North ridings. Personally, he did not know which was the best way of doing it. They could hold the matter over till next meeting.

Cr. Wills moved that the engineer make an estimate before next meeting of the special works required in the North and East ridings.

This was agreed to. Cr. Roddis moved that the officers make suggestions as to financing it, and obtain the rates of interest for an overdraft, and a loan. He was not favourable to a higher or special rate.

Cr. Sinclair—That should be discussed at next meeting.

Cr. Troy moved that, as they were considering asking for an overdraft, the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney be written to, and asked to quote a special rate of interest for them. Seconded by Cr. Sinclair, and carried.

It was understood that the council would meet in January on the usual date.

HEALTH REPORTS.

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

Dr. Humphreys reported two cases of diphtheria at Beaufort; one being also reported by Dr. Adenoyd, of Ballarat Base Hospital, and a death by the Ballarat registrar of births and deaths.—Received. Cr. Sinclair—The council sympathised with the parents of the child in their sad bereavement.

Dr. C. C. Reid, Skipton, reported that no notifiable diseases had occurred during November in the West riding. Influenza and whooping cough had been very prevalent, and a rather high percentage of cases had assumed a serious form.—Received.

Dr. J. B. Donaldson reported for November that in the East riding there had been an epidemic of influenza and a few cases of whooping cough. There was no undue prevalence of diseases not infective. As there were so few births in the East riding, they had no need for a special infant welfare depot.—Received.

Dr. S. E. Humphreys, M.O.H., North riding, reported for October:—Several cases of measles in outlying district. Influenza prevalent; many cases of pneumonic type. Four pneumonias following influenza. The health inspector of the shire (Mr Henderson) has paid several visits to Beaufort. He has investigated several complaints of nuisance; and has inspected slaughter yards, and has made recommendations to owners. Inspection of food premises will be undertaken shortly. Infant welfare work at Bush Nursing Hospital—36 attendances per month.—Received.

Dr. S. E. Humphreys, M.O.H. for North riding, reported for November:—Infectious diseases.—This outbreak of diphtheria appears to have been limited to the two homes affected. The fatal result in one case emphasises the importance of seeking advice as early as possible in cases of sore throat. The second case remained at home in the care of a trained nurse; but treatment in hospital, however, is preferable, as it obviates necessity for prolonged isolation of the other members of the family. Diseases (not infective)—

Common colds, with two cases of broncho pneumonia. Subacute rheumatism, 3 cases. Hay fever, asthma and bacteria (due to pollens for most part, and to changes in the pasture of cattle) have been unusually prevalent. Inspections.—Several drains inspected following complaints received. The inspector has visited all slaughter houses and butchers' shops; also green groceries. Recommendations have been made:—Garbage tins of sufficient size, carefully fitted with lids; and regular emptying of same. This was enforced some years ago, but many instances of carelessness have been reported. Sister Grenda, at B.N. Hospital, reports 34 attendances for the month. I wish to draw attention to the advantages of the Schick test for diphtheria, if applied to a school. At the outset I would point out that in a community as free from diphtheria (comparatively) as we are, the wholesale application of the test to a school is rarely considered necessary. Nevertheless, a fatality from diphtheria focuses attention on means of preventing outbreaks, if possible. The Schick test is a simple method of separating those children liable to the disease from those not liable. Children who yield positive results—and those who would be the victims in the next outbreak—are immunised. This immunity lasts as a rule from 5 to 10 years. The work is generally undertaken by the Board of Public Health. It would result in the stamping out of diphtheria in our schools; thereby saving dangerous ill-health, lost school time, and expense. The cost of carrying out this test and immunisation would be very small, as compared with the possible cost to the shire for hospital fees.

The secretary informed Cr. Wills that the children had been swabbed.

Cr. Kirkpatrick—The officers should enquire into the matter. Cr. Sinclair—It should receive very serious consideration, and might lie on the table for a month, and a committee could bring up a report at next meeting on the advisability of carrying that out.

Cr. Troy seconded the motion, and said it was a necessary precaution, but they had to be careful about it.

Cr. Roddis moved that the North riding councillors act as a committee. Seconded by Cr. Stewart.

The secretary said the doctor had reported that morning that there would be another case, as a swab had been reported positive.

Cr. Roddis—It was getting rather serious. He moved that the committee get to work straight away in connection with it. Seconded by Cr. Kirkpatrick, and carried.

Cr. Sinclair and Troy withdrew their motion, and it was understood that the committee would go straight ahead, with power to act.

From Dr. S. E. Humphreys, Beaufort, attaching letter received from correspondent of State school No. 1150, at Trawalla. No doubt, he wrote, the recent outbreak of measles had had a disturbing effect on attendances at all schools. Whether any useful purpose could be served in notifying all teachers of the district schools was a matter for the council to decide. He wished at the same time to emphasise that such notifications would not be part of the duties of an M.O.H. The letter referred to was from L. H. Tolliday, correspondent Trawalla school committee, and read as follows:—"At a recent meeting of the school commit-

tee, and after considerable discussion on the matter, I was instructed to request that in the event of any infectious or contagious disease outbreak, the health officer advise the head teachers of district schools under his jurisdiction. At the present time teachers depended on parents kept children from school due to rumours, and proper action was not taken."

Cr. Roddis commended the Trawalla people on their action, and said they should get a report.

Cr. Troy—By the time they got the report from the shire, it would be of little advantage to them. It would have been remedied. The trouble was from the schoolmaster's point of view.

The secretary—He immediately notified the head teacher of the particular school affected, but the letter asked that all the schools of the district be notified.

The letter was received. From O. Henderson, health inspector, Ararat Health Group, reporting:—1. An inspection has been made of all premises, and surroundings situated in town road where a case of diphtheria occurred. Recommendations have been made, and are being carried out. 2. Grocers' establishments are in good condition all round. Butchers' premises have been considerably improved during the past month. 3. I would suggest that garbage tins be removed at least once a week during the summer months, and not allowed to overflow and blow about the town. 4. Debris is being gradually removed that is suspected of breeding or harbouring rats.

The secretary—He is dead nuts on rats.

Cr. Sinclair—There are a lot in the shire stable.

Cr. Troy—The garbage was carried every week.

The secretary—The inspector said that every house should have a tin, and they should have garbage removed twice a week in summer. He understood the inspector was going to put in a severe report about it.

Cr. Troy—He could not understand the position. He felt they were doing very well in that line. He asked Mr Crouch to explain the position in regard to garbage removal.

The engineer—The position was that they were removing garbage from every place where the property-holder intimated that the tin would be put out. A great number of people fully utilised the service. Once a week it was collected. There were some who had no proper tins, and the least he could say about these tins was that they were insanitary. They had a proper refuse disposal tip.

Cr. Sinclair moved that the report be referred to the North riding members.

This was agreed to.

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CRICKET.

RIPON COMPETITION.

BUANGOR v. NERRING.

On Saturday Buangor visited Nerring, and had a victory over the local team. In their first innings Nerring were dismissed for the small total of 27 runs, of which T. Stewart and L. James made 5 each. H. Green and C. Petrie bowled effectively; the former taking 6 wickets for 16 runs, and the latter 4 for 10. Buangor compiled a score of 100 runs for the loss of 2 wickets; H. Green being undefeated for the creditable total of 59, and W. Murray making 24. I. Collins (1/6) and T. Stewart (1/33) shared the bowling honours. In the second innings Nerring hit up 52 at the cost of three wickets; I. Collins (26 not out) and L. James (17) being the best performers with the bat. J. Murray captured 2 wickets for 10 runs. Scores:—

NERRING.

First Innings.

H. Collins, b. H. Green	3
I. Collins, b. H. Green	0
T. Stewart, c. W. Green, b. Petrie	5
J. Collins, c. Murray, b. Petrie	3
E. Dawson, b. Petrie	3
L. James, b. H. Green	5
A. Marshall, c. J. Murray, b. Petrie	1
I. Collins, not out	1
L. Symons, c. and b. Green	0
A. McGregor, c. J. Meadows, b. Green	4
H. Collins, b. H. Green	1
Sundries	1
Total	27

Bowling—H. Green, 6/16; C. Petrie, 4/10.

BUANGOR.

W. Murray, b. Stewart	24
H. Green, not out	59
J. Murray, c. McGregor, b. Collins	9
J. Murray, not out	4
Sundries	4
Total	100

Bowling—I. Collins, 1/6; T. Stewart, 1/33; L. Symons, 0/11; L. James, 0/20; H. Collins, 0/21.

NERRING.

Second Innings.

H. Collins, b.	0
I. Collins, not out	26
T. Stewart, b. Murray	0
E. Dawson, b. Petrie	1
L. James, b. J. Murray	17
A. Marshall, not out	7
Sundries	1
Total	52

Bowling—J. Murray, 2/10; C. Petrie, 1/12; R. Morley, 0/11; H. Green, 0/13.

BREWSTER v. WATERLOO.

Brewster was at home to Waterloo on Saturday. The output was slow, owing to the heavy growth of grass, and runs were difficult to get; the locals being dismissed for 28 runs. Dromey and J. Flynn opened for Waterloo, to what appeared an easy task, but the local trundlers were in good form, and the batsmen were soon in difficulties, and with the score reading 7 wickets for 15, Waterloo had their backs to the wall. However, good defence by J. Flynn and R. Smith saved the game, and the visitors came out winners by 21 runs on the first innings. Scores:—

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BREWSTER.

First Innings.

A. McPhee, b. McLaughlin	5
H. Jeffries, b. McLaughlin	0
D. Dawson, run out	1
M. Hamilton, hit wicket, b. Dromey	2
P. Hamilton, b. C. Lamb	11
R. Dunn, b. Dromey	11
J. Dawson, c. Ryan, b. McLaughlin	2
J. Grant, c. Flynn, b. Dromey	0
L. Closs, not out	0
K. McIntyre, c. Vowles, b. Smith	0
I. McErvale, run out	0
Sundries	6
Total	28

Bowling—McLaughlin, 4/6; Dromey, 3/7; B. Smith, 1/3; C. Lamb, 1/4.

WATERLOO.

Second Innings.

M. Dromey, b. P. Hamilton	16
J. Flynn, b. McPhee	1
H. Laney, c. J. Dawson, b. P. Hamilton	0
C. Flynn, b. McPhee	0
R. Vowles, b. P. Hamilton	2
T. Ryan, l.b.w., b. P. Hamilton	3
C. Lamb, c. Close, b. McPhee	1
J. McLaughlin, c. and b. McPhee	2
R. Smith, b. P. Hamilton	9
H. Lamb, not out	8
E. Laney, b. D. Dawson	3
Sundries	3
Total	49

Bowling—McPhee, 4/26; P. Hamilton, 5/11; D. Dawson, 1/4; L. Closs, 0/7.

BREWSTER.

Second Innings.

D. Dawson, b. Dromey	12
H. Jeffries, b. Laney	6
R. Dunn, b. Dromey	7
J. Dawson, c. Smith, b. Dromey	7
M. Hamilton, c. Smith, b. Ryan	2
P. Hamilton, b. Dromey	1
L. Closs, b. Ryan	2
J. Grant, b. Dromey	1
A. McPhee, c. Dromey, b. C. Lamb	3
I. McErvale, b. C. Lamb	0
K. McIntyre, not out	0
Sundries	3
Total	68

Bowling—A. Laney, 1/11; R. Vowles, 0/20; M. Dromey, 5/20 (including the hat trick); T. Ryan, 2/7; C. Lamb, 2/4; McLaughlin, 0/1.

BEAUFORT v. FOOTBALLERS.

The Beaufort team suffered their first defeat for the season on Saturday, when the Footballers were victorious over them in the local park. The Beaufort skipper won the toss, and sent the Footballers in to bat. Trezise and L. Lowe opened the bowling of Jenkin and Martin. Trezise took strike to the bowling of Jenkin, and took 12 off the first over and 10 off the second over, while Martin's bowling was also treated in the same manner; 10 runs coming off the first over, and 9 off the second (which included a "sixer"). However, with the score at 34, Trezise went for another big hit, and played the ball on to his pads, and back on to his wicket. It was a great display of hitting; Trezise making 32 out of the total of 34 runs off five overs. With his departure, scoring was reduced to

BEAUFORT.

H. V. Martin, b. Trezise	6
N. H. Oddie, run out	4
R. Ellis, b. L. Lowe	3
W. V. C. Jenkin, c. and b. L. Lowe	7
M. Cole, c. and b. L. Lowe	0
D. Jackson, c. and b. A. Day	5
M. Crick, b. A. Day	0
E. Rogers, b. A. Day	1
C. Lowe, c. and b. A. Day	1
C. Morvell, c. Fitzpatrick, b. Pringle	0
Ted Hunt, not out	1
Sundries	3
Total	30

Bowling—A. Day, 4/5; L. Lowe, 4/13; R. Pringle, 1/0; T. Trezise, 1/11; S. McCracken, 0/0.

FOOTBALLERS.

First Innings.

a very slow rate, and Morvell relieved Jenkin, and Cliff Lowe took over from Martin. It was interesting to see the veteran of the side at one end, and one of the juniors at the other, both taking wickets at frequent intervals. At the finish Lowe had the splendid average of 4 wickets for 12 runs, and Morvell 3 for 10. Apart from the betting of Trezise, the only other batsmen to get going were A. Day (11) and R. Pringle (10, not out), in a total of 79. The Beaufort batsmen were unable to strike form, and the Footballers had an easy victory by 48 runs. Oddie was batting well, when he had the misfortune to lose his wicket to a brilliant throw-in by the Footballers' captain. Jenkin was the only other Beaufort batsman to show up, and he defended his wicket against accurate bowling for some considerable time; making top score of 7. After the dismissal of the early batsmen, A. Day showed great promise as a bowler by taking 4 wickets for 5 runs. L. Lowe, as usual, kept his excellent length, and took 3 wickets for 11. Scores:—

BEAUFORT FOOTBALLERS.

T. Trezise, b. Martin	32
L. Lowe, run out	2
W. Crick, b. Martin	7
A. Day, b. Morvell	11
S. McCracken, c. Martin, b. Lowe	7
R. Phillips, b. Lowe	1
P. Pringle, not out	10
N. Hobson, b. Lowe	0
J. Fitzpatrick, c. Jenkin, b. Morvell	1
M. Fitzpatrick, c. and b. Morvell	0
A. Crick, b. Lowe	0
Sundries	8
Total	79

Bowling—C. Lowe, 4/12; C. Morvell, 3/10; H. V. Martin, 2/22; W. V. C. Jenkin, 0/27.

BEAUFORT.

H. V. Martin, b. Trezise	6
N. H. Oddie, run out	4
R. Ellis, b. L. Lowe	3
W. V. C. Jenkin, c. and b. L. Lowe	7
M. Cole, c. and b. L. Lowe	0
D. Jackson, c. and b. A. Day	5
M. Crick, b. A. Day	0
E. Rogers, b. A. Day	1
C. Lowe, c. and b. A. Day	1
C. Morvell, c. Fitzpatrick, b. Pringle	0
Ted Hunt, not out	1
Sundries	3
Total	30

Bowling—A. Day, 4/5; L. Lowe, 4/13; R. Pringle, 1/0; T. Trezise, 1/11; S. McCracken, 0/0.

BEAUFORT RIFLE CLUB.

The Beaufort Rifle Club held several practice matches on Saturday afternoon, and the leading scores off the rifle were:—

300 yds., 9-inch bullseye, 8 shots—C. McCook, 35; J. O'Brien, 33; Max Johnson, 29.

500 yds., 20-inch bullseye, 8 shots—M. Johnson, 38; J. O'Brien, 35; J. Oddie, 34; W. McDonald, 34; C. McCook, 31.

Rapid fire, 500 yds.—C. McCook, 29.

A Wild Night.

Monday night was unpleasantly close at Beaufort, and dust flew in clouds. Strong gusts of wind blew all night, and large branches were broken from trees. The temperature moderated on Tuesday.

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BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB

HANDICAPS FOR BOXING DAY SPORTS.

Following are the handicaps for the Beaufort Thistle Club's Boxing Day sports:—

Local Mile Bicycle Race.

Local Half-mile Bicycle Race.

Table with columns for names, mile handicaps, and yard handicaps for various bicycle races.

Handicap withheld—A. Crocker.

F. S. LATCH, Handicapper, Beaufort.

Underhand Woodchop.

Standing Block Woodchop.

Table with columns for names, underhand, and standing scores for woodchop events.

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Table with columns for names and yard handicaps for the Caledonian Handicap.

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Amateur Cycle Races.

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ALTERATION IN TRAIN SERVICE.

New Times of Departure.

RESIDENTS of Beaufort would do well to note the following alterations in the times of departure of trains from the local railway station under the new time table:—

Express to Melbourne—Departs from Beaufort on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, at 5.35 a.m.; Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7.4 a.m. (stopping at Beaufort daily, if required, to pick up passengers).

Express from Melbourne—Departs from Beaufort, 8.51 p.m. daily. Ballarat to Dimboola mixed train—Leaves Beaufort 8.5 a.m. daily.

Melbourne to Serviceton train—Leaves Beaufort, 12.23-25 p.m. daily. Ballarat to Ararat train—Leaves Beaufort, 7.10 p.m. daily.

Ararat to Melbourne train—Leaves Beaufort at 9.20 a.m., on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Evening train to Melbourne—Leaves Beaufort 5.6 p.m. daily. Night train from Stawell to Ballarat—Leaves Beaufort not later than 11 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays (no train Saturday night).

Rainfall.

Twenty points of rain fell at Beaufort on Sunday night.

C.W.A. Christmas Party.

Thursday afternoon proved a very exciting occasion for the little folk of Beaufort, for, besides feeling the first freedom of the school vacation, they were all invited to the C.W.A. Club Rooms, where the association had prepared a marvellous Christmas tree, and entertained every child in the town at its Christmas party.

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Card Social.

The Beaufort Mothers' Guild held a card social on Tuesday night at Holdsworth's buildings. The ladies' euchre and consolation prizes were divided by Mrs J. Cole, Mrs Willis, and Mrs Gillingham.

Beaufort H.E. School.

The Junior Red Cross at the Beaufort H.E. School assisted in sending £1 and two boxes of left-off clothing and toys to the Flood Relief Committee, Lord Mayor's Fund, Melbourne.

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TENNIS.

BEAUFORT CATHOLIC CLUB'S OPENING DAY.

The Beaufort Catholic Tennis Club opened the season on Sunday with a mixed doubles tournament, for which there was a good entry.

FIRST ROUND.

J. B. Hewitt and Miss M. Glover, scr., d. T. Ryan and Miss K. Sergnier, scr., 6-4.

B. Lynch and Miss N. Fay, scr., d. K. McErvalle and Miss M. Jess, scr., 6-5.

C. M. Flynn and Miss A. Jess, scr., d. E. O'Brien and Miss K. Flynn, scr., 6-4.

J. Bowd and Miss S. Fay, owe 15, d. W. Glover and Miss K. Sergnier, scr., 6-5.

W. Fitzpatrick and Miss W. Glover, scr., E. Charles and Miss K. Flynn, scr., and J. Flynn and Miss M. Jess, scr., had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

J. Flynn and Miss M. Jess d. W. Fitzpatrick and Miss W. Glover, 6-4.

C. Flynn and Miss A. Jess d. J. Bowd and Miss S. Fay, 6-4.

B. Lynch and Miss N. Fay d. J. B. Hewitt and Miss M. Glover, 6-4.

E. Charles and Miss K. Flynn d. W. Glover and Miss K. Sergnier, 6-5.

SEMI-FINALS.

E. Charles and Miss K. Flynn d. J. Flynn and Miss M. Jess, 6-5.

B. Lynch and Miss N. Fay d. C. M. Flynn and Miss A. Jess, 6-4.

FINAL.

B. Lynch and Miss N. Fay d. E. Charles and Miss K. Flynn, 6-3.

BEAUFORT CLUB.

OPENING MIXED DOUBLES.

The final of the Beaufort Tennis Club's opening mixed doubles tournament was played on Saturday; J. Bowd and Miss W. Glover, scr., defeating G. Allnutt and Mrs McLellan, owe 30, 9-7.

MIXED DOUBLES.

The Beaufort Club played a mixed doubles tournament on Saturday. Results:—

FIRST ROUND.

F. Fox and Mrs Parker, owe 15, d. W. L. Williams and Miss D. Parker, owe 15, 6-4.

J. Kennedy and Miss E. Nickols, owe 15, d. J. F. Wotherspoon and Mrs J. A. Pearce, scr., 6-1.

K. McErvalle and Miss M. Norman, owe 15, d. H. Bunnell and Miss W. Glover, scr., 6-1.

McLellan and Miss A. Stewart, owe 30, d. J. R. Joyce and Miss Christie, owe 15, 6-3.

H. Carmichael and Miss M. Parker, owe 15, d. H. Norman and Miss E. Hillman, owe 30, 6-2.

SECOND ROUND.

Fox and Mrs Parker d. Kennedy and Miss Nickols, 6-3.

McLellan and Miss A. Stewart d. McErvalle and Miss M. Norman, 6-4.

FINAL.

Fox and Mrs Parker d. McLellan and Miss A. Stewart, 6-4.

BALLARAT ASSOCIATION.

"A" PENNANT. St. Patrick's v. Beaufort.—A. Kenney lost to L. Young, 3-6, 4-6; J. Gallagher d. J. O'Sullivan, 6-1, 5-6, 6-4; B. McGuinness lost to E. St. Crouch, 2-6, 2-6; W. White lost to W. Ashley, 2-6, 0-6. St. Patrick's, 1 rubber, 2 sets, 30 games, lost to Beaufort, 3 rubbers, 9 sets, 47 games.

BEAUFORT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

TRAWALLA A v. METHODIST B.

On Saturday Trawalla A. defeated Methodist B. Results (Trawalla A players mentioned first):—

A. S. Bengtsson and J. Pope d. R. Macdonald and H. Boyd, 6-2.

L. H. Tolliday and E. Vowles d. Rev. A. W. Pederick and R. T. Macdonald, 6-3.

Mesdames Vowles and Fisher. d. Misses L. Stevens and D. George, 6-2.

Mrs Scott and Miss Foreman d. Misses L. Stevens and W. Smith, 6-1.

J. Pope and Mrs Vowles d. A. Macdonald and Miss D. George, 6-4.

A. S. Bengtsson and Mrs Fisher d. H. Boyd and Miss George, 6-0.

L. H. Tolliday and Miss Foreman d. Rev. A. W. Pederick and Miss Stevens, 6-2.

E. Vowles and Mrs Scott d. R. T. Macdonald and Miss W. Smith, 6-0.

Totals:—Trawalla A, 8 sets, 48 games; Methodist B, 0 sets, 14 games.

MIDDLE CREEK v. TRAWALLA B.

Trawalla B defeated Middle Creek by one game. Results (Middle Creek players mentioned first):—

Fothergill and E. O'Brien d. Pascoe and Hewitt, 6-3.

McNeil and J. France lost to P. K. Smith and Hewitt, 4-6.

Misses S. Fay and A. Jess lost to Mesdames Campbell and Smith, 6-4.

Misses R. Jess and N. Fay lost to Mrs Smith and Miss E. Smith, 2-6.

J. France and Miss N. Fay lost to Pascoe and Mrs Campbell, 4-6.

McNeil and Miss M. Jess lost to P. K. Smith and Miss E. Smith, 5-7.

Fothergill and Miss A. Jess d. Hewitt and Mrs Smith, 8-6.

E. O'Brien and Miss S. Fay d. Pascoe and Mrs Campbell, 6-4.

Totals:—Trawalla B, 4 sets, 42 games; Middle Creek, 4 sets, 41 games.

DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

WATERLOO.

A STATION JOKE.

(Contributed). Station life has its lively moments at times, but rarely have station hands shown such agility and dash, as they did at a property on Wednesday evening, 12th inst. It appears that a swarm of bees alighted on a post. The men gathered in curiosity, and while all were admiring the little insects, the dauntless Angus filled both hands with the honey-gatherers, and scattered them amongst the onlookers.

Then the rush. Men who have not been seen to run for years rose gallantly and desperately to the occasion, and from a standing start, some phenomenal times were made. Norman tripped over the fast-moving Harry, and received a leg injury, which interfered with his dancing. Jimmy who has run down several rabbits in his day, collided heavily with Donald, as they dashed madly for shelter. Both lay dazed on the ground, while "Young Jack," fearing their lives were in peril from bees, turned the hose on them.

The culprit, Angus, did not escape, as he spent the week-end in bed, suffering from swollen hands, legs, face and body, also shock. The blue bag has been much in use, and all hands have learnt the lesson, "Don't play with bees."

The overseer was afterwards instructed to remove the bees, but his remark, "To hell with the bees," was enough.

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COLES & GARRARD Pty. Ltd. advertisement for qualified opticians, offering sight-testing and contact lenses.

W. W. Ashley, Chemist, Beaufort advertisement for developing and enlarging services, featuring a portrait of a man.

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COMMERCIAL.

**BALLARAT LIVE STOCK
MARKET.**

Tuesday.
Supplies were heavy at the Ballarat stock market, which was the last for this year. The next penning will be made on January 3rd. Cattle totalled 391, which included about 100 stores. About one-third of the penning comprised bullocks: which were mostly of light and medium-weight types. There was a steady demand for best quality, but inferior sorts was dull of sale. Quotations:—Prime heavy-weight bullocks, to £10 12/6; prime medium-weight bullocks, £9 to £10; good, £7/10 to £8/10; prime light-weight bullocks, £6/10 to £7/10; prime cows, £5 to £7; extra, to £7/10; good, £4 to £5; useful, £3 to £3/10. Calves totalled 100, best making to £6/1. There were 8385 sheep penned, including about 3700 stores. Trade sheep were only rightly supplied. Competition was stronger, and values were slightly higher. Prime crossbred wethers made 17/ to 18/; good, 14/ to 16/; prime crossbred ewes, 14/ to 16/; good, 11/ to 13/; prime merino wethers, 14/ to 16/; and good, 12/ to 13/. Another splendid offering of 16,764 lambs was forward, comprising a large proportion of good and prime quality. Graziers' lots were also fully represented, and killable classes were very firm. Prime sold from 19/ to 20/; extra, 21/ to 23/4; good, 16/ to 18/; and useful, 13/ to 15/.

Messrs. D. R. Hannah & Co. report:—Sheep—157 merino ewes, from Linton; 104 merino wethers, from Trawalla; 144 2-tooth crossbred ewes, from Burrumbet; 86 merino wethers, Mr T. Lakey, Brewster, to 10/7; 73 merino wethers, Mr J. Smith, Derrinallum; 35 crossbred and comeback wethers, Messrs. Leys Bros., Burnbank, to 17/10; 16 crossbred ewes, Mr R. Jeanes, Alfreton, at 11/7; 6 comeback ewes, Mr D. Lyons, Navigators, at 10/10; 1 ewe, Mr W. Fay, Carranballac; 1 2-tooth, Mr J. Sharp, Ballarat. Lambs—201 shorn, Messrs. Leys Bros., Burnbank, to 12/; 136, from Middle Creek; 69, Mr W. Fay, Carranballac; 56, shorn, Messrs. Hannah Bros., Coniston, Lisimore, at 15/4; 67, Mr R. Jeanes, Alfreton, to 14/10; 56, Mr D. Lyons, Navigators, 20/1 to 16/4, averaging 8/5; 50 merinos, from Skipton; 27, Mr Gordon Jolly, Ballarat, at 19/7; 10, from Tourello, to 18/6; 1, Miss Scarff, Ballarat.

The following district sales are reported by other auctioneers:—16 comeback wethers, Mr J. R. Gibb, Skipton, 14/7; 2-tooth, Mr T. Smith, Waterloo, at 13/1; 10 calves, Mr Murray Exell, "Ellimatta," Stockyard Hill, £2/18/6 and £3/10/; bullock, Mr H. J. Smith, Stockyard Hill, £9/10/; 4 calves, same owner, to £4/18/6; 106 lambs, same owner, 19/1 and 18/.

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POLICE COURT.

Monday was licensing day at the Beaufort Police Court, and Messrs. R. A. D. Sinclair and L. Smith, J's.P., were on the Bench. The following applications for licences were granted; Senior-constable R. McCormick stating that there were no objections:—Theo. W. Schlicht, real estate agent's licence; H. Victor Martin, real estate sub-agent's licence, and business sub-agent's licence; Alfred James Murphy, real estate sub-agent's licence, and business sub-agent's licence; James Alfred Harris, two carriers' licences; Arthur Hayward, carrier's licence; Ernest Charles, carrier's licence; William H. Williams, two carriers' licences; Adam Cowell, collector's licence; John R. Wotherspoon, certificate of renewal of gold buyer's licence; Ronald Thomas Macdonald, carrier's licence. Mr Sinclair, on behalf of the Bench, offered the season's greetings to the court officers and the Press, and hoped they would have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and that there would be "peace on earth, goodwill towards men." Senior-constable R. McCormick thanked Mr Sinclair for the nice things said, and hoped they would apply to the members of the Bench also.

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